

# HOUSE BILL No. 5508

May 1, 2014, Introduced by Rep. Zorn and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

A bill to amend 1971 PA 174, entitled  
"Office of child support act,"  
by amending section 3 (MCL 400.233), as amended by 2009 PA 238.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 3. The office shall do all of the following:

2       (a) Serve as a state agency authorized to administer title IV-  
3       D.

4       (b) Assist a governmental agency or department in locating an  
5       adult responsible for the child for any of the following purposes:

6       (i) To establish parentage.

7       (ii) To establish, set the amount of, modify, or enforce  
8       support obligations.

9       (iii) To disburse support receipts.

10       (iv) To make or enforce child custody or parenting time orders.

1 (c) Coordinate activity on a state level in a search for an  
2 adult responsible for the child.

3 (d) Obtain information that directly relates to the identity  
4 or location of an adult responsible for the child.

5 (e) Serve as the information agency as provided in the revised  
6 uniform reciprocal enforcement of support act, 1952 PA 8, MCL  
7 780.151 to 780.183, and the uniform interstate family support act,  
8 1996 PA 310, MCL 552.1101 to 552.1901.

9 (f) Develop guidelines for coordinating activities of a  
10 governmental department, board, commission, bureau, agency, or  
11 council, or a public or private agency, in providing information  
12 necessary for the location of an adult responsible for the child.

13 (g) Develop, administer, and coordinate with the state and  
14 federal departments of treasury a procedure for offsetting the  
15 state tax refunds and federal income tax refunds of a parent who is  
16 obligated to support a child and who owes past due support. The  
17 procedure shall include a guideline that the office submit to the  
18 state department of treasury, not later than November 15 of each  
19 year, all requests for the offset of state tax refunds claimed on  
20 returns filed or to be filed for that tax year.

21 (h) Develop and implement a statewide information system to  
22 facilitate the establishment and enforcement of child support  
23 obligations.

24 (i) Publicize through regular and frequent, nonsexist public  
25 service announcements the availability of support establishment and  
26 enforcement services.

27 (j) Develop and implement in cooperation with financial

1 institutions a data matching and lien and levy system to identify  
2 assets of and to facilitate the collection of support from the  
3 assets of individuals who have an account at a financial  
4 institution and who are obligated to pay support as provided in  
5 this act.

6 (k) Provide discovery and support for support enforcement  
7 activities as provided in the support and parenting time  
8 enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.601 to 552.650.

9 (l) Have in effect safeguards against the unauthorized use or  
10 disclosure of case record information that are designed to protect  
11 the privacy rights of the parties as specified in sections 454 and  
12 454a of title IV-D, 42 USC 654 and 654a, and that are consistent  
13 with the use and disclosure standards provided under section 64 of  
14 the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.64.

15 (m) As provided in section 10 for friend of the court cases,  
16 centralize administrative enforcement remedies and develop and  
17 implement a centralized enforcement program to facilitate the  
18 collection of support.

19 (n) Coordinate, through the friend of the court bureau created  
20 in section 19 of the friend of the court act, 1982 PA 294, MCL  
21 552.519, the provision of services under title IV-D by friend of  
22 the court offices.

23 (o) ~~Pursuant~~ **ACCORDING** to federal law, determine a method to  
24 calculate a maximum obligation for reimbursement of medical  
25 expenses in connection with a mother's pregnancy and the birth of a  
26 child. The method shall be based on each parent's ability to pay  
27 and on any other relevant factor, and apportion the expenses in the

1 same manner as health care expenses are divided under the child  
2 support formula established under section 19 of the friend of the  
3 court act, 1982 PA 294, MCL 552.519.

4 (P) NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2016, COORDINATE WITH THE STATE  
5 DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NOTICES AND  
6 ADMINISTRATION OF A SECURE, ELECTRONICALLY ACCESSIBLE REGISTRY  
7 CONTAINING INFORMATION REGARDING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE OBLIGATED TO  
8 SUPPORT A CHILD AND WHO OWE PAST DUE SUPPORT TO INTERCEPT WINNINGS  
9 AND TO CONDUCT REVIEWS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 9E OF THE MICHIGAN  
10 GAMING CONTROL AND REVENUE ACT, 1996 IL 1, MCL 432.209E.

11 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
12 unless Senate Bill No.\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 5509 (request no.  
13 05258'14) of the 97th Legislature is enacted into law.