



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2021 Biennium

**Bill #** HB0454

**Title:** Allow notice of license suspension for failure to pay child support by mail

**Primary Sponsor:** Webb, Peggy

**Status:** As Introduced

- Significant Local Gov Impact     
  Needs to be included in HB 2     
  Technical Concerns  
 Included in the Executive Budget     
  Significant Long-Term Impacts     
  Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2020</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2021</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2022</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 454 has no fiscal impact to the State.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

- Under current law, in cases of non-compliant child support payments, an obligor is notified by the Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS), in person or via certified mail, that his or her license may be suspended. Depending on the type of confirmation receipt, the cost to send a standard letter sized notification by certified mail ranges between \$3.50 and \$6.30.
- HB 454 eliminates option for notification by certified mail. The cost to send a standard sized notification by first class mail is \$0.55.
- Due to the reduction in mailing costs, DPHHS will experience a *de minimus* decrease in expenditures by using standard mail rates instead of certified mail.
- The Secretary of State is required to send notification of the changes implemented by HB 454 to each tribal government. Costs associated with tribal notification can be absorbed by existing appropriations.

#### Technical Notes:

- Certified mail includes a confirmation receipt that notifies the sender that the letter was delivered and provides the signature of the person signing for the letter. Without confirmation receipts, it is impossible to determine if the notification was received by the obligor, and reduces the ability of DPHHS to enforce 40-5-702, MCA.

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Sponsor's Initials

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