

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 2519	House Committee: PASSED 2/10/26 (21-0)
Committee:	Health and Human Services	House Floor:
Floor Manager:	Rep. Dan Gehlbach	Senate Floor:
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Unpaid Child Support Interest

- This bill requires unpaid child support to collect interest automatically rather than requiring a court order.
- According to DHHS, 17 states collect interest when a court order is obtained, 15 states do not collect interest, and 15 states collect and assess interest on all cases.
- Iowa Code 535.3 already sets the interest rate for child, spousal, and medical support debts at 10%.

Child Support Debt

Age of Debt	Debt to Other States	Debt to State of Iowa	Debt to Families
1 Month to 1 Year	\$ 20,332	\$ 3,254,365	\$ 68,899,649
1 to 2 Years	17,614	3,132,500	55,730,799
2 to 3 Years	14,896	2,860,028	48,913,834
3 to 4 Years	13,752	2,579,227	43,247,660
4 to 5 Years	14,438	2,462,371	37,012,024
5 to 10 Years	70,133	10,668,763	140,038,851
10 to 15 Years	110,873	11,321,107	91,655,804
15 to 20 Years	163,769	16,062,304	79,777,363
More than 20 Years	342,976	72,513,580	100,164,809
Total	\$ 768,786	\$ 124,854,249	\$ 665,440,797

- **Fiscal Note:** Total cost in FY27 is \$3.1 million with \$1.2 million being State. Total cost in FY28 is \$1.5 million with \$515,000 being State. DHHS says they will need 18 FTEs and \$1.2 million in IT costs.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 (Iowa Code 252C.6)

Requires interest on child support debts to accrue and for DHHS to collect the interest without a court order.