

SENATE BILL NO. 489

BY SENATOR JACKSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:315.32(A), relative to child support; to provide for penalties;  
3 to provide for failure to comply with a subpoena, warrant, or court order in child  
4 support or paternity proceedings; to provide for the suspension of certain licenses;  
5 to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 9:315.32(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §315.32. Order of suspension of license; noncompliance with support order;  
9 contempt of court

10 A.(1)(a) In or ancillary to any action to make past-due child support  
11 executory, ~~for~~ **in an action for** contempt of court for failure to comply with an order  
12 of support, or **in** a criminal neglect of family proceeding, the court on its own motion  
13 or upon motion of an obligee or the department ~~shall, unless the court determines~~  
14 ~~good cause exists,~~ **may** issue an order of suspension of a license or licenses of any  
15 obligor who is not in compliance with an order of child support. The court shall give  
16 specific written and oral reasons supporting its determination ~~of good cause~~  
17 ~~including a finding as to the particular facts and circumstances that warrant a~~  
18 ~~determination not to suspend a license or licenses of an obligor who is not in~~  
19 ~~compliance with an order of child support~~ **to issue the order of suspension.** The  
20 reasons shall become part of the record of the proceeding.

21 **(b) The court shall not issue an order for a suspension of a license**  
22 **pursuant to this Paragraph unless it finds that a properly issued immediate**  
23 **income assignment or garnishment of wages did not result in the withholding**  
24 **or seizure of income and the obligor has not otherwise made payment toward**  
25 **the obligation of child support.**

