CS/CS/CS/SB 694 1st eng. — Child Support

by General Government Appropriations Committee; Judiciary Committee; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee; and Senator Storms

This bill amends statutes relating to the Child Support Enforcement Program administered by the Department of Revenue (DOR). Specifically, the bill:

- Provides for the use of the clerk of court's depository in private child support cases.
- Makes support obligation modifications.
- Authorizes the DOR to collect noncovered medical expenses in installments and gives the DOR access to health insurance records received by the Agency for Health Care Administration.
- Authorizes the DOR to claim as program income uncashed checks of less than one dollar.
- Clarifies terms used during the administrative establishment of child support orders.
- Directs the Office of Vital Statistics (OVS) to amend a child's birth certificate based on a marriage license application; a final judgment of dissolution of marriage providing for the payment of child support; or a marriage license identifying a child whose parents married at any time after the child's birth.
- Makes it discretionary for the DOR to request a federal waiver to provide services without the need of an application.
- Extends the deadline for the DOR to implement electronic filing of documents with the court.
- Clarifies assignment of child support rights to the DOR in temporary cash assistance cases.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law. *Vote: Senate 37-0; House 118-0*