Department of Planning and Budget 2025 General Assembly Session State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB 805 ER Patron: Surovell

Bill Title: Child support; updates amounts in the schedule of basic support obligations

Bill Summary: The enrolled bill changes the amounts in the schedule of basic child support obligations based upon gross monthly income and calculates such obligations for specific amounts up to a gross monthly income of \$42,500. Under current law, such child support obligations are calculated up to a gross monthly income of \$35,000. In addition, the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel, in collaboration with the Division of Child Support Enforcement, must examine the current outstanding amount of child support arrearages and make recommendations to the General Assembly about measures the General Assembly can consider regarding (i) helping child support obligors pay outstanding arrearages and (ii) whether existing penalties that place restrictions on such obligors' drivers licenses or other professional restrictions unnecessarily impair the obligor's ability to repay outstanding child support arrearages. The Child Support Guidelines Review Panel must report its conclusions to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice by November 15, 2025.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No Items Impacted: None

Fiscal Summary: The bill is expected to have minimal fiscal impact on impacted agencies.

Fiscal Analysis: The bill could increase the monthly child support obligation for noncustodial parents; however, no significant fiscal impact is expected for the Department of Social Services (DSS). Program and systems updates related to updating the schedule are expected to be minimal. In addition, DSS indicates that the examination and report required in the bill can be performed within existing resources.

Other: None