

HOUSE BILL No. 6174

September 30, 1992, Introduced by Reps. Gernaat, McBryde, McNutt, Dalman, DeLange and Brackenridge and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Youth.

A bill to amend sections 9, 11, 17, 18, 19, and 31 of Act No. 294 of the Public Acts of 1982, entitled as amended "Friend of the court act," section 11 as amended by Act No. 297 of the Public Acts of 1990, section 18 as added by Act No. 208 of the Public Acts of 1985, section 19 as amended by Act No. 197 of the Public Acts of 1987, and section 31 as amended by Act No. 239 of the Public Acts of 1990, being sections 552.509, 552.511, 552.517, 552.518, 552.519, and 552.531 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to add sections 11a and 17b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Sections 9, 11, 17, 18, 19, and 31 of Act
2 No. 294 of the Public Acts of 1982, section 11 as amended by Act
3 No. 297 of the Public Acts of 1990, section 18 as added by Act
4 No. 208 of the Public Acts of 1985, section 19 as amended by Act

1 No. 197 of the Public Acts of 1987, and section 31 as amended by
2 Act No. 239 of the Public Acts of 1990, being sections 552.509,
3 552.511, 552.517, 552.518, 552.519, and 552.531 of the Michigan
4 Compiled Laws, are amended and sections 11a and 17b are added to
5 read as follows:

6 Sec. 9. (1) After a support order is entered in a domestic
7 relations matter except as otherwise provided in the order or
8 judgment, the office shall receive all payments of support orders
9 and service fees; RECORD not less than once each month, ~~record~~
10 the support payments due, paid, and past due; and disburse all
11 support receipts to the recipient of support.

12 (2) The office shall provide annually to each party, without
13 charge, 1 statement of account upon request. Additional state-
14 ments of account shall be provided at a reasonable fee sufficient
15 to pay for the cost of reproduction. Statements provided under
16 this subsection are in addition to statements provided for admin-
17 istrative and judicial hearings.

18 (3) The office shall initiate and carry out proceedings to
19 enforce all orders entered in a domestic relations matter regard-
20 ing custody, visitation, HEALTH CARE COVERAGE, and support, in
21 accordance with this act, the support and visitation enforcement
22 act, and supreme court rules.

23 Sec. 11. (1) Each office shall establish a system for ini-
24 tiating enforcement of support orders without awaiting complaints
25 from the recipient of support. The office ~~shall determine a~~
26 ~~formula in advance which, when applied to a support payment~~
27 ~~account,~~ shall initiate enforcement pursuant to the support and

1 visitation enforcement act ~~, Act No. 295 of the Public Acts of~~
2 ~~1982, being sections 552.601 to 552.650 of the Michigan Compiled~~
3 ~~Laws,~~ when a fixed amount of arrearage is reached, except as
4 otherwise provided in section 4(3) of Act No. 295 of the Public
5 Acts of 1982, being section 552.604 of the Michigan Compiled
6 Laws. The FIXED amount of arrearage ~~so fixed shall not be~~
7 ~~greater than an amount equal to~~ FOR INITIATION OF ENFORCEMENT IS
8 the amount of support payable for 1 month under the payer's sup-
9 port order. The office shall not initiate enforcement under this
10 subsection if the support order was entered ex parte and the
11 office has not received a copy of proof of service of the order.
12 (2) For a custody or visitation order, the office may initi-
13 ate enforcement proceedings under subsection (3) upon its own
14 initiative and shall initiate enforcement proceedings upon
15 receipt of a written complaint stating the specific facts alleged
16 to constitute a violation, if the office determines that there is
17 reason to believe a violation of a custody or visitation order
18 has occurred. Upon request, the office of the friend of the
19 court shall assist a person in preparing a complaint under this
20 subsection.

21 (3) The office shall send, by ordinary mail, a notice to an
22 alleged violator of a custody or visitation order, informing the
23 alleged violator of the nature of the alleged violation, the pro-
24 posed action under this or other applicable act, and the avail-
25 ability of domestic relations mediation. The notice shall con-
26 tain the following statement in boldface type of not less than 12
27 points:

1 "FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THE FRIEND OF THE COURT OFFICE
2 WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO WORK OUT A
3 SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT MAY RESULT IN CONTEMPT OF COURT
4 PROCEEDINGS BEING BROUGHT AGAINST YOU."

5 (4) A copy of the notice described in subsection (3) shall
6 be sent by ordinary mail to the party alleging a violation.

7 (5) Fourteen days after the date of the notice to the
8 alleged violator under subsection (3), the office may do 1 or
9 more of the following:

10 (a) Schedule a joint meeting with the parties to discuss the
11 allegations of failure to comply with a custody or visitation
12 order, and attempt to resolve the differences between the
13 parties.

14 (b) Refer the parties to meet with a domestic relations
15 mediator as provided in section 13, if the parties agree to
16 mediation.

17 (c) If appropriate, proceed under section 41 of Act No. 295
18 of the Public Acts of 1982, being section 552.641 of the Michigan
19 Compiled Laws, or other applicable act.

20 SEC. 11A. (1) THE OFFICE SHALL INITIATE AN INVESTIGATION TO
21 DETERMINE WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN A VIOLATION OF AN ORDER FOR
22 HEALTH CARE COVERAGE IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OCCUR:

23 (A) THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OR MODIFICATION OF A SUPPORT
24 ORDER CONTAINING AN ORDER FOR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE, THE OFFICE
25 HAS NOT RECEIVED WRITTEN PROOF FROM A PARENT OR THE PARENT'S

1 EMPLOYER OR HEALTH CARE INSURER, THAT THE PARENT HAS OBTAINED OR
2 IS MAINTAINING DEPENDENT HEALTH CARE COVERAGE.

3 (B) THE OFFICE IDENTIFIES A DELINQUENCY IN A SUPPORT PAYMENT
4 ACCOUNT UNDER SECTION 11.

5 (C) THE OFFICE RECEIVES A WRITTEN COMPLAINT ALLEGING THAT A
6 PARENT HAS FAILED TO OBTAIN OR MAINTAIN HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR
7 HIS OR HER CHILD AS REQUIRED BY AN ORDER FOR HEALTH CARE
8 COVERAGE. THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES MAY FILE A COMPLAINT
9 UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION IF THE CHILD FOR WHOSE BENEFIT HEALTH CARE
10 COVERAGE IS ORDERED IS RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, MEDICAL
11 ASSISTANCE, OR SERVICES UNDER PART D OF TITLE IV OF THE SOCIAL
12 SECURITY ACT, CHAPTER 531, 88 STAT. 2351, 42 U.S.C. 651 TO 669.

13 (2) IF THERE ARE REASONABLE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT THERE
14 HAS BEEN A VIOLATION OF AN ORDER FOR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE, THE
15 OFFICE SHALL INITIATE PROCEEDINGS TO ENFORCE THE ORDER PURSUANT
16 TO THE SUPPORT AND VISITATION ENFORCEMENT ACT.

17 (3) THE OFFICE SHALL INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERV-
18 ICES IF THE OFFICE IDENTIFIES HEALTH CARE COVERAGE THAT HAS BEEN
19 OBTAINED OR IS BEING MAINTAINED BY A PARENT FOR A CHILD WHO
20 RECEIVES PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. THE INFORMA-
21 TION PROVIDED SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE INSURANCE COMPANY,
22 HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION; THE
23 POLICY, CERTIFICATE, OR CONTRACT NUMBER; THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
24 THE COVERAGE; AND THE NAMES AND BIRTH DATES OF THE PERSONS FOR
25 WHOSE BENEFIT THE COVERAGE IS MAINTAINED.

26 Sec. 17. (1) After a final judgment containing a child
27 support order has been entered in a domestic relations matter,

1 the office shall examine the records and conduct any other
2 investigation considered necessary to determine whether the child
3 support amount should be increased or decreased ~~in view of a~~
4 ~~temporary or permanent change in physical custody of the child~~
5 ~~which the court has not ordered, increased need of the child, or~~
6 ~~changed financial conditions,~~ IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHILD SUP-
7 PORT FORMULA DEVELOPED BY THE STATE FRIEND OF THE COURT BUREAU OR
8 WHETHER THE SUPPORT ORDER SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO INCLUDE AN ORDER
9 FOR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE as follows:

10 (a) If a child is being supported in whole or in part by
11 public OR MEDICAL assistance, not less than once each 2 years.

12 (b) At the initiative of the office, if there are reasonable
13 grounds to believe that the amount of child support awarded in
14 the judgment should be modified OR THAT DEPENDENT HEALTH CARE
15 COVERAGE IS AVAILABLE AND THE SUPPORT ORDER SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO
16 INCLUDE AN ORDER FOR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE. REASONABLE GROUNDS TO
17 REVIEW AN ORDER PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION INCLUDE TEMPORARY OR
18 PERMANENT CHANGES IN THE PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF A CHILD WHICH THE
19 COURT HAS NOT ORDERED, INCREASED NEED OF THE CHILD, PROBABLE
20 ACCESS BY AN EMPLOYED PARENT TO DEPENDENT HEALTH CARE COVERAGE,
21 OR CHANGED FINANCIAL CONDITIONS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
22 APPLICATION FOR OR RECEIPT OF ANY FORM OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE,
23 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, OR WORKER'S COMPENSATION.

24 (c) Upon receipt of a written request from a party. The
25 office shall not be required to investigate more than 1 request
26 received from a party each 2 years. ~~Within 60 days after~~
27 ~~receipt of a request under this subdivision, the office shall~~

~~1 complete its investigation and make any resulting recommendations~~
~~2 and supporting documents available as required in section 7(4).~~

3 (2) THE OFFICE SHALL PETITION THE COURT FOR MODIFICATION OF
4 THE AMOUNT OF A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER IF MODIFICATION IS DETERMINED
5 TO BE NECESSARY UNDER SECTION 17B AND SHALL PETITION THE COURT
6 FOR MODIFICATION OF THE ORDER TO INCLUDE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE IF
7 MODIFICATION IS DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY. A WRITTEN REPORT AND
8 RECOMMENDATION SHALL ACCOMPANY THE PETITION.

9 (3) PROCEEDINGS UNDER SUBSECTIONS (1) AND (2) AND SECTION
10 17B SHALL BE COMPLETED WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE
11 NOTICE IS SENT TO THE PARTIES UNDER SECTION 17B.

12 (4) ~~(2)~~ After a final judgment containing a visitation
13 order has been entered in a domestic relations matter, if there
14 is a dispute as to visitation ~~which~~ THAT is not resolved volun-
15 tarily by the parties through a meeting with the office of the
16 friend of the court under section 11 or through domestic rela-
17 tions mediation under section 13, the office may petition the
18 court for a modification of the visitation order. A written
19 report and recommendation shall accompany the petition.

20 (5) ~~(3)~~ Before a court hearing on a proposed modification
21 OF A VISITATION ORDER, the office shall notify both parties of
22 the proposed modification and afford the parties an opportunity
23 for review and comment.

24 ~~(4) The office shall petition the court for modification of~~
25 ~~the amount of a child support order if modification is determined~~
26 ~~to be necessary under subsection (1). A written report and~~
27 ~~recommendation shall accompany the petition.~~

1 ~~(5) As used in this section, "changed financial conditions"~~
2 ~~means increases or decreases in the resources available to either~~
3 ~~party from any source. Changed financial conditions includes,~~
4 ~~but is not limited to, the application for or receipt of any form~~
5 ~~of public assistance, unemployment compensation, and worker's~~
6 ~~compensation.~~

7 SEC. 17B. (1) THE OFFICE SHALL NOTIFY EACH PARTY SUBJECT TO
8 A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER OF HIS OR HER RIGHT TO REQUEST A REVIEW OF
9 THE SUPPORT ORDER AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 17. THE NOTICE SHALL BE
10 PROVIDED USING THE INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLET DISTRIBUTED UNDER
11 SECTION 5 FOR DOMESTIC RELATIONS MATTERS INITIATED AFTER THE
12 EXPIRATION OF 90 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.
13 BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF 180 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
14 THIS SECTION, THE OFFICE IN EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SHALL SEND A
15 NOTICE TO EACH PARTY SUBJECT TO A SUPPORT ORDER ENTERED BEFORE
16 THE EXPIRATION OF 90 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SEC-
17 TION INFORMING THE PARTY OF THE RIGHT TO REQUEST A REVIEW. THE
18 NOTICE SHALL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL TO THE PARTY'S LAST KNOWN
19 ADDRESS.

20 (2) THE OFFICE SHALL NOTIFY PARTIES OF A REVIEW OF A SUPPORT
21 ORDER UNDER SECTION 17 AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE REVIEW IS
22 CONDUCTED. THE NOTICE SHALL BE SENT TO EACH PARTY BY ORDINARY
23 MAIL TO HIS OR HER LAST KNOWN ADDRESS.

24 (3) AFTER A REVIEW OF A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER HAS BEEN CON-
25 DUCTED, THE OFFICE SHALL NOTIFY THE PARTIES OF A PROPOSED
26 INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF CHILD SUPPORT, A PROPOSED
27 MODIFICATION TO ORDER HEALTH CARE COVERAGE, OR A DETERMINATION

1 THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO CHANGE IN THE ORDER. THE NOTICE SHALL
2 INCLUDE A STATEMENT THAT A PARTY HAS 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF
3 THE NOTICE TO REVIEW THE RECOMMENDATION AND CHALLENGE THE PRO-
4 POSED MODIFICATION OR DETERMINATION. IF, WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER
5 THE DATE OF THE NOTICE, A PARTY FILES A CHALLENGE TO A PROPOSED
6 MODIFICATION OR THE DETERMINATION THAT THE ORDER SHOULD NOT BE
7 MODIFIED, THE OFFICE SHALL EVALUATE ANY NEW DOCUMENTATION
8 PRESENTED THAT MAY AFFECT THE DETERMINATION AND, IF NECESSARY,
9 RECALCULATE THE AMOUNT OF THE CHILD SUPPORT AWARD.

10 (4) THE OFFICE SHALL MAKE A WRITTEN REPORT AND RECOMMENDA-
11 TION REGARDING CHILD SUPPORT. THE OFFICE SHALL USE THE CHILD
12 SUPPORT FORMULA DEVELOPED BY THE BUREAU UNDER SECTION 19 IN REC-
13 OMMENDING AND PETITIONING FOR CHILD SUPPORT. THE WRITTEN REPORT
14 SHALL INCLUDE THE SUPPORT AMOUNT DETERMINED BY APPLICATION OF THE
15 CHILD SUPPORT FORMULA AND ALL FACTUAL ASSUMPTIONS UPON WHICH THAT
16 SUPPORT AMOUNT IS BASED. IF THE OFFICE DETERMINES FROM THE FACTS
17 OF THE CASE THAT APPLICATION OF THE CHILD SUPPORT FORMULA WOULD
18 BE UNJUST OR INAPPROPRIATE, THE WRITTEN REPORT SHALL ALSO INCLUDE
19 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

20 (A) AN ALTERNATIVE SUPPORT RECOMMENDATION.

21 (B) THE FACTUAL ASSUMPTIONS UPON WHICH THE ALTERNATIVE SUP-
22 PORT RECOMMENDATION IS BASED, IF APPLICABLE.

23 (C) HOW THE ALTERNATIVE SUPPORT RECOMMENDATION DEVIATES FROM
24 THE CHILD SUPPORT FORMULA.

25 (D) THE REASONS FOR THE ALTERNATIVE SUPPORT RECOMMENDATION.

26 Sec. 18. (1) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), upon the
27 request of the office of the friend of the court, ~~any~~ AN

1 employer or former employer, OR PROVIDER OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE,
2 of a custodial parent or an absent parent as defined in section 1
3 or the office of child support act, Act No. 174 of the Public
4 Acts of 1971, being section 400.231 of the Michigan Compiled
5 Laws, shall provide the following information relative to the
6 custodial parent or absent parent:

7 (a) Full name and address.

8 (b) Social security number.

9 (c) Date of birth.

10 (d) Amount of wages earned by or other income due the custo-
11 dial parent or absent parent. As used in this subdivision and
12 subdivision (e), "income" means income as defined in section 2 of
13 the support and visitation enforcement act, Act No. 295 of the
14 Public Acts of 1982, being section 552.602 of the Michigan
15 Compiled Laws. Both net and gross income shall be reported,
16 regardless of method of payment.

17 (e) The following information concerning the person's cur-
18 rent and former employment status: whether or not the custodial
19 parent or absent parent is currently employed, laid off, on sick,
20 disability, or other leave of absence, or retired, and amount of
21 income due from an employment related benefit plan, if any.

22 (f) Dependent health care coverage available to the custo-
23 dial parent or absent parent as a benefit of employment.

24 (2) A request for information under this section shall cer-
25 tify that the information obtained will be treated as confiden-
26 tial and shall not be used or released except for the purposes of

1 administering, enforcing, and complying with state and federal
2 laws governing child support.

3 (3) A former employer shall not be required to provide
4 information concerning a person who was last employed by the
5 former employer more than 3 years before the date of the
6 request.

7 (4) This section shall not be construed to require the cre-
8 ation or maintenance of records not otherwise required to be cre-
9 ated or maintained, or to require an employer or former employer
10 to discover information not contained in records of, or otherwise
11 known to, the employer or former employer.

12 (5) A copy of information provided to the office under this
13 section shall be made available to the custodial parent or absent
14 parent, or both, upon his or her request.

15 Sec. 19. (1) The state friend of the court bureau is cre-
16 ated within the office of the state court administrator, under
17 the supervision and direction of the supreme court.

18 (2) The bureau shall have its main office in Lansing.

19 (3) The bureau shall do all of the following:

20 (a) Develop and recommend guidelines for conduct, opera-
21 tions, and procedures of the office and its employees, including,
22 but not limited to, the following:

23 (i) Case load and staffing standards for employees who per-
24 form domestic relations mediation functions, investigation and
25 recommendation functions, referee functions, enforcement func-
26 tions, and clerical functions.

1 (ii) Orientation programs for clients of the office.

2 (iii) Public educational programs regarding domestic
3 relations law and community resources, including financial and
4 other counseling, and employment opportunities.

5 (iv) Procedural changes in response to the type of griev-
6 ances received by an office.

7 (v) Model pamphlets and procedural forms, which shall be
8 distributed to each office.

9 (vi) A formula to be used ~~as a guideline~~ in recommending
10 AND ESTABLISHING a child support amount AND HEALTH CARE
11 OBLIGATION. The formula shall be based upon the needs of the
12 child and the actual resources of each parent.

13 (b) Provide training programs for the friend of the court,
14 domestic relations mediators, and employees of the office ~~—~~ to
15 better enable them to carry out the duties described in this act
16 and supreme court rules.

17 (c) Gather and monitor relevant statistics.

18 (d) Annually issue a report containing a detailed summary of
19 the types of grievances received by each office, and whether the
20 grievances are resolved or outstanding. The report shall be
21 transmitted to the legislature and to each office.

22 (e) Develop and recommend guidelines to be used by an office
23 in determining whether or not visitation has been wrongfully
24 denied by the custodial parent.

25 (f) Develop standards and procedures for the transfer of
26 part or all of the responsibilities for a case from one office to
27 another in situations considered appropriate by the bureau.

1 (g) Certify domestic relations mediation training programs
2 as provided in section 13.

3 (h) Establish a 9-person advisory committee, serving without
4 compensation except as provided in subsection (4), composed of
5 the following:

6 (i) Three public members who have had contact with an office
7 or the friend of the court.

8 (ii) Three attorneys who are members of the state bar of
9 Michigan and whose practices are primarily domestic relations
10 law. Not more than 1 attorney may be a circuit court judge.

11 (iii) Three human service professionals who provide family
12 counseling.

13 (i) Cooperate with the office of child support in developing
14 and implementing a statewide information system as provided in
15 the office of child support act, Act No. 174 of the Public Acts
16 of 1971, being sections 400.231 to 400.235 of the Michigan
17 Compiled Laws.

18 (j) Develop and make available guidelines to assist the
19 office of the friend of the court in determining the appropriate-
20 ness in individual cases of the following:

21 (i) Imposing a lien or requiring the posting of a bond,
22 security, or other guarantee to secure the payment of support.

23 (ii) Implementing the offset of a delinquent payer's state
24 income tax refund.

25 (k) Develop and provide the office of the friend of the
26 court with ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1 (i) Form motions, responses, and orders for use by a payer
2 or payee in requesting the court to modify his or her child
3 support order, or in responding to a motion for modification
4 without the assistance of legal counsel.

5 (ii) Instructions on preparing and filing the forms,
6 instructions on service of process, and instructions on schedul-
7 ing a support modification hearing.

8 (4) The advisory committee established under subsection
9 (3)(h) shall advise the bureau in the performance of its duties
10 under this section. Advisory committee members shall be reim-
11 bursed for their expenses for mileage, meals, and, if necessary,
12 lodging, pursuant to the schedule for reimbursement established
13 annually by the legislature. Meetings of the advisory committee
14 shall be open to the public. Members of the public attending a
15 meeting of the advisory committee shall be given a reasonable
16 opportunity to address the committee on ~~any~~ AN issue under con-
17 sideration by the committee. If a vote is to be taken by the
18 advisory committee, ~~such~~ THE opportunity to address the commit-
19 tee shall be given before the vote is taken.

20 (5) The bureau may call upon each office of the friend of
21 the court for assistance in performing the duties imposed in this
22 section.

23 Sec. 31. (1) "Bureau" means the state friend of the court
24 bureau created in section 19.

25 (2) "Chief judge" means the following:

26 (a) The circuit judge in a judicial circuit having only 1
27 circuit judge.

1 (b) Except in the county of Wayne, the chief judge of the
2 circuit court in a judicial circuit having 2 or more circuit
3 judges.

4 (c) In the county of Wayne, the executive chief judge of the
5 circuit court in the third judicial circuit and the recorder's
6 court of the city of Detroit.

7 (3) "Consumer reporting agency" means ~~any~~ A person that,
8 for monetary fees, FOR dues, or on a cooperative nonprofit basis,
9 regularly engages in whole or in part in the practice of assembl-
10 ing or evaluating consumer credit information or other informa-
11 tion on consumers for the purpose of furnishing consumer reports
12 to third parties, and that uses any means or facility of inter-
13 state commerce for the purpose of preparing or furnishing con-
14 sumer reports. As used in this subsection, "consumer report"
15 means that term as defined in section 603 of title VI of the con-
16 sumer credit protection act, Public Law 90-321, 15 U.S.C. 1681a.

17 (4) "Court" means the circuit court.

18 (5) "Domestic relations mediation" means a process by which
19 the parties are assisted by a domestic relations mediator in vol-
20 untarily formulating an agreement to resolve a dispute concerning
21 child custody or visitation that arises from a domestic relations
22 matter.

23 (6) "Domestic relations matter" means ~~any~~ A circuit court
24 proceeding as to child custody or visitation, or child or spouse
25 support, that arises out of litigation under ~~any~~ A statute of
26 this state, including but not limited to the following:

1 (a) Chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, being
2 sections 552.1 to 552.45 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

3 (b) The family support act, Act No. 138 of the Public Acts
4 of 1966, being sections 552.451 to 552.459 of the Michigan
5 Compiled Laws.

6 (c) The child custody act of 1970, Act No. 91 of the Public
7 Acts of 1970, being sections 722.21 to 722.29 of the Michigan
8 Compiled Laws.

9 (d) Act No. 293 of the Public Acts of 1968, being sections
10 722.1 to 722.6 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

11 (e) The paternity act, Act No. 205 of the Public Acts of
12 1956, being sections 722.711 to 722.730 of the Michigan Compiled
13 Laws.

14 (f) Revised uniform reciprocal enforcement of support act,
15 Act No. 8 of the Public Acts of 1952, being sections 780.151 to
16 780.183 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

17 (7) "Friend of the court" means the person serving under
18 section 21(1) or appointed pursuant to section 23, as the head of
19 the office of the friend of the court.

20 (8) "MEDICAL ASSISTANCE" MEANS THE PROGRAM FOR MEDICAL
21 ASSISTANCE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE SOCIAL WELFARE ACT, ACT NO. 280
22 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1939, BEING SECTIONS 400.1 TO 400.119B OF
23 THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, AND PURSUANT TO TITLE XIX OF THE
24 SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, CHAPTER 531, 49 STAT. 620, 42 U.S.C. 1396 TO
25 1396g AND 1396i TO 1396u, 42 U.S.C. 1902.

26 (9) ~~-(8)-~~ "Office" and "office of the friend of the court"
27 mean the agency created in section 3.

1 (10) ~~(9)~~ "Payer" means a person ordered by the circuit
2 court to pay support.

3 (11) ~~(10)~~ "Public assistance" means aid to families with
4 dependent children, general assistance, foster care maintenance,
5 or a combination of those items.

6 (12) ~~(11)~~ "Recipient of support" means the following:

7 (a) The spouse, if the support order orders support for the
8 spouse.

9 (b) The custodial parent or guardian, if the support order
10 orders support for a minor child or a child who is 18 years of
11 age or older.

12 (c) The state department of social services, if support has
13 been assigned to the state department.

14 (13) ~~(12)~~ "Support" means either of the following:

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

20 (b) The payment of money ordered by the circuit court under
21 the paternity act, Act No. 205 of the Public Acts of 1956, ~~being~~
22 ~~sections 722.711 to 722.730 of the Michigan Compiled Laws,~~ for
23 the necessary expenses incurred by or for the mother in connec-
24 tion with her confinement or of other expenses in connection with
25 the pregnancy of the mother.

1 (14) ~~(13)~~ "Support and visitation enforcement act" means
2 Act No. 295 of the Public Acts of 1982, being sections 552.601 to
3 552.650 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

4 (15) ~~(14)~~ "Support order" means ~~any~~ AN order entered by
5 the circuit court for the payment of support in a sum certain,
6 whether in the form of a lump sum or a periodic payment.