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Bill 190

**An Act to exclude child support
payments from income calculation
under various social laws**

Introduction

**Introduced by
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Member for Sherbrooke**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this bill is to provide that, for the purposes of various social laws, namely the Individual and Family Assistance Act, the Act respecting financial assistance for education expenses, the Act respecting legal aid and the provision of certain other legal services and the Act respecting the Société d'habitation du Québec, child support payments are not part of the income of individuals who receive them.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Individual and Family Assistance Act (chapter A-13.1.1);
- Act respecting financial assistance for education expenses (chapter A-13.3);
- Act respecting legal aid and the provision of certain other legal services (chapter A-14);
- Act respecting the Société d'habitation du Québec (chapter S-8).

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AS under the Taxation Act (chapter I-3), child support payments are not included in the income of individuals who receive them;

AS it is fitting that other laws of Québec specify that child support payments are not part of the income of individuals who receive them;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE ACT

1. Section 55 of the Individual and Family Assistance Act (chapter A-13.1.1) is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“Child support payments are not taken into account for the purpose of establishing the benefit granted an independent adult or a family.”

ACT RESPECTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR EDUCATION EXPENSES

2. Section 5 of the Act respecting financial assistance for education expenses (chapter A-13.3) is amended by inserting the following paragraph after the first paragraph:

“Child support payments are not included in the student’s income for the purpose of establishing the student’s contribution for the loans and bursaries program.”

ACT RESPECTING LEGAL AID AND THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN OTHER LEGAL SERVICES

3. The Act respecting legal aid and the provision of certain other legal services (chapter A-14) is amended by inserting the following section after section 4.2:

“4.2.1. Child support payments are not included in income for the purpose of determining financial eligibility for legal aid.”

ACT RESPECTING THE SOCIÉTÉ D'HABITATION DU QUÉBEC

4. Section 3.1 of the Act respecting the Société d'habitation du Québec (chapter S-8) is amended by inserting the following paragraph after the second paragraph:

“In all cases where a person’s income is taken into account for the carrying out or administration of a program of the Société, child support payments must not be included in the person’s income.”

5. This Act comes into force on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*).