

# Fiscal Analysis

## CHILD SUPPORT AMNESTY NONPROSECUTION PACKAGE



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**Bill/Sponsor**                    **HOUSE BILL 5261 , AS INTRODUCED**, Rep. Jennifer Elkins  
**HOUSE BILL 5259, AS INTRODUCED**, Rep. John E. Stahl  
**HOUSE BILL 5262, AS INTRODUCED**, Rep. Doug Hart

**House Committee**            Family and Children Services

### Analysis

#### Summary

These three bills provide for non-prosecution under three statutes if the payer is participating in the amnesty program provided for in HB 4654. HB 4654 would amend the Office of Child Support Act, Public Act 174 of 1971, to provide amnesty from criminal and civil penalties when the payer either makes full payment in a single lump sum or pays 50% immediately and the remainder in two equal installments by specified dates. This package of bills would provide for non-prosecution under the Support and Parenting Time Enforcement Act (PA 295 of 1982 as amended by PA 572 of 2002), Friend of the Court Act (PA 294 of 1982 as amended by PA 571 of 2002) and the Michigan Penal Code (PA 328 of 1931) for failure to make timely child support payments. All three bills further stipulate that if prosecution has already commenced before the payer seeks amnesty under HB 4654, then the individual is not eligible for the amnesty program.

#### Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact on the Family Independence Agency. If the total package of bills is successful in encouraging individuals to pay arrearages, then some reduction in administrative costs for collection of past due accounts may result. However, this amount is not determinable.

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