

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1621

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNELTING.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

### AN ACT

To amend chapter 454, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to child support obligations for unborn children.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 454, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 454.487, to read as follows:

**454.487. 1. A biological father may be obligated to make child support payments for an unborn child if the mother of the unborn child petitions the court for child support within one year of the child's birth and requests that support payments include the months the mother was pregnant with the child. If paternity is disputed, a biological father owes no duty under this section until the biological father's paternity is established.**

**2. Child support obligations shall begin with the first month in which the child was conceived, as determined by the mother's physician. Payments for such obligations may be retroactively collected or awarded, including in the case in which paternity is established subsequent to the birth of the child.**

**3. The payment amount for such obligations shall be determined by a court, in consultation with the mother, taking into account the best interests of the mother and child.**

**4. As used in this section, "unborn child" means the offspring of human beings from the moment of conception until birth and at every stage of biological development, including the human conceptus, zygote, morula, blastocyst, embryo, and fetus.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.