

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 1431**

A bill to amend 1966 PA 138, entitled  
"The family support act,"  
by amending sections 1, 2, and 8a (MCL 552.451, 552.452, and  
552.458a), section 1 as amended by 2002 PA 8 and sections 2 and 8a  
as amended by 2002 PA 574; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

1       Sec. 1. A married parent who has a minor child or children  
2 living with him or her and who is living separate and away from his  
3 or her spouse who is the noncustodial parent of the child or  
4 children, and who is refused financial assistance by the  
5 noncustodial parent to provide necessary shelter, food, care, and  
6 clothing for the child or children, if the spouse is of sufficient  
7 financial ability to provide that assistance, may complain to the

1 circuit court for the county where either parent resides for an  
2 order for support for himself or herself and the minor child or  
3 children. Subject to section 5b of the support and parenting time  
4 enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.605b, the parent may also  
5 complain to the circuit court for support for a child or children  
6 after they reach 18 years of age. The proceedings shall be  
7 commenced by the filing of a complaint verified by the petitioner  
8 and by issuance of a summons that shall be ~~personally~~-served upon  
9 the noncustodial parent of the children and spouse of the  
10 petitioner **IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY COURT RULES FOR THE SERVICE OF**  
11 **PROCESS IN CIVIL ACTIONS**. A complaint shall not be filed ~~nor shall~~  
12 ~~any~~ **AND A** summons ~~issue~~ **SHALL NOT BE ISSUED** if divorce or separate  
13 maintenance proceedings are then pending between the petitioner and  
14 his or her spouse.

15 Sec. 2. (1) Upon the hearing of the complaint, in the manner  
16 of a motion, the court may enter an order as it determines proper  
17 for the support of the petitioner and the minor child or children  
18 of the parties as prescribed in section 5 of the support and  
19 parenting time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.605. The order  
20 shall provide that payment shall be made to the friend of the court  
21 or the state disbursement unit. If the parent complained of opposes  
22 the entry of the order upon the ground that he or she is without  
23 sufficient financial ability to provide necessary shelter, food,  
24 care, clothing, and other support for his or her spouse and child  
25 or children, the burden of proving this lack of ability is on the  
26 parent against whom the complaint is made. The order shall state in  
27 separate paragraphs the amount of support for the petitioner until

1 the further order of the court, and the amount of support for each  
2 child until each child reaches 18 years of age or until the further  
3 order of the court. Subject to section 5b of the support and  
4 parenting time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.605b, the  
5 court may also order support for the child after the child reaches  
6 18 years of age, or until the further order of the court. **SUPPORT**  
7 **ORDERED MAY INCLUDE EXPENSES OF MEDICAL, DENTAL, AND OTHER HEALTH**  
8 **CARE, CHILD CARE, AND EDUCATION, NECESSARY MEDICAL EXPENSES**  
9 **INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MOTHER'S PREGNANCY OR THE BIRTH OF**  
10 **THE CHILD, AND THE EXPENSE OF GENETIC TESTING. A CHILD SUPPORT**  
11 **OBLIGATION IS ONLY RETROACTIVE TO THE DATE THAT THE COMPLAINT FOR**  
12 **SUPPORT WAS FILED UNLESS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST:**

13 (A) THE DEFENDANT WAS AVOIDING SERVICE OF PROCESS.

14 (B) THE DEFENDANT THREATENED OR COERCED THROUGH DOMESTIC  
15 VIOLENCE OR OTHER MEANS THE COMPLAINANT NOT TO FILE A PROCEEDING  
16 UNDER THIS ACT.

17 (C) THE DEFENDANT OTHERWISE DELAYED THE IMPOSITION OF A  
18 SUPPORT OBLIGATION.

19 (2) THE COURT SHALL ORDER MEDICAL EXPENSES INCURRED IN  
20 CONNECTION WITH THE MOTHER'S PREGNANCY OR THE BIRTH OF THE CHILD  
21 UNDER THIS SECTION IN THE SAME MANNER AS MEDICAL EXPENSES ARE  
22 ORDERED UNDER SECTION 2 OF THE PATERNITY ACT, 1956 PA 205, MCL  
23 722.712, AND SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS ORDER PROVISIONS AS REQUIRED BY  
24 THAT SECTION FOR ORDERS ENTERED UNDER THAT ACT.

25 (3) ~~(2)~~—A support order entered under this section is  
26 enforceable as provided in the support and parenting time  
27 enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.601 to 552.650. If this act

1 contains a specific provision regarding the contents or enforcement  
2 of a child support order that conflicts with a provision in the  
3 support and parenting time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL  
4 552.601 to 552.650, this act controls in regard to that provision.

5 (4) ~~(3)~~—If there is no dispute regarding a child's custody,  
6 the court shall include in an order for support issued under this  
7 act specific provisions governing custody of and parenting time for  
8 the child in accordance with the child custody act of 1970, 1970 PA  
9 91, MCL 722.21 to 722.31. If there is a dispute regarding custody  
10 of and parenting time for the child, the court shall include in an  
11 order for support issued under this act specific temporary  
12 provisions governing custody of and parenting time for the child.  
13 Pending a hearing on or other resolution of the dispute, the court  
14 may refer the matter to the office of the friend of the court for a  
15 written report and recommendation as provided in section 5 of the  
16 friend of the court act, 1982 PA 294, MCL 552.505. In a dispute  
17 regarding custody of and parenting time for a child, the  
18 prosecuting attorney is not required to represent either party  
19 regarding the dispute.

20 Sec. 8a. ~~The department, the SDU, and each office of the~~  
21 ~~friend of the court shall cooperate in the transition to~~ **THE SDU IS**  
22 **RESPONSIBLE FOR** the centralized receipt and disbursement of  
23 support. ~~and fees.~~ An office of the friend of the court shall ~~shall~~ **MAY**  
24 continue to receive ~~and disburse~~ support and fees. ~~through the~~  
25 ~~transition, based on the schedule developed as required by section~~  
26 ~~7 of the office of child support act, 1971 PA 174, MCL 400.237, and~~  
27 ~~modifications to that schedule as the department considers~~

1 ~~necessary.~~

2           Enacting section 1. Section 7 of the family support act, 1966  
3 PA 138, MCL 552.457, is repealed.

4           Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
5 unless all of the following bills of the 94th Legislature are  
6 enacted into law:

7           (a) Senate Bill No. 1427.

8           (b) Senate Bill No. 1430.