

OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 174 of 1971

400.236 State disbursement unit; establishment; processes and procedures; collection; electronic disbursement.

Sec. 6. (1) The state disbursement unit is established as the direct responsibility of the office. The SDU shall use automated procedures, electronic processes, and computer-driven technology to the maximum extent feasible, efficient, and economical to receive and disburse support and fees.

(2) The SDU is the single location to which a payer or source of income subject to this section shall send a support or fee payment. The SDU shall disburse a support payment to the recipient of support within 2 business days after the SDU receives the support payment. Not less than twice each calendar month, the SDU shall disburse fees that it receives to the appropriate county treasurer or office of the friend of the court.

(3) If a payer or source of income attempts to make a support or fee payment to the SDU and the payment transaction fails due to nonsufficient funds, the SDU may take actions to collect from the payer or source of income the support or fee payment amount, plus an amount for the expense of those actions.

(4) By not later than 1 year after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection, the SDU shall disburse support electronically, in not fewer than 3 counties in this state, to either the recipient of support's account in a financial institution or to a special account that may be accessed by the recipient of support by an electronic access card. By not later than 2 years after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection, the SDU shall disburse support electronically either to the recipient of support's account in a financial institution or to a special account that may be accessed by the recipient of support by an electronic access card. This subsection does not apply under any of the following circumstances:

(a) If electronic transfer is not feasible to meet federal requirements on the disbursement of child support payments.

(b) If the support payment is from a source that is nonrecurring or that is not expected to continue in a 12-month period.

(c) The recipient of support is a person with a mental or physical disability that imposes a hardship in accessing an electronically transferred payment.

(d) The recipient of support is a person with a language or literacy barrier that imposes a hardship in accessing an electronically transferred payment.

(e) The recipient of support's home and work addresses are more than 30 miles from an automated teller machine and more than 30 miles from a financial institution where funds in the recipient's account may be accessed.

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