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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tim Carmody at 12:15 a.m.. on April 1, 1997 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Kline (excused)

Committee staff present: Jerry Ann Donaldson, Legislative Research Department

Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department

Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes Jan Brasher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Jamie Corkhill, SRS

Bill Layes, Employment Security Department of the Kansas

Department of Human Resources.

Others attending: See attached list

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. The Chair stated that it is his intention to go through **SB** 140 section by section and would not entertain motions to amend or table during this process. The Chair stated that he would like to completely go through the bill, discuss each section among Committee members and call on information from those in the audience. The Chair suggested that Committee members notate possible ideas, concerns and changes to the bill during this process. The Chair stated that after completion of this process, then amendments will be considered for each section. The Chair stated that the Committee will reconvene after session today for continuation of the hearing and discussion on **SB** 140.

SB 140: Enforcement of child support, uniform interstate family support

The Chair opened discussion on <u>SB 140</u> with consideration of New Section 1 dealing with the New Hires Directory. The Chair referred to testimony expressing concerns with designation the Department of Revenue rather than the Department of Human Resources for providing the data services to SRS.

Representative Pauls expressed concerns with the enactment date of the federal requirement. The Chair discussed with Ms Corkhill issues concerning the definition of a New Hires Directory. The Committee members discussed the frequency of reporting new hires, reference to "secretary" as to secretary of which department. The Committee members discussed with Bill Layes, Employment Security Department of DHR the information required on the quarterly reports, and SRS online access to that information. The Committee members discussed with the conferee the cost of administrating a new hires reporting system for his department.

Representative Pauls requested an amended fiscal note showing the cost of implementing the new hires directory as discussed through the Department of Human Resources.

The Chair opened discussion on New Section 2 and stated that this section was to provide authority to carry out federal rules and regulations that might be established. In response to a Committee member's inquiry, Secretary Chronister stated that the rules and regulations to be adopted by this act have not yet been published. Representative Pauls questioned whether the state legislature can adopt federal rules and regulations which have not been adopted by the federal government.

Miss Corkhill provided written material showing SRS suggested changes for sections 1, 9, and 22 dated April 1, 1997. (Attachment 1), (Attachment 2) and (Attachment 3)

The Chair opened discussion on New Section 3 concerning the powers of SRS to initiate restriction on licenses. In response to questions from Representative Garner, Ms Corkhill stated that the new language makes sanctions available if there is an outstanding or noncompliance with a warrant or subpoena issuance. Ms Corkhill suggested that the subpoenas could be limited to court subpoenas. Ms Corkhill stated that this section was necessary because this provision does not necessitate being found in contempt of court for the judge to impose the sanction. The Chair stated that this provision would add to current law by stating that if there is a warrant or subpoena outstanding in a support enforcement proceeding then the court can order

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restrictions until there is compliance. Enforcement proceeding includes maintenance as well as child support. Ms Corkhill stated that federal definition sometimes includes maintenance. Issues concerning whether the federal act require full faith and credit and the definition of word "tribunal" were discussed by Committee members.

The Committee members discussed whether the procedure in this bill would cause the court to lose jurisdiction over the sanctions if the sanctions are determined by the licensing entity.

The Chair suggested an option that could be added to this section which would be listing the sanctions in this section. Thereby there would be two statutes, one dealing with contempt, and one dealing with warrants and subpoenas or go in and simply add something to the current statute.

The Chair opened discussion on Section 4 concerning the access to information by the Secretary of SRS in IV-D cases or any other state's IV-D agency. The Committee members discussed issues concerning the powers of Secretary of SRS and other states' agencies have to information from individuals and private entities. The Committee members discussed issues concerning privileged information and privacy rights.

The Chair opened discussion on Section 5 concerning the Secretary of SRS entering into agreements with financial institutions doing business in Kansas. The Committee members discussed issues concerning the immunity granted banks and financial institutions and how the banks' data will be used.

The Chair opened discussion on Section 6 concerning the recording of an individual's social security number on professional, occupational or marriage licenses. The Committee members discussed this requirement and its impact on privacy rights.

The Chair opened discussion on Section 7 concerning the Secretary's authority to file a motion to periodically modify current support orders in IV-D cases. The Committee members discussed the use of "conclusive presumption" in this section.

The Chair opened discussion on Section 8 pertaining to severability clause in subsection (a). The Committee members discussed subsection (b) concerning immunity from suit under the 11th amendment.

The Chair opened the discussion on New Section 9 dealing with the definitions applying to IV-D administrative proceedings related to sections 8 through 24. The Committee members discussed the definition for "tribunal," "cash asset," and current support as it applies to the child's medical needs. Representative Garner noted the varying terms referring to Puerto Rico in this bill. The Committee members discussed with Ms Corkhill an amendment to further define the term "tribunal" in the state of Kansas.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

The Chair opened discussion on New Section 10 dealing with the powers and authority of the Secretary of SRS. The Committee members discussed several issues concerning Section 10. One of the issues discussed was under (7), perfecting of liens. The Revisor in discussion with the Committee agreed that property lien statutes could be referenced. The Committee discussed the phrase "concurrent jurisdiction." The Committee discussed the Secretary's authority in the determination of arrearages, genetic testing, and the finding of facts as to the child's living arrangement. The Committee discussed administrative procedure for a "fair hearing." The Committee members discussed additional issues concerning the amount of additional power that this section will provide to the Secretary of SRS and the need for judicial oversite.

The Chair opened discussion on New Section 11 concerning the items the Secretary shall have jurisdiction over. Committee members discussed with Ms Corkhill over whom the secretary will have jurisdiction and for what purposes. The Committee members discussed the provision of using regular mail for the serving of notice or subpoena providing for the exception of subsection (b).

The Chair opened discussion on New Section 12 dealing with the waiving of rights in IV-D cases. Ms Corkhill offered that in reference to mail service the words, 'initial service' could be added.

The Chair opened discussion on New Section 13 concerning provisions applying to all orders in any IV-D administrative proceeding under sections 8 through 24. In response to the Chair's questions if there was any change to current law in this section, the Revisor stated that she would research that.

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The Chair opened discussion on New Section 14 dealing with judicial review of administrative procedures or orders. Issues concerning the procedure and enforcement of civil orders were discussed.

The Chair opened discussion and the Committee members discussed issues on New Section 15 dealing with request for fair hearings. The Committee members discussed the requirement to post a bond and issues regarding the reliability of the mail service in making the request returned within 10 days.

The Chair appointed Representative Phill Kline, Jan Pauls, and Clark Shultz to the subcommittee on SB 234.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 4:45 p.m. to further discuss **SB 140**.

The Chair opened discussion on New Section 16 dealing with the authority of the Secretary of SRS to subpoena financial or other information needed to establish, modify or enforce a support order. The Committee members discussed the specificity of the subpoena and other forms initiated by the Secretary. The Committee members discussed the time period for response to the subpoenas and expressed concerns that an appropriate amount of time be allowed. The Committee members expressed concerns with how to challenge a subpoena from a IV-D agency of another states.

The Chair opened discussion on New Section 17 dealing with genetic tests. The Committee members discussed with Ms Corkhill when there would be a need for an additional test. The Committee members discussed with Ms Corkhill references to the terminology used in the bill addressing issues of domestic violence, and the term, "attempted to marry." Ms Corkhill referred to a balloon whereby subsection (b) genetic testing would not be mandatory. (Attachment 4)

Representative Pauls discussed with Ms Corkhill the need for this section establishing administrative procedures. Ms Corkhill stated that to be in compliance with the federal requirement this section was needed. Other language options were discussed with Ms Corkhill and issues concerning the federal mandates.

The Chair opened discussion on New Section 18 dealing with collections. Ms Corkhill stated that this section is listed under the federal mandates, 325 (c)(i)(h). The Committee members discussed issues concerning the priorities of collection withholdings and the attachment of bank accounts. Ms Corkhill offered that this possibly needs to be worded more clearly.

The Chair opened discussion on New Section 19 dealing with income withholding procedures. The Committee members discussed current Kansas law regarding income withholding, and property liens. Representative Howell discussed issues concerning the powers of the Secretary with the issuance of an income withholding order with Ms Corkhill.

The Chair opened discussion on New Section 20 which continues the income withhold procedure dealing with modification of determination.

The Chair opened discussion on New Section 21 dealing with the responsible parent's right to ask for a review once there is a notice of intent to issue an income withholding. Ms Corkhill stated that this section is a request for an administrative stay of enforcement. In response to Representative Presta's inquiry, Ms Corkhill detailed the procedure under the income withholding order.

The Chair opened the discussion on New Section 22 dealing with administrative levy on the responsible parent's cash assets and certain retirement funds. The Committee members discussed various retirement funds that could be affected. Ms Corkhill referenced the federal law requiring this provision as 325 (c)(1)(g)(2). The Committee members discussed with Ms Corkhill the levy process and the procedure for seizing assets held in financial institutions. Issues concerning the change this makes to law in joint tenancy presumption were discussed. The Committee members discussed the appeal process.

The Chair opened discussion on New Section 23 dealing with the Secretary's authority to redirect support payments by filing a notice of assignment. The Committee members discussed issues concerning resolution of conflicts between different states.

The Chair stated that the Committee will resume discussion of **SB 140** on page 23, New Section 24 upon first adjournment tomorrow.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 1997.

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The secretary of human resources

(b) As used in this section:

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(1) "Employee" means an individual who is an employee within the meaning of chapter 24 of the internal revenue code of 1986, but does not include an employee of an agency of the state or a political subdivision performing intelligence or counterintelligence functions if the head of such agency has determined that reporting pursuant to subsection (e) could endanger the safety of the employee or compromise an ongoing investigation or intelligence mission.

(2) "Employer" has the meaning given such term in section 3401(d) of the internal revenue code of 1986 and includes any labor organization and any governmental entity except a department, agency or instrumentality of the United States that is permitted to report newly hired employees to the national directory of new hires. As used in this section, "labor organization" shall have the meaning given such term in section 152(5) of the national labor relations act and includes any entity, commonly known as a "hiring hall," that is used by the organization and an employer to carry out requirements described in section 8(f)(3) of the national labor relations act. 10

means the secretary of human resources.

11 (3) "Secretary" means the secretary designated pursuant to subsection (a) to supervise the operation of the state directory of new hires of social and rehabilitation services

- (4) "Title IV-D" means part D of title IV of the federal social security act (42 U.S.C. § 651 et seq.) and amendments thereto.
- (c) The state directory of new hires shall receive, retain and, to the extent permitted by federal law, make information reported to the directory available pursuant to subsection (d). Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the publication of statistics which are so classified as to prevent the identification of individuals or individual employers without their consent. Except as otherwise required by federal law, the secretary may authorize disposal of reported information at any time after the end of the first calendar quarter beginning after the information was received by the directory
- (d) Except as otherwise permitted by federal law, any agency receiving information from the state directory of new hires shall handle the information as confidential information for use in administering the programs for which it was received. The state directory of new hires shall make information available:
- (1) Upon implementation of the national directory of new hires, to the national directory;
- (2) to the secretary of social and rehabilitation services for uses including but not limited to administration of an eligibility verification system and, not later than May 1, 1998, the title IV-D program; and
- (3) to the secretary of human resources, for uses including but not limited to administration of employment security and workers compensation programs.
- (e) Except as provided in subsection (h), the employer of any newly hired employee in this state shall submit a report to the state directory of new hires in accordance with the contract entered into between the secretary of social and rehabilitation services and the secretary of revenue as provided in subsection (a) within 20 days of the date of hiring or, if the employer periodically transmits reports magnetically or

and shall dispose of reported information no later than eight quarters after the information was received by the directory.

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electronically, by the second report following the date of hiring. Periodic magnetic or electronic reports shall be transmitted no more than 16 days apart. Except as provided in subsection (g), the report shall be transmitted by first class mail.

- (f) The report shall be made using the employee's W-4 form or, at the option of the employer, an equivalent form. The report shall contain:
 - (1) The employee's name, address, and social security number; and
- (2) the employer's name, address, and federal employer identification number (EIN).
- (g) The employer may transmit reports required by this section electronically or magnetically, including but not limited to electronic facsimiles. Any report transmitted electronically or magnetically to the state directory of new hires of this state shall be made in a manner and format approved by the secretary. The secretary shall take appropriate steps to encourage voluntary use of electronic or magnetic transmission.
- (h) Any employer who reports electronically or magnetically and is required to report newly hired employees to more than one state may elect to transmit all such reports to one state by complying with the requirements of title IV-D.

Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the employer to submit a report for any employee hired before October 1, 1997, whose employment has not terminated for any reason.

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- New Sec. 9. The following definitions shall apply in any IV-D administrative proceeding related to sections 8 through 24 and amendments thereto, except where the context requires otherwise.
- (a) "Account" means a demand deposit account, checking or negotiable withdrawal order account, savings account, time deposit account or money-market mutual fund account.
- (b) "Arrearages" means past due support under any support order of any tribunal of this or any other state, including but not limited to the unpaid balance of any costs awarded, public assistance debt or accrued interest.
- (c) "Business day" means a day on which state offices in Kansas are open for regular business.
- (d) "Cash asset" means any intangible property that consistently maintains a fair market value of one dollar per unit. It shall be presumed that any account held by a financial institution and from which the obligor may make cash withdrawals, with or without penalty, consists entirely of cash assets.
- (e) "Current support" includes but is not limited to the duty to provide for a child's ongoing medical needs through cash, insurance coverage or other means. "Current support" does not include any periodic amount specified to defray arrearages.
- (f) "Custodial parent" means the parent or other person receiving IV-D services on the child's behalf and may include an agency acting in loco parentis, a guardian, or a blood or adoptive relative with whom the child resides.
- (g) "Duty of support" means any duty to support another person that is imposed or imposable by law or by any order, decree or judgment of any tribunal, whether interlocutory or final or whether incidental to a proceeding for divorce, judicial separation, separate maintenance or oth-
- erwise, including but not limited to the duty to provide current support, the duty to provide medical support, the duty to pay birth expenses, the duty to pay a public assistance debt and the duty to pay arrearages.
- (h) "Financial institution" means any financial institution as defined in 469A of the federal social security act (42 U.S.C. § 469A) and amendments thereto.
- (i) "Holder" means any person who is or may be in possession or control of any cash asset of the responsible parent.

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- (j) "IV-D" or "title IV-D" means part D of title IV of the federal social security act (42 U.S.C. § 651 et seq.) and amendments thereto. "IV-D services" means those services the secretary provides pursuant to title IV-D.
- (k) "Party" means the secretary, the responsible parent, the custodial parent or the child or any assignee or other successor in interest to any of them. "Party" shall not be construed to require that any person or entity must be formally joined or personally served in any IV-D administrative proceeding except as specifically provided by law.

(l) "Public assistance debt" means the obligation to reimburse public assistance as described in K.S.A. 39-718b or 39-719 and amendments thereto or in any similar law of this or any other state.

(m) "Responsible parent" means, if a child is receiving or has received IV-D services from the secretary, the mother, father or alleged father of the child.

(n) "Secretary" means the secretary of social and rehabilitation services or a designee of the secretary.

- (o) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. The term "state" includes an Indian tribe and includes any jurisdiction declared a foreign reciprocating country by the United States secretary of state and any foreign jurisdiction that has established procedures for issuance and enforcement of child support orders which are substantially similar to the procedures of this state. It shall be presumed that a foreign jurisdiction which is the subject of an unrevoked declaration by the attorney general pursuant to K.S.A. 23-4,101 and amendments thereto is a state as defined in this subsection.
- in this subsection.

 (p) "Support order" means any order by which a person's duty of support is established, including but not limited to any order modifying a prior support order.

(q) "Tribunal" means any court, administrative agency or quasi-judicial entity authorized to establish, modify or enforce support orders or to determine parentage.

With respect to support orders entered in this state, the courts are the tribunals in Kansas.

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New Sec. 22. (a) Upon determining that arrearages exist, the secre-

tary may enforce any support order by an administrative levy upon the responsible parent's cash assets. Any retirement fund that may be revoked or terminated by the responsible parent and is composed of cash assets shall be subject to administrative levy under this section, notwithstanding any other provision of law.

(b) An order to restrict transfer may be served by the secretary upon any person who is the holder of any cash asset of the responsible parent. The secretary may include with the order to restrict transfer an order to

verify information concerning the cash asset.

(c) The order to restrict transfer shall attach, upon receipt by the holder, the interest of the responsible parent in any cash asset in the possession or control of the holder. If the total value of all such cash assets is less than \$25 at that time, no interest shall be attached by the order to restrict transfer. Upon attachment, the holder shall not transfer any of the attached assets without the consent of the secretary until further order of the secretary. If any cash asset is added to an account after the initial attachment and before the order to disburse, the added asset shall also be attached except to the extent that any part of the addition exceeds the maximum amount stated in the order to restrict transfer.

(d) Any cash asset held by the responsible parent in joint tenancy with rights of survivorship shall be presumed to be owned entirely by the responsible parent. The burden of proving otherwise shall be upon any

person asserting ownership of any attached cash asset.

(e) The holder shall promptly notify any coowner of the cash asset or account about the attachment if the coowner's interest appears to be affected by the attachment.

(f) If an order to restrict transfer is issued, the secretary shall promptly send notice to the responsible parent. The notice shall state when review is available under section 15 and amendments thereto and how to request review.

(g) The responsible parent, the holder or any coowner may contest the attachment by requesting a fair hearing pursuant to section 15 and

amendments thereto.

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- (h) If the secretary includes with the order to restrict transfer an order to verify information, the holder shall comply with the terms of the order to verify information within seven clays of receipt.
- (i) If the time allowed to request a fair hearing has elapsed and the proposed levy has not been challenged or the challenge has been resolved, in whole or in part, in favor of the secretary, the secretary shall issue an order to the holder to disburse the funds.
- (j) If the holder is a financial institution that has entered into an agreement with the secretary pursuant to section 5 and amendments thereto, the agreement may provide for alternative methods of: (1) No-
- tifying the financial institution to restrict transfer of cash assets or to disburse proceeds of administrative levies, (2) resolving disputes between the financial institution and the secretary concerning an administrative levy; and (3) exchanging any data related to the IV-D program.

(k) Except to the extent any provision clearly conflicts with this section, the exemptions of article 23 of chapter 60 shall apply to any attachment under this section.

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(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Employee" means an individual who is an employee within the meaning of chapter 24 of the internal revenue code of 1986, but does not include an employee of an agency of the state or a political subdivision performing intelligence or counterintelligence functions if the head of such agency has determined that reporting pursuant to subsection (e) could endanger the safety of the employee or compromise an ongoing investigation or intelligence mission.

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- (c) The state directory of new hires shall receive, retain and, to the extent permitted by federal law, make information reported to the directory available pursuant to subsection (d). Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the publication of statistics which are so classified as to prevent the identification of individuals or individual employers without their consent. Except as otherwise required by federal law, the secretary may authorize disposal of reported information at any time after the end of the first calendar quarter beginning after the information was received by the directory.
- (d) Except as otherwise permitted by federal law, any agency receiving information from the state directory of new hires shall handle the information as confidential information for use in administering the programs for which it was received. The state directory of new hires shall make information available:
- (1) Upon implementation of the national directory of new hires, to the national directory;
- (2) to the secretary of social and rehabilitation services for uses including but not limited to administration of an eligibility verification system and, not later than May 1, 1998, the title IV-D program; and
- (3) to the secretary of human resources, for uses including but not limited to administration of employment security and workers compensation programs.
- (e) Except as provided in subsection (h), the employer of any newly hired employee in this state shall submit a report to the state directory of new hires in accordance with the contract entered into between the secretary of social and rehabilitation services and the secretary of revenue as provided in subsection (a) within 20 days of the date of hiring or, if the employer periodically transmits reports magnetically or

electronically, by the second report following the date of hiring. Periodic magnetic or electronic reports shall be transmitted no more than 16 days apart. Except as provided in subsection (g), the report shall be transmitted by first class mail.

- (f) The report shall be made using the employee's W-4 form or, at the option of the employer, an equivalent form. The report shall contain:
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- (h) Any employer who reports electronically or magnetically and is required to report newly hired employees to more than one state may elect to transmit all such reports to one state by complying with the requirements of title IV-D.

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New Sec. 10. (a) The powers and remedies provided in this section are cumulative and do not affect any other powers of the secretary or the availability of remedies under other law.

(b) In any case for which the secretary is providing IV-D services, the

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(1) Obtain access to information as authorized by law;

- (2) subpoena records pursuant to section 16 and amendments thereto:
- (3) order genetic tests pursuant to section 17 and amendments thereto:
- (4) order minimum payments to defray arrearages pursuant to section 18 and amendments thereto;
- (5) enforce any duty of support by income withholding pursuant to the income withholding act and section 19 et seq. and amendments thereto;
- (6) enforce any duty of support by administrative levy pursuant to section 22 and amendments thereto;
 - (7) perfect any lien against property;
- (8) order executions against property pursuant to K.S.A. 60-2401 and amendments thereto; and
- (9) change the payee of any support order pursuant to section 23 and amendments thereto.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection or in-section-17-and amendments thereto, and notwithstanding any other-law-to-the contrary, the secretary shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the courts of this state in proceedings in which a support obligation-is-or-may-be enforced. In any IV-D administrative proceeding, the secretary shall not have jurisdiction over matters involving custody of the child or involving establishment or exercise of visitation rights with the child. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the secretary from making findings of fact concerning the child's whereabouts or living arrangements if the facts are relevant to a matter otherwise within the secretary's juris-

Nothing in sections 8 through 24 and amendments thereto shall be construed as authorizing the secretary to enter an order to establish or modify an obligation for current support. Nothing in sections 8 through 24 and amendments thereto shall be construed as limiting or restricting the jurisdiction of the courts of this state.

diction.

- (d) The secretary shall have all powers necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. The powers of the secretary shall include but not be limited to the power to:
- (1) Conduct investigations into the existence of the parent and child relationship, including but not limited to the power to order persons to cooperate in genetic testing;
 - (2) conduct investigations into the whereabouts of any parent or asset;
- conduct investigations into the income, resources and expenses of the parties; the ability of the responsible parent to pay arrearages and the alleged nonpayment of support;
 - (4) determine the amount of any arrearages.
- initiate, modify or enforce an income withholding order for cash support or medical support or both;
- (6) enforce any support order using any administrative remedy provided by law;
- (7) attest that a document is a true copy of any document in the records of the secretary or attest that a document derived from records of the secretary accurately reflects the information contained in those records; and
- (8) delegate the powers described in this section to hearing officers and to authorized agents of the secretary.
- (e) The secretary may designate employees of the secretary to serve as authorized agents to exercise powers of the secretary in IV-D administrative proceedings. By written contract, the secretary may designate other persons to serve as authorized agents to exercise specific powers of the secretary in IV-D cases.

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New Sec. 16. (a) As used in this section. 7 (1) "Business" means any kind of business, profession, occupation, calling or operation of institutions, whether earried on for profit or not-(2) "Records" means writings, including but not limited to data stored electronically or magnetically, which are memoranda or notations of acts; conditions or events. "Records" may also include books, papers, documents or tangible things. -delete (b) In any title IV-D case, the secretary may issue a subpoena pursuant to this section to obtain financial or other information needed to establish, modify or enforce a support order. The subpoena shall be issued by an authorized agent of the secretary and shall require the person to whom it is directed to produce a copy of the records designated in the subpoena or, if applicable, to complete a form furnished pursuant to sub-(b) section (e). At least seven days shall be allowed for compliance with the 21 subpoena. (b) (c) The secretary may furnish with the subpoena a form requesting 22 specific information from the records of the person to whom the subpoena is directed. The person may elect to furnish the copy of the designated records or to complete the form in full. If the person completes the form in full and returns it to the secretary's authorized agent by mail or otherwise within the time allowed, it shall be sufficient compliance (b) with the subpoena. 28 (d) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection or subsection (b), 29 the person to whom a subpoena is directed shall comply with the subpoena by delivering to the secretary's authorized agent by mail or oth-31 The erwise a sworn statement and a true and correct copy of the records designated in the subpoena. If the records are not related to a business, the sworn statement shall certify that the copy delivered by the person is a true and correct copy of the records designated in the subpoena. If the records are related to a business, the sworn statement-shall-state-that: (1) The affiant is a duly authorized custodian-of-the-records-and-has-authority 37 to certify records; (2) the copy is a true copy of the records designated in delete the subpoena; and (3) the records were prepared by the personnel or staff of the business, or persons acting under their control, in the regular course of the business at or about the time of the act, condition or event 41 -recorded When more than one person has custody of the records or has knowledge of the facts required to be stated in the sworn statement, more

than one sworn statement may be made.

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If the person has none of the records designated in the subpoena, or only part thereof, the person shall so state in the sworn statement and shall send a copy of those records of which the person has custody.

(e) Before the time specified in the subpoena for compliance therewith, the person to whom the subpoena is directed may request review of all or part of the subpoena pursuant to section 15 and amendments thereto. The person shall comply with any portion of the subpoena for which review is not requested.

(f) A person in this state shall comply with a subpoena issued by a title IV-D agency of any other state for the purpose of obtaining financial or other information needed to establish, modify or enforce a support order in a title IV-D case. Upon request of a IV-D agency in another state, the secretary may enforce such a subpoena as though it had been issued by the secretary.

New Sec. 17. (a) This section shall not apply if an action to establish the father's duty of support on behalf of the child is pending before any tribunal. As used in this section, "mother" means the natural mother of the child whose parentage is in issue.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d), genetic tests may be ordered by the secretary on the secretary's own initiative or if requested by another title IV-D agency, the alleged father or the mother. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e), the secretary shall pay the costs of genetic tests, subject to recoupment from the father if pa-

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(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d), the secretary shall enter an administrative order for genetic testing if paternity of the child is contested, genetic testing is requested pursuant to this subsection by a party and the necessary persons are available for testing. For purposes of this section, a person receiving title IV-D services is not available for testing if a claim for good cause not to cooperate under title IV-D is pending or has been determined in the person's favor or if the person ceases to receive title IV-D services for any reason. A request under this subsection shall be supported by a sworn statement by the requesting party:

(1) Alleging paternity and setting forth facts establishing a reasonable possibility of the requisite sexual contact between the parties; or

(2) denying paternity and setting forth facts establishing a reasonable possibility of the nonexistence of sexual contact between the parties.

(d) If a presumption of paternity arises pursuant to subsection (a) of K.S.A. 38-1114 and amendments thereto because the mother married or attempted to marry any man, the secretary shall not order genetic testing unless a court of this state or an appropriate tribunal in another state has

(c) or , with the consent of the alleged father,

found that determining the child's biological father is in the child's best interests. If a tribunal subsequently determines that the prohibition of this subsection applied at the time genetic tests were ordered by the secretary, any support order based in whole or in part upon the genetic tests may be set aside only as provided in K.S.A. 60-260 and amendments 6 thereto.

(e) Upon receiving the results of genetic testing, the secretary shall promptly send a copy of the results to the parties, together with notice of the time limits for requesting any additional genetic tests or for challenging the results pursuant to K.S.A. 38-1118 and amendments thereto, how to make such request or challenge, and any associated costs. The notice shall state the consequences pursuant to K.S.A. 38-1118 and amendments thereto of failing to act within the time allowed by the statute. Any additional genetic tests shall be at the expense of the person making the request for additional genetic tests. Failure of the person requesting additional tests to make advance payment as required by the secretary shall be deemed withdrawal of the request.

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New Sec. 20. (a) At any time after issuing an income withholding order, the secretary shall: (1) Modify or terminate the income withholding order because of a modification or termination of the underlying support order; (2) modify the amount of income withheld to reflect payment in full of the arrearages; (3) modify or terminate the income withholding order to reflect the final order in a fair hearing pursuant to K.S.A. 75-3306 and amendments thereto; or (4) modify, or when appropriate terminate, an income withholding order consisting in whole or in part of a medical withholding order because of a modification or termination of the underlying medical child support order.

(b) In addition to modifications required by subsection (a), at any time the secretary may issue a modified income withholding order: (1) To change the amount to be withheld to defray arrearages; or (2) to conform the terms of a medical withholding order to the requirements of a payer.

39 (c) The secretary shall provide notice of any proposed modification 40 to the responsible parent, who may request review of the proposed mod-41 ification. The issues shall be limited to whether the amount of current 42 support is as stated in the proposed modification and whether the total 43 arrearages are less than the proposed installment to defray arrearages.

(d) The responsible parent may request that the secretary terminate an income withholding order for cash support if: (1) Withholding has not previously been terminated and reinitiated; and (2) there is a written agreement among the parties that provides for an alternative arrangement. If an income withholding order is terminated and the obligor subsequently accrues any arrearages, the secretary may issue another income withholding order as provided in section 19 and amendments thereto.

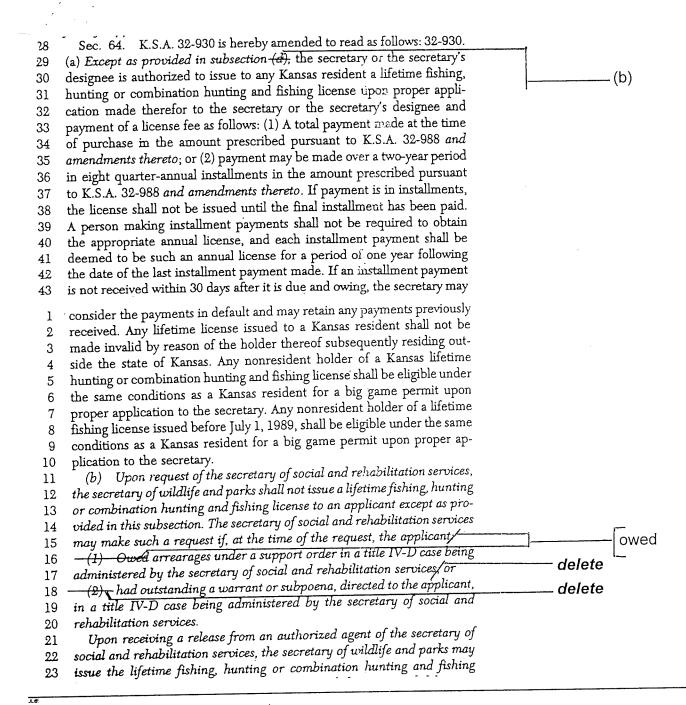
(e) If the income withholding order includes both a medical withholding order and an income withholding order for cash support, modification or termination of one portion of the income withholding order shall not modify or terminate any other portion of the income withholding order except as expressly provided in the order.

(f) The provisions of section 19 and amendments thereto, relating to transmitting income withholding orders to the tribunal that issued the underlying support order, shall apply to any order issued modifying or terminating income withholding that is issued pursuant to this section.

The provisions of this subsection shall apply only to income withholding orders issued pursuant to section 19 and amendments thereto, including any modifications of such orders.

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The secretary of social and rehabilitation services shall issue a release upon request if, as appropriate:

(1) The arrearages are paid in full or a tribunal of competent jurisdiction has determined that no arrearages are coved;

(2) an income withholding order has been served upon the applicant's current employer or payor;

(3) an agreement has been completed or an order has been entered setting minimum payments to defray the arrearages, together with receipt of the first minimum payment; or

(4) the applicant has complied with the warrant or subpoena or the warrant or subpoena has been quashed or withdrawn.

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require or permit the secretary of wildlife and parks to determine any issue related to the title IV-D case except to resolve questions of mistaken identity or determine the adequacy of any notice relating to this subsection that the secretary of wildlife and parks provides to the applicant.

"Title IV-D" means part D of title IV of the federal social security act (42 U.S.C. § 651 et seq.) and amendments thereto, relating to child sup-

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(b) (c) The secretary, in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805 and amendments thereto, may adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 73. K.S.A. 39-758 is hereby amended to read as follows: 39-758. (a) State, county and local units of government, their officers and employees, shall cooperate with the secretary of social and rehabilitation services in locating absent parents or their assets and shall on request supply the secretary of social and rehabilitation services with available information about an absent parent or the absent parent's assets including but not limited to the location, employment status, income, date of birth and social security number of an the absent parent including or any information concerning medical or health insurance coverage for dependents.

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(b) All federal and state agencies conducting activities under title IV-D shall have access to any system used by this state or any political subdivision to locate an individual for purposes relating to motor vehicles or law enforcement, including but not limited to the national law enforcement telecommunications system (NLETS) and the national crime information center (NCIC). For purposes of this section, the title IV-D agency shall be considered a law enforcement agency.

(c) The secretary of social and rehabilitation services or the secretary's designee shall have access pursuant to K.S.A. 79-3234 and amendments thereto to information in the records of the department of revenue concerning any person who has or may have a duty of support in a title IV-D case. The secretary of social and rehabilitation services or the secretary's designee may use the information in an appropriate administrative or judicial proceeding to establish, modify, or enforce a support obligation in the title IV-D case or may disclose the information to another title IV-D agency for use in any administrative or judicial proceeding to establish, modify or enforce a support obligation in the title IV-D case. Except to the extent that disclosure of information is authorized by this subsection, any person receiving information pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to the provisions of subsections (b) and (d) of K.S.A. 79-3234 and amendments thereto.

(b) (d) Information received by the secretary of social and rehabilitation services under this section shall be available upon request to persons authorized to receive such information in excerdance with rules and regulations duly adopted by the secretary of social and rehabilitation services.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person receiving such information shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 39-759 and amendments thereto.

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(e) Any person or entity providing access to information pursuant to this section, including but not limited to access by automated processes, shall not be liable to any person for good faith actions in providing the access or information.

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(f) For purposes of this section, the secretary may enter into an agreement with any agency or official to permit the secretary and the secretary's designees access to information. Such an agreement shall not be construed to be a contract for the performance of support enforcement 31 services pursuant to K.S.A. 75-5365 and amendments thereto.

Sec. 74. K.S.A. 39-759 is hereby amended to read as follows: 39-759.

(a) Any With respect to information obtained by the secretary under K.S.A. 39-758 or section 4 and amendments thereto, any person who willfully requests, obtains or seeks to obtain any confidential information available under K.S.A. 30-758 under false pretenses or who willfully communicates or seeks to communicate such information to any person except in accordance with the provisions of this act and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto any law permitting such disclosure shall be guilty of a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

(b) Effective October 1, 1997, the secretary shall safeguard, to the extent required by title IV-D, any confidential information handled by the secretary. Unauthorized use or disclosure of information relating to

proceedings or actions to establish paternity or to establish or enforce a support obligation is prohibited, except that nothing in this provision shall prevent the secretary or the secretary's designees from using or disclosing information, or authorizing use or disclosure of information, as needed in the administration of the IV-D program or as authorized by title IV-D.

The release of information concerning the location of one party to another party against whom a protective order with respect to the former party has been entered is prohibited. The release of information concerning the location of one party to another party is prohibited if the secretary has reason to believe that the release of such information may result in physical or emotional harm to the former party. For purposes of this subsection, "has reason to believe" means that the former party has claimed good cause for refusing to cooperate in IV-D activities, so long as the claim is pending or has been approved.

If the offender is an officer or employee of the state or a political subdivision of the state, such officer or employee shall be dismissed from office. Any violation of this subsection by a IV-D contractor or an agent of a IV-D contractor shall be grounds for termination of the IV-D contract unless the IV-D contractor terminates the contractor's relationship with any individual offender. The provisions of this subsection shall be a complete defense in any civil action concerning such dismissal, termination of the IV-D contract or termination of a contractor's relationship with an individual offender.

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