Act 808 of the 1989 Regular Session.

Act 808 HB1481

By: Representative Mahony

"AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 9 CHAPTER 14, SUBCHAPTER 2 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987 TO PERMIT CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT UNITS TO EMPLOY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 9-14-206 is hereby amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d) The Child Support Enforcement Unit is hereby designated as a law enforcement agency and may employ a Child Support Officer in counties where the court grants at least two thousand five hundred (2,500) divorces each year to assist in the service of civil and criminal process and to enforce child support orders in this state. Such officers shall be duly certified law enforcement officers pursuant to Arkansas Code 12-9-101 et seq. and shall have the same power to execute, serve and return, all lawful warrants including warrants of arrest issued by the State of Arkansas or any political subdivision thereof."

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 9-14-207 is hereby amended to read as follows: 9-14-207. Child Support Enforcement Unit - Manager.

(a) The Manager of the Child Support Enforcement Unit is authorized to enter $\ensuremath{\mathsf{E}}$

into cooperative agreements with county judges, court clerks, and prosecuting attorneys concerning the establishment, enforcement, collection, monitoring, and distribution of support obligations.

(b) The manager of the Child Support Enforcement Unit is further authorized

to appoint Child Support Officers in counties where the court grants at least two thousand five hundred (2,500) divorces each year as law enforcement officers in the duties and obligations as set for in Ark. Code 9-14-206(d)."

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

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED: March 21, 1989