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Introduced by Sen. MONTGOMERY -- read twice and ordered printed, and  
when printed to be committed to the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime  
and Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, the criminal procedure law and the  
domestic relations law, in relation to child support obligations of  
inmates; and to amend section 13 of chapter 182 of the laws of 2010  
amending the tax law, the family court act, the domestic relations law  
and the social services law relating to the modification of child  
support orders, employer reporting of new hires and quarterly earn-  
ings, work programs and the noncustodial earned income tax credit, in  
relation to the effectiveness of certain provisions thereof

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 149-a  
2     to read as follows:  
3     S 149-A. NOTIFICATION TO INMATES OF THEIR ABILITY TO SEEK MODIFICA-  
4     TIONS OF AN ORDER OF CHILD SUPPORT. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW  
5     TO THE CONTRARY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY ALL INMATES RESIDING IN A  
6     CORRECTIONAL FACILITY WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW YORK OF THE POSSIBILITY  
7     THAT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO MODIFY AN EXISTING CHILD SUPPORT ORDER BASED ON  
8     A "SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES" IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION TWO  
9     HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX OF THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW AND SECTION FOUR  
10    HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT.  
11    S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 390.30 of the criminal procedure law is  
12    amended to read as follows:  
13    1. The investigation. The pre-sentence investigation consists of the  
14    gathering of information with respect to the circumstances attending the  
15    commission of the offense, the defendant's history of delinquency or  
16    criminality, and the defendant's social history, employment history,  
17    family situation, economic status, INCLUDING CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS,  
18    education, and personal habits. Such investigation may also include any

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 other matter which the agency conducting the investigation deems rele-  
2 vant to the question of sentence, and must include any matter the court  
3 directs to be included.

4 S 3. Subdivision 9 of part B of section 236 of the domestic relations  
5 law is amended by adding a new paragraph e to read as follows:

6 E. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, UPON AN  
7 APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION OF CHILD SUPPORT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDI-  
8 VISION, THE COURT IN ITS DISCRETION, MAY ISSUE AN ORDER DIRECTING THAT  
9 AN ORDER FOR PAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT BE STAYED FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO  
10 ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS FOLLOWING THE RELEASE OF A NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT  
11 FROM A PERIOD OF INCARCERATION. ARREARS SHALL ACCRUE DURING SUCH PERI-  
12 OD. THE ORIGINAL ORDER, OR ANY MODIFIED ORDER SHALL BE ENFORCEABLE AT  
13 THE END OF SUCH STAY.

14 S 4. Section 13 of chapter 182 of the laws of 2010 amending the tax  
15 law, the family court act, the domestic relations law and the social  
16 services law relating to the modification of child support orders,  
17 employer reporting of new hires and quarterly earnings, work programs  
18 and the noncustodial earned income tax credit is amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 S 13. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
21 have become law; provided however, that sections six and seven of this  
22 act shall apply to any action or proceeding to modify any order of child  
23 support entered on or after the effective date of this act except that  
24 if the child support order incorporated without merging a valid agree-  
25 ment or stipulation of the parties, the amendments regarding the modifi-  
26 cation of a child support order set forth in sections six and seven of  
27 this act shall only apply if the incorporated agreement or stipulation  
28 was executed on or after this act's effective date, AND EXCEPT THAT  
29 SECTIONS SIX AND SEVEN OF THIS ACT SHALL APPLY TO ANY ACTION OR PROCEED-  
30 ING TO MODIFY A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER ENTERED AGAINST ANY PERSON WHO IS AN  
31 INMATE IN A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN THIS STATE WHOSE INCARCERATION  
32 BEGAN PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT; provided however, that  
33 sections three and four of this act shall take effect on the three  
34 hundred sixty-fifth day after it shall have become a law.

35 S 5. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
36 have become a law.