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Sen. Shane Martin <shane@senatormartin.com>
Date: 9/17/2014 12:27:31 PM
Subject: RE: Child Support Issue

Senator Martin,

Laura Mills with DSS constituent services made phone contact with Mr. Loyd. He shared with her his experience and made his suggestions regarding a holding account for child support payments. Laura said that she will research this suggestion and share it with a child support attorney in the Integrated Child Support Enforcement Division, as well as other contacts within the Department for feedback on this suggestion.

Thank you,
Haley

-----Original Message-----

From: Veldran, Katherine
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 11:11 AM
To: Sen. Shane Martin
Cc: Mottel, Haley
Subject: RE: Child Support Issue

Senator Martin,
Haley is looking into the situation below.
She will follow up with you asap.
Thank you,
Katherine

-----Original Message-----

From: Sen. Shane Martin [mailto:shane@senatormartin.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 10:51 AM
To: Veldran, Katherine; Mottel, Haley
Subject: FW: Child Support Issue

Since DSS is a cabinet agency, can you take a look at this please?

Thanks,

Shane

-----Original Message-----

From: Sandy Loyd [mailto:loydbar@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 9:03 AM

To: Shane Martin

Subject: Child Support Issue

Senator Martin,

I have been made aware of an issue that I feel should be considered which would probably require legislative action to correct. I would like to outline the general specifics of one case I am aware of. I feel like there are probably numerous cases which are similar in South Carolina.

Around March of this year, a five year old was taken from her mother by DSS in a action in which the Mother agreed for the child to be placed by DSS.

The child's grandparents (actually a great-great aunt and uncle who raised the child's father under similar circumstances) took the child into their home. The child has been in the grandparents home for approximately six months and DSS has provided daycare costs for 26 weeks as well as Medicaid. Otherwise, the grandparents have assumed financial responsibility for the child. In the meantime, the child's mother has continued to draw a child support check from the father and relocated to another county. Based upon the processes required by law and backlogs, a hearing in Family Court regarding the matter will probably be a couple more months.

I fully agree with parents needing to provide financial support for their children. I also understand that a Family Court Judge must hear a case in order to change previous rulings. However, in a case such as the one above, DSS should be able to notify the Clerk of Court and have the money for support placed in an escrow account until a decision can be rendered by a judge. The money in escrow could be directed to the grandparents or to DSS for daycare reimbursement. It just seems unfair that the money is not being used for the support of the child.

If what I understand in the above case is correct, it seems like there is a way for support to be used as intended. As I stated earlier, this may be a common occurrence. Thank You for your time.

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