DFA - OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT (634) 2009-11 BIENNIUM - LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATION

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES MISSION

The Office of Child Support Enforcement is responsible for locating absent parents, establishing paternity, establishing orders for support, collecting and disbursing support, and enforcing payment of support.

TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET

The total budget of the Office of Child Support Enforcement is \$63,391,786 the first year and \$64,131,919 the second year of the biennium.

FUNDING SOURCE

Funding consists of 66% federal reimbursement, and a combination of general revenue, fees collected, federal incentive payments and state share of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) collections equaling 34%.

II) CHANGES/APPROPRIATIONS

The operations appropriation funded with \$13,014,933 in general each year, has a net increase of \$1,914,456 the first year and \$1,949,820 the second year. This consists of:

- 1. Restoration of 54 currently authorized positions.
- 2. Reallocation of \$500,000 from Professional Fees to Operating Expenses due to changes in procurement regulations that require certain professional services now considered technical contracts to be expensed from the operating expenses line item.
- **3.** Restoration of capital outlay to replace aging equipment (\$100,000 increase each year)

Current funding levels will sufficiently cover the requested changes.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Restoration of 54 currently authorized positions:

Total positions for 2007-2009: 822 Total positions for 2009-2011: 876

Increase/ (Decrease): 54

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

- 1. Exempts extra help positions from a limitation of hours and requires that should a temporary or part-time employee be employed by the Department of Finance and Administration Revenue Services Division for more than 7 months, a report be filed with the Legislative Council.
- 2. Carry forward provision deleted.