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Senator Lynn moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 41, line 24,  
through page 44, line 9 delete those lines

and insert:

Section 20. (1) The Legislature finds that the likelihood of a noncustodial parent paying child support is directly related to the parent's employment and economic situation, with the strongest predictor of paying child support being the number of weeks a noncustodial parent works. An accumulation of large child support debt upon release from prison is unlikely to motivate a parent to work more, but rather result in him or her not working at all or working in the underground economy. This has negative consequences for the parent and the State of Florida and ultimately, these child support debts are not in the best interest of the child.

(2) It is the intent of the Legislature for the Department of Revenue to work collaboratively with the Department of Corrections, the Agency for Workforce

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1 Innovation, the Office of the State Courts Administrator,  
2 local law enforcement, community-based and faith-based  
3 organizations, and any additional stakeholders to:

4       (a) Identify strategies that would maximize an  
5 inmate's chance of successfully reentering society and  
6 reconnecting with his or her children by providing financial  
7 and emotional support, without the burden of an unmanageable  
8 amount of child support debt.

9       (b) Identify strategies for increasing the collection  
10 of current support obligations from incarcerated parents  
11 including collecting the appropriate data to develop the  
12 strategies and educating the noncustodial parents on their  
13 child support obligation.

14       (c) Identifying strategies for building collaboration  
15 and data-sharing between the stakeholders, particularly the  
16 Department of Revenue and the Department of Corrections,  
17 relating to continuing the initiative to increase the  
18 collection of child support from incarcerated parents.

19       (3) The Department of Revenue shall submit a report to  
20 the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the  
21 House of Representatives, by December 31, 2004, that includes  
22 the data collected on noncustodial parents who are inmates and  
23 the recommendations for implementing identified strategies.

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27 And the title is amended as follows:

28       On page 3, line 29,  
29       through page 4, line 7, delete those lines

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31 and insert:

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1 obligations; providing the intent of the  
2 Legislature for the Department of Revenue to  
3 work with other stakeholders to identify  
4 strategies to increase collection of child  
5 support from incarcerated parents; requiring a  
6 report to the Governor and Legislature;  
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