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A Bill

SENATE BILL 395

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS REGISTRY OF CHILD
10 SUPPORT ORDERS WHICH WILL ALSO SERVE AS A REPOSITORY FOR
11 GATHERING AND REPORTING OF STATISTICAL CHILD SUPPORT CASE
12 DATA FOR CHANCERY COURTS AND THE JUVENILE DIVISIONS
13 THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

15 "TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS REGISTRY OF
16 CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS."
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Title 9, Chapter 14, Subchapter 1 of the Arkansas Code
22 Annotated is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

23 "9-14-108. Arkansas Registry of Child Support Orders.

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

32 (b)(1) Not later than October 1, 1998, the Office of Child Support
33 Enforcement of the Department of Finance and Administration will establish and
34 maintain an automated registry of child support orders, to be known as the
35 Arkansas Registry of Child Support Orders.

36 (A) The registry will contain abstracts of child support

1 orders and other information on each child support case in the state
2 established or modified on or after October 1, 1998.

3 (B) The registry will further contain abstracts of all
4 child support orders for cases in which services are being provided by the
5 Office of Child Support Enforcement pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social
6 Security Act.

7 (2) Abstracts of child support orders and other information on
8 each child support case will include information as required by the United
9 States Department of Health and Human services, as specified in federal
10 regulations, including, but not limited to, names, social security numbers, or
11 other uniform identification numbers, and case identification numbers that
12 will identify individuals who owe or are owed child support or on whose behalf
13 the establishment of support obligations are sought and the name of the county
14 in which the case is filed.

15 (3)(A) Each child support case in the registry for which services
16 are being provided under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act will include
17 the amount of monthly or other periodic support owed under the order, and
18 other amounts, including arrearages, interest, or late penalties and fees,
19 which are due or overdue under the order; information on monies collected and
20 distributed on each case; the birth date of any child for whom the order
21 requires support; and the amount of any lien imposed with respect to the
22 support order.

23 (B) Payment history information on Title IV-D child support
24 cases maintained in the registry will be provided by the Office of Child
25 Support Enforcement.

26 (c)(1) From time to time, as may be required, the Office of Child
27 Support Enforcement will consult with the Administrative Office of the Courts
28 to appropriately revise the statistical case data reporting system of the
29 Administrative Office of the Courts in order to meet requirements of the
30 registry.

31 (2) The Administrative Office of the Courts will advise all
32 clerks of court or other court personnel responsible for completion of the
33 case data reporting of any revised statistical reporting requirements.

34 (3) It is the specific intent of the General Assembly that the
35 registry be established and maintained by modification to the case information
36 reporting system currently administered through the Administrative Office of

1 the Courts without imposing duplicate reporting requirements on the clerks of
2 court.

3 (d)(1) The Office of Child Support Enforcement will have access to
4 statistical case information compiled by the Administrative Office of the
5 Courts for the purpose of administering the registry.

6 (2) The cost of development and maintenance of the registry will
7 be the responsibility of the Office of Child Support Enforcement.

8 (3) The cost of collection, storing, and retrieval of data for
9 the registry will be the responsibility of the Office of Child Support
10 Enforcement."

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

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

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

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