

SENATE BILL No. 1428

June 26, 2008, Introduced by Senator JANSEN and referred to the Committee on Families and Human Services.

A bill to amend 1971 PA 174, entitled
"Office of child support act,"
by amending sections 3 and 3a (MCL 400.233 and 400.233a), section 3
as amended by 2002 PA 564 and section 3a as amended by 1998 PA 112;
and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 3. The office shall do all of the following:

2 (a) Serve as a state agency authorized to administer title IV-

3 D.

4 (b) Assist a governmental agency or department in locating an
5 adult responsible for the child for any of the following purposes:

6 (i) To establish parentage.

7 (ii) To establish, set the amount of, modify, or enforce

1 support obligations.

2 (iii) To disburse support receipts.

3 (iv) To make or enforce child custody or parenting time orders.

4 (c) Coordinate activity on a state level in a search for an
5 adult responsible for the child.

6 (d) Obtain information that directly relates to the identity
7 or location of an adult responsible for the child.

8 (e) Serve as the information agency as provided in the revised
9 uniform reciprocal enforcement of support act, 1952 PA 8, MCL
10 780.151 to 780.183, and **THE** uniform interstate family support act,
11 1996 PA 310, MCL 552.1101 to 552.1901.

12 (f) Develop guidelines for coordinating activities of a
13 governmental department, board, commission, bureau, agency, or
14 council, or a public or private agency, in providing information
15 necessary for the location of an adult responsible for the child.

16 (g) Develop, administer, and coordinate with the state and
17 federal departments of treasury a procedure for offsetting the
18 state tax refunds and federal income tax refunds of a parent who is
19 obligated to support a child and who owes past due support. The
20 procedure shall include a guideline that the office submit to the
21 state department of treasury, not later than November 15 of each
22 year, all requests for the offset of state tax refunds claimed on
23 returns filed or to be filed for that tax year.

24 (h) Develop and implement a statewide information system to
25 facilitate the establishment and enforcement of child support
26 obligations.

27 (i) Publicize through regular and frequent, nonsexist public

1 service announcements the availability of support establishment and
2 enforcement services.

3 (j) Develop and implement in cooperation with financial
4 institutions a data matching and lien and levy system to identify
5 assets of and to facilitate the collection of support from the
6 assets of individuals who have an account at a financial
7 institution and who are obligated to pay support as provided in
8 this act.

9 (k) Provide discovery and support for support enforcement
10 activities as provided in the support and parenting time
11 enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.601 to 552.650.

12 (l) Have in effect safeguards against the unauthorized use or
13 disclosure of case record information that are designed to protect
14 the privacy rights of the parties as specified in sections 454 and
15 454a of title IV-D, ~~42 U.S.C.~~ **42 USC** 654 and 654a, and that are
16 consistent with the use and disclosure standards provided under
17 section 64 of the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.64.

18 (m) As provided in section 10 for friend of the court cases,
19 centralize administrative enforcement remedies and develop and
20 implement a centralized enforcement program to facilitate the
21 collection of support.

22 **(N) COORDINATE, THROUGH THE FRIEND OF THE COURT BUREAU CREATED**
23 **IN SECTION 19 OF THE FRIEND OF THE COURT ACT, 1982 PA 294, MCL**
24 **552.519, THE PROVISION OF SERVICES UNDER TITLE IV-D BY FRIEND OF**
25 **THE COURT OFFICES.**

26 **(O) TOGETHER WITH THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE,**
27 **CONTRACT TO PROVIDE SERVICES UNDER TITLE IV-D BY FRIEND OF THE**

1 **COURT OFFICES.**

2 Sec. 3a. (1) Upon receipt of a request from the office of the
3 friend of the court under section 24 of the support and parenting
4 time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.624, **AND AS OTHERWISE**
5 **REQUIRED BY FEDERAL REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER TITLE IV-D**, the
6 office of child support shall initiate offset proceedings against
7 the state tax refunds and federal income tax refunds of a parent
8 who is obligated to support a child and who owes past due support.

9 (2) The office shall send to a parent who is the subject of a
10 request under subsection (1) advance written notice of the proposed
11 offset. The notice shall inform the parent of the opportunity to
12 contest the offset of his or her state income tax refund on the
13 grounds that the offset is not proper because of a mistake of fact
14 concerning the amount of overdue support or the identity of the
15 parent.

16 (3) The office shall provide for the prompt reimbursement of
17 an amount withheld in error or an amount found to exceed the amount
18 of overdue support.

19 Enacting section 1. Section 6a of the office of child support
20 act, 1971 PA 174, MCL 400.236a, is repealed.

21 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
22 unless Senate Bill No. 1423

23 of the 94th Legislature is enacted into law.