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The Council for Smarter Government offered the following:

**Amendment to Substitute Amendment (430629)**

On page 1, between lines 21 and 22 of the substitute amendment

insert: (1) The Legislature finds that most noncustodial parents want to support their children and remain connected to their families. The Legislature also finds that while many noncustodial parents lack the financial resources and other skills necessary to provide that support, a small percentage of such parents willfully fail to provide support to their children even when they are aware of the obligation and have the ability to do so pursuant to s. 61.30. The Legislature further finds that existing statutory provisions for civil enforcement of support have not proven sufficiently effective or efficient in gaining adequate support for all children. Recognizing that it is the public policy of this state that children shall be maintained primarily from the resources of their parents, thereby relieving, at least in part, the burden presently borne by the general citizenry through public

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1 assistance programs, it is the intent of the Legislature that  
 2 the criminal penalties provided for in this section are to be  
 3 pursued in all appropriate cases where exhaustion of  
 4 appropriate civil enforcement has not resulted in payment.  
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