

HOUSE BILL No. 2931

By Representative Newton

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AN ACT concerning child support; directing the secretary of social and rehabilitation services to post on the internet certain child support obligors who are delinquent in the payment of child support.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) The secretary of social and rehabilitation services, in consultation with the attorney general, shall establish a program to increase public awareness about the importance of the payment of child support. The secretary may publish a list on the internet, on a quarterly basis, the name and last known address of certain child support obligors who are delinquent in the payment of child support.

(b) Those child support obligors who are at least \$5,000 in arrears and are not in compliance with a written payment agreement regarding both current support and arrearages approved by the courts shall be posted on the internet on a "most wanted list."

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b), if the child support obligor is in arrears as a result of illness or the loss of such obligor's job, the name of the child support obligor shall not be posted on the internet.

(d) Each case posted on the internet may be identified only by the name of the support obligor, the support obligor's court order docket or case number, the county in which the obligor's support order is filed, the arrearage amount and a photograph, if available. If appropriate, the secretary shall solicit information from the public to assist the secretary in locating a delinquent obligor. The secretary need not give prior notice to the obligor of the posting on the internet.

Sec. 2. The secretary of social and rehabilitation services, the attorney general and such official's employees, shall be immune from any and all criminal and civil liability as a result of the posting on the internet the names and identities under section 1, and amendments thereto, unless the posting on the internet is a result of intentional misconduct by the secretary, attorney general, or such official's employees.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.