

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 100

A bill to amend 1982 PA 295, entitled  
"Support and parenting time enforcement act,"  
by amending sections 2, 3, 3a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, 7, 8, 9, 11a, 19,  
24, 25a, 26b, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 39, 44, 45, 46, and 48 (MCL  
552.602, 552.603, 552.603a, 552.605b, 552.605c, 552.605d, 552.605e,  
552.607, 552.608, 552.609, 552.611a, 552.619, 552.624, 552.625a,  
552.626b, 552.628, 552.629, 552.630, 552.631, 552.633, 552.635,  
552.639, 552.644, 552.645, 552.646, and 552.648), sections 2 and 3a  
as amended by 2004 PA 208, sections 3, 19, and 24 as amended by  
2002 PA 572, section 5b as added and section 26b as amended by 2001  
PA 106, section 5c as added and section 28 as amended by 2002 PA  
565, section 5d as added by 2002 PA 570, section 5e as added by  
2004 PA 211, sections 7, 33, and 35 as amended by 2004 PA 206,  
section 8 as amended by 1995 PA 236, sections 9, 11a, and 48 as

amended by 1999 PA 160, section 25a as amended by 2004 PA 484, sections 29 and 30 as amended by 1998 PA 334, section 31 as amended by 2004 PA 569, and sections 44 and 45 as amended by 2002 PA 568.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 2. As used in this act:

2           (a) "Account" means any of the following:

3           (i) A demand deposit account.

4           (ii) A draft account.

5           (iii) A checking account.

6           (iv) A negotiable order of withdrawal account.

7           (v) A share account.

8           (vi) A savings account.

9           (vii) A time savings account.

10          (viii) A mutual fund account.

11          (ix) A securities brokerage account.

12          (x) A money market account.

13          (xi) A retail investment account.

14          (b) "Account" does not mean any of the following:

15          (i) A trust.

16          (ii) An annuity.

17          (iii) A qualified individual retirement account.

18          (iv) An account covered by the employee retirement income  
19 security act of 1974, Public Law 93-406. ~~7-88 Stat. 829.~~

20          (v) A pension or retirement plan.

21          (vi) An insurance policy.

22          ~~—— (c) "Address" means the primary address shown on the records  
23 of a financial institution used by the financial institution to~~

1 ~~contact the account holder.~~

2 (C) ~~(d)~~-"Cash" means money or the equivalent of money, such as  
3 a money order, cashier's check, or negotiable check or a payment by  
4 debit or credit card, which equivalent is accepted as cash by the  
5 agency accepting the payment.

6 (D) ~~(e)~~-"Custody or parenting time order violation" means an  
7 individual's act or failure to act that interferes with a parent's  
8 right to interact with his or her child in the time, place, and  
9 manner established in the order that governs custody or parenting  
10 time between the parent and the child and to which the individual  
11 accused of interfering is subject.

12 (E) ~~(f)~~-"Department" means the ~~family independence agency~~

13 **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

14 (F) ~~(g)~~-"Domestic relations matter" means a circuit court  
15 proceeding as to child custody, ~~or~~ parenting time, ~~or~~ child  
16 **SUPPORT**, or spousal support, that arises out of litigation under a  
17 statute of this state, including, but not limited to, the  
18 following:

19 (i) 1846 RS 84, MCL 552.1 to 552.45.

20 (ii) The family support act, 1966 PA 138, MCL 552.451 to  
21 552.459.

22 (iii) ~~Child~~**THE CHILD** custody act of 1970, 1970 PA 91, MCL  
23 722.21 to 722.31.

24 (iv) 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.1 to 722.6.

25 (v) The paternity act, 1956 PA 205, MCL 722.711 to 722.730.

26 (vi) ~~Revised~~**THE REVISED** uniform reciprocal enforcement of  
27 support act, 1952 PA 8, MCL 780.151 to 780.183.

1           (vii) ~~Uniform~~**THE UNIFORM** interstate family support act, 1996  
2 PA 310, MCL 552.1101 to 552.1901.

3           (G) ~~(h)~~—"Driver's license" means license as that term is  
4 defined in section 25 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300,  
5 MCL 257.25.

6           (H) ~~(i)~~—"Employer" means an individual, sole proprietorship,  
7 partnership, association, or private or public corporation, the  
8 United States or a federal agency, this state or a political  
9 subdivision of this state, another state or a political subdivision  
10 of another state, or another legal entity that hires and pays an  
11 individual for his or her services.

12           (I) ~~(j)~~—"Financial asset" means a deposit, account, money  
13 market fund, stock, bond, or similar instrument.

14           (J) ~~(k)~~—"Financial institution" means any of the following:

15           (i) A state or national bank.

16           (ii) A state or federally chartered savings and loan  
17 association.

18           (iii) A state or federally chartered savings bank.

19           (iv) A state or federally chartered credit union.

20           (v) An insurance company.

21           (vi) An entity that offers any of the following to a resident  
22 of this state:

23           (A) A mutual fund account.

24           (B) A securities brokerage account.

25           (C) A money market account.

26           (D) A retail investment account.

27           (vii) An entity regulated by the securities and exchange

1 commission that collects funds from the public.

2 (viii) An entity that is a member of the national association of  
3 securities dealers and that collects funds from the public.

4 (ix) Another entity that collects funds from the public.

5 (K) ~~(l)~~—"Friend of the court act" means the friend of the court  
6 act, 1982 PA 294, MCL 552.501 to 552.535.

7 (l) ~~(m)~~—"Friend of the court case" means that term as defined  
8 in section 2 of the friend of the court act, MCL 552.502. ~~The term~~  
9 ~~"friend of the court case", when used in a provision of this act,~~  
10 ~~is not effective until on and after December 1, 2002.~~

11 (M) ~~(n)~~—"Income" means any of the following:

12 (i) Commissions, earnings, salaries, wages, and other income  
13 due or to be due in the future to an individual from his or her  
14 employer ~~and OR A successor employers~~ **EMPLOYER**.

15 (ii) A payment due or to be due in the future to an individual  
16 from a profit-sharing plan, a pension plan, an insurance contract,  
17 an annuity, social security, unemployment compensation,  
18 supplemental unemployment benefits, or worker's compensation.

19 (iii) An amount of money that is due to an individual as a debt  
20 of another individual, partnership, association, or private or  
21 public corporation, the United States or a federal agency, this  
22 state or a political subdivision of this state, another state or a  
23 political subdivision of another state, or another legal entity  
24 that is indebted to the individual.

25 (N) ~~(o)~~—"Insurer" means an insurer, health maintenance  
26 organization, health care corporation, or other group, plan, or  
27 entity that provides health care coverage in accordance with any of

1 the following acts:

2 (i) ~~Public~~**THE PUBLIC** health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.1101 to  
3 333.25211.

4 (ii) The insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.100 to  
5 500.8302.

6 (iii) The nonprofit health care corporation reform act, 1980 PA  
7 350, MCL 550.1101 to 550.1704.

8 (O) ~~(p)~~"Medical assistance" means medical assistance as  
9 established under title XIX of the social security act, ~~chapter~~  
10 ~~531, 49 Stat. 620, 42 USC 1396 to 1396r-6 and 1396r-8 to 1396v.~~

11 (P) ~~(q)~~"Most recent semiannual obligation" means the total  
12 amount of current child support owed by a parent during the  
13 preceding January 1 to June 30 or July 1 to December 31.

14 (Q) ~~(r)~~"Occupational license" means a certificate,  
15 registration, or license issued by a state department, bureau, or  
16 agency that has regulatory authority over an individual that allows  
17 an individual to legally engage in a regulated occupation or that  
18 allows the individual to use a specific title in the practice of an  
19 occupation, profession, or vocation.

20 (R) ~~(s)~~"Office of child support" means the office of child  
21 support established in section 2 of the office of child support  
22 act, 1971 PA 174, MCL 400.232.

23 (S) ~~(t)~~"Office of the friend of the court" means an agency  
24 created in section 3 of the friend of the court act, MCL 552.503.

25 (T) ~~(u)~~"Order of income withholding" means an order entered  
26 by the circuit court providing for the withholding of a payer's  
27 income to enforce a support order under this act.

1           (U) ~~(v)~~—"Payer" means an individual who is ordered by the  
2 circuit court to pay support.

3           (V) ~~(w)~~—"Person" means an individual, partnership,  
4 corporation, association, governmental entity, or other legal  
5 entity.

6           (W) ~~(x)~~—"Plan administrator" means that term as used in  
7 relation to a group health plan under section 609 of title I of the  
8 employee retirement income security act of 1974, ~~Public Law 93-406,~~  
9 29 USC 1169, if the health care coverage plan of the individual who  
10 is responsible for providing a child with health care coverage is  
11 subject to that act.

12           (X) ~~(y)~~—"Political subdivision" means a county, city, village,  
13 township, educational institution, school district, or special  
14 district or authority of this state or of a local unit of  
15 government.

16           (Y) ~~(z)~~—"Recipient of support" means the following:

17           (i) The spouse, if the support order orders spousal support.

18           (ii) The custodial parent or guardian, if the support order  
19 orders support for a minor child or a child who is 18 years of age  
20 or older.

21           (iii) The department, if support has been assigned to that  
22 department.

23           (iv) **THE COUNTY, IF THE MINOR CHILD IS IN COUNTY-FUNDED FOSTER**  
24 **CARE.**

25           (Z) ~~(aa)~~—"Recreational or sporting license" means a hunting,  
26 fishing, or fur harvester's license issued under the natural  
27 resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL

1 324.101 to 324.90106, but does not include a commercial fishing  
 2 license or permit issued under part 473 of the natural resources  
 3 and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.47301 to  
 4 324.47362.

5 (AA) ~~(bb)~~—"Referee" means a person who is designated as a  
 6 referee under the friend of the court act.

7 (BB) ~~(ee)~~—"Source of income" means an employer or successor  
 8 employer, **A LABOR ORGANIZATION**, or another individual or entity  
 9 that owes or will owe income to the payer.

10 (CC) ~~(dd)~~—"State disbursement unit" or "SDU" means the entity  
 11 established in section 6 of the office of child support act, 1971  
 12 PA 174, MCL 400.236.

13 (DD) ~~(ee)~~—"State friend of the court bureau" means that bureau  
 14 as created in the state court administrative office under section  
 15 19 of the friend of the court act, MCL 552.519.

16 (EE) ~~(ff)~~—"Support" means all of the following:

17 (i) The payment of money for a child or a spouse ordered by the  
 18 circuit court, whether the order is embodied in an interim,  
 19 temporary, permanent, or modified order or judgment. Support may  
 20 include payment of the expenses of medical, dental, and other  
 21 health care, child care expenses, and educational expenses.

22 (ii) The payment of money ordered by the circuit court under  
 23 the paternity act, 1956 PA 205, MCL 722.711 to 722.730, for the  
 24 necessary expenses ~~incurred by or for the mother in connection with~~  
 25 ~~her confinement, for other expenses in connection with the~~  
 26 **CONNECTED TO THE MOTHER'S** pregnancy ~~of the mother~~ **OR THE BIRTH OF**  
 27 **THE CHILD**, or for the repayment of genetic testing expenses.

1 (iii) A surcharge under section 3a.

2 (FF) ~~(gg)~~ "Support order" means an order entered by the  
3 circuit court for the payment of support, whether or not a sum  
4 certain.

5 (GG) ~~(hh)~~ "Title IV-D" means part D of title IV of the social  
6 security act, ~~chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, 42 USC 651 to 655, 656 to~~  
7 ~~657, 658a to 660, and 663 to 669b.~~

8 (HH) ~~(ii)~~ "Title IV-D agency" means the agency in this state  
9 performing the functions under title IV-D and includes a person  
10 performing those functions under contract, including an office of  
11 the friend of the court or a prosecuting attorney.

12 (II) ~~(jj)~~ "Work activity" means any of the following:

13 (i) Unsubsidized employment.

14 (ii) Subsidized private sector employment.

15 (iii) Subsidized public sector employment.

16 (iv) Work experience, including work associated with the  
17 refurbishing of publicly assisted housing, if sufficient private  
18 sector employment is not available.

19 (v) On-the-job training.

20 (vi) Referral to and participation in the work first program  
21 prescribed in the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.1 to  
22 400.119b, or other job search and job readiness assistance.

23 (vii) ~~Community~~ **A COMMUNITY** service ~~programs~~ **PROGRAM**.

24 (viii) Vocational educational training, not to exceed 12 months  
25 with respect to an individual.

26 (ix) Job skills training directly related to employment.

27 (x) Education directly related to employment, in the case of

1 an individual who has not received a high school diploma or a  
2 certificate of high school equivalency.

3 (xi) Satisfactory attendance at secondary school or in a course  
4 of study leading to a certificate of general equivalence, in the  
5 case of an individual who has not completed secondary school or  
6 received such a certificate.

7 (xii) The ~~provisions~~ **PROVISION** of child care services to an  
8 individual who is participating in a community service program.

9 Sec. 3. (1) A support order issued by a court of this state  
10 shall be enforced as provided in this act.

11 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a support  
12 order that is part of a judgment or is an order in a domestic  
13 relations matter is a judgment on and after the date the support  
14 amount is due as prescribed in section 5c, with the full force,  
15 effect, and attributes of a judgment of this state, and is not, on  
16 and after the date it is due, subject to retroactive modification.

17 **NO ADDITIONAL ACTION IS NECESSARY TO REDUCE SUPPORT TO A FINAL**  
18 **JUDGMENT.** Retroactive modification of a support payment due under a  
19 support order is permissible with respect to a period during which  
20 there is pending a petition for modification, but only from the  
21 date that notice of the petition was given to the payer or  
22 recipient of support.

23 (3) This section does not apply to an ex parte interim support  
24 order or a temporary support order entered under supreme court  
25 rule.

26 (4) The office of the friend of the court shall make available  
27 to a payer or payee the forms and instructions described in section

1 5 of the friend of the court act, MCL 552.505.

2 (5) This section does not prohibit a court approved agreement  
3 between the parties to retroactively modify a support order. This  
4 section does not limit other enforcement remedies available under  
5 this or another act.

6 (6) Every support order that is part of a judgment issued by a  
7 court of this state or that is an order in a domestic relations  
8 matter shall include all of the following:

9 (a) Substantially the following statement: "Except as  
10 otherwise provided in section 3 of the support and parenting time  
11 enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.603, a support order that is  
12 part of a judgment or that is an order in a domestic relations  
13 matter as defined in section 2 of the friend of the court act, 1982  
14 PA 294, MCL 552.502, is a judgment on and after the date each  
15 support payment is due, with the full force, effect, and attributes  
16 of a judgment of this state, and is not, on and after the date it  
17 is due, subject to retroactive modification. A surcharge ~~will~~**MAY**  
18 be added to support amounts that are past due as provided in  
19 section 3a of the support and parenting time enforcement act, 1982  
20 PA 295, MCL 552.603a."

21 (b) Notice informing the payer of the imposition of liens by  
22 operation of law and that the payer's real and personal property  
23 can be encumbered or seized if an arrearage accrues in an amount  
24 greater than the amount of periodic support payments payable under  
25 the payer's support order for the time period specified in ~~the~~  
26 ~~support and parenting time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL~~  
27 ~~552.601 to 552.650~~**THIS ACT.**

1 (C) NOTICE THAT AN ORDER FOR DEPENDENT HEALTH CARE COVERAGE  
 2 TAKES EFFECT IMMEDIATELY AND THAT, IN A FRIEND OF THE COURT CASE, A  
 3 NATIONAL MEDICAL SUPPORT NOTICE WILL BE SENT TO THE PARENT'S  
 4 CURRENT AND SUBSEQUENT EMPLOYERS AND INSURERS IF APPROPRIATE. THE  
 5 NOTICE SHALL INFORM THE PARENT THAT HE OR SHE MAY CONTEST THE  
 6 ACTION BY REQUESTING A REVIEW OR HEARING CONCERNING AVAILABILITY OF  
 7 HEALTH CARE COVERAGE AT A REASONABLE COST.

8 (7) ~~Each~~ A support order that is an order in a friend of the  
 9 court case shall ~~include~~ **REQUIRE EACH PARTY TO PROVIDE** all of the  
 10 following **INFORMATION TO THE FRIEND OF THE COURT IN WRITING:**

11 (a) ~~A requirement that, within 21 days after the payer or~~  
 12 ~~payee changes his or her residential or mailing address, that~~  
 13 ~~individual report the new address and his or her telephone number~~  
 14 ~~in writing to the friend of the court. A SINGLE MAILING ADDRESS FOR~~  
 15 **THE PARTY, TO WHICH ALL NOTICES AND PAPERS IN THE CASE WILL BE**  
 16 **SERVED.**

17 (B) **THE PARTY'S RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.**

18 (C) **THE PARTY'S TELEPHONE NUMBER.**

19 (D) ~~(b) A requirement that both~~ **STATEMENT OF WHETHER** the payer  
 20 ~~and OR payee notify the office of the friend of the court if he or~~  
 21 ~~she holds an occupational license, and if he or she holds a~~  
 22 **driver's license, OR RECREATIONAL LICENSE.**

23 (E) ~~(c) The name, address, and telephone number~~ **NAMES,**  
 24 **ADDRESSES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS** of the payer's and payee's current  
 25 sources of income.

26 (F) ~~(d) A requirement that both the payer and payee inform the~~  
 27 ~~office of the friend of the court of his or her~~ **THE PAYER'S AND**

1 PAYEE'S social security number ~~NUMBERS~~ and driver's license number  
2 NUMBERS. The requirement of this subdivision to provide a social  
3 security number with the information does not apply to a payer or  
4 payee who demonstrates he or she is exempt under law from obtaining  
5 a social security number or to a payer or payee who for religious  
6 convictions is exempt under law from disclosure of his or her  
7 social security number under these circumstances. The court shall  
8 inform the payer and payee of this possible exemption.

9 ~~—— (c) Notice that an order for dependent health care coverage  
10 takes effect immediately and will be sent to the parent's current  
11 and subsequent employers and insurers if appropriate. The notice  
12 shall inform the parent that he or she may contest the action by  
13 requesting a review or hearing concerning availability of health  
14 care coverage at a reasonable cost.~~

15 (8) A SUPPORT ORDER THAT IS AN ORDER IN A FRIEND OF THE COURT  
16 CASE SHALL INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT THAT IF ANY OF THE INFORMATION  
17 PROVIDED TO THE FRIEND OF THE COURT UNDER SUBSECTION (7) CHANGES,  
18 EACH PARTY SHALL NOTIFY THE FRIEND OF THE COURT OF THE NEW  
19 INFORMATION WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER THE CHANGE AND THAT A FAILURE TO  
20 PROVIDE THE NEW INFORMATION MAY SUBJECT THE PARTY TO IMPOSITION OF  
21 A FEE UNDER SUBSECTION (12). A NOTICE OF NEW INFORMATION UNDER THIS  
22 SUBSECTION SHALL BE IN WRITING OR BY ANY OTHER METHOD ALLOWED UNDER  
23 GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
24 UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND DIRECTION OF THE SUPREME COURT.

25 (9) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 11 AND 25A, SERVICE OF  
26 NOTICES OR OTHER PAPERS UNDER THIS ACT AND UNDER THE FRIEND OF THE  
27 COURT ACT SHALL BE MADE BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID. IF

1 MAIL IS RETURNED AS UNDELIVERABLE FROM THAT ADDRESS, THE FRIEND OF  
2 THE COURT MAY CHANGE THE ADDRESS PURSUANT TO GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED  
3 BY THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OR THE SUPREME COURT.

4 (10) UNLESS FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION REQUIRES OTHERWISE, IF  
5 MAIL SERVED UNDER SUBSECTION (9) IS RETURNED FROM AN ADDRESS AND A  
6 NEW ADDRESS HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER THE MAIL  
7 IS RETURNED, THE PARTY WAIVES HIS OR HER RIGHT TO NOTICE AND THE  
8 FRIEND OF THE COURT IS NOT OBLIGATED TO SERVE ANY NOTICE OR OTHER  
9 PAPER UNTIL THE PARTY SUBMITS A WRITTEN CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO THE  
10 FRIEND OF THE COURT OR UNTIL THE FRIEND OF THE COURT HAS CHANGED  
11 THE ADDRESS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (9).

12 (11) ~~(8)~~—A support order shall not accrue interest.

13 (12) IF A PERSON FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS  
14 SECTION, THE COURT MAY IMPOSE A FEE SET PURSUANT TO A POLICY  
15 ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE UNDER THE  
16 SUPERVISION AND DIRECTION OF THE SUPREME COURT. A FEE ORDERED UNDER  
17 THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND  
18 CREATED IN SECTION 2530 OF THE REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961, 1961  
19 PA 236, MCL 600.2530.

20 (13) IN A PROCEEDING TO ENFORCE SUPPORT, A REPORT, RECORD, OR  
21 INFORMATION FROM THE MICHIGAN CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM OR  
22 THE SUPPORT DISBURSEMENT UNIT THAT RELATES TO PAID OR UNPAID  
23 SUPPORT IS PRIMA FACIE AUTHENTIC AND MAY BE ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE  
24 WITHOUT EXTRINSIC EVIDENCE OF AUTHENTICITY.

25 Sec. 3a. (1) ~~For~~—SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (6), FOR a friend of  
26 the court case, ~~as of~~—IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT THE PAYER HAS  
27 FAILED TO PAY SUPPORT UNDER A SUPPORT ORDER AND THE FAILURE WAS

1 **WILLFUL, THE COURT MAY ORDER THAT ON** January 1 and July 1 of each  
2 year, a surcharge ~~shall~~ be added to support payments that are past  
3 due as of those dates. The surcharge shall be calculated at 6-month  
4 intervals at an annual rate of interest equal to 1% plus the  
5 average interest rate paid at auctions of 5-year United States  
6 treasury notes during the 6 months immediately preceding July 1 and  
7 January 1, as certified by the state treasurer. The amount of the  
8 surcharge shall not compound. The amount shown as due and owing on  
9 the records of the friend of the court as of January 1 and July 1  
10 of each year shall be reduced by an amount equal to 1 month's  
11 support for purposes of assessing the surcharge. ~~A surcharge under~~  
12 ~~this subsection shall not be added to support ordered under the~~  
13 ~~paternity act, 1956 PA 205, MCL 722.711 to 722.730, for the time~~  
14 ~~period to the date of the support order.~~ **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN**  
15 **SUBSECTION (5), A SURCHARGE ORDERED BY THE COURT APPLIES UNTIL**  
16 **ABATED BY THE COURT.**

17 (2) A surcharge ~~as computed in~~ **ORDERED UNDER** subsection (1)  
18 shall be assessed on a semiannual cycle on January 1 and July 1 of  
19 each year except as otherwise provided under subsection (3).

20 (3) A surcharge shall not be assessed for the current  
21 semiannual cycle ~~for~~ **IN** any of the following **CIRCUMSTANCES**:

22 (a) Beginning on July 1, 2005, in ~~eases~~ **A CASE** in which the  
23 friend of the court is collecting on a current child support  
24 obligation, ~~—~~ **AND** the payer has paid 90% or more of the most recent  
25 semiannual obligation during the semiannual cycle.

26 (b) ~~For~~ **IN A CASE IN WHICH** a support order **IS** entered after  
27 ~~the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection~~

1 **JULY 14, 2004**, for any period of time a support order did not exist  
2 ~~when~~ **IF** support is later ordered for that period.

3 (c) ~~The~~ **IF THE** surcharge is waived or abated under a court  
4 order under section 3d.

5 (4) ~~The~~ **A** surcharge **ADDED UNDER THIS SECTION** shall be  
6 collected and enforced by any means authorized under this act, the  
7 friend of the court act, or another appropriate federal or state  
8 law for the enforcement and collection of child support and paid  
9 through the state disbursement unit.

10 (5) **A SURCHARGE ORDERED UNDER THIS SECTION IN AN ORDER ENTERED**  
11 **BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS**  
12 **SUBSECTION IS TERMINATED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY**  
13 **ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION. ANOTHER SURCHARGE SHALL NOT BE**  
14 **ORDERED IN THE ACTION UNLESS THE SURCHARGE IS ORDERED BY THE COURT**  
15 **UNDER SUBSECTION (1).**

16 (6) **AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED**  
17 **THIS SUBSECTION, A COURT SHALL NOT ORDER THAT A SURCHARGE UNDER**  
18 **SUBSECTION (1) BE ADDED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2011.**

19 Sec. 5b. (1) A court that orders child support may order  
20 support for a child after the child reaches 18 years of age as  
21 provided in this section.

22 (2) The court may order child support for the time a child is  
23 regularly attending high school on a full-time basis with a  
24 reasonable expectation of completing sufficient credits to graduate  
25 from high school while residing on a full-time basis with the  
26 recipient of support or at an institution, but in no case after the  
27 child reaches 19 years and 6 months of age. A complaint or motion

1 requesting support as provided in this section may be filed at any  
2 time before the child reaches 19 years and 6 months of age.

3 **(3) A SUPPORT ORDER ENTERED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE A**  
4 **PROVISION THAT THE SUPPORT TERMINATES ON THE LAST DAY OF A**  
5 **SPECIFIED MONTH, REGARDLESS OF THE ACTUAL GRADUATION DATE.**

6 **(4)** ~~(3)~~—A provision contained in a judgment or an order  
7 entered before October 10, 1990 that provides for the support of a  
8 child after the child reaches 18 years of age, without an agreement  
9 of the parties as described in subsection ~~(4)~~—**(5)**, is valid and  
10 enforceable to the extent the provision provides support for the  
11 child for the time the child is regularly attending high school on  
12 a full-time basis with a reasonable expectation of completing  
13 sufficient credits to graduate from high school while residing on a  
14 full-time basis with the recipient of support or at an institution,  
15 but in no case after the child reaches 19 years and 6 months of  
16 age. This subsection does not require payment of support for a  
17 child after the child reaches 18 years of age for any period  
18 between November 8, 1989 and October 10, 1990, or reimbursement of  
19 support paid between November 8, 1989 and October 10, 1990, in  
20 those judicial circuits that did not enforce support for a child  
21 after the child reached 18 years of age during the period between  
22 November 8, 1989 and October 10, 1990.

23 **(5)** ~~(4)~~—A provision contained in a judgment or an order  
24 entered under this act before, on, or after ~~the effective date of~~  
25 ~~this section~~ **SEPTEMBER 30, 2001** that provides for the support of a  
26 child after the child reaches 18 years of age is valid and  
27 enforceable if 1 or more of the following apply:

1 (a) The provision is contained in the judgment or order by  
2 agreement of the parties as stated in the judgment or order.

3 (b) The provision is contained in the judgment or order by  
4 agreement of the parties as evidenced by the approval of the  
5 substance of the judgment or order by the parties or their  
6 attorneys.

7 (c) The provision is contained in the judgment or order by  
8 written agreement signed by the parties.

9 (d) The provision is contained in the judgment or order by  
10 oral agreement of the parties as stated on the record by the  
11 parties or their attorneys.

12 Sec. 5c. (1) All support orders shall be stated in monthly  
13 amounts payable on the first of each month in advance. A support  
14 obligation not paid by the last day of the month in which it  
15 accrues is past due. If a support order does not state the amount  
16 of support as a monthly amount, the support amount stated in the  
17 order shall be converted to a monthly amount using the formula  
18 established by the state court administrative office.

19 (2) If payments under a support order are being made in the  
20 amount required, through income withholding, pursuant to an  
21 installment payment order, or otherwise, and there are no  
22 preexisting arrearages, the friend of the court shall not consider  
23 the payer as having an arrearage if a periodic temporary arrearage  
24 is created ~~based upon~~ **BY** the conversion of the monthly support  
25 order to an income withholding order or other payment schedule ~~and~~  
26 ~~which~~ **OR** results from a divergence between the cycle of payments  
27 under the income withholding or payment schedule and the cycle of

1 charges.

2 (3) If a support order takes effect on other than the first  
3 day of a month, the monthly amount is prorated based on the daily  
4 amount for that month. A monthly support order amount shall **NOT** be  
5 prorated for the last month in which the order is in effect.

6 (4) If the title IV-D agency receives a support payment that,  
7 at the time of its receipt, exceeds a payer's support amount  
8 payable plus an amount payable under an arrearage payment schedule,  
9 the title IV-D agency shall apply the excess against the payer's  
10 total arrearage accrued under all support orders under which the  
11 payer is obligated. If a balance remains after application against  
12 the total arrearage, the title IV-D agency shall do 1 of the  
13 following:

14 (a) If the payer designates the balance as additional support,  
15 immediately disburse that amount to the recipient of support.

16 (b) If, at the time the payment is received, the payer is  
17 obligated under a support order for a future support payment and  
18 the balance is less than or equal to the monthly support order  
19 amount, retain the balance and disburse it to the recipient of  
20 support immediately when the amount is payable as support.

21 (c) If, at the time the payment is received, the payer is not  
22 obligated for a future support payment, or the payer is obligated  
23 under a support order for a future support payment but the balance  
24 is greater than the monthly support order amount, return the  
25 balance to the payer.

26 (5) **AFTER 1 YEAR AFTER THE DATE THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED**  
27 **THIS SUBSECTION IS ENACTED INTO LAW, IF A PAYER HAS PAID MONEY THAT**

1 HAS NOT BEEN DISBURSED TO THE PAYEE AND THE PAYER IS ENTITLED TO A  
2 REFUND OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE MONEY BECAUSE SUPPORT HAS BEEN  
3 ABATED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, THE REFUND SHALL BE APPLIED FIRST TO  
4 ANY SUPPORT PAST DUE IN THE CASE AND THEN TO ANY PAST DUE SUPPORT  
5 THE PAYER OWES IN ANOTHER CASE. ANY BALANCE AFTER THE APPLICATION  
6 OF THE MONEY TO SUPPORT ARREARAGES SHALL BE REFUNDED TO THE PAYER.

7 Sec. 5d. (1) On and after ~~the effective date of the amendatory~~  
8 ~~act that added this section~~ **JUNE 1, 2003**, each support order the  
9 court enters or modifies shall include substantially the following  
10 provisions:

11 (a) If a child for whom support is payable under the order is  
12 under the state's jurisdiction and is placed in foster care, **THAT**  
13 support payable under the order is assigned to the department.

14 **(B) IF A CHILD FOR WHOM SUPPORT IS PAYABLE UNDER THE ORDER IS**  
15 **UNDER COURT JURISDICTION AND IS PLACED IN COUNTY-FUNDED FOSTER**  
16 **CARE, THAT SUPPORT PAYABLE UNDER THE ORDER IS ASSIGNED TO THE**  
17 **FUNDING COUNTY.**

18 (C) ~~(b)~~ For a friend of the court case, substantially the  
19 following statements:

20 (i) "The office of the friend of the court may consider the  
21 person legally responsible for the actual care, support, and  
22 maintenance of a child for whom support is ordered as the recipient  
23 of support for the child and may redirect support paid for that  
24 child to that recipient of support, subject to the procedures  
25 prescribed in section 5d of the support and parenting time  
26 enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.605d.".

27 (ii) "If the payer resides full-time with a child for whom

1 support is payable under this order, support for that child abates  
2 in accordance with policies established by the state friend of the  
3 court bureau and subject to the procedures prescribed in section 5d  
4 of the support and parenting time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL  
5 552.605d."

6 (2) ~~If it is~~ **IN** a friend of the court case, a support order  
7 that was entered before ~~the effective date of the amendatory act~~  
8 ~~that added this section~~ **JUNE 1, 2003** shall be considered to  
9 include, by operation of law, the provisions stated in subsection  
10 (1).

11 (3) If a child for whom support is payable under ~~the~~ **A SUPPORT**  
12 order is under the state's jurisdiction and is placed in foster  
13 care, support payable under the order is assigned to the  
14 department. **IF THE CHILD IS PLACED IN COUNTY-FUNDED FOSTER CARE,**  
15 **THE SUPPORT PAYABLE UNDER THE ORDER IS ASSIGNED TO THE FUNDING**  
16 **COUNTY.** An assignment of support to the department as required by  
17 this subsection has priority over a redirection of support  
18 authorized by this section.

19 (4) Subject to subsection (5), for a friend of the court case,  
20 the office of the friend of the court may consider the person  
21 legally responsible for the actual care, support, and maintenance  
22 of a child for whom support is ordered as the recipient of support  
23 for the child and may redirect support paid for that child to that  
24 recipient of support. Subject to subsection (5), the office of the  
25 friend of the court shall abate support under a support order that  
26 is payable as support for a child who resides full-time with the  
27 payer, in accordance with policies established by the state friend

1 of the court bureau.

2 (5) A party to a support order may object to redirection or  
3 abatement of support under this section. Support shall not be  
4 redirected or abated under this section until 21 days after the  
5 office of the friend of the court notifies each party of the  
6 proposed action, advising the party of the right to object. If a  
7 party objects within 21 days after the notification, support shall  
8 not be redirected or abated under this section. After an objection,  
9 the office of the friend of the court shall review the support  
10 order under section 17 of the friend of the court act, ~~1982 PA 294,~~  
11 MCL 522.517, or shall notify each party that the party may file a  
12 motion to modify support.

13 (6) The state friend of the court bureau may implement  
14 policies to assist offices of the friend of the court in  
15 determining when an office of the friend of the court should give  
16 notice of a proposed redirection or abatement of support under this  
17 section.

18 Sec. 5e. (1) A payer who has an arrearage under a support  
19 order may ~~seek relief from the arrearage by complying with the~~  
20 ~~amnesty under section 3b of the office of child support act, 1971~~  
21 ~~PA 174, MCL 400.233b, or by filing~~ **FILE** a motion with the circuit  
22 court for a payment plan to pay arrearages and to discharge or  
23 abate arrearages. Except as provided in subsection (7)(d), if the  
24 payer files a motion for a payment plan, the court shall approve  
25 the plan after notice and a hearing if it finds by a preponderance  
26 of the evidence that the plan is in the best interest of the  
27 parties and children and that either of the following applies:

1 (a) The arrearage is owed to an individual payee and both of  
2 the following:

3 (i) The payee has consented to entry of the order under  
4 circumstances that satisfy the court that the payee is not acting  
5 under fear, coercion, or duress.

6 (ii) The payer establishes that the arrearage did not arise  
7 from conduct by the payer engaged in exclusively for the purpose of  
8 avoiding a support obligation.

9 (b) The arrearage is owed to this state or a political  
10 subdivision of this state, and the payer establishes the following:

11 (i) The arrearage did not arise from conduct by the payer  
12 engaged in exclusively for the purpose of avoiding a support  
13 obligation.

14 (ii) The payer has no present ability, and will not have an  
15 ability in the foreseeable future, to pay the arrearage absent a  
16 payment plan.

17 (iii) The payment plan will pay a reasonable portion of the  
18 arrearage over a reasonable period of time in accordance with the  
19 payer's current ability to pay. ~~A payment plan that does not pay~~  
20 ~~the entire arrearage shall:~~

21 ~~—— (A) As to a payer who has an income at or below the poverty~~  
22 ~~level, require payments for at least 24 months.~~

23 ~~—— (B) As to a payer who has an income in excess of the poverty~~  
24 ~~level, require payments for at least 24 months plus 1 additional~~  
25 ~~month for each \$1,000.00 above the poverty level that the payer~~  
26 ~~earns.~~

27 (iv) The office of child support or its designee has been

1 served with a copy of the motion at least 56 days before the  
2 hearing.

3 (2) When the payer has completed ~~the~~**A plan APPROVED UNDER**  
4 **SUBSECTION (1)**, the payer shall provide notice to interested  
5 parties and obtain a hearing before the court. If, after notice and  
6 hearing, the court finds that the payer has completed the payment  
7 plan, the court shall enter an order discharging the remaining  
8 arrearage, if any. If the court finds that the payer has  
9 substantially completed the payment plan, the court may enter an  
10 order granting relief appropriate to the circumstances of the case.

11 (3) A payment plan may provide for discharge of any portion of  
12 an arrearage that meets the requirements under subsection (2), even  
13 if other portions of the arrearage do not meet those requirements.

14 (4) A payment plan under subsection (1) shall provide that  
15 arrearages subject to the payment plan may be reinstated upon  
16 motion and hearing for good cause shown at any time during the  
17 pendency of the payment plan. Good cause includes, but is not  
18 limited to, the payee becoming a recipient of public assistance, or  
19 the payer receiving property sufficient to pay a substantial  
20 portion of the amount discharged, including, but not limited to,  
21 lottery proceeds, other winnings, a settlement under an insurance  
22 policy or a judgment in a civil action, or an inheritance.

23 (5) A court shall require conditions in ~~the~~**A payment plan**  
24 **APPROVED UNDER SUBSECTION (1)** in addition to the payment of support  
25 that the court determines are in the best interests of a child,  
26 including, but not limited to, any of the following:

27 (a) A payer's participation in a parenting program.

1 (b) Drug and alcohol counseling.

2 (c) Anger management classes or participation in a batterer  
3 intervention program that meets the standards recommended by the  
4 governor's task force on batterer intervention standards.

5 (d) Participation in a work program.

6 (e) Counseling.

7 (f) Continuing compliance with a current support order.

8 (6) This section does not modify the right of a party to  
9 receive other child support credits to which the payer is entitled  
10 nor prevent the court from correcting a support order under other  
11 applicable law or court rule.

12 (7) In making its findings under subsection (1), the court  
13 shall consider any written comments submitted before the hearing by  
14 the office of child support or its designee. When written comments  
15 have not been submitted, the court may do any of the following:

16 (a) Adjourn the hearing to seek written comments before making  
17 its decision.

18 (b) Appoint an examiner who shall review the payer's assets  
19 and the plan and make a recommendation concerning the plan or  
20 propose an alternative plan to the court. The examiner shall be  
21 paid by the payer for services provided under terms and conditions  
22 the court establishes ~~separate~~ **SEPARATELY** from any payments made  
23 through the friend of the court or state disbursement unit.

24 (c) Appoint a receiver who shall review the payer's assets and  
25 the plan and make a recommendation concerning the plan or propose  
26 an alternative plan to the court. ~~The A receiver shall have~~  
27 **APPOINTED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION HAS** the powers of a receiver under

1 all applicable laws and may, at the court's discretion, use the  
2 payer's assets to complete the plan or otherwise monitor the  
3 payer's progress in completing the plan. The receiver shall be paid  
4 by the payer for services provided under terms and conditions the  
5 court establishes separately from any payments made through the  
6 friend of the court or state disbursement unit.

7 (d) Approve the plan as presented, but only if the payer  
8 satisfies the requirements of subsection (1) by clear and  
9 convincing evidence.

10 (e) Deny the plan as presented if the court finds that the  
11 payer has not satisfied the requirements of subsection (1).

12 (8) If the court approves a plan under subsection (1)(b), that  
13 approval shall be considered the state's consent to a compromise of  
14 the arrearage.

15 (9) An arrearage subject to a plan under subsection (1) shall  
16 continue to be enforced under this act, the office of child support  
17 act, **1971 PA 174, MCL 400.231 TO 400.240**, and the friend of the  
18 court act, ~~when~~**IF** federal or state law requires the enforcement  
19 action. ~~When~~**IF** federal or state law does not require the  
20 enforcement action, an arrearage subject to a plan under subsection  
21 (1) may continue to be enforced as allowed under this act, the  
22 office of child support act, **1971 PA 174, MCL 400.231 TO 400.240**,  
23 and the friend of the court act, except that when the payer is  
24 complying with the plan, a referee, judge, or person conducting an  
25 administrative review or hearing as allowed under the acts shall  
26 not allow enforcement to continue when the statute permits the  
27 exercise of discretion in using the enforcement and the payer is

1 complying with the plan.

2 (10) A person who knowingly provides false information on a  
3 motion filed under subsection (1) is guilty of a misdemeanor  
4 punishable by imprisonment for not more than 180 days or a fine of  
5 not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

6 ~~—— (11) A title IV D agency shall comply with the amnesty program  
7 established under section 3b of the office of child support act,  
8 1971 PA 174, MCL 400.233b. If prosecution has been initiated under  
9 section 161, 165, or 167 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328,  
10 MCL 750.161, 750.165, and 750.167, before the payer seeks  
11 participation in the child support amnesty program or a payment  
12 plan under this section, the individual is not eligible to  
13 participate in the child support amnesty program or a payment plan  
14 under this section.~~

15 Sec. 7. (1) For a friend of the court case, if income  
16 withholding is not immediately effective and the arrearage under a  
17 support order reaches the arrearage amount that requires the  
18 initiation of 1 or more support enforcement measures as provided in  
19 section 11 of the friend of the court act, MCL 552.511, or, if the  
20 amount of income withholding is administratively adjusted for  
21 arrears under section 17e of the friend of the court act, MCL  
22 552.517e, the office of the friend of the court immediately shall  
23 send notice of the arrearage to the payer by ordinary mail to his  
24 or her last known address. The notice to the payer shall contain  
25 the following information:

26 (a) The amount of the arrearage.

27 (b) One or both of the following:

1           (i) That the payer's income is subject to income withholding  
2 and the amount to be withheld.

3           (ii) That the payer's income withholding is being  
4 administratively adjusted and the amount of the adjustment.

5           (c) That income withholding will be applied to current and  
6 subsequent employers and periods of employment and other sources of  
7 income.

8           (d) That the order of income withholding is effective and  
9 notice to withhold income will be sent to the payer's source of  
10 income.

11           (e) That the payer may request a hearing under subsection ~~(4)~~  
12 **(3)** in writing within 21 days after the date of the notice to  
13 contest the withholding, but only on the grounds that the  
14 withholding is not proper because of a mistake of fact concerning  
15 the amount of current or overdue support or the identity of the  
16 payer, and if the notice includes an administrative adjustment of  
17 arrears, that the administrative adjustment will cause an unjust or  
18 inappropriate result.

19           (f) That if the hearing is held before a referee, the payer  
20 has a right to a de novo hearing before a circuit court judge.

21           **(G)** The place where a request for hearing under subsection ~~(4)~~  
22 **(3)** shall be filed.

23           **(H)** ~~(g)~~ That if the payer believes that the amount of support  
24 should be modified due to a change in circumstances, the payer may  
25 file a petition with the court for modification of the support  
26 order.

27 ~~— (2) A copy of the notice provided for in subsection (1) shall~~

1 ~~be sent by ordinary mail to each recipient of support.~~

2       (2) ~~(3)~~—A payer to whom notice is sent under subsection (1),  
3 within 21 days after the date on which the notice was sent, may  
4 request a hearing by filing a request for hearing as provided in  
5 the notice and serving a copy on the other party. A hearing  
6 concerning implementation of income withholding that was not  
7 previously effective may be requested only on the grounds that the  
8 withholding is not proper because of a mistake of fact concerning  
9 the amount of current or overdue support or the identity of the  
10 payer.

11       (3) ~~(4)~~—If a payer requests a hearing under subsection ~~(3)~~  
12 (2), the notice and request shall be filed with the court clerk as  
13 a motion contesting the proposed action and a referee or circuit  
14 judge shall hold a hearing within 14 days after the date of the  
15 request. If at the hearing the payer establishes that the  
16 withholding is not proper because of a mistake of fact concerning  
17 the amount of current or overdue support or the identity of the  
18 payer, or that periodic implementation of an administrative  
19 adjustment of the amount of the periodic payment of arrears to be  
20 withheld will cause an unjust or inappropriate result, the income  
21 withholding shall be modified or rescinded according to the  
22 guidelines established under section 19 of the friend of the court  
23 act, MCL 552.519.

24       (4) ~~(5)~~—If the hearing provided under subsection ~~(4)~~—(3) is  
25 held before a referee, either party may request a de novo hearing  
26 as provided in section 7 of the friend of the court act, MCL  
27 552.507.

1           (5) ~~(6)~~—If a petition for modification of the support order is  
 2 filed by or on behalf of a payer and is pending at the date  
 3 scheduled for a hearing under subsection ~~(4)~~—(3), the court may  
 4 consolidate the hearing under subsection ~~(4)~~—(3) and a hearing on  
 5 the petition for modification.

6           (6) ~~(7)~~—All proceedings under this section shall be completed  
 7 within 45 days after the date that notice was sent under subsection  
 8 (1), unless otherwise permitted by the court upon a showing of good  
 9 cause.

10           (7) ~~(8)~~—The friend of the court office may review the  
 11 objection administratively before a hearing is held before a  
 12 referee or judge. If the friend of the court office reviews the  
 13 objection administratively, either party may object and a hearing  
 14 shall be held before a referee or judge.

15           Sec. 8. The total amount of income withheld under this act  
 16 under all orders to withhold income for current support, past due  
 17 support, fees, and health care coverage premiums effective against  
 18 a payer shall not exceed ~~the maximum amount permitted under section~~  
 19 ~~303(b) of title III of the consumer credit protection act, Public~~  
 20 ~~Law 90 321, 15 U.S.C. 1673~~ **50% OF THE PAYER'S DISPOSABLE EARNINGS**  
 21 **AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN 15 USC 1672.**

22           Sec. 9. (1) A notice of income withholding entered under this  
 23 act shall be served on sources of income as provided in section 11.  
 24 ~~The~~ **A LABOR ORGANIZATION THAT ASSIGNS A MEMBER TO WORK SHALL**  
 25 **FORWARD A COPY OF AN INCOME WITHHOLDING NOTICE SERVED ON THE LABOR**  
 26 **ORGANIZATION TO THE ACTUAL EMPLOYER.**

27           (2) A notice **SERVED UNDER THIS SECTION** shall ~~direct~~ **DO ALL OF**

1 THE FOLLOWING:

2 (A) DIRECT sources of income to withhold from income due the  
3 payer an amount sufficient to meet the payments ordered for  
4 support, ~~and~~ service fees, **FINES, COSTS, AND SANCTIONS** and to  
5 defray arrearages in payments and service fees due at the time the  
6 order of income withholding takes effect. ~~The notice shall also~~  
7 ~~direct~~

8 (B) DIRECT that the amount withheld for support, fees, ~~and~~  
9 health care coverage premiums, **FINES, COSTS, AND SANCTIONS AS**  
10 **ORDERED UNDER THE FRIEND OF THE COURT ACT OR THIS ACT** shall not  
11 exceed, **BEFORE 90 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY**  
12 **ACT THAT ADDED SUBSECTION (3)**, the amount allowed under section  
13 303(b) of title III of the consumer credit protection act, ~~Public~~  
14 ~~Law 90-321, 15 U.S.C. 1673~~ **15 USC 1673**, OR, ON OR AFTER 90 DAYS  
15 **AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED**  
16 **SUBSECTION (3), 50% OF THE PAYER'S DISPOSABLE EARNINGS AS THAT TERM**  
17 **IS DEFINED IN 15 USC 1672.** ~~The notice shall contain~~

18 (C) **CONTAIN** a statement of the requirements of sections 11,  
19 11a, 12, 13, 14, and 23. ~~The notice shall also direct~~

20 (D) **DIRECT** that income withheld under the notice ~~for support~~  
21 ~~and fees shall be~~ paid to the office of the friend of the court or  
22 to the state disbursement unit, as appropriate, within 3 days after  
23 the date of the withholding.

24 (3) **A PERSON THAT SERVES A NOTICE OF INCOME WITHHOLDING UNDER**  
25 **THIS SECTION SHALL SEND SEPARATE NOTICES FOR INCOME WITHHOLDING FOR**  
26 **SUPPORT, FEES, FINES, COSTS, AND SANCTIONS ORDERED TO BE PAID UNDER**  
27 **TITLE IV-D AND SUPPORT, FEES, FINES, COSTS, AND SANCTIONS NOT**

1 ORDERED TO BE PAID UNDER TITLE IV-D.

2 Sec. 11a. (1) If there is more than 1 order to withhold income  
3 for support, fees, or health care coverage premiums against a payer  
4 or parent under this act, the source of income shall comply with  
5 all of the notices to withhold income to the extent that the total  
6 amount withheld from the payer's or parent's income does not exceed  
7 ~~the limits imposed under section 303(b) of title III of the~~  
8 ~~consumer credit protection act, Public Law 90 321, 15 U.S.C. 1673,~~  
9 ~~giving 50% OF THE PAYER'S DISPOSABLE INCOME AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED~~  
10 IN 15 USC 1672. THE SOURCE OF INCOME SHALL COMPLY WITH THE NOTICES  
11 AS FOLLOWS:

12 (A) IF ALL ORDERS TO WITHHOLD INCOME ARE FROM THIS STATE AND  
13 THE TOTAL AMOUNT DESIGNATED IN THE NOTICES TO WITHHOLD INCOME FOR  
14 CURRENT AND PAST DUE SUPPORT EXCEEDS 50% OF THE PAYER'S DISPOSABLE  
15 EARNINGS, THE SOURCE OF INCOME SHALL WITHHOLD AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO  
16 50% OF THE PAYER'S DISPOSABLE EARNINGS.

17 (B) IF 1 OR MORE OF THE ORDERS TO WITHHOLD INCOME ARE FROM  
18 ANOTHER STATE, THE SOURCE OF INCOME SHALL GIVE priority to amounts  
19 designated in each notice as current support, as follows:

20 (i) ~~(a)~~ If the total of the amounts designated in the notices  
21 as current support exceeds ~~the amount available for income~~  
22 ~~withholding 50% OF THE PAYER'S DISPOSABLE EARNINGS~~, then the source  
23 of income shall allocate to each order an amount for current  
24 support equal to the amount designated in the notice as current  
25 support, divided by the total of the amounts designated in the  
26 notices as current support, multiplied by the amount of income  
27 available for income withholding.

1           (ii) ~~(b)~~—If the total of the amounts designated in the notices  
2 as current support does not exceed ~~the amount available for income~~  
3 ~~withholding~~ **50% OF THE PAYER'S DISPOSABLE EARNINGS**, then the source  
4 of income shall pay the amounts designated as current support, and  
5 in addition shall proportionately allocate to each order an amount  
6 for past due support not to exceed the amount designated in the  
7 notice as past due support. This subdivision does not require the  
8 maximum withholding to satisfy past due child or spousal support.

9           (c) If the total amounts allocated to current and past due  
10 support do not exceed ~~the amount available for income withholding~~  
11 **50% OF THE PAYER'S DISPOSABLE EARNINGS**, then the source of income  
12 shall allocate the remaining income to the parent's portion of  
13 health care coverage premiums attributable to coverage of the  
14 children specified in the order if remaining income is sufficient  
15 to cover the cost of the premium. This subdivision does not require  
16 a source of income to pay the parent's portion of health care  
17 coverage premiums.

18           (2) A source of income is liable for an amount that the source  
19 knowingly and intentionally fails to withhold from the payer's  
20 income following service on the source of income of a notice of  
21 income withholding, except to the extent that the amount is limited  
22 by subsection (1). ~~and section 303(b) of title III of the consumer~~  
23 ~~credit protection act, Public Law 90-321, 15 U.S.C. 1673.~~

24           (3) A source of income shall identify each withholding by  
25 payer, payer's social security number, case ~~number~~ **NUMBERS**, amount  
26 withheld, and the date on which support was withheld from the  
27 payer's income. If the source of income is an employer, it shall

1 also provide its federal employer identification number. A source  
2 of income may meet the requirements of this subsection through the  
3 use of an automated reporting system established by the SDU.

4 (4) A source of income may combine amounts withheld from  
5 payers' incomes in a single payment and separately identify by  
6 payer, social security number, and case number the portion of the  
7 single payment that is attributable to each individual payer.

8 Sec. 19. (1) If the court awards to the payer sole custody of  
9 a child for whom the payer has been previously ordered to pay  
10 support and a previously accumulated arrearage under the support  
11 order for that child does not exist, the court shall modify any  
12 existing support order to exclude support ordered to be paid by  
13 that payer for that particular child. If an existing support order  
14 does not provide for support to any other child of whom the payer  
15 does not have custody, for support to a former spouse, or for  
16 payments of ~~confinement or pregnancy~~ **OR BIRTH** expenses, the court  
17 shall terminate the order of income withholding as soon as any  
18 previously accumulated arrearage has been paid.

19 (2) The office of the friend of the court shall suspend or  
20 terminate an order of income withholding under any of the following  
21 circumstances:

22 (a) The location of the child and custodial parent cannot be  
23 determined for a period of 60 days or more, and the friend of the  
24 court case is being closed.

25 (b) The court determines that there is no further support  
26 obligation.

27 (c) When otherwise determined by the court, upon a showing of

1 good cause, and if the court determines that such suspension or  
2 termination is not contrary to the best interests of the child. In  
3 making a determination under this subdivision, the court may  
4 consider the previous payment record of the payer, evidence of the  
5 payer's intent to make regular and timely support payments, and any  
6 other factors considered relevant by the court. However, the  
7 payment of arrearages under the support order shall not be the sole  
8 reason for termination of an order of income withholding.

9 (d) The parties enter into a written agreement that is  
10 reviewed and entered in the record by the court that provides for  
11 all of the following:

12 (i) The order of income withholding shall be suspended.

13 (ii) An alternative payment arrangement.

14 (iii) For a friend of the court case, the payer shall keep the  
15 office of the friend of the court informed of both of the  
16 following:

17 (A) The name and address of his or her current source of  
18 income.

19 (B) Any health care coverage that is available to him or her  
20 as a benefit of employment or that is maintained by him or her; the  
21 name of the insurance company, health care organization, or health  
22 maintenance organization; the policy, certificate, or contract  
23 number; and names and birth dates of the persons for whose benefit  
24 he or she maintains health care coverage under the policy,  
25 certificate, or contract.

26 (3) The parties shall not enter into a written agreement under  
27 subsection (2)(d) if either of the following circumstances exists:

1 (a) There is a support arrearage.

2 (b) An order of income withholding was previously suspended or  
3 terminated and subsequently implemented due to the payer's failure  
4 to pay support.

5 (4) If a written agreement is entered into under subsection  
6 (2)(d), the order of income withholding shall take effect when an  
7 arrearage in support payments as agreed to under the written  
8 agreement reaches the arrearage amount that would require the  
9 initiation of 1 or more support enforcement measures if the case  
10 were a friend of the court case, as provided in section 11 of the  
11 friend of the court act, MCL 552.511.

12 (5) The court may suspend or terminate an order of income  
13 withholding if the custodial parent moves out of ~~the~~**THIS** state  
14 without court authorization.

15 (6) The office of the friend of the court shall promptly  
16 refund money that has been improperly withheld.

17 Sec. 24. For a friend of the court case, if **THE CASE HAS NOT**  
18 **BEEN DESIGNATED FOR OFFSET PROCEEDINGS BY THE OFFICE OF CHILD**  
19 **SUPPORT AND** a support arrearage has accrued **THAT MEETS THE**  
20 **REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, REGULATION, OR**  
21 **RULE, AS APPLICABLE**, the office of the friend of the court may  
22 request the office of child support to initiate offset proceedings  
23 against the delinquent payer's state tax refunds and federal income  
24 tax refunds as provided in section 3a of the office of child  
25 support act, 1971 PA 174, MCL 400.233a.

26 Sec. 25a. (1) The amount of past due support that accrues  
27 under a judgment as provided in section 3 or under the law of

1 another state constitutes a lien in favor of the recipient of  
2 support against the real and personal property of a payer,  
3 including, but not limited to, money to be paid as a distribution  
4 from a decedent's estate; as the result of a claim for negligence,  
5 personal injury, or death; under an arbitration award; under a  
6 settlement of or judgment issued in a civil action; or as  
7 compensation under a worker's compensation order, settlement,  
8 redemption order, or voluntary payment. The lien is effective at  
9 the time that the support is due and unpaid and ~~shall continue~~  
10 **CONTINUES** until the amount of past due support is paid in full or  
11 the lien is terminated by the title IV-D agency.

12 (2) Liens that arise in other states shall be accorded full  
13 faith and credit when the requirements of section 25b or 25c are  
14 met.

15 (3) A lien created under subsection (1) is subordinate to a  
16 prior perfected lien. All liens that arise under subsection (1) and  
17 described in subsection (2) have equal priority.

18 ~~—— (4) Before a lien is perfected or levied under this act, the~~  
19 ~~title IV-D agency shall send a notice to the payer subject to the~~  
20 ~~support order informing the payer of the imposition of liens by~~  
21 ~~operation of law and that the payer's real and personal property~~  
22 ~~can be encumbered or seized if an arrearage accrues in an amount~~  
23 ~~that exceeds the amount of periodic support payments payable under~~  
24 ~~the payer's support order for the time period specified in this~~  
25 ~~act.~~

26 (4) A LIEN SHALL NOT BE PERFECTED OR LEVIED UNDER THIS ACT  
27 UNLESS THE TITLE IV-D AGENCY HAS PROVIDED A NOTICE TO THE PAYER

1 THAT LIENS EXIST BY OPERATION OF LAW AND THAT THE PAYER'S REAL AND  
2 PERSONAL PROPERTY CAN BE ENCUMBERED OR SEIZED IF AN ARREARAGE  
3 ACCRUES IN AN AMOUNT THAT EXCEEDS THE PERIODIC SUPPORT PAYMENTS  
4 PAYABLE UNDER THE PAYER'S SUPPORT ORDER FOR THE TIME SPECIFIED IN  
5 THIS ACT. NOTICE HAS BEEN PROVIDED IF IT IS IN THE PAYER'S SUPPORT  
6 ORDER OR IF IT WAS MAILED TO THE PAYER AT ANY TIME.

7 (5) The title IV-D agency or another person required to  
8 provide notice under this section or sections 25b to 25i shall  
9 provide notice by paper, unless the person to be notified agrees to  
10 notice by other means. The title IV-D agency or other person  
11 providing notice under this section or sections 25b to 25i shall  
12 complete and preserve proof of service of the notice in a form **THAT**  
13 substantially ~~confirming~~ **CONFORMS** to the requirements for proof of  
14 service under the Michigan court rules.

15 (6) A lien under subsection (1) does not arise against any of  
16 the following:

17 (a) A financial asset pledged to a financial institution as  
18 collateral.

19 (b) A financial asset to which a financial institution has a  
20 prior right of setoff or other lien.

21 (c) Property or an allowance described in ~~sections 2401 to~~  
22 **2404—PART 4 OF ARTICLE II** of the estates and protected individuals  
23 code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.2401 to 700.2404.

24 (d) Fifty percent of the amount of compensation due to a payer  
25 under a worker's compensation order, settlement, redemption order,  
26 or voluntary payment.

27 (e) That portion of money to be paid as a distribution from a

1 decedent's estate; as the result of a claim for negligence,  
2 personal injury, or death; under an arbitration award; under a  
3 settlement of or judgment issued in a civil action; or as  
4 compensation under a worker's compensation order, settlement,  
5 redemption order, or voluntary payment that is owed for any of the  
6 following:

7 (i) Attorney fees.

8 (ii) Court costs and other litigation costs, including, but not  
9 limited to, medical examination costs, expenses for reports,  
10 deposition fees, court reporter fees, and record copy fees.

11 (iii) The medicaid program under the social welfare act, 1939 PA  
12 280, MCL 400.1 to 400.119b, unless medicaid is subordinated to  
13 child support under federal law.

14 (iv) Medical services or a reimbursement for a payment made for  
15 medical services either to or by an insurer, health maintenance  
16 organization, or nonprofit health care corporation. For the  
17 purposes of compensation under a worker's compensation order,  
18 settlement, redemption order, or voluntary payment, as used in this  
19 subparagraph, "medical services" means services as described and  
20 regulated under sections 315 and 319 of the worker's disability  
21 compensation act of 1969, 1969 PA 317, MCL 418.315 and 418.319, and  
22 the rules promulgated under those sections.

23 (v) An amount to reimburse an insurance company for the  
24 expense incurred by the insurance company in responding to a lien  
25 and levy under sections 25b to 25i. A reimbursement amount under  
26 this subparagraph shall not exceed the actual expense or \$50.00,  
27 whichever is less, for each lien and levy or for each payment under

1 a lien and levy.

2 (vi) Other costs related to the arbitration, civil action, or  
3 worker's compensation order, settlement, redemption order, or  
4 voluntary payment.

5 (vii) For reimbursements to which an employer or carrier is  
6 entitled under section 827 of the worker's disability compensation  
7 act of 1969, 1969 PA 317, MCL 418.827.

8 (viii) For vocational rehabilitation costs, reimbursements, or  
9 credits incidental to long- or short-term disability programs or to  
10 pension or welfare benefit funds.

11 (ix) For a medicare set aside account for future medical care  
12 or for future medicaid, unless medicare or medicaid is subordinated  
13 to child support under federal law.

14 (f) Money to be paid under an insurance policy for the repair  
15 or replacement of real or tangible personal property.

16 (g) Money to be paid for allowable expenses that are payable  
17 as benefits under section 3107(1)(a) ~~and for expenses under section~~  
18 ~~3107(1)(e) OR (C)~~ of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL  
19 500.3107.

20 (7) The title IV-D agency does not have the authority to alter  
21 an amount itemized in a redemption order. A lien that arises under  
22 this act and a levy of that lien only affect that portion, as  
23 prescribed in this section, of the payment due the payer under a  
24 redemption order. A carrier shall not use the enforcement of a lien  
25 and levy under this act as the basis for freezing or otherwise  
26 refusing to pay out an amount itemized in a redemption order that  
27 is not affected by the lien and levy under this act.

1 (8) As used in this section and sections 25b to 25i:

2 (a) "Carrier" means any of the following:

3 (i) "Carrier" as that term is defined in section 601 of the  
4 worker's disability compensation act of 1969, 1969 PA 317, MCL  
5 418.601.

6 (ii) A fund created under section 501 of the worker's  
7 disability compensation act of 1969, 1969 PA 317, MCL 418.501.

8 (iii) The property and casualty guaranty association required to  
9 be maintained by section 7911 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956  
10 PA 218, MCL 500.7911.

11 (b) "Insurer" means that term as defined in section 106 of the  
12 insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.106.

13 Sec. 26b. (1) An order or notice for dependent health care  
14 coverage entered under this act shall include the information  
15 required in a qualified medical child support order as specified in  
16 ~~section 609 of part 6 of subtitle B of title I of the employee~~  
17 ~~retirement income security act of 1974, Public Law 93-406, 29~~  
18 ~~U.S.C. 29 USC~~ 1169, if the health care coverage plan of the  
19 individual who is responsible for providing a child with health  
20 care coverage is subject to ~~that act~~ **THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME**  
21 **SECURITY ACT OF 1974, PUBLIC LAW 93-406**, and shall comply with  
22 standards of the national medical support notice as required to  
23 meet federal law and regulations.

24 (2) An order or notice of an order for dependent health care  
25 coverage served on an employer shall direct the employer to  
26 withhold from the employee's income the employee's share, if any,  
27 of premiums for dependent health care coverage and pay that amount

1 to the insurer or plan administrator. The order or notice shall  
 2 also direct that the amount withheld for support, fees, and health  
 3 care premiums shall not exceed ~~the amount allowed under section~~  
 4 ~~303(b) of title III of the consumer credit protection act, Public~~  
 5 ~~Law 90 321, 15 U.S.C. 1673~~ **50% OF THE EMPLOYEE'S DISPOSABLE**  
 6 **EARNINGS AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN 15 USC 1672.**

7 (3) An order or notice of an order for dependent health care  
 8 coverage under this section may be combined with or accompany an  
 9 order or notice of income withholding under section 9.

10 Sec. 28. (1) For a friend of the court case, ~~the office of the~~  
 11 ~~friend of the court may petition the court for an order to suspend~~  
 12 a payer's occupational license, driver's license, or recreational  
 13 or sporting license, or any combination of the licenses, **MAY BE**  
 14 **SUSPENDED** if all of the following circumstances are true:

15 (a) An arrearage has accrued in an amount greater than the  
 16 amount of periodic support payments payable for 2 months under the  
 17 payer's support order.

18 ~~— (b) The payer holds an occupational license, driver's license,~~  
 19 ~~or recreational or sporting license or the payer's occupation~~  
 20 ~~requires an occupational license.~~

21 **(B)** ~~(c)~~ An order of income withholding is not applicable or  
 22 has been unsuccessful in assuring regular payments on the support  
 23 obligation and regular payments on the arrearage.

24 (2) ~~An~~ **BEFORE SEEKING THE SUSPENSION OF A LICENSE DESCRIBED IN**  
 25 **SUBSECTION (1), AN** office of the friend of the court shall ~~not file~~  
 26 ~~a petition as authorized under subsection (1) unless the office~~  
 27 ~~sends~~ **SEND** the payer a notice that includes all of the following

1 information:

2 (a) The amount of the arrearage.

3 (b) That the payer's occupational license, driver's license,  
4 or recreational or sporting license, or any combination of the  
5 licenses, may be subject to ~~an order of~~ suspension.

6 (c) That ~~the~~ **A** suspension order **OR NOTICE** will be ~~entered and~~  
7 sent to the licensing agency unless the payer responds by paying  
8 the arrearage or requesting a hearing within 21 days after the date  
9 of mailing the notice.

10 (d) That, ~~at the~~ **IF A** hearing **IS REQUESTED**, the payer may do  
11 either of the following **AT THE HEARING**:

12 (i) Object to the proposed suspension based on a mistake of  
13 fact concerning the overdue support amount or the payer's identity.

14 (ii) ~~Suggest to~~ **ASK** the court **TO ORDER** a schedule for the  
15 payment of the arrearage.

16 (e) That, if the payer believes that the amount of support  
17 ordered should be modified due to a change in circumstances, the  
18 payer may file a petition with the court for modification of the  
19 support order.

20 Sec. 29. (1) Within 21 days after the date on which ~~the~~ **A**  
21 notice described in section 28 is mailed to a payer, the payer may  
22 request a hearing on the proposed suspension. If the payer requests  
23 a hearing within that time, ~~entry of the~~ **A** suspension order shall  
24 ~~be delayed~~ **NOT BE ENTERED AND A SUSPENSION NOTICE SHALL NOT BE SENT**  
25 pending the outcome of the hearing.

26 (2) If a payer files a petition for modification of the  
27 support order and the petition is pending at the date scheduled for

1 a hearing under this section, the court shall consolidate the  
2 hearing under this section and a hearing on the petition for  
3 modification unless the court finds for good cause shown on the  
4 record that the hearings should be held separately. If the court  
5 finds that the hearings should be held separately, the hearing on  
6 the petition for modification shall be held before the hearing  
7 scheduled under this section.

8 (3) If, **AFTER A HEARING UNDER THIS SECTION**, the court  
9 determines that the payer has accrued an arrearage on his or her  
10 support order and that the payer has, or could by the exercise of  
11 due diligence have, the capacity to pay all or some portion of the  
12 amount due, the court shall order the payment of the arrearage, **AS**  
13 **REASONABLE**, in 1 or more scheduled installments of a sum certain.

14 (4) After 21 days after the date on which ~~the~~**A** notice  
15 described in section 28 is sent, the **FRIEND OF THE COURT SHALL**  
16 **NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF STATE IF THE PAYER HAS FAILED TO REQUEST OR**  
17 **ATTEND A HEARING ON THE PROPOSED SUSPENSION OR PAY THE ARREARAGE IN**  
18 **FULL. ON RECEIVING THE NOTICE FROM THE FRIEND OF THE COURT, THE**  
19 **SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL SUSPEND THE PAYER'S DRIVER'S LICENSE AS**  
20 **PROVIDED IN SECTION 321C OF THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA 300,**  
21 **MCL 257.321C.**

22 (5) **THE** court may order the suspension of the payer's  
23 occupational license ~~, driver's license,~~ or recreational or  
24 sporting license, or any combination of the licenses included in  
25 the notice under section 28, under either of the following  
26 circumstances:

27 (a) The payer fails to pay the arrearage and fails to either

1 request a hearing as provided in subsection (1) or appear for a  
2 hearing scheduled after such a request.

3 (b) The **COURT DETERMINES AFTER A HEARING THAT THE** payer fails  
4 **HAS FAILED** to comply with an arrearage payment schedule ordered  
5 under this section.

6 (6) **IF A COURT DETERMINES THAT A PAYER HAS FAILED TO COMPLY**  
7 **WITH AN ARREARAGE PAYMENT SCHEDULE ORDERED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE**  
8 **COURT MAY DIRECT THE FRIEND OF THE COURT TO NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF**  
9 **STATE OF THE FAILURE. ON RECEIVING THE NOTICE FROM THE FRIEND OF**  
10 **THE COURT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL SUSPEND THE PAYER'S**  
11 **DRIVER'S LICENSE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 321C OF THE MICHIGAN**  
12 **VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.321C.**

13 Sec. 30. (1) If the court orders a suspension of an  
14 occupational license, driver's license, or recreational or sporting  
15 license, or any combination of the licenses, under section 29, 33,  
16 35, or 45, the order shall indicate that the licensing agency shall  
17 suspend the license within 7 business days after receipt of the  
18 suspension order, **OR SOONER IF REQUIRED BY THE ACT THAT AUTHORIZES**  
19 **THE LICENSING AGENCY TO SUSPEND THE LICENSE.** The office of the  
20 friend of the court shall send a copy of the suspension order to  
21 the licensing agency. ~~If the payer is the subject of a suspension~~  
22 ~~order under section 29 and has failed to respond in any manner to~~  
23 ~~the notice given under section 28, the office of the friend of the~~  
24 ~~court shall not send the suspension order to the licensing agency~~  
25 ~~until at least 14 days after the date the office first attempts~~  
26 ~~service of a copy of the order on the payer by personal service or~~  
27 ~~by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, with~~

1 ~~delivery restricted to the payer.~~

2 (2) After ~~entry of a~~ suspension order **IS ENTERED OR AFTER A**  
3 **SUSPENSION** under section 29, a payer may agree to and the court may  
4 order a **REASONABLE** schedule for the payment of the arrearage. If  
5 the court orders a schedule for payment of the arrearage, the **COURT**  
6 **OR THE FRIEND OF THE COURT, AS APPLICABLE, SHALL DO THE FOLLOWING:**

7 (A) **THE** court shall enter an order rescinding the suspension  
8 order that is effective as provided in section 4 of the regulated  
9 occupation support enforcement act, 1996 PA 236, MCL 338.3434,  
10 ~~section 321c of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL~~  
11 ~~257.321c,~~ or section 43559 of the natural resources and  
12 environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.43559. If a  
13 suspension order has been sent, within 7 business days after entry  
14 of the order rescinding the suspension order, the office of the  
15 friend of the court shall send a copy of the order rescinding the  
16 suspension order to the licensing agency.

17 (B) **THE FRIEND OF THE COURT, ON VERIFICATION BY THE CLERK OF**  
18 **THE COURT THAT THE DRIVER'S LICENSE CLEARANCE FEE REQUIRED BY**  
19 **SECTION 321C OF THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA 300, MCL**  
20 **257.321C, HAS BEEN PAID, SHALL PROVIDE A CERTIFICATE TO THE PAYER**  
21 **STATING THAT THE PAYER IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SUPPORT ORDER.**

22 Sec. 31. (1) If a person is ordered to pay support under a  
23 support order and fails or refuses to obey and perform the order,  
24 and if an order of income withholding is inapplicable or  
25 unsuccessful, a recipient of support or the office of the friend of  
26 the court may commence a civil contempt proceeding by filing in the  
27 circuit court a petition for an order to show cause why the

1 delinquent payer should not be held in contempt. If the payer fails  
2 to appear in response to an order to show cause, the court shall do  
3 1 or more of the following:

4 (a) Find the payer in contempt for failure to appear.

5 (b) Find the payer in contempt for the reasons stated in the  
6 motion for the show cause hearing.

7 (c) Apply an enforcement remedy authorized under this act or  
8 the friend of the court act for the nonpayment of support,  
9 **INCLUDING SUSPENDING THE PAYER'S OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE, DRIVER'S**  
10 **LICENSE, OR RECREATIONAL OR SPORTING LICENSE.**

11 (d) Issue a bench warrant for the payer's arrest requiring  
12 that the payer be brought before the court without unnecessary  
13 delay for further proceedings in connection with the show cause or  
14 contempt proceedings.

15 (e) Adjourn the hearing.

16 (f) Dismiss the order to show cause if the court determines  
17 that the payer is not in contempt.

18 **(G) ENTER AN ORDER THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY RENDER ANY**  
19 **VEHICLE OWNED BY THE PAYER TEMPORARILY INOPERABLE, BY BOOTING OR**  
20 **ANOTHER SIMILAR METHOD, SUBJECT TO RELEASE ON DEPOSIT OF AN**  
21 **APPROPRIATE BOND.**

22 **(H) PLACE THE PAYER UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE OFFICE FOR A**  
23 **TERM FIXED BY THE COURT WITH REASONABLE CONDITIONS, INCLUDING 1 OR**  
24 **MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

25 **(i) PARTICIPATING IN A PARENTING PROGRAM.**

26 **(ii) PARTICIPATING IN DRUG OR ALCOHOL COUNSELING.**

27 **(iii) PARTICIPATING IN A WORK PROGRAM.**

1 (iv) SEEKING EMPLOYMENT.

2 (v) PARTICIPATING IN OTHER COUNSELING.

3 (vi) CONTINUING COMPLIANCE WITH A CURRENT SUPPORT OR PARENTING  
4 TIME ORDER.

5 (vii) ENTERING INTO AND COMPLIANCE WITH AN ARREARAGE PAYMENT  
6 PLAN.

7 (2) In a bench warrant issued under this section, the court  
8 shall decree that the payer is subject to arrest if apprehended or  
9 detained anywhere in this state and shall require that, upon  
10 arrest, unless the payer deposits a cash performance bond in the  
11 manner required by section 32, the payer shall remain in custody  
12 until the time of the hearing. The court shall specify in the bench  
13 warrant the cash performance bond amount. The court shall set the  
14 cash performance bond at not less than \$500.00 or 25% of the  
15 arrearage, whichever is greater. At its own discretion, the court  
16 may set the cash performance bond at an amount up to 100% of the  
17 arrearage and add to the amount of the required deposit the amount  
18 of the costs the court may require under subsection (3). If a payer  
19 is arrested on a felony warrant issued for a violation of section  
20 165 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.165, unless  
21 the payer deposits a cash performance bond in the manner required  
22 by section 32, the court shall require that, upon arrest, the payer  
23 remain in custody until the time of the preliminary examination.  
24 Upon notification that a payer who has an outstanding bench warrant  
25 under this section has been arrested or arraigned on a felony  
26 warrant for a violation of section 165 of the Michigan penal code,  
27 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.165, the court may order that the bench

1 warrant be recalled.

2 (3) If the court issues a bench warrant under this section,  
3 except for good cause shown on the record, the court shall order  
4 the payer to pay the costs related to the hearing, **THE** issuance of  
5 the warrant, **THE** arrest, and ~~further~~**ANY LATER** hearings. Those  
6 costs and costs ordered for failure to appear under section 32 or  
7 44 shall be transmitted to the county treasurer for distribution as  
8 required in section 2530 of the revised judicature act of 1961,  
9 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.2530.

10 Sec. 33. (1) The court may find a payer in contempt if the  
11 court finds that the payer is in arrears and if the court is  
12 satisfied that the payer has the capacity to pay out of currently  
13 available resources all or some portion of the amount due under the  
14 support order. In the absence of proofs to the contrary introduced  
15 by the payer, the court shall presume that the payer has currently  
16 available resources equal to 4 weeks of payments under the support  
17 order. The court shall not find that the payer has currently  
18 available resources of more than 4 weeks of payments without proof  
19 of those resources by the office of the friend of the court or the  
20 recipient of support. Upon finding a payer in contempt of court  
21 under this section, the court may immediately enter an order ~~doing~~  
22 **THAT DOES** 1 or more of the following:

23 (a) ~~Committing~~**COMMITTS** the payer to the county jail **OR AN**  
24 **ALTERNATIVE TO JAIL.**

25 (b) ~~Committing~~**COMMITTS** the payer to the county jail **OR AN**  
26 **ALTERNATIVE TO JAIL** with the privilege of leaving the jail **OR OTHER**  
27 **PLACE OF DETENTION** during the hours the court determines, and under

1 the supervision the court considers, necessary for the purpose of  
2 allowing the payer to go to and return from his or her place of  
3 employment.

4 (c) ~~Committing~~ **COMMITTS** the payer to a penal or correctional  
5 facility in this state that is not operated by the state department  
6 of corrections.

7 (d) If the payer holds an occupational license, driver's  
8 license, or recreational or sporting license, ~~conditioning~~  
9 **CONDITIONS** a suspension of the payer's license, or any combination  
10 of the licenses, upon noncompliance with an order for payment of  
11 the arrearage in 1 or more scheduled installments of a sum certain.  
12 A court shall not order the sanction authorized by this subdivision  
13 unless the court finds that the payer has accrued an arrearage of  
14 support payments in an amount greater than the amount of periodic  
15 support payments payable for 2 months under the payer's support  
16 order.

17 (e) ~~Ordering~~ **ORDERS** the payer to participate in a work  
18 activity. This subdivision does not alter the court's authority to  
19 include provisions in an order issued under this section concerning  
20 a payer's employment or his or her seeking of employment as that  
21 authority exists on August 10, 1998.

22 (f) If available within the court's jurisdiction, ~~order~~ **ORDERS**  
23 the payer to participate in a community corrections program  
24 established as provided in the community corrections act, 1988 PA  
25 511, MCL 791.401 to 791.414.

26 (g) Except as provided by federal law and regulations,  
27 ~~ordering~~ **ORDERS** the parent to pay a fine of not more than \$100.00.

1 A fine ordered under this subdivision shall be deposited in the  
2 friend of the court fund created in section 2530 of the revised  
3 judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.2530.

4 (H) PLACES THE PAYER UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE OFFICE FOR A  
5 TERM FIXED BY THE COURT WITH REASONABLE CONDITIONS, INCLUDING 1 OR  
6 MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

7 (i) PARTICIPATING IN A PARENTING PROGRAM.

8 (ii) PARTICIPATING IN DRUG OR ALCOHOL COUNSELING.

9 (iii) PARTICIPATING IN A WORK PROGRAM.

10 (iv) SEEKING EMPLOYMENT.

11 (v) PARTICIPATING IN OTHER COUNSELING.

12 (vi) CONTINUING COMPLIANCE WITH A CURRENT SUPPORT OR PARENTING  
13 TIME ORDER.

14 (vii) ENTERING INTO AND COMPLIANCE WITH AN ARREARAGE PAYMENT  
15 PLAN.

16 (2) If the court enters an order under subsection (1) (d) and  
17 the payer fails to comply with the arrearage payment schedule,  
18 after notice and opportunity for a hearing, the court shall order  
19 suspension of the payer's license or licenses with respect to which  
20 the order under subsection (1) (d) was entered and shall proceed  
21 under section 30.

22 Sec. 35. (1) The court may find a payer in contempt if the  
23 court finds that the payer is in arrears and 1 of the following  
24 APPLIES:

25 (a) The court is satisfied that by the exercise of diligence  
26 the payer could have the capacity to pay all or some portion of the  
27 amount due under the support order and that the payer fails or

1 refuses to do so.

2 (b) The payer has failed to obtain a source of income and has  
3 failed to participate in a work activity after referral by the  
4 friend of the court.

5 (2) Upon finding a payer in contempt of court under this  
6 section, the court shall, absent good cause to the contrary,  
7 immediately order the payer to participate in a work activity and  
8 may also do 1 or more of the following:

9 (a) Commit the payer to the county jail **OR AN ALTERNATIVE TO**  
10 **JAIL** with the privilege of leaving the jail **OR OTHER PLACE OF**  
11 **DETENTION** during the hours the court determines, and under the  
12 supervision the court considers, necessary for the purpose of  
13 allowing the payer to participate in a work activity.

14 (b) If the payer holds an occupational license, driver's  
15 license, or recreational or sporting license, condition a  
16 suspension of the payer's license, or a combination of the  
17 licenses, upon noncompliance with an order for payment of the  
18 arrearage in 1 or more scheduled installments of a sum certain. A  
19 court shall not order the sanction authorized by this subdivision  
20 unless the court finds that the payer has accrued an arrearage of  
21 support payments in an amount greater than the amount of periodic  
22 support payments payable for 2 months under the payer's support  
23 order.

24 (c) If available within the court's jurisdiction, order the  
25 payer to participate in a community corrections program established  
26 as provided in the community corrections act, 1988 PA 511, MCL  
27 791.401 to 791.414.

1 (d) Except as provided by federal law and regulations, order  
2 the parent to pay a fine of not more than \$100.00. A fine ordered  
3 under this subdivision shall be deposited in the fund of the  
4 court fund created in section 2530 of the revised judicature act of  
5 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.2530.

6 (E) PLACE THE PAYER UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE OFFICE FOR A  
7 TERM FIXED BY THE COURT WITH REASONABLE CONDITIONS, INCLUDING 1 OR  
8 MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

9 (i) PARTICIPATING IN A PARENTING PROGRAM.

10 (ii) PARTICIPATING IN DRUG OR ALCOHOL COUNSELING.

11 (iii) PARTICIPATING IN A WORK PROGRAM.

12 (iv) SEEKING EMPLOYMENT.

13 (v) PARTICIPATING IN OTHER COUNSELING.

14 (vi) CONTINUING COMPLIANCE WITH A CURRENT SUPPORT OR PARENTING  
15 TIME ORDER.

16 (vii) ENTERING INTO AND COMPLIANCE WITH AN ARREARAGE PAYMENT  
17 PLAN.

18 (3) Notwithstanding the length of commitment imposed under  
19 this section, the court may release a payer who is unemployed if  
20 committed to a county jail under this section and who finds  
21 employment if either of the following applies:

22 (a) The payer is self-employed, completes 2 consecutive weeks  
23 at his or her employment, and makes a support payment as required  
24 by the court.

25 (b) The payer is employed and completes 2 consecutive weeks at  
26 his or her employment and an order of income withholding is  
27 effective.

1 (4) If the court enters an order under subsection (2) (b) and  
2 the payer fails to comply with the arrearage payment schedule,  
3 after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, the court shall  
4 order suspension of the payer's license or licenses with respect to  
5 which the order under subsection (2) (b) was entered and shall  
6 proceed under section 30.

7 Sec. 39. (1) If a payer is committed to jail **OR AN ALTERNATIVE**  
8 **TO JAIL** under section ~~33(b) or 35(2)~~ **33(1)(B) OR 35(2)(A)** and  
9 violates the conditions ~~of~~ **PRESCRIBED BY** the court, the court shall  
10 commit the payer to the county jail without the privilege provided  
11 under section ~~33(b) or 35(2)~~ **33(1)(B) OR 35(2)(A)** for the balance  
12 of the period of the commitment imposed by the court.

13 (2) If a payer is committed to jail **OR AN ALTERNATIVE TO JAIL**  
14 under section ~~33(b) or 35(2)~~ **33(1)(B) OR 35(2)(A)** and fails to  
15 return to the place of confinement within the time prescribed, the  
16 payer shall be considered to have escaped from custody and shall be  
17 guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more  
18 than 1 year.

19 Sec. 44. (1) If the office of the friend of the court  
20 determines that a procedure for resolving a parenting time dispute  
21 authorized under section 41 other than a civil contempt proceeding  
22 is unsuccessful in resolving a ~~THE~~ parenting time dispute, the  
23 office of the friend of the court shall commence a civil contempt  
24 proceeding to resolve a ~~THE~~ dispute ~~concerning parenting time with~~  
25 ~~a minor child~~ by filing with the circuit court a petition for an  
26 order to show cause why either parent who has violated a parenting  
27 time order should not be held in contempt. The office of the friend

1 of the court shall notify the parent who is the subject of the  
2 petition. The notice shall include at least all of the following:

3 (a) A list of each possible sanction if the parent is found in  
4 contempt.

5 (b) The right of the parent to a hearing on a proposed  
6 modification of parenting time if requested within 21 days after  
7 the date of the notice, as provided in section 45.

8 (2) If the court finds that either parent has violated a  
9 parenting time order without good cause, the court shall find that  
10 parent in contempt and may do 1 or more of the following:

11 (a) Require additional terms and conditions consistent with  
12 the court's parenting time order.

13 (b) After notice to both parties and a hearing, if requested  
14 by a party, on a proposed modification of parenting time, modify  
15 the parenting time order to meet the best interests of the child.

16 (c) Order that makeup parenting time be provided for the  
17 wrongfully denied parent to take the place of wrongfully denied  
18 parenting time.

19 (d) Order the parent to pay a fine of not more than \$100.00.

20 (e) Commit the parent to the county jail **OR AN ALTERNATIVE TO**  
21 **JAIL.**

22 (f) Commit the parent to the county jail **OR AN ALTERNATIVE TO**  
23 **JAIL** with the privilege of leaving the jail **OR OTHER PLACE OF**  
24 **DETENTION** during the hours the court determines necessary, and  
25 under the supervision the court considers necessary, for the  
26 purpose of allowing the parent to go to and return from his or her  
27 place of employment.

1 (g) If the parent holds an occupational license, driver's  
2 license, or recreational or sporting license, condition the  
3 suspension of the license, or any combination of the licenses, upon  
4 noncompliance with an order for makeup and ongoing parenting time.

5 (h) If available within the court's jurisdiction, order the  
6 parent to participate in a community corrections program  
7 established as provided in the community corrections act, 1988 PA  
8 511, MCL 791.401 to 791.414.

9 **(I) PLACE THE PARENT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE OFFICE FOR A**  
10 **TERM FIXED BY THE COURT WITH REASONABLE CONDITIONS, INCLUDING 1 OR**  
11 **MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

12 **(i) PARTICIPATING IN A PARENTING PROGRAM.**

13 **(ii) PARTICIPATING IN DRUG OR ALCOHOL COUNSELING.**

14 **(iii) PARTICIPATING IN A WORK PROGRAM.**

15 **(iv) SEEKING EMPLOYMENT.**

16 **(v) PARTICIPATING IN OTHER COUNSELING.**

17 **(vi) CONTINUING COMPLIANCE WITH A CURRENT SUPPORT OR PARENTING**  
18 **TIME ORDER.**

19 **(vii) ENTERING INTO AND COMPLIANCE WITH AN ARREARAGE PAYMENT**  
20 **PLAN.**

21 **(viii) FACILITATING MAKEUP PARENTING TIME.**

22 (3) The court shall state on the record the reason the court  
23 is not ordering a sanction listed in subsection ~~(2)(a) to (h)~~ (2).  
24 For the purpose of subsection (2), "good cause" includes, but is  
25 not limited to, consideration of the safety of a child or party who  
26 is governed by the parenting time order.

27 (4) A commitment under subsection (2)(e) or (f) shall not

1 exceed 45 days for the first finding of contempt or 90 days for  
2 each subsequent finding of contempt. A parent committed under  
3 subsection (2)(e) or (f) shall be released if the court has  
4 reasonable cause to believe that the parent will comply with the  
5 parenting time order.

6 (5) If a parent fails to appear in response to an order to  
7 show cause, the court may issue a bench warrant requiring that the  
8 parent be brought before the court without unnecessary delay to  
9 show cause why the parent should not be held in contempt. Except  
10 for good cause shown on the record, the court shall further order  
11 the parent to pay the costs of the hearing, the issuance of the  
12 warrant, the arrest, and ~~further~~**ANY LATER** hearings, which costs  
13 shall be transmitted to the county treasurer for distribution as  
14 provided in section 31. **IF THE HEARING CANNOT BE HELD IMMEDIATELY**  
15 **AFTER THE PARENT'S ARREST, THE PARENT MAY BE RELEASED IF A BOND IN**  
16 **THE AMOUNT OF THE FINES, COSTS, AND SANCTIONS IMPOSED UNDER THIS**  
17 **SECTION AND ANY ADDITIONAL AMOUNT THE COURT DETERMINES IS NECESSARY**  
18 **TO SECURE THE PARENT'S APPEARANCE IS DEPOSITED WITH THE COURT.**

19 (6) If the court finds that a party to a parenting time  
20 dispute has acted in bad faith, the court shall order the party to  
21 pay a sanction of not more than \$250.00 for the first time the  
22 party is found to have acted in bad faith, not more than \$500.00  
23 for the second time, and not more than \$1,000.00 for the third or a  
24 subsequent time. A sanction ordered under this subsection shall be  
25 deposited in the friend of the court fund created in section 2530  
26 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.2530,  
27 and shall be used to fund services that are not title IV-D

1 services.

2 (7) A fine ordered under subsection (2), costs ordered under  
3 subsection (5), or a sanction ordered under subsection (6) ~~becomes~~  
4 **IS** a judgment at the time ~~they are ordered~~ **THE ORDER IS ENTERED**.

5 (8) If the court finds that a party to a parenting time  
6 dispute has acted in bad faith, the court shall order the party to  
7 pay the other party's costs.

8 Sec. 45. (1) If the court enters an order under section  
9 44(2)(g) and the parent fails to comply with the makeup and ongoing  
10 parenting time schedule, the court shall find the parent in  
11 contempt and, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, may  
12 ~~order suspension of~~ **SUSPEND** the parent's license or licenses with  
13 respect to which the order under section 44(2)(g) was entered and  
14 proceed under section 30.

15 (2) After entry of a suspension order under subsection (1), a  
16 parent may agree to a makeup parenting time schedule. The court may  
17 order a makeup parenting time schedule if the parent demonstrates a  
18 good faith effort to comply with the parenting time order. If the  
19 court orders a makeup parenting time schedule, the **COURT OR THE**  
20 **FRIEND OF THE COURT, AS APPLICABLE, SHALL DO THE FOLLOWING:**

21 **(A) THE** court shall enter an order rescinding the suspension  
22 order that is effective as provided in section 4 of the regulated  
23 occupation support enforcement act, 1996 PA 236, MCL 338.3434,  
24 ~~section 321e of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL~~  
25 ~~257.321e,~~ or section 43559 of the natural resources and  
26 environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.43559. Within 7  
27 business days after entry of the order rescinding the suspension

1 order, the office of the friend of the court shall send a copy of  
2 the order rescinding the suspension order to the licensing agency.

3 **(B) THE FRIEND OF THE COURT, ON VERIFICATION BY THE CLERK OF**  
4 **THE COURT THAT THE DRIVER'S LICENSE CLEARANCE FEE REQUIRED BY**  
5 **SECTION 321C OF THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA 300, MCL**  
6 **257.321C, HAS BEEN PAID, SHALL PROVIDE A CERTIFICATE TO THE PAYER**  
7 **STATING THAT THE PAYER IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SUPPORT ORDER.**

8 (3) Within 21 days after the date of the notice under section  
9 44, a parent who is notified of a petition to show cause under  
10 section 44 may request a hearing on a proposed modification of  
11 parenting time. The court shall hold the requested hearing unless  
12 the parenting time dispute is resolved by other means. The court  
13 shall combine the hearing prescribed by this subsection with the  
14 hearing on the order to show cause unless the court finds for good  
15 cause shown on the record that the hearings should be held  
16 separately. If the court finds that the hearings should be held  
17 separately, the hearing on a proposed modification of parenting  
18 time shall be held before the hearing on the order to show cause.

19 Sec. 46. (1) If a custodial parent is committed to jail **OR AN**  
20 **ALTERNATIVE TO JAIL** under section ~~44(2)(e)~~ **44(2)(F)** and violates  
21 the conditions ~~of~~ **ORDERED BY** the court, the court shall commit the  
22 person to the county jail without the privilege provided under  
23 section ~~44(2)(e)~~ **44(2)(F)** for the balance of the period of  
24 commitment imposed by the court.

25 (2) If a custodial parent is committed to jail **OR AN**  
26 **ALTERNATIVE TO JAIL** under section ~~44(2)(e)~~ **44(2)(F)** and fails to  
27 return to the place of confinement within the time prescribed, the

1 custodial parent shall be considered to have escaped from custody  
2 and ~~shall be~~ **IS** guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment  
3 for not more than 1 year.

4 Sec. 48. ~~The department, the SDU, and each office of the~~  
5 ~~friend of the court shall cooperate in the transition to~~ **STATE**  
6 **DISBURSEMENT UNIT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR** the centralized receipt and  
7 disbursement of support. ~~and fees.~~ An office of the friend of the  
8 court ~~shall~~ **MAY** continue to receive ~~and disburse~~ support and fees.  
9 ~~through the transition, based on the schedule developed as required~~  
10 ~~by section 6 of the office of child support act, 1971 PA 174, MCL~~  
11 ~~400.236, and modifications to that schedule as the department~~  
12 ~~considers necessary.~~

13 Enacting section 1. Section 3a of the support and parenting  
14 time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.603a, as amended by this  
15 amendatory act, takes effect December 31, 2009.

16 Enacting section 2. Sections 8, 11a, and 26b of the support  
17 and parenting time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.608,  
18 552.611a, and 552.626b, as amended by this amendatory act, take  
19 effect 90 days after the date this amendatory act is enacted into  
20 law.

21 Enacting section 3. This amendatory act does not take effect  
22 unless Senate Bill No. 102 or House Bill No. 5503 of the 95th  
23 Legislature is enacted into law.