

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1244

Short Title: IV-D UIFSA Cases/Represent.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rand; and Odom.

Referred to: Judiciary.

May 21, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL REPRESENT OBLIGEES IN IV-D UIFSA CASES AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 52C-3-308 reads as rewritten:

"§ 52C-3-308. Representation of obligee.

~~It shall be the duty of the district attorney to represent the obligee in proceedings authorized by this Chapter unless alternative arrangements are made by the obligee. In a IV-D case, the support enforcement agency shall provide legal representation for the obligee in proceedings authorized by this Chapter unless the obligee makes alternative arrangements. In a non-IV-D case, the district attorney shall represent the obligee in proceedings authorized by this Chapter unless the obligee makes alternative arrangements. An obligee may employ private counsel to represent the obligee in proceedings authorized by this Chapter.~~

Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of four hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$420,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to implement the provisions of this act, to be distributed among both county and State child support agencies.

Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1998.