

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
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Bill Version CSSB 134(JUD)  
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Identifier (file name) SB134CS(HSS)-LAW-CIV-03-02-12 Dept. Affected Law  
 Title An Act relating to child support awards; and repealing Appropriation Civil  
Rule 90.3, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure. Allocation Collections and Support  
 Sponsor Senator Kookesh  
 Requester (S) Judiciary OMB Component Number 2210

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services			2,660.9					
Travel			13.4					
Services			429.0					
Commodities			61.7					
Capital Outlay			12.1					
Grants, Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,177.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002	Federal Receipts							
1003	GF Match							
1004	GF							
1007	I/A Rcpts (Other)		3,177.1					
1037	GF/MH (UGF)							
1178	temp code (UGF)							
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,177.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**POSITIONS**

Full-time							
Part-time			1				
Temporary			19				

**CHANGE IN REVENUES**

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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs** \_\_\_\_\_ (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs** \_\_\_\_\_ (separate capital appropriation required)  
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)**

Effective date starting FY 14.

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**Analysis**

SB 134 will establish Alaska child support guidelines in statute and repeal the court Civil Rule 90.3 child support guidelines. The bill changes child support calculation formulas from the current percentage approach that only takes into account the non-custodial parent's income to an income shares model that considers the income of both parents. Additionally, the bill increases the minimum support amount required of the non-custodial parent and decreases the percentage of time required for a finding of shared custody.

AS 25.24.170(b) and AS 25.27.190(e) consider the adoption, enactment or significant modification to the guidelines a material change of circumstance for the purpose of a modification of the order. This would allow custodial and non-custodial parents to request a modification of their existing order(s). Federal law, 45 CFR 303.8(e), requires the Child Support Services Division (CSSD) to complete modification requests within 180 days from receipt of the request. CSSD could lose significant federal funds if it cannot meet this requirement. CSSD estimates it is enforcing approximately 20,000 child support orders that would be eligible for modification. CSSD conservatively anticipates 10,000 modification requests will be submitted in the first six months, with about ½ of the requests on court orders. The Attorney General's Office, Collections & Support Unit, represents CSSD in court when the agency requests modification of a court-issued child support order. The Collections & Support Section currently processes about 700 modification requests a year with 3.5 attorneys. The anticipated increase in modification requests from 700 to 5,000 in one year will require non-permanent positions of 12.5 attorneys, 2 paralegals, and 5 support positions to meet the anticipated initial demand.