

agree that that's our direction that we need to go and to improve the collection of child support. We're not just arbitrarily trying to strip professional licenses and drivers licenses here. We are trying to improve the collection of child support. It...both of the bills do that. But what my amendment does that's different is it doesn't do it bureaucratically, it doesn't do it for a whole lot more money, like 592 does. We're not hiring referees, we're not hiring new people that will be on the payrolls of the state from now until forever those positions will be open. We're not...we're not putting that burden on an already over-burdened individual and families who are within this system. They have a lot of hoops to jump through now, and I think they want a solution to the problem, they don't want another bureaucracy to have to deal with. So my amendment, I believe, deals with that problem much more effectively, efficiently, and with less stress on the families, and certainly for a lot less money than 592 does. What my amendment would do is simply to say that the judge, in these cases of nonpayment of child support or visitation, which you all know is a very big issue here, that as soon as this bill came out of committee was stripped out of 592. And I still get calls all the time with visitation interference. The judge could look at each case individually, listening to those individuals, listening to what's going on in their case individually, and decide if those individuals are in contempt of court, either for nonpayment of child support or interference in visitation, that he could take the motor vehicle license from either of those individuals. Now I do have a concern here that in many cases the drivers license is the professional. In my husband's case his drivers license is his professional license, his CDL is his professional license. So we are at risk here still for a lot of the errors that we talked about yesterday, but it makes it into a much smaller group of people, and hopefully less of an administrative problem so that that would not happen. So I think my amendment still addresses the issue of whether we should interfere at all in the system that we presently have in child support. I think we can all say, yes, that that needs to be done, we need to look at it, we need to make some changes. My amendment would still allow for, I believe, the revocation of a license threat that most people who talk about this on the floor say that's what's increased child support payments in other states, it wasn't that they were pulling licenses, it was that people got nervous and they started paying their child support. Now enforcement, in some states, or collection in some states is up to 38 percent.