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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 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:

1 Section 1. Section 29-1g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

3 The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
4 may appoint not more than [six] eight persons nominated by the  
5 Commissioner of Social Services as special policemen in the Bureau of  
6 Child Support Enforcement of the Department of Social Services for  
7 the service of any warrant or capias mittimus issued by the courts on  
8 child support matters. Such appointees, having been sworn, shall serve  
9 at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public  
10 Protection and, during such tenure, shall have all the powers conferred  
11 on state policemen and state marshals. Such appointees shall have  
12 access to, and use of, the Connecticut on-line law enforcement  
13 communications teleprocessing system without charge.

14 Sec. 2. Section 46b-225 of the general statutes is repealed and the

15 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

16 Any judicial marshal may serve a capias mittimus or a copy thereof  
17 made by any photographic, micrographic, electronic imaging or other  
18 process, which clearly and accurately copies such original document,  
19 on any person who is in the custody of the marshal or is in a  
20 courthouse where the marshal provides courthouse security if such  
21 capias mittimus was issued in a child support matter by (1) a court or a  
22 family support magistrate pursuant to subdivision (8) of subsection (a)  
23 of section 17b-745 or subparagraph (C) of subdivision (8) of subsection  
24 (a) of section 46b-215; or (2) a family support magistrate pursuant to  
25 subdivision (1) of subsection (m) of section 46b-231.

26 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 6-38b of the general statutes is  
27 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
28 *passage*):

29 (e) The commission, in consultation with the State Marshals  
30 Advisory Board, shall (1) adopt regulations in accordance with the  
31 provisions of chapter 54 to establish professional standards, including  
32 training requirements and minimum fees for execution and service of  
33 process, and (2) implement policies and procedures to increase state  
34 marshal participation in the serving of capias mittimus orders. Such  
35 policies and procedures may require that at all times a certain minimal  
36 percentage of the overall number of state marshals shall be actively  
37 engaged in the service of capias mittimus orders.

38 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 3-119 of the general statutes is  
39 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
40 *1, 2015*):

41 (a) The Comptroller shall pay all salaries and wages not less than  
42 ten calendar days or more than fifteen calendar days after the close of  
43 the payroll period in which the services were rendered, except as  
44 provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, but shall draw no  
45 order in payment for any service of which the payroll officer of the

46 state has official knowledge without the signed statement of the latter  
47 that all employees listed on the payroll of each agency have been duly  
48 appointed to authorized positions and have rendered the services for  
49 which payment is to be made. The Comptroller is authorized to  
50 develop, install and operate a comprehensive fully documented  
51 electronic system for effective personnel data, for payment of  
52 compensation to all state employees and officers and for maintenance  
53 of a chronological and permanent record of compensation paid to each  
54 employee and officer for the state employees retirement system and  
55 other purposes. Such electronic system shall also facilitate the  
56 electronic processing of an income withholding order entered by a  
57 state or federal court, including any such order transmitted to the  
58 Comptroller by means of the electronic income withholding order  
59 process implemented by the federal Office of Child Support  
60 Enforcement. The Comptroller is authorized to establish an accounting  
61 procedure to implement this section.

62 Sec. 5. Subsection (h) of section 31-227 of the general statutes is  
63 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
64 *1, 2015*):

65 (h) (1) An individual filing an initial claim for unemployment  
66 compensation shall, at the time of filing such claim, disclose whether  
67 or not the individual owes child support obligations as defined under  
68 subdivision (6) of this subsection. If any such individual discloses that  
69 he or she owes child support obligations and has been determined to  
70 be eligible for unemployment compensation, the administrator shall  
71 notify the state or local child support enforcement agency enforcing  
72 such obligation that the individual is eligible for unemployment  
73 compensation.

74 (2) The administrator shall deduct and withhold from any  
75 unemployment compensation payable to an individual who owes  
76 child support obligations (A) the amount specified by the individual to  
77 the administrator to be deducted and withheld under this subsection,  
78 if neither subparagraph (B) nor (C) is applicable, or (B) the amount

79 determined pursuant to an agreement submitted to the administrator  
80 under Section 654(20)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act by the state or  
81 local child support enforcement agency, unless subparagraph (C) is  
82 applicable, or (C) any amount otherwise required to be so deducted  
83 and withheld from such unemployment compensation pursuant to  
84 legal process, as defined in Section 662(e) of the Social Security Act,  
85 properly served upon the administrator. For purposes of this  
86 subdivision, legal process shall be deemed properly served upon the  
87 administrator if such legal process is transmitted to the administrator  
88 by means of the electronic income withholding order process  
89 implemented by the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement.

90 (3) Any amount deducted and withheld under subdivision (2) of  
91 this subsection shall be paid by the administrator to the appropriate  
92 state or local child support enforcement agency.

93 (4) Any amount deducted and withheld under subdivision (2) of  
94 this subsection shall for all purposes be treated as if it were paid to the  
95 individual as unemployment compensation and paid by such  
96 individual to the state or local child support enforcement agency in  
97 satisfaction of the individual's child support obligations.

98 (5) This subsection shall be applicable only if appropriate  
99 arrangements have been made for reimbursement by the state or local  
100 child support enforcement agency for the administrative costs incurred  
101 by the administrator under this subsection which are attributable to  
102 child support obligations being enforced by such state or local child  
103 support enforcement agency.

104 (6) For purposes of this subsection, the term "unemployment  
105 compensation" means any compensation payable under this chapter,  
106 including amounts payable by the administrator pursuant to an  
107 agreement under any federal law providing for compensation,  
108 assistance, or allowances with respect to unemployment; "child  
109 support obligations" includes only obligations which are being  
110 enforced pursuant to a plan described in Section 654 of the Social

111 Security Act which has been approved by the Secretary of Health and  
112 Human Services under Part D of Title IV of the Social Security Act; and  
113 "state or local child support enforcement agency" means any agency of  
114 this state or a political subdivision thereof operating pursuant to a plan  
115 described in Section 654 of the Social Security Act which has been  
116 approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under Part D  
117 of Title IV of the Social Security Act.

118 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) Notwithstanding the  
119 provisions of chapter 319s, 815y, 816 or 906 of the general statutes,  
120 absent a court order, no employee of the Department of Social Services  
121 or Support Enforcement Services may contact the employer of an  
122 individual, who has been named as the putative father of the child in  
123 connection with a IV-D support case, as defined in section 46b-231 of  
124 the general statutes, unless such individual has been adjudicated the  
125 father of the child in accordance with the laws of this state or any other  
126 state.

127 Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to  
128 study technological and other initiatives that could be implemented by  
129 the state to maximize the collection of child support due and owing to  
130 state residents. Such study shall specifically identify technological  
131 enhancements that are needed to ensure compliance with court orders  
132 relating to the payment of child support.

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

134 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

135 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

136 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
137 Representatives;

138 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

139 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of

140 Representatives;

141 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

142 (7) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's  
143 designee; and

144 (8) The Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief Court  
145 Administrator's designee.

146 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
147 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
148 of the General Assembly.

149 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
150 ninety days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
151 filled by the appointing authority.

152 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
153 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
154 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
155 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
156 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

157 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
158 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
159 judiciary shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

160 (g) Not later than January 1, 2017, the task force shall submit a  
161 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
162 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
163 relating to the judiciary, in accordance with the provisions of section  
164 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date  
165 that it submits such report or January 1, 2017, whichever is later.

166 Sec. 8. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) The sum of seven million four hundred  
167 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Social Services,

168 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, for the  
169 purchase of technological systems that will improve the collection of  
170 child support by the Bureau of Child Support Enforcement.

171 Sec. 9. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) The sum of one million dollars is  
172 appropriated to the Judicial Branch, from the General Fund, for the  
173 fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, for increased staffing of Support  
174 Enforcement Services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	29-1g
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	46b-225
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	6-38b(e)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	3-119(a)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	31-227(h)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*

**HS**        *Joint Favorable*