
DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases penalties for failure to pay child support.

Present law, regarding the crime of failure to pay child support, provides for a fine of not more than \$2,500 or imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than two years, or both, for a second or subsequent offense. Proposed law retains the present law fine and increases the present law penalty to include imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than five years.

Present law provides that when the amount of child support arrearage is more than \$15,000 and the obligation has been outstanding for more than one year, the penalty shall be a fine of not more than \$2,500 or imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than two years, or both. Proposed law retains the present law fine and increases the present law penalty to include imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than five years.

(Amends R.S. 14:75(C))