

CHAPTER 2004-334

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 160

An act relating to child support; amending s. 61.046, F.S.; redefining the term “support order” for purposes of ch. 61, F.S., to include an order of an administrative agency; amending s. 61.13, F.S.; deleting the requirement that a child support order include the minor’s social security number; amending s. 61.1301, F.S.; providing for continuation of a support obligation at the same amount after emancipation until any arrearage is satisfied; providing for application to support orders or income or income deduction orders entered before, on, or after July 1, 2004; requiring an obligor contesting an income deduction order rendered by the Title IV-D agency to file the petition with the Title IV-D agency; amending s. 61.14, F.S.; providing for the termination of the current child support obligation when the child emancipates unless certain conditions occur; providing for continuation of a support obligation at the same amount after emancipation until any arrearage is satisfied; providing for application to support orders entered before, on, or after July 1, 2004; amending s. 61.181, F.S.; requiring the clerk of the court to establish an account for interstate cases; amending s. 61.1814, F.S.; providing for types of moneys to be deposited into the Child Support Enforcement Application and Program Revenue Trust Fund; providing for the use of moneys deposited into the Child Support Enforcement Application and Program Revenue Trust Fund; amending s. 120.80, F.S.; providing for the location of an administrative hearing; amending ss. 382.013 and 382.016, F.S.; permitting voluntary acknowledgments of paternity which are witnessed; amending s. 409.2558, F.S.; providing for a notice to the noncustodial parent in applying an undistributable support collection to another support order; amending s. 409.2561, F.S.; providing for the Department of Revenue to establish the obligation of support; amending s. 409.2563, F.S.; providing for the noncustodial parent to request that the Department of Revenue proceed in circuit court to determine the support obligation; revising the requirements under which a noncustodial parent may petition the circuit court to determine the support obligation; providing that the Department of Revenue is a party to court action only with respect to issues of support; providing for the assignment of an account number with the depository upon initiating establishment of an administrative support order; revising the due date for an evaluation by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability; amending s. 409.25656, F.S.; providing for the recovery of fees in liquidating securities for the support owed; creating s. 409.25659, F.S.; providing for insurance claim data exchange; providing definitions; authorizing an insurer to participate in the data match system; providing

for the payment of a fee to the insurer; providing limited immunity to the insurer; limiting the use of the data obtained by insurers from the department; requiring that certain data obtained by the department be destroyed; providing rulemaking authority; amending s. 409.257, F.S.; permitting the use of any means of service of process under ch. 48, F.S.; amending s. 409.2572, F.S.; revising the definition of noncooperation or failure to cooperate as applied to an applicant for or a recipient of public assistance; substituting the use of DNA sample for drawing a blood sample to confirm paternity; amending s. 409.259, F.S.; revising the manner of reimbursement to the clerk of the court for court filings in Title IV-D cases; amending s. 409.2598, F.S.; providing definitions; providing for the suspension of licenses under specified circumstances; amending s. 742.10, F.S.; permitting voluntary acknowledgments of paternity which are witnessed; providing legislative intent to address the child support issues of incarcerated noncustodial parents to improve their ability to meet child support obligations; providing the intent of the Legislature for the Department of Revenue to work with other stakeholders to identify strategies to increase collection of child support from incarcerated parents; requiring a report to the Governor and Legislature; providing effective dates.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 7. Paragraph (c) of subsection (14) of section 120.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

120.80 Exceptions and special requirements; agencies.—

(14) DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.—

(c) Proceedings for administrative support orders.—In proceedings for the establishment of administrative support orders pursuant to s. 409.2563, final orders in cases referred by the Department of Revenue to the Division of Administrative Hearings shall be entered by the division's administrative law judge and transmitted to the Department of Revenue for filing and rendering. The Department of Revenue has the right to seek judicial review under s. 120.68 of a final order entered by an administrative law judge.

Administrative support orders rendered pursuant to s. 409.2563 may be enforced pursuant to s. 120.69 or, alternatively, by any method prescribed by law for the enforcement of judicial support orders, except contempt.

Hearings held by the Division of Administrative Hearings pursuant to s.409.2563 shall be held in the judicial circuit where the person receiving services under Title IV-D resides or, if the person receiving services under Title IV-D does not reside in this state, in the judicial circuit where the respondent resides. If the department and the respondent agree, the hearing may be held in another location. If ordered by the administrative law judge, the hearing may be conducted telephonically or by videoconference.

Section 21. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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