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This bill provides circumstance in which the Child Support Enforcement Agency that provides child support services under title IV-D of the Social Security Act could stop attempting collection in certain situations. In order to stop collecting there would have to no longer be a current support order and arrears under \$500, or there is no current support order and the arrears are unenforceable because there has been no money collected in three years, the collection attempts have proven to be ineffective, there are no known assets or income, and there is no reasonable prospect that the obligor will be able to pay the money owed. Prior to discounting services the agency must notify both the party owing the child support and the recipient of the child support of their plan to close the enforcement case, and if the person who receives child support provides information that could lead to collection of arrears, then the case must be kept open. This bill allows a person who is owed child support to reopen a case with a new application and provide information that there is a change in circumstances which could lead to collection of arrears. Nothing in this bill changes the arrears owed under the law or pursuant to any court order.