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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS REGISTRY OF CHILD
9 SUPPORT ORDERS WHICH SHALL ALSO SERVE AS A REPOSITORY FOR
10 GATHERING AND REPORTING OF STATISTICAL CASE DATA FOR ALL
11 CHANCERY, PROBATE AND CIRCUIT COURTS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

15 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS
16 REGISTRY OF CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS."

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

20 SECTION 1. (a) As used in this act, "support order" means a judgment,
21 decree, or order, whether temporary, final, or subject to modification, issued
22 by court or an administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, for the
23 support and maintenance of a child, including a child who has attained the age
24 of majority under the law of the issuing state, or a child and the parent with
25 whom the child is living, which may provide for monetary support, health care,
26 arrearages or reimbursement, and which may include related costs and fees,
27 interest and penalties, income withholding, attorneys fees, and other relief.

28 (b)(1) No later than October 1, 1998, the Office of Child Support
29 Enforcement of the Department of Finance and Administration shall establish
30 and maintain an automated registry of child support orders, known as the
31 Arkansas Registry of Child Support Orders, which shall contain abstracts of
32 child support orders and other information with respect to each child support
33 case as established or modified after October 1, 1998, that is furnished and
34 regularly updated by the clerks of court.

35 (2) Such information with respect to child cases shall be that as
36 may be required by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and
37 Human Services, as specified in federal regulations and including but not

1 limited to names, social security numbers, or other uniform identification
2 numbers, and case identification numbers that will identify the individuals
3 who owe or are owed child support or on whose behalf the establishment of
4 support obligations are sought, and the name of the county in which the case
5 is filed.

6 (3)(A) Each child support case in the Arkansas Registry of Child
7 Support Orders for which services are being provided under Title IV-D of the
8 Social Security Act shall include the amount of monthly or other periodic
9 support owed under the order, and other amounts, including arrearages,
10 interest or late payment penalties and fees, which are due or overdue under
11 the order; information on monies collected and distributed on each case; the
12 birth date of any child for whom the order requires support; and the amount of
13 any lien imposed with respect to the support order.

14 (B) Payment history information on Title IV-D child support
15 cases will be provided by the Office of Child Support Enforcement.

16 (c)(1) For every action filed in the circuit, chancery, and probate
17 courts, the clerks of court shall enter such case data into the Arkansas
18 Registry of Child Support Orders data base as may from time to time be
19 required by the Administrative Office of the Courts pursuant to order of the
20 Arkansas Supreme Court.

21 (2) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall have access to
22 such data for the purpose of reporting statistical case data.

23 (d)(1) The cost of development and maintenance of the Arkansas Registry
24 of Child Support Orders shall be the responsibility of the Office of Child
25 Support Enforcement.

26 (2) The cost of storing and retrieval of data relative to child
27 support cases shall be the responsibility of the Office of Child Support
28 Enforcement.

29 (3) The cost of storing and retrieval of data for the purpose of
30 reporting statistical case data pursuant to the order of the Supreme Court
31 shall be the responsibility of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

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

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

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

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