

CONSENT CALENDAR

January 31, 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Children and Family Law to which
was referred HB 404,

AN ACT relative to support contempt hearings. Having
considered the same, report the same with the following
resolution: **RESOLVED**, that it is **INEXPEDIENT TO**
LEGISLATE.

Rep. Patrick Long

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Children and Family Law
Bill Number:	HB 404
Title:	relative to support contempt hearings.
Date:	January 31, 2023
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill simply repeals RSA 461-A:14, XVIII and places the language in section I, moving the current section I to I-a. The sponsor was absent so the committee wasn't aware of the purpose for the proposed bill.

Vote 14-0.

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Original: House Clerk
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EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 404

BILL TITLE: relative to support contempt hearings.

DATE: January 31, 2023

LOB ROOM: 206-208

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Long

Seconded by Rep. DeSimone

Vote: 14-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Peter Petrigno, Clerk



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

1/10/2023 7:58:02 AM
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2023 SESSION

Children and Family Law

Bill #: HB 404 Motion: ITL AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 1/31/23

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Pearson, Mark A. Chairman	✓		
Long, Patrick T. Vice Chairman	✓		
DeSimone, Debra L.	✓		
Bickford, David A.	✓		
Nelson, Jodi L	✓		
McMahon, Charles E.	✓		
Ball, Lorie	✓		
Panek, Sandra L			✓
Seidel, Sheila C	✓		
Grossman, Gaby M.			✓
Levesque, Cassandra N.	✓		
Petrigno, Peter Clerk	✓		
Perez, Maria	✓		
Gregg, Alicia C	✓		
Moulton, Candace	✓		
Raymond, Heather	✓		
TOTAL VOTE:	14	0	2

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 404

BILL TITLE: relative to support contempt hearings.

DATE: January 31, 2023

LOB ROOM: 206-208 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:00 am

Time Adjourned: 11:20 am

Committee Members: Reps. M. Pearson, Long, Petrigno, DeSimone, Bickford, J. Nelson, McMahon, Ball, Panek, Seidel, Grossman, Levesque, M. Perez, Gregg, Moulton and Raymond.

Bill Sponsors:
Rep. Testerman

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. Testerman was not in attendance to introduce his bill. The hearing was opened by Rep. Long.

Dana Albrecht

- No recommendation other to note that hearing, need to be in a timely manner

***Vivian Girard**

- Spoke in opposition
- Concerns related to child support payments, "What they owe, they owe."
- There should be no remediation for those who make no effort to pay despite having the ability to do so.

Randall Collier

- Spoke in opposition
- Citing the US Supreme Court regarding due process

Richard Head - Attorney, Judicial Branch

- In opposition, doesn't understand the bill
- Notes that the bill deletes XX but moves it to
- The bill changes absolutely nothing.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Lorie Ball, Clerk

House Remote Testify

Children and Family Law Committee Testify List for Bill HB404 on 2023-01-3

Support: 1 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>?</u>
Heidebrecht, Sarah	Hanover, NH sarahlizzybeth.nh@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	?

HB-404 relative to support contempt hearings.

Thanks you Chair and Members of Committee,

-My name is Vivian Girard (formerly Silva).

-Twenty seven hearings and five appeals to the supreme court -The supreme court concluded and AGREED that the family court judge erred by putting these two false downward deviations on me the findings were insufficient to justify. **MY CASE IS THE SILVA v. SILVA CASE LAW IN 2018** but I NEVER got child support.

-CSB has not been taking out the full obligation leaving the balance as arrears.

In 2018 he was ordered to pay 1666.00 Mr Silva paid 533.80 until February 2020 and in March 2020 paid \$492.28. April's new order confirmed \$1666.00 Mr Silva did not pay until September \$1535.48. Then in November 2021 ordered \$1820.00 December before our January court date paid \$2506.20 and \$2053.80. After court he began paying \$1520 until July then decreased to \$1400.92 monthly. November of 2022 41820 then December 2022 paid \$1682.30.

-The existing laws were not enforced by the Child Support from the judges orders..... WHY????

-If arrears are past a certain dollarmaybe \$5000.00 it's a Loss of license.....then next dollar maybe \$10,000 goes another punishment for people with means that WILLFUL FORCE NON PAYMENT v people who have self employment and trying to pay their obligation who is truly trying to pay the obligation.

-It's definitely taken its toll on my family. This is unacceptable. All the while my ex's court financial affidavit shows an income of \$150,000/yr. He enjoys extravagant vacations to Puerto Rico, Paris and the Grand Canyon and recently purchased a Porsche Cayenne in addition to his Italian motorcycle and 25 ft ski boat -all the while having child support arrears in excess of \$51,000-he has never been held in contempt. It appears that there are no consequences for contempt due to the judges discretion in my case. How is this equal or close to equal lifestyles? This is very damaging to our relationship.

-YES!!! This caused strain on my finances and my children. He tells my kids he pays full support when he does not. My relationship with my children has been damaged because of this and it will never be the same. This extra stress that was put on me to make up the difference which in turn puts stress on my children.

-This is abuse of the system, mental abuse on me and my children, not to mention abuse for not providing for our children. I have NO TRUST and respect for this court system.

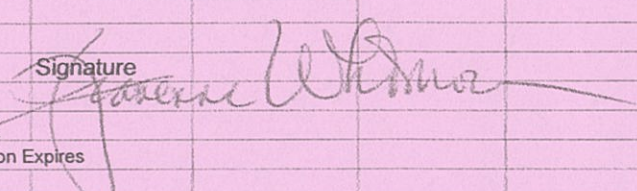
If you have any questions about the facts of my case, I'd be happy to answer those.

Vivian Girard

Timber Post Bed & Breakfast LLC.

Owner/Operator

603-557-4534

DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT'S PAYMENT HISTORY Page 1									
INITIATING CASE NO. 30100458c					Robert Silva and Vivian Girard				
Adjudicated Arrearages \$ 29,478.32 3/31/2020									
YEAR 2020					YEAR 2021				
Direct payment					Overpayment per court order				
	Child Supp	Other Amt	Payment	Balance		Child Supp	Other Amt	Payment	Balance
JAN	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	JAN	\$ 1,666.00	\$ -	\$ 1,535.48	\$ 130.52
FEB	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FEB	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 767.74	\$ (767.74)
MAR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	MAR	\$ (35,300.96)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (35,300.96)
APR	\$ 1,666.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,666.00	APR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MAY	\$ 1,666.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,666.00	MAY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
JUN	\$ 1,666.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,666.00	JUN	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
JUL	\$ 1,666.00	\$ (1,624.48)	\$ -	\$ 41.52	JUL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
AUG	\$ 1,666.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,666.00	AUG	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SEP	\$ 1,666.00	\$ -	\$ 1,535.48	\$ 130.52	SEP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OCT	\$ 1,666.00	\$ -	\$ 1,535.48	\$ 130.52	OCT	\$ -	\$ (9,508.00)	\$ -	\$ (9,508.00)
NOV	\$ 1,666.00	\$ -	\$ 1,535.48	\$ 130.52	NOV	\$ 1,820.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,820.00
DEC	\$ 1,666.00	\$ -	\$ 2,303.22	\$ (637.22)	DEC	\$ 1,820.00	\$ -	\$ 2,506.20	\$ (686.20)
TOTAL	\$ 14,994.00	\$ (1,624.48)	\$ 6,909.66	\$ 6,459.86	TOTAL	\$ (29,994.96)	\$ (9,508.00)	\$ 4,809.42	\$ (44,312.38)
YEAR 2022					YEAR 2023				
	Child Supp	Other Amt	Payment	Balance		Child Supp	Other Amt	Payment	Balance
JAN	\$ 1,820.00	\$ -	\$ 2,053.80	\$ (233.80)	JAN	\$ 1,820.00	\$ -	\$ 700.46	\$ 1,119.54
FEB	\$ 1,820.00	\$ -	\$ 1,520.00	\$ 300.00	FEB	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MAR	\$ 1,820.00	\$ -	\$ 1,520.00	\$ 300.00	MAR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
APR	\$ 1,820.00	\$ -	\$ 1,520.00	\$ 300.00	APR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MAY	\$ 1,820.00	\$ -	\$ 1,520.00	\$ 300.00	MAY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
JUN	\$ 1,820.00	\$ -	\$ 1,520.00	\$ 300.00	JUN	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
JUL	\$ 1,820.00	\$ -	\$ 1,520.00	\$ 300.00	JUL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
AUG	\$ 1,820.00	\$ -	\$ 1,400.92	\$ 419.08	AUG	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SEP	\$ 1,820.00	\$ -	\$ 1,400.92	\$ 419.08	SEP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OCT	\$ 1,820.00	\$ -	\$ 1,400.92	\$ 419.08	OCT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NOV	\$ 1,820.00	\$ -	\$ 1,820.00	\$ -	NOV	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
DEC	\$ 1,820.00	\$ -	\$ 1,682.30	\$ 137.70	DEC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 21,840.00	\$ -	\$ 18,878.86	\$ 2,961.14	TOTAL	\$ 1,820.00	\$ -	\$ 700.46	\$ 1,119.54
TOTAL FOR PG 1									\$ (4,293.52)
The above order and payment is an accurate and true account of the arrearage owed by Defendant/Respondent, based on:					<input type="checkbox"/> OFFICIAL AGENCY RECORDS <input type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE				
DATE	1/19/2023	Jeanenne Whitmore, CSO NH DHHS BCSS Name/Title, Agency			Signature 				
Sworn to and signed before me this date, County, State Notary Public					Commission Expires				

HB-404 relative to support contempt hearings.

Thank you Chair and Members of Committee,

-My name is Dave Smith I was divorced in 2013 and also former Introcaso and Delpra case.

-How is it that the represented six figure earners out there (who was described here today) choose not to pay support intentionally and here I am struggling after the courts took away all my business equipment at the beginning of my divorce leaving me crippled and behind on child support.

-The judges did not split our property division equitable so I have no financial safety net to help me when my business slows down. Former Judge Introcaso gave my ex the house, IRA and the children 100%.

-Current state debtor Former Judge Julie Introcaso has a current balance with the state of \$78K that went to a collection agency. Here I am on December 11, 2022 I got a notice from the BCSS in the amount of \$4K being threatened to lose my license with 21 days to pay in full. I'm sure Julie Introcaso is not held to the same standards being a state debt.?

- I was cleared with all arrears in 2017 in the amount of \$14,439.88 in my court appearance March 3, 2017 which reflects in my audit. My FATHER that is retired on a fixed income had to emancipate me from the BCSS. Somehow BCSS shows \$15,931.00 for arrears on the SAME DATE 3/3/17. How can this be? I've never seen this number before.

-I have always made a bona fide effort to pay my obligation despite the BCSS making me late every month on their made up audit sheet.

-I have paid more than my support obligation in 3 of the past 6 years. While a six figure earner, according to the audits has not met his minimum in any of his years based on the audits you were provided.

Why are people not being treated equally? Why are working class unrepresented parties being treated unequally.

If you have any questions about the facts of my case please feel free to contact me.

Dave Smith
603-765-7000

SOUTHERN DISTRICT 13066
NH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
BUREAU OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES
26 WHIPPLE STREET
NASHUA NH 03060

Court Case : 65913M0364
Case ID : 00136687C
Out-of-State ID :

DECEMBER 11, 2022

DAVID L SMITH JR
PO BOX 332
HOLLIS NH 03049

NOTICE OF LICENSE REVOCATION

The Bureau of Child Support Services (BCSS) hereby notifies you that you are NOT in compliance with your legal order of support, which requires you to pay child support in the amount of \$150.00, WEEKLY. In addition, as of 12/11/2022 you owe \$4,881.12 in overdue child support (arrearage).

Because your child support is more than sixty (60) days overdue, BCSS may contact the appropriate licensing board(s) to take action to take away your driver's, professional, occupational, and/or sporting license(s). TO PREVENT LOSING YOUR LICENSE(S), YOU MUST PAY YOUR CURRENT AND OVERDUE SUPPORT OR CONTACT BCSS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PAY YOUR CHILD SUPPORT, WITHIN TWENTY-ONE (21) CALENDAR DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE. IF YOU IGNORE THIS NOTICE YOUR LICENSE(S) WILL BE TAKEN AWAY.

The following child(ren) are the subject of the above-referenced Court order:

<u>CHILD(REN)</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>
AIDAN H SMITH	04/06/1999
CURRAN H SMITH	01/19/2006

If you are contesting the amount of the arrearage, or you think a mistake of fact has been made, you must request a Supervisory Review, IN WRITING, within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the date of this notice. Information about your right to a Supervisory Review is enclosed with this notice.

You have the right to file a motion with the appropriate Court regarding modification of your legal order of support. BCSS will suspend all license revocation actions if you file a motion within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the date of this notice which could:

- Change the amount of your support obligation;
- Change the amount of arrearage owed; or
- Change the amount of the payment toward the arrearage



DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT'S PAYMENT HISTORY Page 1

INITIATING CASE NO. 00136687c					David Smith and Michelle Hartley-Smith				
Adjudicated Arrearages			\$ 15,931.00	3/3/2017					
YEAR 2017					YEAR 2018				
	Child Supp	Other Amt	Payment	Balance		Child Supp	Other Amt	Payment	Balance
JAN	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	JAN	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 240.00
FEB	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FEB	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 240.00
MAR	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 14,439.88	\$ (13,839.88)	MAR	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 540.00	\$ 210.00
APR	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	APR	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,080.00	\$ (480.00)
MAY	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$ (120.00)	MAY	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,440.00	\$ (840.00)
JUN	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 540.00	\$ 210.00	JUN	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ (150.00)
JUL	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 240.00	JUL	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 540.00	\$ 60.00
AUG	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 540.00	\$ 60.00	AUG	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 390.00
SEP	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 180.00	\$ 570.00	SEP	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$ (120.00)
OCT	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 240.00	OCT	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 240.00
NOV	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$ (120.00)	NOV	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 180.00	\$ 570.00
DEC	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 390.00	DEC	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 240.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,450.00	\$ -	\$ 18,219.88	\$ (11,769.88)	TOTAL	\$ 7,800.00	\$ -	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 600.00

YEAR 2019					YEAR 2020				
	Child Supp	Other Amt	Payment	Balance		Child Supp	Other Amt	Payment	Balance
JAN	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 540.00	\$ 60.00	JAN	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 390.00
FEB	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 240.00	FEB	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00
MAR	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 540.00	\$ 210.00	MAR	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 540.00	\$ 60.00
APR	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,260.00	\$ (660.00)	APR	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 240.00
MAY	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 540.00	\$ 210.00	MAY	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ (150.00)
JUN	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$ (120.00)	JUN	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,440.00	\$ (840.00)
JUL	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 240.00	JUL	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 180.00	\$ 570.00
AUG	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 390.00	AUG	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$ (120.00)
SEP	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 540.00	\$ 60.00	SEP	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$ (120.00)
OCT	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ (300.00)	OCT	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ (150.00)
NOV	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 390.00	NOV	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ (300.00)
DEC	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 240.00	DEC	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ (300.00)
TOTAL	\$ 7,800.00	\$ -	\$ 6,840.00	\$ 960.00	TOTAL	\$ 7,800.00	\$ -	\$ 7,920.00	\$ (120.00)

TOTAL FOR PG 1 \$ 5,601.12

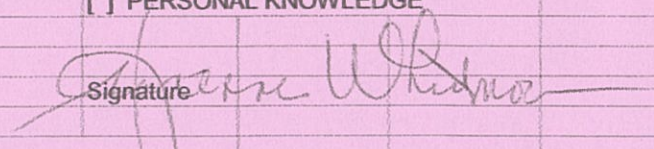
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- PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE

DATE 1/12/2023 Name/Title, Agency

Signature

Sworn to and signed before me this date, County, State Notary Public Commission Expires

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INITIATING CASE NO. 00136687c					David Smith and Michelle Hartley-Smith				
YEAR 2021					YEAR 2022				
	Child Supp	Other Amt	Payment	Balance		Child Supp	Other Amt	Payment	Balance
JAN	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 1,080.00	\$ (330.00)	JAN	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 240.00
FEB	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ (300.00)	FEB	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 180.00	\$ 420.00
MAR	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$ (120.00)	MAR	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 180.00	\$ 420.00
APR	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 1,620.00	\$ (870.00)	APR	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 180.00	\$ 570.00
MAY	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,080.00	\$ (480.00)	MAY	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 540.00	\$ 60.00
JUN	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$ (120.00)	JUN	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$ (120.00)
JUL	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$ 30.00	JUL	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 540.00	\$ 210.00
AUG	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,620.00	\$ (1,020.00)	AUG	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 180.00	\$ 420.00
SEP	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 540.00	\$ 60.00	SEP	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 180.00	\$ 570.00
OCT	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 1,080.00	\$ (330.00)	OCT	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 180.00	\$ 420.00
NOV	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,080.00	\$ (480.00)	NOV	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 180.00	\$ 420.00
DEC	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 1,440.00	\$ (690.00)	DEC	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ (150.00)
TOTAL	\$ 7,950.00	\$ -	\$ 12,600.00	\$ (4,650.00)	TOTAL	\$ 7,800.00	\$ -	\$ 4,320.00	\$ 3,480.00
YEAR 2023					YEAR				
	Child Supp	Other Amt	Payment	Balance		Child Supp	Other Amt	Payment	Balance
JAN	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 4,431.12	\$ (4,281.12)	JAN	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FEB	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FEB	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MAR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	MAR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
APR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	APR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MAY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	MAY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
JUN	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	JUN	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
JUL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	JUL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
AUG	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	AUG	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SEP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	SEP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OCT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	OCT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NOV	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NOV	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
DEC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	DEC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 4,431.12	\$ (4,281.12)	TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL - PG 1 + 2									\$ 150.00
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DATE 1/12/2023			Jeanenne Whitmore, CSO NH DHHS BCSS Name/Title, Agency		 Signature				
Sworn to and signed before me this date, County, State Notary Public					Commission Expires				

Sarah Heidebrecht

The Family Court takes far too long to address child support issues. This places those parents/children receiving support at a disadvantage across multiple realms. I have waited 5.5 YEARS to have the child support addressed in my case. It has been denied a hearing twice, and denied a temporary hearing once. This despite the court allowing an adjustment for a significant change in circumstances and a 3-year review. Neither have happened to date. It's appalling. Significant arrears have built up and I'm left with my hands tied until the court does their job. My child has also felt the effects of this delay. Best, Sarah

HB 404 - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

23-0649

06/08

HOUSE BILL **404**

AN ACT relative to support contempt hearings.

SPONSORS: Rep. Testerman, Merr. 3

COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

ANALYSIS

This bill revises the paragraph order of RSA 461-A:14, XVIII relative to child support contempt orders.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT relative to support contempt hearings.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Parental Rights and Responsibilities; Support. Amend RSA 461-A:14, I to read as follows:

2 I. ***Any motion for contempt of a court order regarding nonpayment of child support,***
3 ***if filed by a parent, shall be reviewed by the court within 30 days. When the arrearage***
4 ***equals or exceeds the equivalent of 8 weeks of child support under the existing order, the***
5 ***matter of the arrearage may be scheduled for mediation through the court within 30 days***
6 ***of the filing of the motion for contempt of court unless a hearing on the motion is scheduled***
7 ***earlier. The mediation shall not consider modification of the child support order. The***
8 ***court shall not order mediation if there is a finding of domestic violence as defined in RSA***
9 ***173-B:1, unless all parties agree to the mediation.***

10 [~~I~~] ***I-a.*** After the filing of a petition for divorce, annulment, separation, paternity, support,
11 or allocation of parental rights and responsibilities, including petitions filed by the department of
12 health and human services pursuant to RSA 161-B, 161-C, and 546-B, the court shall make such
13 further decree in relation to the support and education of the children as shall be most conducive to
14 their benefit and may order a reasonable provision for their support and education for the period of
15 time specified in paragraphs IV, V, and XVI.

16 2 Repeal. RSA 461-A;14, XVIII, relative to review of motions for contempt of a court order
17 regarding nonpayment of child support, is repealed.

18 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2024.