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# A Bill

ACT 1072 OF 1997  
SENATE BILL 395

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5 By: Senator Mahony  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS REGISTRY OF CHILD  
10 SUPPORT ORDERS WHICH WILL ALSO SERVE AS A REPOSITORY FOR  
11 GATHERING AND REPORTING OF STATISTICAL CHILD SUPPORT CASE  
12 DATA FOR CHANCERY COURTS AND THE JUVENILE DIVISIONS  
13 THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."  
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## Subtitle

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16 "TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS REGISTRY OF  
17 CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS."  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Title 9, Chapter 14, Subchapter 1 of the Arkansas Code  
22 Annotated is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

23 "9-14-108. Arkansas Registry of Child Support Orders.

24 (a) As used in this section, "child support order" means a judgment,  
25 decree, or order, whether temporary, final, or subject to modification, issued  
26 by a court or an administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, for the  
27 support and maintenance of a child, including a child who has attained the age  
28 of majority under the law of the issuing state, or a child and the parent with  
29 whom the child is living, which provides for monetary support, health care,  
30 arrearages, or reimbursement, and which may include related costs and fees,  
31 interest and penalties, income withholding, attorney's fees and other relief.

32 (b)(1) Not later than October 1, 1998, the Office of Child Support  
33 Enforcement of the Department of Finance and Administration will establish and  
34 maintain an automated registry of child support orders, to be known as the  
35 Arkansas Registry of Child Support Orders.

36 (A) The registry will contain abstracts of child support

1 orders and other information on each child support case in the state  
2 established or modified on or after October 1, 1998.

3           (B) The registry will further contain abstracts of all  
4 child support orders for cases in which services are being provided by the  
5 Office of Child Support Enforcement pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social  
6 Security Act.

7           (2) Abstracts of child support orders and other information on  
8 each child support case will include information as required by the United  
9 States Department of Health and Human services, as specified in federal  
10 regulations, including, but not limited to, names, social security numbers, or  
11 other uniform identification numbers, and case identification numbers that  
12 will identify individuals who owe or are owed child support or on whose behalf  
13 the establishment of support obligations are sought and the name of the county  
14 in which the case is filed.

15           (3)(A) Each child support case in the registry for which services  
16 are being provided under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act will include  
17 the amount of monthly or other periodic support owed under the order, and  
18 other amounts, including arrearages, interest, or late penalties and fees,  
19 which are due or overdue under the order; information on monies collected and  
20 distributed on each case; the birth date of any child for whom the order  
21 requires support; and the amount of any lien imposed with respect to the  
22 support order.

23           (B) Payment history information on Title IV-D child support  
24 cases maintained in the registry will be provided by the Office of Child  
25 Support Enforcement.

26           (c)(1) From time to time, as may be required, the Office of Child  
27 Support Enforcement will consult with the Administrative Office of the Courts  
28 to appropriately revise the statistical case data reporting system of the  
29 Administrative Office of the Courts in order to meet requirements of the  
30 registry.

31           (2) The Administrative Office of the Courts will advise all  
32 clerks of court or other court personnel responsible for completion of the  
33 case data reporting of any revised statistical reporting requirements.

34           (3) It is the specific intent of the General Assembly that the  
35 registry be established and maintained by modification to the case information  
36 reporting system currently administered through the Administrative Office of

1 the Courts without imposing duplicate reporting requirements on the clerks of  
2 court.

3 (d)(1) The Office of Child Support Enforcement will have access to  
4 statistical case information compiled by the Administrative Office of the  
5 Courts for the purpose of administering the registry.

6 (2) The cost of development and maintenance of the registry will  
7 be the responsibility of the Office of Child Support Enforcement.

8 (3) The cost of collection, storing, and retrieval of data for  
9 the registry will be the responsibility of the Office of Child Support  
10 Enforcement."

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12 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
13 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
14 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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16 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
17 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
18 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
19 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
20 act are declared to be severable.

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

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