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Rep. Norgaard's Bill to Identify Deadbeat Parents Is Signed Into Law

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Jill Norgaard (R-18) praised Governor Ducey for signing <u>HB 2139</u> into law.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Norgaard, allows the Department of Economic Security (DES) to establish an insurance industry data match reporting system for the purpose of identifying claimants who are overdue on child support payments and permits DES to post information on the internet on individuals who have not made child support payments in at least 12 months.

"This legislation gives DES more tools to identify parents with outstanding child support payments and incentivizes those parents to fulfill their obligations," said Representative Norgaard. "If they do not fulfil their obligation, HB 2139 allows for identification of excessive insurance awards to go directly to the children."

"I thank Governor Ducey and my colleagues in the Legislature for prioritizing the wellbeing and safety of children in our state."

HB 2139 passed overwhelmingly out of both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

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