

SENATE BILL 1368

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,
Chapter 5, relative to child support.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-703, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

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(1) If the obligor agrees to make an initial payment of two hundred dollars (\$200) and subsequent payments of one hundred dollars (\$100) a month toward the amount owed in arrears, in addition to the obligor's continuing monthly child support obligation, the department shall enter into such a consent order with the obligor. Upon entry of a consent order pursuant to this subsection and payment pursuant to such an order, the obligor shall be deemed to be in compliance with the order of support and shall not be subject to denial, suspension, or revocation of the obligor's license.

(2) If a court has entered a consent order pursuant to this section and the obligor has subsequently failed to make the payments required by the consent order, the obligor may make a lump sum payment in an amount equal to the total of the obligor's missed payments and resume the previously agreed to payment schedule. Upon such action, the obligor shall be deemed to be in compliance with the order of support and shall not be subject to denial, suspension, or revocation of the obligor's license.

(3) An obligor who has served a sentence of confinement shall be eligible to enter into a consent order pursuant to this subsection upon release from such

confinement. As part of the consent order, the department may require an initial lump sum payment of any compensation that an obligor has received for work performed while serving a sentence of confinement, up to two hundred dollars (\$200), but shall not require an initial lump sum that is larger than the total amount the obligor earned for work performed while incarcerated.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.