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Senator Keaveny Files Child Support Legislation
Bill Streamlines Child Support Process

JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Joe Keaveny, D-St. Louis, has filed legislation to improve state procedures for collecting child support payments to ensure a timely conclusion to child support agreements.

[Senate Bill 877](#) provides the Family Support Division clear guidance for resolving termination of child support in their automated system. This bill ends the accrual of child support obligations when child support is deemed terminated under Missouri law. It also addresses concerns raised in a 2007 state audit regarding the accrual of child support obligations after a child is legally emancipated.

“My legislation addresses a growing frustration with perceived inequities in the state child support system. By filing this legislation, I am attempting to solve a problem of outdated statute,” Sen. Keaveny said. “We must ensure that arrearage balances are accurate so parents receive what is owed to them in child support, or that parents are not overpaying.”

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