

1 **State of Arkansas**
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4 **By: Senator Todd**

A Bill

SENATE BILL 598

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 9-27-346 TO
9 REQUIRE THAT AT A JUVENILE ADJUDICATION OR DISPOSITION
10 HEARING THE COURT SHALL REFER ANY QUESTION OF CHILD
11 SUPPORT FOR THE JUVENILE TO THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT
12 UNIT AND SHALL ISSUE A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER UPON PETITION
13 BY THE UNIT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

16 "TO REQUIRE THAT THE COURT SHALL ISSUE CHILD SUPPORT
17 ORDERS AT JUVENILE HEARINGS UPON PETITION BY THE CHILD
18 SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT UNIT."

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-27-346 is hereby amended to read as
23 follows:

24 "9-27-346. Support orders.

25 (a) If it appears at the adjudication or disposition hearing in any
26 case brought under this subchapter that the parents or any other person named
27 in the petition who are by law required to provide support for the juvenile
28 are able to contribute to the support of the juvenile the court shall refer
29 the question of child support to the Child Support Enforcement Unit and upon
30 petition by the Unit shall issue an order requiring such person to pay a
31 reasonable sum for the support, maintenance, or education of the juvenile to
32 any person, agency, or institution to whom custody is awarded.

33 (b) The court shall, from time to time, on application from the Child
34 Support Enforcement Unit, make such adjustments and modifications of the order
35 as may appear reasonable and proper.

1 (c) The court shall also order such persons required by law to support
2 a juvenile to disclose their place of employment and the amount earned by
3 them. Anyone who refuses to disclose such information may be cited for
4 contempt of the juvenile court."

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6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 9-14-224 is amended to read as follows:

7 "9-14-224. Income withholding - Duties of payor.

8 (a) A payor who has been notified of an order of income withholding
9 shall be bound by the order until further notice by the court or its
10 representative.

11 (b) A payor who is an employer that withholds support payments from
12 more than one employee shall have the option to periodically remit to the
13 clerk funds withheld from all such employees in a single check rather than
14 remitting the funds withheld from each employee separately. If the payor
15 elects to remit all such funds in a single check, each such remittance shall
16 be accompanied by a list showing the portion of the funds withheld from each
17 employee.

18 (c) A payor shall notify the court or its representative immediately
19 when the noncustodial parent terminates employment or takes other adverse
20 action terminating the income source and shall provide the noncustodial
21 parent's last known address and the name and address of any new employer, if
22 known."

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24 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
25 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
26 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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28 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
29 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
30 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
31 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
32 act are declared to be severable.

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34 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
35 hereby repealed.

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/s/Senator Todd