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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

1263

By: Representative Mahony

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 9, CHAPTER 14 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987 TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY STATE COMMISSION ON CHILD SUPPORT; TO PROVIDE FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Title 9, Chapter 14 is hereby amended by adding a new subchapter to read as follows:

"Subchapter 4. State Commission on Child Support.

9-14-401. (a) There is hereby established the State Commission on Child Support to be composed of not more than twenty-five members appointed by the Governor and to be representative of custodial parents, non-custodial parents, Title IV-D agency personnel, legislators, judges, court clerks, child welfare agencies and other professionals with an interest in support enforcement.

(b) Members of the commission shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to per diem and mileage allowances for attendance at commission meetings at the same rate authorized by law for legislators' attendance at meetings of joint interim committees of the General Assembly.

(c) The chairman of the commission shall be selected annually by majority vote of the commission.

(d) All commission members shall be notified thirty (30) days in advance of any commission meeting.

(e) Any commission member who is absent without excuse approved by the chairman for three (3) meetings shall be deemed to have removed himself from the commission. The secretary of the commission shall notify the Secretary of State of the removal so proper notification can be forwarded to the member to notify him of his removal. A copy of the notification shall be forwarded to

the Governor for appointment of a replacement.

(f) Expense reimbursement shall be paid from funds appropriated to the Division of Economic and Medical Services of the Department of Human Services for such purposes.

9-14-402. The deputy director of the Division of Economic and Medical Services shall assign staff of the Division of Economic and Medical Services to assist the commission in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.

9-14-403. The State Commission on Child Support shall have the following duties:

(1) Examine, investigate and study the operation of the State's child support system to determine the extent to which such system is successful in securing support and parental involvement for children.

(2) Make recommendations for legislation which would clarify and improve state laws in the areas of visitation, standards for support, enforcement of interstate obligations, paternity establishment and support collection methods.

(3) Evaluate the availability, cost, and effectiveness of services for support enforcement to children receiving aid and those not receiving aid and assist the Title IV-D agency in program improvements or enhancements which would increase the availability of support enforcement.

(4) Examine proposed legislation and make recommendations concerning compliance with federal requirements for support collection.

(5) Review expedited process reporting for child support cases pending in the judicial districts from data furnished by the Judicial Department and assist in compliance with case processing standards."

SECTION 2. 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 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.