

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	Senate File 513	House Committee:	PASSED on April 1 (21-0)
Committee:	Judiciary	House Floor:	
Floor Manager:	Rep. Holt	Senate Floor:	PASSED on March 19 (43-4)
Date:	April 21, 2025	Governor:	
Staff:	Amanda Wille (1-5230)		

Postsecondary Education- Court Ordered Payment

- Eliminates the option for a court to order parents to pay for a child's postsecondary education in divorce proceedings.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Dissolution of Marriage and Domestic Relations – Definitions (598.1)

Strikes language that mentions the requirement of either party to pay for postsecondary education.

Section 2 – Dissolution of Marriage and Domestic Relations – Post Secondary Education Subsidy (598.21F)

Current law sets the standard for how and when a court may order parents to pay for post-secondary education for their child in cases of divorce. That language is struck and replaced with the following:

The court shall not order either party to pay for a postsecondary education subsidy under a temporary order, final judgment, or decree.

Section 3 and 4

Conforming language.

Section 5- Applicability-

The act applies to orders entered or pending on or after July 1, 2025.

This act is not the basis for a modification of an order entered before July 1, 2025, that provides for a postsecondary education subsidy.

Amendment Analysis