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### Overview

Currently, lump-sum payments for child support arrearages are not subject to the restrictions on wage garnishment in the federal Consumer Protection Act. This bill, if passed, would apply those restrictions to lump sum arrearage payments, and would modify the provision governing the calculation of support obligations in an action involving only one parent.

#### Section

- 1** **Determination of support obligation.** Amends § 518A.35, subd. 1. Paragraph (d) requires that the support obligation be determined by referencing the guideline for the number of joint children and the parent's individual income, without the parenting expense adjustment formula, when a child is in the custody of either parent. This bill removes the provision limiting the application of paragraph (d) to when the public authority is seeking a support order, and specifies that the paragraph applies when a support order is sought in an action involving only one parent.
- 2** **Lump-sum payments.** Amends § 518A.53, subd. 11. Removes the clause exempting lump-sum child support arrearages payments from the provisions of the federal Consumer Protection Act that set maximum wage garnishments as follows, in any workweek:
  - (1) 25% of disposable earnings for that week; or
  - (2) the amount by which disposable earnings for that week exceed 30 times the federal minimum hourly wage in effect at the time the earnings are payable, whichever is less.