

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18289

This bill is one of a series of bills that the Supreme Court has recommended in its annual report to the Governor concerning defects or omissions in the laws, as required under article V, section 25 of the Idaho Constitution. Idaho Code § 18-4007(3)(d) provides that if a vehicular manslaughter has resulted in the death of the parent or parents of a child, the defendant may be ordered to pay support for the child until the child reaches the age of 18, and that the support shall be established in accordance with the child support guidelines. Those guidelines are intended to apportion the support obligations for a child between the child's parents. They do not provide a method for determining the support obligation of a third party. This bill provides that the support obligation shall be determined on the basis of all relevant factors, including the financial resources and the condition and needs of the child.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill would have no impact on the general fund.

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