

HOUSE BILL No. 1590

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Citations Affected: IC 12-17-2; IC 16-37-2-2.1; IC 22-3-2-17; IC 27-8-3-23; IC 31-11-4-4; IC 31-14; IC 31-16-9-3; IC 31-18.

Synopsis: Child support enforcement. Confers authority upon the Title IV-D program to modify child support orders. Makes income withholding orders applicable to all categories of worker's compensation payments. Applies the chain of custody requirements in paternity testing to genetic testing. Requires that before a child support order may be issued or modified or a paternity affidavit may be properly executed, the child's Social Security number must be provided. Requires an application for a marriage license to contain each of the applicant's Social Security numbers. Specifies that the state's parent locator service applies to a parent who owes child support in addition to a parent who has abandoned or deserted a child. Allows
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for the attachment of an insurance claim or settlement if the purpose is to fulfill a child support obligation. Requires incentive funds to be used for Title IV-D program activities. Makes changes to bring Indiana into compliance with the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-17-2-16 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 16. (a) The bureau or
3 its agents shall administer the state's parent locator service. The bureau
4 shall make all necessary requests and responses to the federal parent
5 locator service and to the parent locator services of the other states.
6 (b) To carry out the bureau's responsibilities under this chapter, the
7 bureau or its agents, through the parent locator service, may request
8 information and assistance from a state, county, city, or town agency.
9 Officers and employees of a state, county, city, or town agency shall
10 cooperate with the bureau in determining the location of a parent who:
11 (1) **owes child support; or**
12 (2) has abandoned or deserted a child;
13 by providing the pertinent information relative to the location, income,
14 and property of the parent, notwithstanding a statute making the
15 information confidential.

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1 (c) Each person doing business in Indiana shall provide the bureau
 2 or its agents with the following information, if available, upon
 3 certification by the parent locator service that the information is for the
 4 purpose of locating a parent ~~of an~~ **who owes child support or who has**
 5 **abandoned or deserted a child** and that the information obtained is to
 6 be treated as confidential by the child support bureau, agency, or
 7 division of any other state to which the information is released,
 8 notwithstanding a statute making the following information
 9 confidential:

- 10 (1) Full name of the parent.
 11 (2) Social Security number of the parent.
 12 (3) Date of birth of the parent.
 13 (4) Address of the parent's residence.
 14 (5) Amount of wages earned by the parent.
 15 (6) Number of dependents claimed by the parent on state and
 16 federal tax withholding forms.
 17 (7) Name and address of the parent's employer.
 18 (8) Name and address of any financial institution maintaining an
 19 account for the parent.
 20 (9) Address of any real property owned by the parent.
 21 (10) Name and address of the parent's health insurance carrier and
 22 health coverage policy number.

23 (d) A person may not knowingly refuse to give the bureau or its
 24 agents the following:

- 25 (1) The name of a parent of a child for whom the state is
 26 providing public assistance.
 27 (2) Information that may assist the parent locator service in
 28 locating the parent of a child.

29 (e) Information obtained under subsection (a) may not be used in a
 30 criminal prosecution against the informant.

31 (f) A person may not knowingly give the bureau the incorrect name
 32 of a parent of a child or knowingly give the parent locator service
 33 incorrect information on the parent's whereabouts for the purpose of
 34 concealing the identity of the real parent of the child or the location of
 35 the parent.

36 SECTION 2. IC 12-17-2-18 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 37 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 18. (a) The bureau shall
 38 make the agreements necessary for the effective administration of the
 39 plan with local governmental officials within Indiana. The bureau shall
 40 contract with:

- 41 (1) a prosecuting attorney; or
 42 (2) a private attorney if the bureau determines that a reasonable

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1 contract cannot be entered into with a prosecuting attorney and
 2 the determination is approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the
 3 Indiana child custody and support advisory committee
 4 (established under IC 33-2.1-10-1);

5 in each judicial circuit to undertake activities required to be performed
 6 under Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651),
 7 including ~~determination~~ **establishment** of paternity, ~~determination~~
 8 **establishment**, and enforcement, **and modification** of child support
 9 **orders**, activities under the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of
 10 Support Act (IC 31-2-1, before its repeal) or the Uniform Interstate
 11 Family Support Act (IC 31-18, or IC 31-1.5 before its repeal), and if the
 12 contract is with a prosecuting attorney, prosecutions of welfare fraud.

13 (b) The hiring of an attorney by an agreement or a contract made
 14 under this section is not subject to the approval of the attorney general
 15 under IC 4-6-5-3. An agreement or a contract made under this section
 16 is not subject to IC 4-13-2-14.3 or IC 5-22.

17 SECTION 3. IC 12-17-2-26 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 18 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 26. (a) The Title IV-D
 19 agency shall provide incentive payments to counties for enforcing and
 20 collecting the support rights that have been assigned to the state. The
 21 incentive payments shall be made by the Title IV-D agency directly to
 22 the county and deposited in the county treasury for distribution on a
 23 quarterly basis and in equal shares to the following:

- 24 (1) The county general fund.
- 25 (2) The operating budget of the prosecuting attorney.
- 26 (3) The operating budget of the circuit court clerk.

27 (b) Notwithstanding IC 36-2-5-2(b), distribution from the county
 28 treasury under subsection (a) shall be made without the necessity of
 29 first obtaining an appropriation from the county fiscal body.

30 (c) The amount that a county receives and the terms under which the
 31 incentive payment is paid must be in accordance with ~~Section 458 of~~
 32 ~~United States Public Law 93-647, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 658 and 42~~
 33 **U.S.C. 658A** and the federal regulations promulgated under the ~~statute.~~
 34 ~~However, amounts received as incentive payments may not, without the~~
 35 ~~approval of the county fiscal body, be used to increase or supplement~~
 36 ~~the salary of an elected official. statutes. The amounts received as~~
 37 **incentive payments must be used to supplement, rather than take**
 38 **the place of, other funds used for Title IV-D program activities.**

39 SECTION 4. IC 16-37-2-2.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 40 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 2.1. (a) A paternity
 41 affidavit may be executed as provided in this section through:

- 42 (1) a hospital; or



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- 1 (2) a local health department.
- 2 (b) Immediately before or after the birth of a child who is born out
3 of wedlock, a person who attends or plans to attend the birth, including
4 personnel of all public or private birthing hospitals, shall:
- 5 (1) provide an opportunity for:
- 6 (A) the child's mother; and
- 7 (B) a man who reasonably appears to be the child's biological
8 father;
- 9 to execute an affidavit acknowledging paternity of the child; and
- 10 (2) verbally explain to the individuals listed in subdivision (1) the
11 legal effects of an executed paternity affidavit as described in
12 subsection (g).
- 13 (c) A paternity affidavit must be executed on a form provided by the
14 state department. The paternity affidavit is valid only if the affidavit is
15 executed as follows:
- 16 (1) If executed through a hospital, the paternity affidavit must be
17 completed not more than seventy-two (72) hours after the child's
18 birth.
- 19 (2) If executed through a local health department, the paternity
20 affidavit must be completed before the child has reached the age
21 of emancipation.
- 22 (d) A paternity affidavit is not valid if it is executed after the mother
23 of the child has executed a consent to adoption of the child and a
24 petition to adopt the child has been filed.
- 25 (e) A paternity affidavit executed under this section must contain or
26 be attached to all of the following:
- 27 (1) The mother's sworn statement asserting that a person
28 described in subsection (a)(2) is the child's biological father.
- 29 (2) A statement by a person identified as the father under
30 subdivision (1) attesting to a belief that he is the child's biological
31 father.
- 32 (3) Written information furnished by the division of family and
33 children:
- 34 (A) explaining the effect of an executed paternity affidavit as
35 described in subsection (g); and
- 36 (B) describing the availability of child support enforcement
37 services.
- 38 (4) The Social Security number of each parent.
- 39 **(5) The child's Social Security number.**
- 40 (f) A woman who knowingly or intentionally falsely names a man
41 as the child's biological father under this section commits a Class A
42 misdemeanor.

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1 (g) A paternity affidavit executed under this section:

2 (1) establishes paternity; and

3 (2) gives rise to parental rights and responsibilities of the person
4 described in subsection (e)(2), including the right of the child's
5 mother or the Title IV-D agency to obtain a child support order
6 against the person.

7 However, if a paternity affidavit is executed under this section, the
8 child's mother has sole legal custody of the child unless another
9 custody determination is made by a court in a proceeding under
10 IC 31-14.

11 (h) Notwithstanding any other law, any person listed in IC 31-14-4-1
12 or IC 31-14-4-3 may, within sixty (60) days of the date that a paternity
13 affidavit is executed under this section, file an action in a court with
14 jurisdiction over paternity to have the paternity affidavit set aside.

15 (i) A paternity affidavit that is properly executed under this section
16 may not be rescinded more than sixty (60) days after the paternity
17 affidavit is executed except in cases of fraud, duress, or material
18 mistake of fact.

19 (j) Unless good cause is shown, a court shall not suspend the legal
20 responsibilities under subsection (g)(2) of a party to the executed
21 paternity affidavit during a challenge to the affidavit.

22 (k) The court shall set aside the paternity affidavit upon a showing
23 from a blood or genetic test that sufficiently demonstrates that the
24 person who executed the paternity affidavit is not the child's biological
25 father.

26 (l) If a paternity affidavit is not executed under subsection (b), the
27 hospital where the birth occurs or a person in attendance at the birth
28 shall inform the child's mother of services available for establishing
29 paternity.

30 SECTION 5. IC 22-3-2-17 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
31 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 17. (a) Except as
32 provided in subsection (b), no claims for compensation under IC 22-3-2
33 through IC 22-3-6 shall be assignable, and all compensation and claims
34 therefor shall be exempt from all claims of creditors.

35 (b) Compensation awards under ~~IC 22-3-3-8~~ **IC 22-3-2 through**
36 **IC 22-3-6** are subject to child support income withholding under
37 IC 31-16-15 and other remedies available for the enforcement of a
38 child support order. The maximum amount that may be withheld under
39 this subsection is one-half (1/2) of the compensation award.

40 SECTION 6. IC 27-8-3-23 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
41 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 23. (a) As used in this
42 section, "premium" includes any deposit or contribution.



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1 **(b) Except for the remuneration of child support obligations**, the
 2 money or benefit provided or rendered by any corporation, association,
 3 or society authorized to do business under this chapter shall not be
 4 liable to attachment by garnishee or other process, and shall not be
 5 seized, taken, appropriated, or applied by any legal or equitable
 6 process, nor by any operation of law, to pay any debt or liability of a
 7 policy or certificate holder or any beneficiary named therein.

8 (c) A premium paid for an individual life insurance policy that
 9 names as a beneficiary, or is legally assigned to, a spouse, child, or
 10 relative who is dependent upon the policy owner is not exempt from the
 11 claims of the creditors of the policy owner if the premium is paid:

12 (1) not more than one (1) year before the date of the filing of a
 13 voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy petition by; or

14 (2) to defraud the creditors of;
 15 the policy owner.

16 (d) The insurer issuing the policy is discharged from all liability by
 17 payment of the proceeds and avails of the policy (as defined in
 18 IC 27-1-12-14(b)) in accordance with the terms of the policy unless,
 19 before payment, the insurer has received at the insurer's home office,
 20 written notice by or on behalf of a creditor of the policy owner that
 21 specifies the amount claimed against the policy owner.

22 SECTION 7. IC 31-11-4-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 4. (a) An application
 24 for a marriage license must be written and verified. The application
 25 must contain the following information concerning each of the
 26 applicants:

27 (1) Full name **and Social Security number**.

28 (2) Birthplace.

29 (3) Residence.

30 (4) Age.

31 (5) Names of dependent children.

32 (6) Full name, including the maiden name of a mother, last known
 33 residence, and, if known, the place of birth of:

34 (A) the birth parents of the applicant if the applicant is not
 35 adopted; or

36 (B) the adoptive parents of the applicant if the applicant is
 37 adopted.

38 (7) A statement of facts necessary to determine whether any legal
 39 impediment to the proposed marriage exists.

40 (8) Except as provided in subsection (d), an acknowledgment that
 41 both applicants must sign, affirming that the applicants have
 42 received the information described in section 5 of this chapter,

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1 including a list of test sites for the virus that causes AIDS
 2 (acquired immune deficiency syndrome). The acknowledgment
 3 required by this subdivision must be in the following form:

4 ACKNOWLEDGMENT

5 I acknowledge that I have received information regarding dangerous
 6 communicable diseases that are sexually transmitted and a list of test
 7 sites for the virus that causes AIDS (acquired immune deficiency
 8 syndrome).

9 _____
 10 Signature of Applicant

_____ Date

11 _____
 12 Signature of Applicant

_____ Date

13 (b) The clerk of the circuit court shall record the application,
 14 including the license and certificate of marriage, in a book provided for
 15 that purpose. This book is a public record.

16 (c) The state department of health shall develop uniform forms for
 17 applications for marriage licenses. The state department of health shall
 18 furnish these forms to the circuit court clerks. The state department of
 19 health may periodically revise these forms.

20 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a person who objects on
 21 religious grounds is not required to:

22 (1) verify the application under subsection (a) by oath or
 23 affirmation; or

24 (2) sign the acknowledgment described in subsection (a)(8).

25 However, before the clerk of the circuit court may issue a marriage
 26 license to a member of the Old Amish Mennonite church, the bishop
 27 of that member must sign a statement that the information in the
 28 application is true.

29 (e) If a person objects on religious grounds to:

30 (1) verifying the application under subsection (a) by oath or
 31 affirmation; or

32 (2) signing the acknowledgment described in subsection (a)(8);

33 the clerk of the circuit court shall indicate that fact on the application
 34 for a marriage license.

35 SECTION 8. IC 31-14-6-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 36 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 5. The chain of custody
 37 of blood **or genetic** specimens taken for testing may be established
 38 through verified documentation of each change of custody if:

39 (1) the documentation was made at or around the time of the
 40 change of custody;

41 (2) the documentation was made in the course of a regularly
 42 conducted business activity; and



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1 (3) the documentation was made as a regular practice of a
2 business activity.

3 SECTION 9. IC 31-14-11-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 15. At the time of the
5 issuance or modification of a support order, the parties affected by the
6 order shall inform the clerk of:

7 (1) any change of address and any other conditions that may affect
8 the administration of the order; ~~and~~

9 (2) whether any of the parties is receiving or has received
10 assistance under the federal Aid to Families with Dependent
11 Children program (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.); **and**

12 **(3) the Social Security number of any child affected by the**
13 **order.**

14 SECTION 10. IC 31-16-9-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
15 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 3. At the time of the
16 issuance or modification of a support order, the parties affected by the
17 order shall inform the clerk of the court of:

18 (1) any change of address or other conditions that may affect the
19 administration of the order; ~~and~~

20 (2) whether any of the parties is receiving or has received
21 assistance under the federal Aid to Families with Dependent
22 Children program (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.); **and**

23 **(3) the Social Security number of any child affected by the**
24 **order.**

25 SECTION 11. IC 31-18-1-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 9. "Initiating state"
27 means a state in which a proceeding **is forwarded or in which a**
28 **proceeding is filed for forwarding to a responding state** under:

29 (1) this article or a law substantially similar to this article;

30 (2) the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act; or

31 (3) the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act.
32 ~~is filed for forwarding to a responding state.~~

33 SECTION 12. IC 31-18-1-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 14. "Obligee" ~~or~~
35 ~~"petitioner"~~ means:

36 (1) an individual to whom a duty of support is owed or is alleged
37 to be owed or in whose favor a:

38 (A) support order has been issued; or

39 (B) judgment determining paternity has been entered;

40 (2) a state or political subdivision to which the rights under a duty
41 of support or support order have been assigned or that has
42 independent claims based on financial assistance provided to an

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1 individual obligee; or

2 (3) an individual seeking a judgment to establish paternity of the
3 individual's child.

4 SECTION 13. IC 31-18-1-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 15. "Obligor" or
6 "~~respondent~~" means an individual or the estate of a decedent who:

7 (1) owes or is alleged to owe a duty of support;

8 (2) is alleged to be, but has not been adjudicated to be, a parent of
9 a child; or

10 (3) is liable under a support order.

11 SECTION 14. IC 31-18-1-18 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
12 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 18. "Responding state"
13 means a state to which a proceeding is **filed or to which a proceeding**
14 **is forwarded for filing from an initiating state** under:

15 (1) this article or a law substantially similar to this article;

16 (2) the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act; or

17 (3) the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act.

18 SECTION 15. IC 31-18-1-21 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 21. "State" means:

20 (1) a state of the United States;

21 (2) the District of Columbia;

22 (3) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; or

23 (4) any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction
24 of the United States.

25 The term includes an Indian tribe and a foreign jurisdiction that ~~has~~
26 **have enacted a law or** established procedures for issuing and
27 enforcing support orders that are substantially similar to the procedures
28 under this article **or the procedures under the Uniform Reciprocal**
29 **Enforcement of Support Act or the Revised Uniform Reciprocal**
30 **Enforcement of Support Act.**

31 SECTION 16. IC 31-18-1-25 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
32 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 25. "Tribunal" means
33 a court, an administrative agency, or a quasi-judicial entity authorized
34 to establish, enforce, or modify support orders or to determine
35 paternity. In referring to an Indiana tribunal **acting as an authorized**
36 **responding court** under this article, the term means a court that is
37 authorized to establish, enforce, or modify support orders or establish
38 paternity but does not include an administrative agency or a
39 quasi-judicial entity.

40 SECTION 17. IC 31-18-2-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
41 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 7. (a) If a proceeding
42 is brought under this article and one (1) or more child support orders



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1 have been issued in Indiana or another state with regard to an obligor
 2 and a child, an Indiana tribunal shall apply the following rules in
 3 determining which order to recognize for purposes of continuing,
 4 exclusive jurisdiction:

5 (1) If only one (1) tribunal has issued a child support order, the
 6 order of that tribunal **is controlling and** must be recognized.

7 (2) If two (2) or more tribunals have issued child support orders
 8 for the same obligor and child, and only one (1) of the tribunals
 9 has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction in accordance with this
 10 article, the order of that tribunal **is controlling and** must be
 11 recognized.

12 (3) If two (2) or more tribunals have issued child support orders
 13 for the same obligor and child, and more than one (1) of the
 14 tribunals has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction in accordance with
 15 this article, an order issued by a tribunal in the current home state
 16 of the child must be recognized. However, if an order has not
 17 been issued in the current home state of the child, the order most
 18 recently issued must be recognized.

19 (4) If two (2) or more tribunals have issued child support orders
 20 for the same obligor and child, and none of the tribunals has
 21 continuing, exclusive jurisdiction in accordance with this article,
 22 the Indiana tribunal ~~may~~ **shall** issue a child support order that **is**
 23 **controlling and** must be recognized.

24 (b) The tribunal that has issued an order recognized under
 25 subsection (a) is the tribunal having continuing, exclusive jurisdiction.

26 **(c) If two (2) or more child support orders have been issued for**
 27 **the same obligor and child and if the obligor or the individual**
 28 **obligee resides in Indiana, a party may request an Indiana tribunal**
 29 **to determine which order controls and must be recognized under**
 30 **subsection (a). The request must be accompanied by a certified**
 31 **copy of all support orders in effect. Each party whose rights may**
 32 **be affected by a determination of the controlling order must be**
 33 **given notice of the request for that determination.**

34 SECTION 18. IC 31-18-2-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 35 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 7.5. (a) An Indiana tribunal that:**

37 **(1) determines by order the identity of the controlling child**
 38 **support order under section 7(a)(1), 7(a)(2), or 7(a)(3) of this**
 39 **chapter; or**

40 **(2) issues a new controlling child support order under section**
 41 **7(a)(4) of this chapter;**

42 **shall include in that order the basis upon which the tribunal made**

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1 the determination.

2 (b) Not later than thirty (30) days after issuance of the order
3 determining the identity of the controlling order, the party
4 obtaining the order shall file a certified copy of the order with each
5 tribunal that has issued or registered an earlier order of child
6 support. Failure of the party obtaining the order to file a certified
7 copy as required subjects the party to appropriate sanctions by a
8 tribunal in which the issue of failure to file arises. However, the
9 failure has no effect on the validity or enforceability of the
10 controlling order.

11 SECTION 19. IC 31-18-3-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
12 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 4. (a) Upon the filing
13 of a petition authorized by this article, an initiating Indiana tribunal
14 shall forward three (3) copies of the petition and its accompanying
15 documents to:

- 16 (1) the responding tribunal; or
17 (2) an appropriate support enforcement agency in the responding
18 state.

19 However, if the identity of the responding tribunal is unknown, the
20 copies must be forwarded to the state information agency of the
21 responding state with a request for the copies to be forwarded to the
22 appropriate tribunal and for receipt to be acknowledged.

23 (b) **If a responding state has not enacted the Uniform Interstate
24 Family Support Act or a law or procedure substantially similar to
25 the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, an Indiana tribunal
26 may issue a certificate or other documents and make findings
27 required by the law of the responding state. If the responding state
28 is a foreign jurisdiction, the tribunal may specify the amount of
29 support sought and provide other documents necessary to satisfy
30 the requirements of the responding state.**

31 SECTION 20. IC 31-18-3-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
32 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 7. (a) An Indiana Title
33 IV-D agency, upon request, shall provide services to a petitioner **who
34 is an obligee** in a proceeding under this article.

35 (b) A Title IV-D agency, or its agents, that is providing services to
36 the petitioner under this article shall:

- 37 (1) take the steps necessary to enable an appropriate Indiana
38 tribunal or another state to obtain jurisdiction over the respondent;
39 (2) request an appropriate tribunal to set a date, time, and place
40 for a hearing;
41 (3) make a reasonable effort to obtain all relevant information,
42 including information regarding income and property of the



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- 1 parties;
- 2 (4) not later than ten (10) days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays,
- 3 and legal holidays, after receipt of a written notice from an
- 4 initiating, a responding, or a registering tribunal, send a copy of
- 5 the notice by first class mail to the petitioner;
- 6 (5) not later than ten (10) days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays,
- 7 and legal holidays, after receipt of a written communication from
- 8 the respondent or the respondent's attorney, send a copy of the
- 9 communication by first class mail to the petitioner; and
- 10 (6) notify the petitioner if jurisdiction over the respondent may
- 11 not be obtained.

12 (c) This article does not create or negate:

- 13 (1) an attorney-client; or
- 14 (2) other fiduciary;

15 relationship between an attorney for either the Title IV-D agency or its
16 agents and the individual being assisted.

17 SECTION 21. IC 31-18-5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
18 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 1. (a) An income
19 withholding order issued in another state may be sent by first class mail
20 to the person or entity defined as the obligor's income payor under
21 Indiana's income withholding law under IC 31-16-15 without first filing
22 a petition or registering the order with an Indiana tribunal. Upon receipt
23 of the order, the income payor shall:

- 24 (1) treat an income withholding order issued in another state that
- 25 appears regular on its face as if the order had been issued by an
- 26 Indiana tribunal; **and**
- 27 (2) immediately provide a copy of the order to the obligor. ~~and~~
- 28 ~~(3) distribute the funds as directed in the income withholding~~
- 29 ~~order.~~

30 (b) An obligor may contest the validity or enforcement of an income
31 withholding order issued in another state in the same manner as if the
32 order had been issued by an Indiana tribunal. IC 31-18-6 applies to the
33 contest.

34 (c) The obligor shall give notice of the contest under this section to:

- 35 (1) any support enforcement agency providing services to the
- 36 obligee; and
- 37 (2) a person or an agency designated in the income withholding
- 38 order to receive payments, or if a person or an agency is not
- 39 designated, the obligee.

40 SECTION 22. IC 31-18-5-1.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
41 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
42 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 1.1. (a) Except as provided in**

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1 subsection (b) and IC 31-18-6-2.1, an employer shall withhold and
 2 distribute the funds as directed in a withholding order by
 3 complying with the applicable terms of the order that specify the
 4 following:

5 (1) The duration and the amount of periodic payments of
 6 current child support, stated as a certain sum.

7 (2) The person or agency designated to receive payments and
 8 the address to which the payments are to be forwarded.

9 (3) Medical support, whether in the form of periodic cash
 10 payments, stated as a certain sum, or an order to the obligor
 11 to provide health insurance coverage for the child under a
 12 policy available through the obligor's employment.

13 (4) The amount of periodic payments of fees and costs for a
 14 support enforcement agency, the issuing tribunal, and the
 15 obligee's attorney, stated as a certain sum.

16 (5) The amount of periodic payments of arrears and interest
 17 on arrears, stated as a certain sum.

18 (b) The employer shall comply with the law of the state of the
 19 obligor's principal place of employment for withholding from
 20 income with respect to:

21 (1) the employer's fee for processing an income withholding
 22 order or credit;

23 (2) the maximum amount permitted to be withheld from the
 24 obligor's income; and

25 (3) the periods within which the employer must implement the
 26 withholding order and forward the child support payment.

27 SECTION 23. IC 31-18-5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 2. (a) Whenever
 29 enforcement is sought for:

30 (1) a support order;

31 (2) an income withholding order; or

32 (3) both;

33 issued **in a Title IV-D case** by a tribunal of another state, documents
 34 required for registering the order may be sent to the Title IV-D agency
 35 of Indiana.

36 (b) Upon receipt of the documents, the Title IV-D agency, without
 37 initially seeking to register the order, shall consider and, if appropriate,
 38 use any administrative procedure authorized by Indiana law to enforce
 39 a support order or an income withholding order or both.

40 (c) If the obligor does not contest administrative enforcement, the
 41 Title IV-D agency is not required to register the order. If no
 42 administrative procedure authorized by Indiana law is used, the Title



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1 IV-D agency shall send the documents required for registering the
2 order to the appropriate Title IV-D agency.

3 SECTION 24. IC 31-18-6-2.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
4 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 2.1. If an obligor's employer**
6 **receives multiple orders to withhold support from the earnings of**
7 **the same obligor, the employer shall be considered to have satisfied**
8 **the terms of the multiple orders if the law of the state of the**
9 **obligor's principal place of employment to establish the priorities**
10 **for withholding and allocating income withheld from multiple child**
11 **support obligees is complied with.**

12 SECTION 25. IC 31-18-6-2.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
13 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 2.2. An employer who complies**
15 **with an income withholding order issued in another state in**
16 **accordance with this article is not subject to civil liability to any**
17 **individual or agency with regard to the employer's withholding**
18 **child support from the obligor's income.**

19 SECTION 26. IC 31-18-6-2.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
20 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
21 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 2.3. An employer who willfully**
22 **fails to comply with an income withholding order issued by another**
23 **state and received for enforcement is subject to the same penalties**
24 **that may be imposed for noncompliance with an order issued by a**
25 **tribunal of this state.**

26 SECTION 27. IC 31-18-6-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
27 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 3. (a) A support order
28 or an income withholding order issued in another state is registered
29 when the order is filed ~~in with the registering tribunal of Indiana.~~ **clerk**
30 **of the appropriate court.**

31 (b) A registered order issued in another state is:

- 32 (1) enforceable in the same manner; and
33 (2) subject to the same procedures;

34 as an order issued by an Indiana tribunal.

35 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this article, an Indiana tribunal
36 shall recognize and enforce but may not modify a registered order if the
37 issuing tribunal had jurisdiction.

38 SECTION 28. IC 31-18-6-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 6. (a) The petition for
40 registration must:

41 (1) be verified and set forth:

- 42 (A) the amount remaining unpaid; and



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1 (B) a list of any other states in which the support order is
 2 registered; and
 3 (2) have attached to it a certified copy of the support order with
 4 all modifications of the support order.

5 (b) ~~The foreign support order is registered upon the filing of the~~
 6 ~~complaint subject only to subsequent order of confirmation. The~~
 7 ~~registered foreign support order shall be given full force and effect~~
 8 ~~subject to confirmation or rescission of the order by the court.~~

9 SECTION 29. IC 31-18-6-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 10 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 11. (a) After a child
 11 support order issued in another state has been registered in Indiana,
 12 **unless the provisions of section 13 of this chapter apply**, the
 13 responding Indiana tribunal may modify the order only if, after notice
 14 and hearing, the responding tribunal finds that:

15 (1) the:
 16 (A) child, individual obligee, and obligor do not reside in the
 17 issuing state;
 18 (B) petitioner who is a nonresident of Indiana seeks
 19 modification; and
 20 (C) respondent is subject to the personal jurisdiction of the
 21 Indiana tribunal; or
 22 (2) an individual party or the child is subject to the personal
 23 jurisdiction of the tribunal and all of the individual parties have
 24 filed a written consent in the issuing tribunal providing that an
 25 Indiana tribunal may modify the support order and assume
 26 continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over the order. **However, if the**
 27 **issuing state is a foreign jurisdiction that has not enacted the**
 28 **Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, the written consent**
 29 **of the individual party residing in Indiana is not required for**
 30 **the tribunal to assume jurisdiction to modify the child support**
 31 **order.**

32 (b) Modification of a registered child support order is subject to the
 33 same requirements, procedures, and defenses that apply to the
 34 modification of an order issued by an Indiana tribunal. The order may
 35 be enforced and satisfied in the same manner.

36 (c) An Indiana tribunal may not modify any aspect of a child support
 37 order that may not be modified under the law of the issuing state. **If**
 38 **two (2) or more tribunals have issued child support orders for the**
 39 **same obligor and child, the order that is controlling and must be**
 40 **recognized under the provisions of IC 31-18-2-7 establishes the**
 41 **nonmodifiable aspects of the support order.**

42 (d) Upon the modification of a child support order issued in another

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1 state, an Indiana tribunal becomes the tribunal of continuing, exclusive
2 jurisdiction.

3 (e) Not more than thirty (30) days after issuing a modified child
4 support order, the party obtaining the modification shall file a certified
5 copy of the order:

6 (1) with the issuing tribunal that had continuing, exclusive
7 jurisdiction over the earlier order; and

8 (2) in each tribunal in which the party knows that the earlier order
9 has been registered.

10 **(f) Failure of the party obtaining the order to file a certified**
11 **copy as required under subsection (e) subjects the party to**
12 **appropriate sanctions by a tribunal in which the issue of failure to**
13 **file arises, but the failure has no effect on the validity or**
14 **enforceability of the modified order of the new tribunal of**
15 **continuing, exclusive jurisdiction.**

16 SECTION 30. IC 31-18-6-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
17 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 13. (a) If all of the individual**
19 **parties reside in Indiana and the child does not reside in the issuing**
20 **state, an Indiana tribunal has jurisdiction to enforce and to modify**
21 **the issuing state's child support order in a proceeding to register**
22 **the order.**

23 **(b) An Indiana tribunal exercising jurisdiction as provided in**
24 **this section shall apply the provisions of IC 31-18-1, IC 31-18-2,**
25 **and this chapter to the enforcement or modification proceeding. If**
26 **the conditions of subsection (a) exist, IC 31-18-3 through**
27 **IC 31-18-5, IC 31-18-7, and IC 31-18-8 do not apply, and the**
28 **tribunal shall apply the procedural and substantive law of Indiana.**

29 SECTION 31. IC 31-18-7-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 1. (a) An Indiana**
31 **tribunal may serve as an initiating or a responding tribunal in a**
32 **proceeding brought under:**

33 (1) this article or a law **or procedure** substantially similar to this
34 article; **or**

35 (2) **a law or procedure substantially similar to** the Uniform
36 Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act or

37 ~~(3)~~ the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act;
38 to determine that the petitioner is a parent of a child or to determine
39 that a respondent is a parent of the child.

40 (b) In a proceeding to determine paternity, a responding Indiana
41 tribunal shall apply the:

42 (1) procedural and substantive law of Indiana; and

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1 (2) rules of Indiana on choice of law.
2 SECTION 32. IC 31-18-1-22 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 1999].

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