

Fifty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1168

Introduced by

Human Services Committee

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 14-09 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to a statement regarding interest on unpaid child support; and to amend  
3 and reenact subsection 6 of section 14-09-25 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to  
4 interest on unpaid child support.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 6 of section 14-09-25 of the 1999  
7 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 6. Notwithstanding section 28-20-36, the state disbursement unit shall disburse  
9 collected child support payments in conformity with title IV-D of the Social Security  
10 Act [Pub. L. 93-647; 88 Stat. 2351; 42 U.S.C. 651 et seq.]. Any disbursement  
11 made in error is not a gift and must be repaid. The public authority may take any  
12 action not inconsistent with law to secure repayment of any disbursement made in  
13 error. Interest accrued on an unpaid judgment for child support obligation is child  
14 support. To the extent consistent with the requirements of title IV-D, payments a  
15 payment received on judgments for with respect to a child support arrearage must  
16 first be applied to accrued interest on that arrearage, and then to the principal.  
17 The public authority may calculate judgment interest accrued only on child support  
18 obligations that first became arrearages after July 1, 2002. The public authority  
19 shall enter in its records judgment interest on child support obligations that first  
20 became arrearages on or before July 1, 2002, only if a court has ordered the  
21 interest amount calculated by some individual or entity other than the public  
22 authority and approved the calculated amount. For purposes of this subsection,  
23 arrearage means an unpaid child support obligation that was due in a month prior  
24 to the current month.

1           **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 14-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
2 created and enacted as follows:

3           **Child support order - Required interest statement.** Each judgment or order  
4 requiring the payment of child support must include a statement that the child support obligation  
5 will accrue interest if not timely paid. Accrual of interest and validity of the order are not  
6 affected by a failure to include the statement required by this section.