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**"AN ACT CONCERNING ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT OF
CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) There is established
4 the Children's Savings Account Trust. The trust shall constitute an
5 instrumentality of the state and shall perform essential governmental
6 functions, as provided in accordance with the provisions of this act.
7 The trust shall receive and hold all payments and deposits or
8 contributions intended for the trust until disbursed in accordance with
9 the provisions of this act.

10 (b) The amounts on deposit in the trust shall not constitute property
11 of the state and the trust shall not be construed to be a department,
12 institution or agency of the state. Amounts on deposit in the trust shall
13 not be commingled with state funds and the state shall have no claim
14 to or against, or interest in, such funds. Any contract entered into by or

15 any obligation of the trust shall not constitute a debt or obligation of
16 the state and the state shall have no obligation to any designated
17 beneficiary or any other person on account of the trust and all amounts
18 obligated to be paid from the trust shall be limited to amounts
19 available for such obligation on deposit in the trust. The amounts on
20 deposit in the trust may only be disbursed in accordance with the
21 provisions of this act. The trust shall continue in existence as long as it
22 holds any deposits or has any obligations and until its existence is
23 terminated by law and upon termination any unclaimed assets shall
24 return to the state. Property of the trust shall be governed by section 3-
25 61a of the general statutes.

26 (c) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt, maintenance,
27 administration, investing and disbursements of amounts from the
28 trust. The trust shall not receive deposits in any form other than cash.
29 No depositor or designated beneficiary may direct the investment of
30 any contributions or amounts held in the trust other than in the
31 specific fund options provided for by the trust.

32 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) For purposes of this
33 section, "support order" means a judgment, decree or order, whether
34 temporary, final or subject to modification, issued by a court of
35 competent jurisdiction, for the support and maintenance of a child,
36 including a child who has attained the age of majority under the law of
37 the issuing state, or a child and parent with whom the child is living,
38 which provides for monetary support, health care, arrearages or
39 reimbursement, and which may include related costs and fees, interest
40 and penalties, income withholding, attorneys' fees and other relief.

41 (b) The Bureau of Child Support Enforcement Services, within the
42 Department of Social Services, in cooperation with the State Treasurer,
43 shall deposit five per cent of all support orders administered by such
44 bureau into the Children's Savings Account Trust established pursuant
45 to section 501 of this act. The sums deposited in such trust shall be
46 maintained and accrue for the benefit of the minor child or children
47 identified in the support order for such period of time as the support

48 order remains in force and effect. The total sums maintained in such
49 trust for the benefit of a child identified in a support order shall be
50 disbursed to such child when such child completes twelfth grade or
51 attains the age of nineteen, whichever first occurs.

52 (c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall implement the policies
53 and procedures necessary to carry out the provisions of this act while
54 in the process of adopting such policies and procedures in regulation
55 form, provided notice of intent to adopt the regulations is published in
56 the Connecticut Law Journal within twenty days after implementation.
57 Such policies and procedures shall be effective until the time the final
58 regulations are effective."