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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to child support; amending s.
61.13, F.S.; providing that the obligation of
child support shall be retroactive to the date
of legal separation; providing for credits;
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (9) is added to section 61.13,
Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, to read:

61.13 Custody and support of children; visitation
rights; power of court in making orders.--

(9) The obligation of child support shall be
retroactive to the date of legal separation of parents in
dissolution cases with credit given for voluntary payments
made to the custodial parent and third parties for the benefit
of the child or children.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
law.

HOUSE SUMMARY

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dissolution cases with credit given for voluntary
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