

*Note: In accordance with changes made by Public Act 16-32, the Fiscal Note no longer contains information regarding the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses. Each agency must separately complete the revised Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (formerly Small Business Impact Statement) as published by the Office of Policy & Management.*

### **FISCAL NOTE**

**Date:**

**Agency Submitting Proposed Regulation:** Commission for Child Support Guidelines

**Proposed Regulation Title:** Child Support and Arrearage Guidelines

**Statutory Authority:** Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46b-215a

**Other Agencies Affected:** Office of the Attorney General; Judicial Branch; Department of Social Services

**Effective Date Used In Estimate:** 2/1/26

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### **ESTIMATE OF COST OR REVENUE IMPACT OF PROPOSED REGULATION**

**Agency:** Judicial Branch, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Social Services

**Fund Affected:** General

	<b>First Year</b>	<b>Second Year</b>	<b>Full Operation</b>
<b>Number of Positions</b>			
<b>Personal Services</b>			
<b>Other Expenses</b>			
<b>Equipment</b>			
<b>Grants</b>			
<b>Total State Cost or (Savings)</b>			
<b>Estimated Revenue Gain or (Loss)</b>			
<b>Total Net State Cost or (Savings)</b>	(See below)		

**Explanation of State Impact of Regulation:** The Commission for Child Support Guidelines is an unfunded agency. Therefore, any revenue gains or state costs associated with implementation of the amended regulations would be reflected in the budgets of the above-named other agencies affected. It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will require any additional staffing by such agencies. The Commission is unable to project whether any revenue gains or losses will occur due to full implementation of the amendments, but does not expect that any such gains or losses will be significant. For instance, there will be some cost associated with the Judicial Branch printing revised versions of the

worksheets used in court proceedings to calculate child support obligations, but representatives of Support Enforcement Services within the Judicial Branch indicated any such costs were expected to be nominal. Any revenue impact would only result from aggregate collections in Title IV-D cases (pursuant to section 17b-179 of the general statutes), and the guidelines apply to all cases statewide, including cases not connected to the Title IV-D program. On the other hand, while the guidelines affect all child support determinations in the state, federal law (42 U.S.C. 667) and regulation (45 CFR 302.56) for the Title IV-D program require *the State* to review its guidelines on a recurrent basis to ensure that their application results in appropriate child support awards. The penalty for noncompliance with this federal mandate is the loss of federal financial participation (at 66% for most costs) in the costs of the Title IV-D program and a portion of the IV-A (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) block grant. Thus, the potential cost of not updating the State's guidelines in contravention of federal requirements would outweigh any cost associated with implementation of the proposed regulation.

**Explanation of Municipal Impact of Regulation:** No impact is anticipated.