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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

1481

By: Representative Mahony

For An Act To Be Entitled

"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 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. All such Child Support Officers are further authorized to carry firearms during all hours in which they are actively pursuing the obligations and duties of the office to which they are appointed or employed."

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

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

