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S 775. CHILD SUPPORT REFORMS. AMENDING THE LAWS RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT IN ORDER TO CLARIFY AND ENHANCE THOSE LAWS. Amends GS 50-13.9

to: (1) delete all provisions that apply to non-IVD cases, except requirement that clerk of court maintain all official records in cases; (2) authorize clerk or a district court judge to order the obligor to appear and show cause why the obligor should not be subjected to income withholding or adjudged in contempt of court, or both, and to require court to order obligor to bring to the hearing information relating to the obligor's income and licensing privileges; and (3) to delete provisions regarding maintenance of a list of attorneys willing to represent those seeking child support.

Amends GS 110-135 (making responsible parents indebted to State for public assistance received by child) to authorize the reduction of debts of at least \$15,000 upon parent's satisfaction of certain listed conditions. Amends GS 49-14(a) to delete requirement that child's birth certificate attached to paternity complaint be certified. Amends GS 110-139.2(b1) to require that a notice of outstanding support obligation also be served on individuals who share account with parent who is liable for debt and that notice be served on accountholders in accordance with NC Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 4, and on financial institution in accordance with Rule 5. Makes technical changes. Effective 90 days after act becomes law.

Intro. by Snow.

Ref. to Judiciary II

GS 49, 50, 110, 130A