

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

SENATE BILL NO. 2277
(Senator Wardner)
(Representative Lefor)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 14-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to child support obligations of incarcerated parents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 14-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Child support obligation of incarcerated parents.

1. A monthly support obligation established under any provision of this code and in effect after December 31, 2017, expires by operation of law upon incarceration of the obligor under a sentence of one hundred eighty days or longer, excluding credit for time served before sentencing.
2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a monthly support obligation may be established for an obligor who is incarcerated under a sentence of one hundred eighty days or longer if the obligation is based on actual income of the obligor and the moving party makes a prima facie showing that the obligor's income exceeds the minimum amount provided in the guidelines established under section 14-09-09.7.
3. As used in this section, "incarceration" means placement of an obligor in a custodial setting in which the obligor is not permitted to earn wages from employment outside the correctional facility, and does not include probation or work release.
4. The expiration of a monthly support obligation under subsection 1 does not affect any past-due support that is owed before the expiration of the obligation.

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President of the Senate

Larry Bellw
Speaker of the House

Shanda Moyer
Secretary of the Senate

Bruce J. Reick
Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2277.

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

House Vote: Yeas 53 Nays 39 Absent 2

Shanda Moyer
Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at 10:58A M. on March 22, 2017.

Doug Burgum
Governor

Filed in this office this 22 day of March, 2017,

at 12:02 o'clock P M.

David J. Grogan
Secretary of State