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TO: Honorable Victoria Neave, Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB458 by Shaheen (Relating to the collection and enforcement of withholding of income for the payment of child support.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would amend the Family Code related to the collection and enforcement of income withholding for the payment of child support. The bill would expand the definition of earnings for child support calculations to include compensation from a transportation network company and from a person that operates a technology platform used to make deliveries to customers.

This legislation would do one or more of the following: create or recreate a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund, create or recreate a special or trust fund either within or outside of the Treasury, or create a dedicated revenue source. The fund, account, or revenue dedication included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

The special fund for the collection of a fine from an employer who knowingly violates the provisions of the Family Code, Chapter 158, would no longer be available in the county in which the obligee resides. The bill would authorize the Attorney General to bring action to collect the fine. According to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the impact from increased fine revenue would not be significant. According to the Office of the Attorney General, the bill could result in a positive fiscal impact due to increased collections, however the amount cannot be determined at this time.

It is assumed that the costs associated with the bill's provisions relating to the Office of Court Administration, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Comptroller's Office could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

Travis County and Harris County do not anticipate a significant fiscal impact.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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