

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 73, Page 2, Section 304.152, Line 10, by
2 inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "568.040. 1. A person commits the crime of nonsupport if such person knowingly fails to
5 provide adequate support for his or her spouse; a parent commits the crime of nonsupport if such
6 parent knowingly fails to provide adequate support which such parent is legally obligated to provide
7 for his or her child or stepchild who is not otherwise emancipated by operation of law.

8 2. For purposes of this section:

9 (1) "Arrearage":

10 (a) The amount of money created by a failure to provide support to a child under an
11 administrative or judicial support order; or

12 (b) Support to an estranged or former spouse if the judgment or order requiring payment of
13 spousal support also requires payment of child support and such estranged or former spouse is the
14 custodial parent; or

15 (c) Both paragraphs (a) and (b).

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17 The arrearage shall reflect any retroactive support ordered under a modification, and any judgments
18 entered by a court of competent jurisdiction or any authorized agency and any satisfactions of
19 judgment filed by the custodial parent;

20 (2) "Child" means any biological or adoptive child, or any child whose paternity has been
21 established under chapter 454, or chapter 210, or any child whose relationship to the defendant has
22 been determined, by a court of law in a proceeding for dissolution or legal separation, to be that of
23 child to parent;

24 [(2)] (3) "Good cause" means any substantial reason why the defendant is unable to provide
25 adequate support. Good cause does not exist if the defendant purposely maintains his inability to
26 support;

27 [(3)] (4) "Support" means food, clothing, lodging, and medical or surgical attention;

28 [(4)] (5) It shall not constitute a failure to provide medical and surgical attention, if
29 nonmedical remedial treatment recognized and permitted under the laws of this state is provided.

30 3. Inability to provide support for good cause shall be an affirmative defense under this
31 section. A person who raises such affirmative defense has the burden of proving the defense by a
32 preponderance of the evidence.

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1 4. The defendant shall have the burden of injecting the issues raised by subdivision (4) of
2 subsection 2 of this section.

3 5. Criminal nonsupport is a class A misdemeanor, unless the total arrearage is in excess of an
4 aggregate of twelve monthly payments due under any order of support issued by any court of
5 competent jurisdiction or any authorized administrative agency, in which case it is a class D felony.

6 6. (1) If at any time a defendant convicted of criminal nonsupport or pleads guilty to a
7 charge of criminal nonsupport is placed on probation or parole, there may be ordered as a condition
8 of probation or parole that the defendant commence payment of current support as well as satisfy the
9 arrearages. Arrearages may be satisfied first by making such lump sum payment as the defendant is
10 capable of paying, if any, as may be shown after examination of defendant's financial resources or
11 assets, both real, personal, and mixed, and second by making periodic payments. Periodic payments
12 toward satisfaction of arrears when added to current payments due [may] shall be in such aggregate
13 sums as is not greater than fifty percent of the defendant's adjusted gross income after deduction of
14 payroll taxes, medical insurance that also covers a dependent spouse or children, and any other court-
15 or administrative-ordered support, only.

16 (2) If the defendant fails to pay the [current] support and arrearages [as ordered] under the
17 terms of his or her probation, the court may revoke probation or parole and then impose an
18 appropriate sentence within the range for the class of offense that the defendant was convicted of as
19 provided by law, unless the defendant proves good cause for the failure to pay as required under
20 subsection 3 of this section.

21 (3) After a period of not less than eight years, an individual who has pled guilty to or has
22 been convicted of a first felony offense for criminal nonsupport under this section and who has
23 successfully completed probation after a plea of guilt or was sentenced may petition the court for
24 expungement of all official records all recordations of his or her arrest, plea, trial, or conviction. If
25 the court determines after hearing that such person has not been convicted of any subsequent offense;
26 does not have any other felony pleas of guilt, findings of guilt or convictions; is current on all child
27 support obligations; has paid off all arrearages; and has no other criminal charges or administrative
28 child support actions pending at the time of the hearing on the application for expungement with
29 respect to all children subject to orders of payment of child support or that the defendant has
30 successfully completed a criminal nonsupport courts program under section 478.1000, the court shall
31 enter an order of expungement. Upon granting the order of expungement, the records and files
32 maintained in any court proceeding in an associate or circuit division of the circuit court under this
33 section shall be confidential and only available to the parties or by order of the court for good cause
34 shown. The effect of such order shall be to restore such person to the status he or she occupied prior
35 to such arrest, plea or conviction, and as if such event had never taken place. No person for whom
36 such order has been entered shall be held thereafter under any provision of any law to be guilty of
37 perjury or otherwise giving a false statement by reason of his or her failure to recite or acknowledge
38 such arrest, plea, trial, conviction, or expungement in response to any inquiry made of him or her for
39 any purpose whatsoever and no such inquiry shall be made for information relating to an
40 expungement under this section. A person shall only be entitled to one expungement under this
41 section. Nothing in this section shall prevent the director of the department of social services from

1 maintaining such records as to ensure that an individual receives only one expungement under this
2 section for the purpose of informing the proper authorities of the contents of any record maintained
3 under this section.

4 7. During any period that a nonviolent defendant is incarcerated for criminal nonsupport, if
5 the defendant is ready, willing, and able to be gainfully employed during said period of
6 incarceration, the defendant, if he or she meets the criteria established by the department of
7 corrections, may be placed on work release to allow the defendant to satisfy defendant's obligation to
8 pay support. Arrearages shall be satisfied as outlined in the collection agreement.

9 8. Beginning August 28, 2009, every nonviolent first- and second-time offender then
10 incarcerated for criminal nonsupport, who has not been previously placed on probation or parole for
11 conviction of criminal nonsupport, may be considered for parole, under the conditions set forth in
12 subsection 6 of this section, or work release, under the conditions set forth in subsection 7 of this
13 section.

14 9. Beginning January 1, 1991, every prosecuting attorney in any county which has entered
15 into a cooperative agreement with the [child support enforcement service of the] family support
16 division [of] within the department of social services regarding child support enforcement services
17 shall report to the division on a quarterly basis the number of charges filed and the number of
18 convictions obtained under this section by the prosecuting attorney's office on all IV-D cases. The
19 division shall consolidate the reported information into a statewide report by county and make the
20 report available to the general public.

21 10. Persons accused of committing the offense of nonsupport of the child shall be
22 prosecuted:

23 (1) In any county in which the child resided during the period of time for which the
24 defendant is charged; or

25 (2) In any county in which the defendant resided during the period of time for which the
26 defendant is charged."; and

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28 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
29 accordingly.