

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 106

A bill to amend 1956 PA 205, entitled
"The paternity act,"
by amending sections 2, 7, and 19a (MCL 722.712, 722.717, and
722.729a), section 2 as amended by 2004 PA 253, section 7 as
amended by 2004 PA 209, and section 19a as added by 1999 PA 157;
and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 2. (1) The parents of a child born out of wedlock are
2 liable for ~~the~~ **ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**
3 **(A) THE MEDICAL EXPENSES CONNECTED TO THE MOTHER'S PREGNANCY.**
4 **(B) THE MEDICAL EXPENSES CONNECTED TO THE BIRTH OF THE CHILD.**
5 **(C) THE** necessary support and education of the child. ~~They are~~
6 ~~also liable for the~~

(D) THE child's funeral expenses.

(2) Subject to ~~subsections (2) and (3), based~~ SUBSECTION (3), IF MEDICAID HAS NOT PAID A MEDICAL EXPENSE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) (A) OR (B), ON REQUEST FROM A PARENT, THE COURT IN AN ACTION BROUGHT UNDER THIS ACT SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

(A) IF THE COURT DETERMINES THE EXPENSE TO BE REASONABLE AND NECESSARY, APPORTION THE EXPENSE BETWEEN THE PARENTS BASED on each parent's ability to pay and on any other relevant factor, ~~the court may apportion, in the same manner as medical~~ HEALTH CARE expenses of ~~the~~ A child are divided under the child support formula, ~~the reasonable and necessary expenses of the mother's confinement and expenses in connection with her pregnancy between the parents and~~ ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 19 OF THE FRIEND OF THE COURT ACT, 1982 PA 294, MCL 552.519.

(B) IN THE COURT'S DISCRETION, IF 1 PARENT HAS PAID THE EXPENSE, require the parent who did not pay the expense to pay his or her share of the expense to the other parent. ~~At~~

(C) IN THE COURT'S DISCRETION, AT the request of a person other than a parent who has paid the ~~expenses of the mother's confinement or expenses in connection with her pregnancy, the court may~~ EXPENSE, order a parent against whom the request is made to pay to the person ~~other than a parent~~ the parent's share of the ~~expenses~~ EXPENSE.

(D) ON REQUEST FROM A PARENT, REQUIRE AN ITEMIZED BILL FOR THE EXPENSE BEFORE MAKING AN APPORTIONMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (4), IF MEDICAID HAS PAID A MEDICAL EXPENSE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) (A) OR (B), ON REQUEST FROM THE

1 OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT OR ITS DESIGNEE, THE COURT IN AN ACTION
2 BROUGHT UNDER THIS ACT SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

3 (A) DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF THE EXPENSE THAT IS REASONABLE AND
4 NECESSARY BY USING THE ACTUARIALLY BASED CASE RATE ESTABLISHED AND
5 CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH OR THE AMOUNT OF
6 THE EXPENSE CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH.

7 (B) APPORTION THE AMOUNT DETERMINED UNDER SUBDIVISION (A) TO
8 THE FATHER USING THE METHOD ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 3(O) OF THE
9 OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ACT, 1971 PA 174, MCL 400.233.

10 (C) REQUIRE THE FATHER TO PAY THE AMOUNT APPORTIONED TO THE
11 FATHER UNDER SUBDIVISION (B) TO THE MEDICAID AGENCY THROUGH THE
12 STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT.

13 (D) NOT REQUIRE THE MOTHER TO PAY ANY OF THE EXPENSES.

14 (4) ~~(2)~~ If a pregnancy or a complication of a pregnancy has
15 been determined in another proceeding to have been the result of
16 either a physical or sexual battery by a party to the case, the
17 court shall apportion ~~these~~ **THE MEDICAL** expenses **DESCRIBED IN**
18 **SUBSECTION (1) (A) AND (B)** to the party who was the perpetrator of
19 the battery.

20 ~~—— (3) If medicaid has paid the confinement and pregnancy~~
21 ~~expenses of a mother under this section, the court shall not~~
22 ~~apportion confinement and pregnancy expenses to the mother. After~~
23 ~~the effective date of the amendatory act that added this~~
24 ~~subsection, based on the father's ability to pay and any other~~
25 ~~relevant factor, the court may apportion not more than 100% of the~~
26 ~~reasonable and necessary confinement and pregnancy costs to the~~
27 ~~father. If medicaid has not paid the confinement and pregnancy~~

~~expenses of the mother under this section, the court shall require an itemized bill for the expenses upon request from the father before an apportionment is made.~~

(5) ~~(4) The~~ A court order ENTERED UNDER SUBSECTION (2) OR (3) shall provide that if the father marries the mother after the birth of the child and provides A COPY OF THE MARRIAGE LICENSE OR OTHER documentation of the marriage to the friend of the court, the father's obligation for payment of any ~~remaining-unpaid confinement and pregnancy expenses~~ MEDICAL EXPENSE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) (A) OR (B) is abated subject to reinstatement after notice and hearing for good cause shown, including, but not limited to, dissolution of the marriage. ~~The remaining unpaid amount of the confinement and pregnancy expenses owed by the father~~ AN EXPENSE ABATED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION is abated as of the date that documentation of the marriage is provided to the friend of the court.

(6) ~~(5) Each confinement and pregnancy expenses~~ AN order THAT PROVIDES FOR THE PAYMENT OF A MEDICAL EXPENSE CONNECTED TO A MOTHER'S PREGNANCY OR A CHILD'S BIRTH entered by the court IN AN ACTION UNDER THIS ACT on or before ~~the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection~~ OCTOBER 1, 2004 shall be considered by operation of law to provide for the abatement of ~~the remaining~~ ANY SUCH MEDICAL EXPENSE THAT REMAINS unpaid ~~confinement and pregnancy expenses~~ if the father marries the mother. ~~and~~ AN ABATEMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION shall be implemented under the same circumstances and enforced in the same manner as ~~for the~~ AN abatement of ~~confinement and pregnancy expenses provided by~~ UNDER

subsection ~~(4)~~-(5) .

(7) ~~(6)~~—The court shall admit in proceedings under this act a bill for funeral expenses ~~, OR FOR expenses of the mother's confinement, or expenses in connection with~~ **CONNECTED TO** the mother's pregnancy ~~, which bill constitutes prima facie evidence of the amount of those expenses~~ **OR THE BIRTH OF THE CHILD, OR ACTUARIALLY BASED CASE RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH,** without third party foundation testimony. **A BILL OR CASE RATES ADMITTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ARE PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF THE RELEVANT FUNERAL OR MEDICAL EXPENSE.**

(8) **THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH FROM SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FROM A PARTY OR OTHER PERSON, INCLUDING AN INSURER, BY A LEGAL PROCEDURE OTHER THAN AN ACTION UNDER THIS ACT.**

(9) ~~(7)~~—If the father **OF A CHILD BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK** dies, an order of filiation or a judicially approved settlement made before his death is enforceable against his estate in the same manner and way as a divorce decree.

(10) ~~(8)~~—As used in this section, "medicaid" means the medical assistance program administered by ~~the~~ **THIS** state under section 105 of the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.105.

Sec. 7. (1) ~~The~~ **IN AN ACTION UNDER THIS ACT, THE** court shall enter an order of filiation declaring paternity and providing for the support of the child under 1 or more of the following circumstances:

(a) The finding of the court or the verdict determines that the man is the father.

1 (b) The defendant acknowledges paternity either orally to the
2 court or by filing with the court a written acknowledgment of
3 paternity.

4 (c) The defendant is served with summons and a default
5 judgment is entered against him or her.

6 (2) An order of filiation entered under subsection (1) shall
7 specify the sum to be paid weekly or otherwise, as prescribed in
8 section 5 of the support and parenting time enforcement act, 1982
9 PA 295, MCL 552.605, until the child reaches the age of 18. Subject
10 to section 5b of the support and parenting time enforcement act,
11 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.605b, the court may also order support for a
12 child after he or she reaches 18 years of age. In addition to
13 providing for the support of the child, the order shall also
14 provide for the payment of the necessary expenses ~~incurred by or~~
15 ~~for the mother in connection with her confinement and~~ **CONNECTED TO**
16 **THE MOTHER'S** pregnancy **AND THE BIRTH OF THE CHILD** and for the
17 funeral expenses if the child has died, as determined by the court
18 under section 2. A child support obligation is only retroactive to
19 the date that the paternity complaint was filed unless any of the
20 following circumstances exist:

21 (a) The defendant was avoiding service of process.

22 (b) The defendant threatened or coerced through domestic
23 violence or other means the complainant not to file a proceeding
24 under this act.

25 (c) The defendant otherwise delayed the imposition of a
26 support obligation.

27 (3) A judgment or order entered under this act providing for

1 the support of a child or payment of expenses ~~in connection with~~
2 **CONNECTED TO** the mother's ~~confinement or pregnancy~~ **OR THE BIRTH OF**
3 **THE CHILD** is enforceable as provided in the support and parenting
4 time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.601 to 552.650. If this
5 act contains a specific provision regarding the contents or
6 enforcement of a support order that conflicts with a provision in
7 the support and parenting time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL
8 552.601 to 552.650, this act controls in regard to that provision.

9 (4) Upon entry of an order of filiation, the clerk of the
10 court shall collect a fee of ~~\$35.00~~ **\$9.00 FOR ENTERING THE ORDER**
11 **AND THE FEE IMPOSED BY SECTION 2891(9) (A) OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH**
12 **CODE, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.2891**, from the person against whom the
13 order of filiation is entered. The clerk shall retain ~~\$9.00 of the~~
14 ~~fee and remit the \$26.00 balance, along~~ **THE \$9.00 FEE AND REMIT THE**
15 **FEE IMPOSED BY SECTION 2891(9) (A) OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH CODE, 1978**
16 **PA 368, MCL 333.2891**, with a written report of the order of
17 filiation, to the director of the department of community health.
18 The report shall be on a form prescribed by or in a manner approved
19 by the director of the department of community health. Regardless
20 of whether the ~~fee~~ **FEES** required by this section ~~is~~ **ARE** collected,
21 the clerk shall transmit and the department of community health
22 shall receive the report of the order of filiation.

23 (5) If an order of filiation or acknowledgment of parentage is
24 abrogated by a later judgment or order of a court, the clerk of the
25 court that entered the order shall immediately communicate that
26 fact to the director of the department of community health on a
27 form prescribed by the director of the department of community

1 health. An order of filiation supersedes an acknowledgment of
2 parentage.

3 (6) Within the time prescribed by court rule, the party,
4 attorney, or agency that secures the signing of an order of
5 filiation shall serve a copy of the order on all parties to the
6 action and file proof of service with the court clerk.

7 Sec. 19a. ~~The department, the SDU, and each office of the~~
8 ~~friend of the court shall cooperate in the transition to~~ **SDU IS**
9 **RESPONSIBLE FOR** the centralized receipt and disbursement of
10 support. ~~and fees. An office of the friend of the court shall~~ **MAY**
11 ~~continue to receive and disburse support and fees. through the~~
12 ~~transition, based on the schedule developed as required by section~~
13 ~~6 of the office of child support act, 1971 PA 174, MCL 400.236, and~~
14 ~~modifications to that schedule as the department considers~~
15 ~~necessary.~~

16 Enacting section 1. Section 19 of the paternity act, 1956 PA
17 205, MCL 722.729, is repealed.

18 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
19 unless all of the following bills of the 95th Legislature are
20 enacted into law:

21 (a) Senate Bill No. 103 or House Bill No. 5504.

22 (b) Senate Bill No. 104 or House Bill No. 5502.