# **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

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# **DIGEST**

Currently, no Texas law authorizes lottery winning prizes to be applied to the payment of child support. Wage garnishment liens are not accepted by the Lottery Commission from private attorneys. This bill authorizes lottery winning prizes to be applied to the payment of child support.

## **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1096 authorizes lottery winning prizes to be applied to the payment of child support.

## **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Texas Lottery Commission in SECTION 1 (Chapter 466I, Government Code) of this bill.

## **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 466I, Government Code, by adding Section 466.4075, as follows:

Sec. 466.4075. DEDUCTIONS OF CHILD SUPPORT FROM CERTAIN LOTTERY WINNINGS. Requires this section to apply only to a prize that is required to be awarded by the director of the lottery division (director) under Section 466.402(b). Requires the executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission (executive director) to deduct an amount a court has ordered a person to pay as child support from a person's winnings, if the director has been provided with certain information. Requires the executive director to pay the balance to the person if a person's winnings exceed the amount deducted under Subsection (b) and Section 466.407. Requires the executive director to transfer the money deducted under Subsection (b) to the clerk of the court that issued the order for placement in the registry of the court. Sets forth types of rules that the Texas Lottery Commission is required to adopt.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.