

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB556** by West, George "Buddy" (Relating to certain requirements in connection with the expenditure of child support payments.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would authorize a court to order a sworn accounting of the expenditures of child support payments upon the request of a party. The accounting provision would only apply to child support monthly obligations greater than \$750. Assuming that a portion of the parties who receive child support services from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) request accountings, there would be an increased workload for the OAG; however, the increase could reasonably be absorbed within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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