



Substitute House Bill No. 6678

Special Act No. 13-14

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE COLLECTION OF PAST DUE CHILD SUPPORT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to study reforms that could be made by the state to increase the collection of past due child support. Such study shall examine (1) whether the use of additional municipal and state police officers to serve capias mittimus orders would result in greater compliance with court orders relating to the payment of child support, (2) whether the state should invest in technology enhancements that are specifically designed to promote compliance with court orders relating to the payment of child support, including, but not limited to, ensuring that any capias mittimus order entered by a judge or family support magistrate is transmitted to and made accessible on the Connecticut online law enforcement communications teleprocessing system, and (3) whether implementation of the reforms described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection would be cost effective when measured against any increased child support that can reasonably be expected to be collected through implementation of such reforms.

(b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

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- (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
 - (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
 - (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;
 - (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
 - (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;
 - (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
 - (7) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee; and
 - (8) The Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief Court Administrator's designee.
- (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.
- (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.
- (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.
- (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the

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judiciary shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

(g) Not later than February 1, 2014, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or February 1, 2014, whichever is later.

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