

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB233

Hearing Date: Friday March 03, 2023
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Cavanaugh, J.
One Liner: Provide for child support payment disregard under aid to dependent children program and eliminate child support income in determining eligibility

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Ballard, Cavanaugh, M., Day, Hansen, Hardin, Riepe, Walz
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator John Cavanaugh, J.
Anahi Salazar
Erin Feichtinger
Diane Amdor

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Voices for Children in Nebraska
Women's Fund of Omaha
Nebraska Appleseed

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

DHHS is required to pay to the recipient of aid to dependent children (ADC) payments, aid, or assistance, the current child support collected pursuant to the assignment. These payments shall not be considered income for purposes of calculating a recipient's eligibility for assistance. DHHS shall disregard the amount of child support paid to the recipient in calculating the amount of the recipient's monthly assistance payment.

Sec. 1: Harmonizes new child support disregard language with current statute (NRS 43-512) regarding application for aid to dependent children assistance.



Sec. 2: Effective January 1, 2024, DHHS shall pay to the recipient of any aid to dependent children payments, aid, or assistance, the current child support collected pursuant to the assignment. Such payments shall not be considered income for purposes of calculating a recipient's eligibility for assistance. DHHS shall disregard the amount of child support paid to the recipient in calculating the amount of the recipient's monthly assistance payment.

Sec. 3: In determining eligibility for the aid to dependent children program, income from any child support shall not be included in determining assets or income.

Sec. 4: Requires DHHS to implement the policy of adopting a child support disregard.

Sec. 5: Repealer

Explanation of amendments:

The standing committee amendment, AM2064, strikes the original provisions of the bill and inserts the following new provisions:

Sec. 1: Renumbers subdivisions in NRS Section 43-512 to make consistent with the new amendment.

Sec. 2: Beginning January 1, 2025, DHHS is required to pay to the recipient of any payments, aid, or assistance, the current child support collected pursuant to assignment. Such payments shall not be considered income for the purposes of calculating a recipient's eligibility for assistance. DHHS shall disregard the amount of child support paid to the recipient in calculating the amount of the recipient's monthly assistance payment.

Sec. 3: In determining eligibility for the ADC program, income from child support shall not be included in determining assets or income.

Sec. 4: DHHS shall implement the policy of adopting a child support disregard described in this amendment.

Sec. 5: Repealer

Ben Hansen, Chairperson

