Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that the duty to support a child ceases when the child becomes 19 years of age unless the child is a full-time student in a secondary school.

Effective Date: July 1, 2019.

Explanation of State Expenditures: If the bill increases the number of individuals in the state who owe child support, the workload of the Bureau of Child Support will likely increase. Actual increases in the workload will depend on the number of individuals who will have to pay child support until the child graduates from secondary school. However, any increase is likely to be minimal.

Explanation of State Revenues: To the extent a child support order excludes secondary education support, this bill could increase the number of individuals who will owe child support in the state. If child support collections increase as a result of this bill, then the state may also see an increase in federal IV-D funding that is tied to the amount of child support collected in the state. Actual increases in child support collections are indeterminable.

Under IC 31-16-6-2, the child support order or an educational support order may also include amounts for the child’s education in elementary and secondary schools and at post-secondary educational institutions.

Additional Information: The federal IV-D program consists of a static amount of performance-based grants awarded to states (on a competitive basis) depending on performance regarding specified metrics. These metrics include a: (1) paternity-establishment performance level, (2) support order enforcement performance...
level, (3) current payment performance level, (4) arrearage performance level, and (5) cost-effectiveness performance level.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** This bill could potentially increase the workload of the court to modify existing child support orders. Any increase is likely to be small.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Child Services.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Prosecuting Attorneys Council; Child Support Bureau.

**Information Sources:** Department of Child Services website.

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