

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
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# **A Bill**

**HOUSE BILL 1027**

4 **By: Representatives Mahony and Northcutt**

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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED §§ 9-14-206 AND  
9 9-14-207 TO REMOVE THE STATISTICAL LIMITATION ON THE  
10 NUMBER OF COUNTIES IN WHICH THE MANAGER OF THE CHILD  
11 SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT UNIT MAY APPOINT CHILD SUPPORT  
12 OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## **Subtitle**

15 "AN ACT TO REMOVE THE STATISTICAL LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER  
16 OF COUNTIES IN WHICH THE MANAGER OF THE CHILD SUPPORT  
17 ENFORCEMENT UNIT MAY APPOINT CHILD SUPPORT OFFICERS."

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 9-14-206(d) is hereby amended to  
22 read as follows:

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

31 (e) *The manager of the Child Support Enforcement Unit is authorized to*  
32 *enter into purchase of service agreements with nonprofit statewide law*  
33 *enforcement agencies to assist in the service of civil and criminal process*  
34 *and to enforce child support orders in this state. Such officers shall be*  
35 *duly certified law enforcement officers pursuant to §12-9-101, et seq. and*

1 shall have the same power to execute, serve, and return all lawful warrants  
2 including warrants of arrest issued by the State of Arkansas or any political  
3 subdivision thereof."

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5 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated § 9-14-207 is hereby amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 "(a) The manager of the Child Support Enforcement Unit is authorized to  
8 enter into cooperative or purchase of service agreements with county judges,  
9 court clerks, and prosecuting attorneys concerning the establishment,  
10 enforcement, collection, monitoring, and distribution of support obligations.

11 (b) The manager of the Child Support Enforcement Unit is authorized to  
12 enter into professional service contracts with private individuals or  
13 businesses and public agencies concerning the establishment, enforcement,  
14 collection, monitoring, and distribution of support obligation.

15 (c) The manager of the Child Support Enforcement Unit is further  
16 authorized to appoint child support officers or contract with professional  
17 associations or organizations as law enforcement officers in the duties and  
18 obligations as set forth in § 9-14-206(d)."

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

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24 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
25 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
26 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
27 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
28 act are declared to be severable.

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30 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
31 hereby repealed.

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*/s/J. Mahony, et al*

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