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TO: Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB779 by Dutton (Relating to the dismissal of certain enforcement actions alleging the failure to pay child support.), **Committee Report 2nd House, As Amended**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code relating to the dismissal of certain enforcement actions alleging the failure to pay child support. The bill would prevent a court from finding a respondent in contempt of court for failure to pay child support if the respondent appears at the hearing with proof of payment of child support as ordered by the court. To the extent the bill would modify court procedures in child support cases, the fiscal implication to the State is not anticipated to be significant. The bill would take immediate effect if the bill receives the vote of two-thirds of all members; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

Local Government Impact

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

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