

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 486**

**2016 Regular Session**

**Robert Johnson**

CHILDREN/SUPPORT: Provides for administrative hearings for property or assets frozen by the Department of Children and Family Services

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Changes "custodial party" to "custodial parent".

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law allows the Dept. of Children and Family Services, when there is a child support arrearage or an overpayment has been made to a custodial parent, to intercept, encumber, freeze, or seize specified payments or assets. Present law further provides that when DCFS exercises this right, it must notify the payor or custodial parent of its actions, and afford the payor or custodial parent an opportunity to appeal the seizing of the assets.

Proposed law requires the appeal to be conducted through an administrative hearing which may be held telephonically or by means of any other such electronic media, and provides that the sole issue at the hearing will be whether the payor is in compliance with the order of support or whether the custodial parent owes an overpayment of support.

(Amends R.S. 46:236.15(D)(1)(intro. para.) and (a))