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Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Child support amendments.**

Subject: Adjustments to the child support presumptive formula.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Existing child support statutes base the obligation for payment of child support on two components: a formulaic presumption based on a threshold percentage of parenting time (40%) and an abatement of the presumptive obligation for extended visitation. The abatement process requires the filing of forms and sometimes requires an extended period to process. The forty percent (40%) threshold creates a “cliff” that creates an economic incentive for a parent to disagree on timesharing percentages.
- This act simplifies the process by collapsing the two components into a singular formula, repealing the abatement provision and adjusting the formula. Under this act, the timesharing threshold is reduced to twenty-five percent (25%) and the presumptive support amount is determined by a formula that is intended to reduce the “cliff” effect and eliminate the need for the abatement process.

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