

CHAPTER 2002-173

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1272

An act relating to the determination and enforcement of obligations for child support; amending s. 61.046, F.S.; defining the term “national medical support notice”; amending s. 61.13, F.S.; requiring that the court issue an order for health care coverage for a minor child in a proceeding for dissolution of marriage rather than an order for health insurance; providing for enforcement of such an order through use of the national medical support notice; requiring the Department of Revenue to notify the obligor of withholding premium payments under the notice; providing a procedure under which the obligor may contest the withholding; providing procedures for enrolling a child in a group health plan; providing certain limitations on the amount of withholding allowed under a support order; amending s. 61.181, F.S.; continuing the increased fee charged to child support obligors by the depository; repealing s. 61.1826(5), F.S., relating to performance reviews; amending s. 61.1826, F.S.; conforming to repeal of s. 61.1826(5), F.S.; amending ss. 61.14, 61.30, F.S.; requiring that the Department of Revenue seek modification of certain awards of child support; requiring that such modification be made without proof or showing of a change in circumstances; amending s. 120.80, F.S.; providing for immediate judicial review of any such order; providing for enforcement; amending s. 409.2557, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt rules for administrative proceedings to establish child-support obligations; amending s. 409.2563, F.S.; revising the pilot program for administrative establishment of child-support obligations; providing process for optional pursuit of judicial process; providing for the withholding of a specified portion of a noncustodial parent’s unemployment compensation; authorizing the Division of Administrative Hearings to render an income deduction order; providing for the use of a financial affidavit as prescribed by the department; amending s. 409.25656, F.S.; providing a procedure for liquidating securities that are levied to satisfy an obligation for past due or overdue support; amending s. 409.25658, F.S.; providing for the use of unclaimed property to satisfy an obligation for past due support; amending s. 409.2576, F.S.; requiring that the Department of Revenue transmit a national medical support notice to an employee’s employer under certain circumstances; amending s. 827.06, F.S.; providing for additional means of service of process; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 8. Paragraph (c) of subsection (14) of section 120.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

120.80 Exceptions and special requirements; agencies.—

(14) DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.—

(c) Proceedings for administrative child support orders.—~~Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 120.569 or s. 120.57 to the contrary,~~ In proceedings for the establishment of administrative support orders pursuant to s. 409.2563, final orders in cases referred by the Department of Revenue to the Division of Administrative Hearings shall be entered by the division's administrative law judge and transmitted to the Department of Revenue for filing and rendering indexing. The Department of Revenue has the right to seek judicial review under s. 120.68 of a final order entered by an administrative law judge. Administrative support orders rendered pursuant to s. 409.2563 may be enforced pursuant to s. 120.69 or, alternatively, by any method prescribed by law for the enforcement of judicial support orders, except contempt.

Section 15. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor April 24, 2002.

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