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The Committee on Future of Florida's Families recommends the following:

Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to explore the feasibility of accessing pension plans and retirement funds, both public and private, for the purpose of collecting child support payments and related costs and fees from moneys that would ordinarily be payable only upon retirement.

WHEREAS, the collection of child support from deadbeat parents is an expensive, time-consuming, and difficult process, and

WHEREAS, past and current income from pensions plans and other retirement funds is considered income for purposes of child support, and

WHEREAS, the state has the authority to use income deduction orders to access this income, and



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27 WHEREAS, many deadbeat parents are eligible to receive
28 income from pension plans and retirement funds, both public and
29 private, upon retirement, and

30 WHEREAS, income from moneys payable only upon retirement is
31 not currently accessible for the purpose of child support
32 payments and related costs and fees, and

33 WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States would be doing a
34 great service to many dependent children in this country by
35 determining the feasibility of accessing pension plans and
36 retirement funds, both public and private, for the purpose of
37 collecting child support payments and related costs and fees
38 from moneys that would ordinarily be payable only upon
39 retirement. NOW, THEREFORE,

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41 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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43 That the Congress of the United States is requested to
44 determine the feasibility of accessing pension plans and
45 retirement funds, both public and private, for the purpose of
46 collecting child support obligations, to include all fees and
47 costs associated with such collections, from moneys that would
48 ordinarily be payable only upon retirement.

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50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
51 dispatched to the President of the United States, the President
52 of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
53 House of Representatives, and each member of the Florida
delegation to the United States Congress.