

HB 2183 -- CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGE FORGIVENESS

SPONSOR: Butler

This bill specifies that the Department of Social Services must establish a pilot program which would allow eligible non-custodial parents to reduce their amount of state debt incurred as public assistance payments based on participation in the program. The bill specifies the goals of the pilot program and requires the program to allow for a reduction in the amount of state debt owed by a non-custodial parent based upon the number of hours of participation in the program to be determined by the department. The amount of state debt owed must not be reduced by more than \$2000.

The bill prohibits the pilot program from forgiving the entire amount of state debt owed; changing the non-custodial parent's monthly child support obligations; compromising any arrears owed to the custodial parent; or compromising any spousal support arrears.