



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6562***

LCO No. 4243



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.***

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 Section 29-1g of the general statutes is repealed and the  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, 2021*):

3 The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection may  
4 appoint not more than [six] eight persons nominated by the  
5 Commissioner of Social Services as special policemen in the Office of  
6 Child Support Services of the Department of Social Services for the  
7 service of any warrant or capias mittimus issued by the courts on child  
8 support matters. Such appointees, having been sworn, shall serve at the  
9 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. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to  
15 study technological and other initiatives that could be implemented by

16 the state to maximize the collection of child support due and owing to  
17 state residents. Such study shall specifically identify technological  
18 enhancements that are needed to ensure compliance with court orders  
19 relating to the payment of child support.

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

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

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

23 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
24 Representatives;

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

26 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
27 Representatives;

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

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

31 (8) The Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief Court  
32 Administrator's designee.

33 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
34 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
35 of the General Assembly.

36 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
37 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
38 be filled by the appointing authority.

39 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
40 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
41 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
42 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty

43 days after the effective date of this section.

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

47 (g) Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report  
48 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees  
49 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
50 judiciary and human services, in accordance with the provisions of  
51 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on  
52 the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2022, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	29-1g
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To improve child support enforcement efforts in the state by increasing resources, coordinating efforts and studying and implementing technological advancements.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*