

# HOUSE BILL No. 1337

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 31-9-2-85; IC 31-9-2-86; IC 31-14-12.5; IC 31-16-22.

**Synopsis:** Child support proceedings. Requires a court to order a person who is under a duty to pay child support to pay restitution to the person entitled to receive the child support if the person who is ordered to pay support fails to appear at a child support hearing and the other person has a loss of earnings for attending the hearing. Provides an exception if the person who is ordered to pay child support did not receive proper notice of the hearing. Provides that the restitution order is a judgment lien that may be enforced in the same manner as a judgment lien in a civil proceeding. Applies in paternity and dissolution of marriage cases.

**Effective:** July 1, 1999.

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First Regular Session 111th General Assembly (1999)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 31-9-2-85 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 85. (a) "Obligee", for  
3 purposes of **IC 31-14-12.5**, IC 31-16-16, **and IC 31-16-22**, means a  
4 person who is entitled to receive a payment under a support order.

5 (b) "Obligee" or "petitioner", for purposes of the Uniform Interstate  
6 Family Support Act under IC 31-18, has the meaning set forth in  
7 IC 31-18-1-14.

8 SECTION 2. IC 31-9-2-86 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
9 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 86. (a) "Obligor", for  
10 purposes of **IC 31-14-12.5**, IC 31-16-15, ~~and~~ IC 31-16-16, **and**  
11 **IC 31-16-22**, means an individual who has been ordered by a court to  
12 pay child support.

13 (b) "Obligor" or "respondent", for purposes of the Uniform Interstate  
14 Family Support Act under IC 31-18, has the meaning set forth in  
15 IC 31-18-1-15.

16 SECTION 3. IC 31-14-12.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
17 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

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JULY 1, 1999]:

**Chapter 12.5. Restitution for Lost Earnings**

**Sec. 1. This chapter applies if:**

- (1) an obligor fails to appear for a hearing in court regarding child support;
- (2) the obligee:
  - (A) appears for the hearing; and
  - (B) suffers a loss of earnings by appearing at the hearing; and
- (3) the court determines that the obligor received notice of the hearing as required under the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure.

**Sec. 2. (a) The court shall order an obligor to make restitution to the obligee for earnings lost by the obligee while attending a child support hearing.**

**(b) A restitution order issued under this section must include the following information:**

- (1) Regarding the person ordered to pay restitution (obligor):
  - (A) Name.
  - (B) Address.
  - (C) Social Security number.
  - (D) Name and address of employer.
- (2) Regarding the person who is to receive the restitution (obligee):
  - (A) Name.
  - (B) Address.
- (3) The amount of restitution to be paid.

**Sec. 3. A restitution order issued under this chapter is a judgment lien that:**

- (1) attaches to the property of the obligor;
- (2) may be perfected;
- (3) may be enforced by the obligee or the obligee's agent to satisfy any payment that is delinquent under the restitution order; and
- (4) expires;

**in the same manner as a judgment in a civil proceeding.**

**Sec. 4. The court shall send a certified copy of a restitution order issued under this chapter to the clerk of the circuit court.**

**Sec. 5. Upon receiving a restitution order issued under this chapter, the clerk of the circuit court shall enter and index the order in the court judgment docket in the manner prescribed by IC 33-17-2-3.**

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1 SECTION 4. IC 31-16-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 2 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 3 JULY 1, 1999]:

4 **Chapter 22. Restitution for Lost Earnings**

5 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies if:**

- 6 (1) an obligor fails to appear for a hearing in court regarding  
 7 child support;  
 8 (2) the obligee:  
 9 (A) appears for the hearing; and  
 10 (B) suffers a loss of earnings by appearing at the hearing;  
 11 and  
 12 (3) the court determines that the obligor received notice of the  
 13 hearing as required under the Indiana Rules of Trial  
 14 Procedure.

15 **Sec. 2. (a) The court shall order an obligor to make restitution**  
 16 **to the obligee for earnings lost by the obligee while attending a**  
 17 **child support hearing.**

18 **(b) A restitution order issued under this section must include the**  
 19 **following information:**

- 20 (1) **Regarding the person ordered to pay restitution (obligor):**  
 21 (A) Name.  
 22 (B) Address.  
 23 (C) Social Security number.  
 24 (D) Name and address of employer.  
 25 (2) **Regarding the person who is to receive the restitution**  
 26 **(obligee):**  
 27 (A) Name.  
 28 (B) Address.  
 29 (3) **The amount of restitution to be paid.**

30 **Sec. 3. A restitution order issued under this chapter is a**  
 31 **judgment lien that:**

- 32 (1) **attaches to the property of the obligor;**  
 33 (2) **may be perfected;**  
 34 (3) **may be enforced by the obligee or the obligee's agent to**  
 35 **satisfy any payment that is delinquent under the restitution**  
 36 **order; and**  
 37 (4) **expires;**

38 **in the same manner as a judgment in a civil proceeding.**

39 **Sec. 4. The court shall send a certified copy of a restitution**  
 40 **order issued under this chapter to the clerk of the circuit court.**

41 **Sec. 5. Upon receiving a restitution order issued under this**  
 42 **chapter, the clerk of the circuit court shall enter and index the**



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