

1999 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

HB 1121

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1121

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 20, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
3	X		4.2 - 21.8
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Susann Lindteigen</i>			

Minutes:

MIKE SCHWINDT, Child Support Enforcement Director, Department of Human Services, testified (Testimony and amendments attached).

Rep. BRUCE ECKRE asked about no authority to use automated systems on new hiring and earnings. MIKE SCHWINDT stated that persons hired for a job are reported to Human Services within 90 days. Information from Job Service on earnings is also reported. But, we can't use that information.

Rep. WILLIAM DEVLIN asked who has authority to use the automated system. MIKE SCHWINDT stated the federal government.

Rep. ROBIN WEISZ asked about the \$41,000 total cost in testimony versus the \$57,313 in the fiscal note. MIKE SCHWINDT stated \$3,900 notice in arrears, \$36,000 on order to show cause, \$37,000 for income withholding orders. I used annual figures. Fiscal notes are biennial period.

Rep. TODD PORTER asked is there a method for counties to recoup costs? MIKE SCHWINDT said the department has an agreement with the clerks of court to pay them for work on child support programs. Rep. TODD PORTER asked wouldn't the fiscal note then be zero? MIKE SCHWINDT stated the fiscal notes shows an expenditure of \$57,000 in general funds with revenues of \$24,000 with \$81,000 in expenditures incurred by the counties. It should be a break-even point.

Rep. ROBIN WEISZ asked about the discrepancy in testimony and the fiscal note. MIKE SCHWINDT stated it was because of rounding.

NEUTRAL TESTIMONY

TERRY TRAYNOR, Director ND Association of Counties, testified on their concern of number of clerks and counties that are opposed to statizing of the receipting of disbursement and the income withholding order process. Our testimony was given in preference that it all stay with the counties or all of it go away because we didn't want a divided system. If the decision was in light of federal legislation that the 4-D portion had to go to the state, then our preference that all of it go to the state. The legislation that put that transfer of duties provided for a 2-year window where these duties would gradually be transferred over. The counties have recognized that the 4-D units aren't working well. We will do that until the end of all transfers. The amendments presented by Mr. Schwindt would continue that for another two years and it is more preferable to the counties, in general.

OPPOSITION - None

Hearing closed.

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1121

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 2, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	0.0 - 4.6
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Susann Lundteigen</i>			

Minutes:

Rep. CLARA SUE PRICE discussed the proposed amendments from Human Services. Terry Traynor has no opposition. Proposed a date of July 31, 2000. The bill is a result of two counties dragging their feet on getting up to speed.

Further committee discussion.

Rep. ROBIN WEISZ moved to ADOPT AMENDMENTS.

Rep. AMY KLINISKE second the motion

VOICE VOTE - Unanimous 14 yeas - 0 nays

Rep. AMY KLINISKE moved DO PASS As AMENDED.

Rep. ROXANNE JENSEN second the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE #1: 14 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent

CARRIER: Rep. BRUCE ECKRE

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill / Resolution No.: _____
 Requested by Legislative Council

Amendment to: Engrossed HB 1121
 Date of Request: 04/08/99

1. Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts.

Narrative:

The amended engrossed bill would transfer responsibility for issuing all notices of arrears, all orders to show cause and income withholding orders for Non IV-D cases from the State Disbursement Unit (SDU) to the clerks of court. The clerk of courts responsibility for the income withholding orders would expire on 1/15/2001 at which time the responsibility reverts back to the SDU. Although this bill would save the state the cost of 1 FTE and related costs to perform these duties, these costs were not included in the appropriation in SB 2012.

2. State fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

	1997-1999		1999-2001		2001-2003	
	<u>Biennium</u>		<u>Biennium</u>		<u>Biennium</u>	
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Revenues:						
Expenditures:	-0-		(47,954)		(19,448)	

3. What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the appropriation for your agency or department:

a. For rest of 1997-99 biennium:	-0-
b. For the 1999-01 biennium:	(47,954)
c. For the 2001-03 biennium:	(19,448)

4. County, City, and School District fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

	1997-1999			1999-2001			2001-2003		
	<u>Biennium</u>			<u>Biennium</u>			<u>Biennium</u>		
	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>School Districts</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>School Districts</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>School Districts</u>
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Revenues:				24,345			26,944		
Expenditures:	-0-			72,299			46,391		

If additional space is needed, attach a supplemental sheet.

Signed

Brenda M. Weisz

Typed Name

Brenda M. Weisz

Date Prepared: April 8, 1999

Department

Human Services

Phone No.

328-2397

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill / Resolution No.: _____

Amendment to: Engrossed HB 1121

Requested by Legislative Council

Date of Request: 03/10/99

1. Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts.

Narrative:

The amended engrossed bill would transfer responsibility for issuing all notices of arrears, all orders to show cause and income withholding orders for Non IV-D cases from the State Disbursement Unit (SDU) to the clerks of court. The clerk of courts responsibility for the income withholding orders would expire on 7/31/2001 at which time the responsibility reverts back to the SDU. Although this bill would save the state the cost of 1 FTE and related costs to perform these duties, these costs were not included in the appropriation in SB 2012.

2. State fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

	1997-1999		1999-2001		2001-2003	
	<u>Biennium</u>		<u>Biennium</u>		<u>Biennium</u>	
	General	Special	General	Special	General	Special
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Revenues:						
Expenditures:	-0-		(57,315)		(19,448)	

3. What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the appropriation for your agency or department:

a. For rest of 1997-99 biennium:	-0-
b. For the 1999-01 biennium:	(57,315)
c. For the 2001-03 biennium:	(19,448)

4. County, City, and School District fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

	1997-1999			1999-2001			2001-2003		
	<u>Biennium</u>			<u>Biennium</u>			<u>Biennium</u>		
	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>School Districts</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>School Districts</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>School Districts</u>
Revenues:				24,345			26,944		
Expenditures:	-0-			81,660			46,391		

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Signed

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Date Prepared: March 12, 1999

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Human Services

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FISCAL NOTE

(Return original and 13 copies)

Bill / Resolution No.: _____

Amendment to: HB 1121

Requested by Legislative Council

Date of Request: 02/04/99

1. Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts.

Narrative:

The amended bill would transfer responsibility for issuing all notices of arrears, all orders to show cause and income withholding orders for Non IV-D cases from the State Disbursement Unit (SDU) to the clerks of court. The clerk of courts responsibility for the income withholding orders would expire on 7/31/2000 at which time the responsibility reverts back to the SDU. Although this bill would save the state the cost of 1 FTE and related costs to perform these duties, these costs were not included in the appropriation in SB 2012.

2. State fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

	1997-1999		1999-2001		2001-2003	
	Biennium		Biennium		Biennium	
	General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds
Revenues:						
Expenditures:	-0-		(36,893)		(19,448)	

3. What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the appropriation for your agency or department:

a. For rest of 1997-99 biennium:	-0-
b. For the 1999-01 biennium:	(36,893)
c. For the 2001-03 biennium:	(19,448)

4. County, City, and School District fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

	1997-1999			1999-2001			2001-2003		
	Biennium			Biennium			Biennium		
	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
Revenues:				24,345			26,944		
Expenditures:	-0-			61,238			46,391		

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Signed

Debra A. McDermott

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Debra A. McDermott

Date Prepared: February 4, 1999

Department

Human Services

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FISCAL NOTE

(Return original and 13 copies)

Bill / Resolution No.: HB 1121
 Requested by Legislative Council

Amendment to: _____
 Date of Request: 12/29/98

1. Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts.

Narrative:

This bill would transfer responsibility for issuing all notices of arrears, all orders to show cause and income withholding orders for Non IV-D cases from the State Disbursement Unit to the clerks of court. Although this bill would save the state the cost of 1 FTE and related costs to perform these duties, these costs were not included in the appropriation in SB 2012.

2. State fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

	1997-1999		1999-2001		2001-2003	
	<u>Biennium</u>		<u>Biennium</u>		<u>Biennium</u>	
	General	Special	General	Special	General	Special
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Revenues:						
Expenditures:	-0-		(57,315)		(63,864)	

3. What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the appropriation for your agency or department:

a. For rest of 1997-99 biennium:	<u>-0-</u>
b. For the 1999-01 biennium:	<u>(57,315)</u>
c. For the 2001-03 biennium:	<u>(63,864)</u>

4. County, City, and School District fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

	1997-1999			1999-2001			2001-2003		
	<u>Biennium</u>			<u>Biennium</u>			<u>Biennium</u>		
	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>School Districts</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>School Districts</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>School Districts</u>
Revenues:				24,345			26,944		
Expenditures:	-0-			81,660			90,808		

If additional space is needed, attach a supplemental sheet.

Signed Brenda M. Weisz

Typed Name Brenda M. Weisz

Date Prepared: January 12, 1999

Department Human Services

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1121

Page 1, line 3, after the second semicolon, insert "to provide an expiration date;"

Page 4, line 23, remove "made pursuant to an income withholding order"

Page 4, after line 25, insert:

"SECTION 4. EXPIRATION DATE. Section 2 of this Act is effective through July 31, 2001, and after that date is ineffective. Section 14-09-09.29 as it existed on the day before the effective date of this Act becomes effective August 1, 2001."

Renumber accordingly

VK
2/2/99

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1121 HUMSER 2-2-99

Page 1, line 3, after the second semicolon insert "to provide an expiration date;"

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1121 HUMSER 2-2-99

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Renumber accordingly

Date: 2-2-99
Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1131

House Human Services Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass As Amended

Motion Made By Amy Kliniske Seconded By Roxanne Jensen

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Clara Sue Price - Chairwoman	X		Bruce A. Eckre	X	
Robin Weisz - Vice Chairman	X		Ralph Metcalf	X	
William R. Devlin	X		Carol A. Niemeier	X	
Pat Galvin	X		Wanda Rose	X	
Dale L. Henegar	X		Sally M. Sandvig	X	
Roxanne Jensen	X				
Amy N. Kliniske	X				
Chet Pollert	X				
Todd Porter	X				
Blair Thoreson					

Total Yes 14 No 0
Absent 1

Floor Assignment Bruce Eckre

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1121: Human Services Committee (Rep. Price, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1121 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 3, after the second semicolon insert "to provide an expiration date;"

Page 4, line 23, remove "made pursuant to an income withholding order"

Page 4, after line 25, insert:

"SECTION 4. EXPIRATION DATE. Section 2 of this Act is effective through July 31, 2000, and after that date is ineffective. Section 14-09-09.29 as it existed on the day before the effective date of this Act becomes effective August 1, 2000."

Renumber accordingly

1999 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

HB 1121

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1121

Senate Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date MARCH 1, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		2,038
2	X		368
3/3/99 2	X		651
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Carol Kolodziejchuk</i>			

Minutes:

The hearing was opened on HB1121. This bill has a fiscal note that has a negative number to the state, but impacts the counties.

BARBARA SIEGEL, Dept. of Human Services, presented the testimony of Mike Schwindt in written testimony. She explained that a IV-D case is child support program is providing services. It was referred to us for mandatory services by referral from TANF. It also applies to the case in which one of the parties has applied for services. Non IV-D cases are those for which we have not received a referral for services nor have we received an application. SENATOR FISHER asked about the intent of 1226 was to have everything centralized. Last spring the Department made a decision to send the child support withholding orders back to the regional offices. The work was sent, but no funding. MS. SIEGEL: It was the consensus of regional offices was that this should be in the county because of the knowledge of case. There was no money in the

budget because the effective date was not implemented until July 1, 1999. SENATOR

DEMERS: No changes were mentioned to the interim committees. If we were to DO NOT PASS this bill, would you be ready to do what 1226 is supposed to do. Ms. SIEGEL said the automated system would not be, and if you believe the clerks of court should not retain non IV-D withholding we would prefer that you would allow the one year that the House did. SENATOR LEE: Maybe this should have gone to child support interim committee.

TERRY TRAYNOR, ND Assoc. of Counties, opposed the bill without the sunset. We recognize the transition and the clerks of court are in the transition. Clerks will continue for a short time.

Concerns: It does relate to SWAP and there are costs that are incurred and they seem to change all the time. SENATOR THANE asked if the sunset should be 2000 or 2001. MR. TRAYNOR said he didn't know how fast this could all be rolled out. Child support is a judicial function; the Supreme Court would be responsible for the Judicial functions performed by the clerks, at least financially. Once we get beyond one year, the courts should be the one to answer.

DANIEL BIESHEUVEL, R-KIDS, written testimony. SENATOR DEMERS asked if he was asking us to return to Clerk of Court? MR. BIESHEUVEL answered that he saw the distribution unit and funding this bill is only going to cost the state more and more. Clerk of Court was handling this just fine and I know the Federal Government doesn't see it that way, but it worked.

DWIGHT LINDBO, non custodial parent and R-KIDS, testified in opposition to bill in written testimony. SENATOR DEMERS asked if we were required to have this centralized. Can we return this to the Clerks of Court? Where do we stand in terms of Federal Law? MS. SIEGEL stated that the Federal Reform Law of 1996 required one entity - central area for receiving and distributing collections. There are states that have a delayed effective date. We have to have it

by Oct. 1, 1999. There is a waiver if you can prove that you can do it more effectively in another way. SENATOR LEE observed several opinions from other people in other states complained about this requirement. The software was not available; some have spent a great amount of money and it is not worked out yet. They recommended that they have regional offices and then report to the central location. They were told you could try it but I can't guarantee that it will be accepted. MS. SIEGEL replied that there was hope for a central dispersion. SENATOR DEMERS asked if some system could be worked out with Clerks of court. MS. SIEGEL stated that we had more problems without the central disbursement unit. This seems to be able to work and work well. SENATOR THANE asked about the constituent that knew her ex was making payments, but she did not receive any. MS. SIEGEL stated that it was a conversion problem. MR. BIESHEUVEL suggested that the money go to clerk- out from clerk and reports to state. SENATOR FISCHER: Many employers can make one payment of withholding to the state, rather than 30-40 counties. MR. BIESHEUVEL answered that the responsibility needs to go back to the obligor.

MIKE SCHWINDT, Dept of Human Services: We are in the middle of a massive transition. We are well underway. Give us a chance - it will be done well. When the reconciliation process is finished you will have everything accounted for. SENATOR THANE: Would you talk to the interim committee and say everything is fixed? MR. SCHWINDT said no, but conversion would be. SENATOR DEMERS: Why did you not go to the interim committee? MR. SCHWINDT answered that they thought the Clerks were in agreement with this; obviously they did not agree. It should have gone to interim committee.

Hearing was closed on HB1121.

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Senate Human Services Committee
Bill/Resolution Number HB1121
Hearing Date MARCH 1, 1999

Discussion was resumed 3/2/99. Legislative intent was not clear and needed to be added to the bill. SENATOR FISCHER and SENATOR DEMERS were appointed to a subcommittee to bring amendments to make the bill acceptable. The committee was adjourned.

Discussion resumed on 3/3/99.

SENATOR FISCHER has amendments. Public authority is department and regional offices. It was compared to 2170 and made perfect sense as far as the dates are concerned. Mike Schwindt is comfortable with amendment. SENATOR FISCHER moved amendment 98219.0201.

SENATOR DEMERS seconded it. Roll call carried 6-0-0. SENATOR FISCHER moved a DO PASS AS AMENDED. SENATOR DEMERS seconded. Roll call vote carried 6-0-0.

SENATOR FISCHER will carry.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1121

Page 1, line 1, replace "sections 14-09-08.1 and" with "section 14-09-08.1, subsection 9 of section 14-09-09.16 as amended by section 7 of Senate Bill No. 2170, as approved by the fifty-sixth legislative assembly, and section"

Page 4, after line 16, insert:

"SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. If Senate Bill No. 2170 becomes effective, the amendment to subsection 9 of section 14-09-09.16 of the North Dakota Century Code made by section 7 of Senate Bill No. 2170 is amended and reenacted as follows:

9. The income payor shall notify the clerk of court or the public authority in writing of the termination of a duty to pay income to the obligor within seven business days of the termination. The notification must include the name and address of the obligor's subsequent income payor, if known."

Page 4, line 25, replace "This Act becomes" with "Sections 1 and 3 of this Act become"

Page 4, line 26, replace "2" with "3"

Page 4, line 27, replace "2000" with "2001"

Page 4, line 28, replace "2000" with "2001"

Page 4, line 29, replace "This Act is" with "Sections 1 and 3 of this Act are"

Re-number accordingly

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1121

Page 1, line 1, replace "sections" with "section" and after "14-09-08.1" insert ", subsection 9 of section 14-09-09.16,"

Page 4, after line 16, insert:

"SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. If Senate Bill No. 2170 is approved by the fifty-sixth legislative assembly and becomes effective, subsection 9 of section 14-09-09.16 of the North Dakota Century Code as amended by section 7 of Senate Bill No. 2170 is amended and reenacted as follows:

9. The income payor shall notify the clerk of court or the public authority in writing of the termination of a duty to pay income to the obligor within seven business days of the termination. The notification must include the name and address of the obligor's subsequent income payor, if known."

Page 4, line 25, replace "This" with "Sections 1 and 3 of this" and replace "becomes" with "become"

Page 4, line 26, replace "2" with "3"

Page 4, line 27, replace "2000" with "2001"

Page 4, line 28, replace "2000" with "2001"

Page 4, line 29, replace "This" with "Sections 1 and 3 of this" and replace "is" with "are"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 3/3/99
Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1121

Senate HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 98219.0201

Action Taken Amendment

Motion Made By Sen Fischer Seconded By Sen DeMers

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Thane	✓				
Senator Kilzer	✓				
Senator Fischer	✓				
Senator Lee	✓				
Senator DeMers	✓				
Senator Mutzenberger	✓				

Total 6 (yes) 0 (no)

Absent 0

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 3/3/99
Roll Call Vote #: 2

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1121

Senate HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass as Amended

Motion Made By Sen Fischer Seconded By Sen DeMers

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Thane	✓				
Senator Kilzer	✓				
Senator Fischer	✓				
Senator Lee	✓				
Senator DeMers	✓				
Senator Mutzenberger	✓				

Total 6 (yes) 0 (no)

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen Fischer

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1121, as engrossed: Human Services Committee (Sen. Thane, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1121 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, replace "sections" with "section", after "14-09-08.1" insert ", subsection 9 of section 14-09-09.16,", and after the second "and" insert "section"

Page 4, after line 16, insert:

"SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. If Senate Bill No. 2170 is approved by the fifty-sixth legislative assembly and becomes effective, subsection 9 of section 14-09-09.16 of the North Dakota Century Code as amended by section 7 of Senate Bill No. 2170 is amended and reenacted as follows:

9. The income payor shall notify the clerk of court or the public authority in writing of the termination of a duty to pay income to the obligor within seven business days of the termination. The notification must include the name and address of the obligor's subsequent income payor, if known."

Page 4, line 25, replace "This" with "Sections 1 and 3 of this" and replace "becomes" with "become"

Page 4, line 26, replace "2" with "3"

Page 4, line 27, replace "2000" with "2001"

Page 4, line 28, replace "2000" with "2001"

Page 4, line 29, replace "This" with "Sections 1 and 3 of this" and replace "is" with "are"

Renumber accordingly

1999 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1121


1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. ENGROSSED HB 1121

Senate Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 3/18/99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		0-309
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

SENATOR NETHING: Opened the hearing on Engrossed HB 1121; A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 14-09-080.1 and 14-09-09.29 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to notice procedures, procedures upon failure to pay child support, and coordination of income withholding services; to provide an effective date; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.

MIKE SCHWINDT: Division of Human Services, to testify in support of Engrossed HB 1121. Essentially this bill provides better customer services for child support. We're asking that some work that had been transferred from the Clerks of Court be left with the Clerks of Court. The fiscal note has a projected cost of \$81,000, which when you look at the note appears to be a \$57,000 savings to the State, and an expenditure of \$81,000 to the counties along with the revenue item of \$24,000, netting out to the \$57,000.

Some of the work that was transferred from the Clerks of Court to the State Office for Child Support at the close of last session involved notice of arrears and income withholding orders. We propose those go back to the Clerks of Court and stay at that point. And, also that the third piece, the income withholding, the part that relates to the non-child support part of the business stays with the Clerks of Court for a 2-year period of time that will allow us in the meantime to transition through our computer system and find out how to service a group of people. We don't want the income withholding orders to come into our place because at this point we think we can't give the same level of support as the clerks of court to this point. We don't want to take too much money out of people's pay check. (tape 1, A, 0-159)

SENATOR NETHING: As you know we're looking at the Clerks of Court coming into the State system. Is there any relationship between the work load here and what will happen if they come into the state system? Are they totally divorced? Can you comment on that?

MIKE SCHWINDT: We worked with the Supreme Court Administrator's Office as we were working this bill in preparation for the Legislature. Basically, what it boiled down to with the 2-year delay that is in the bill before you, the projected impact on the Supreme Court, assuming they came in, would be under \$10,000 for the last six months of the biennium.

SENATOR NAADEN: We're assuming all counties will have Clerks of Court? (tape 1, A, 240)

MIKE SCHWINDT: Yes, but in the cases where there are no longer Clerks of Court, the work has been dovetailed with the Register of Deeds.

SENATOR NETHING: Called for the motion.

SENATOR NAADEN: Moved do pass engrossed HB 1121.

SENATOR ANDRIST: Seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: 13 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED TO DO PASS ENGROSSED HB 1121

Yeas: Nething; Naaden; Lindaas; Tallackson; Tomac; Robinson; Krauter' St. Aubyn; Grindberg;
Holmberg; Kringstad; Bowman; Andrist
Absent: Solberg

SENATOR NETHING: Closed the Hearing on Engrossed HB 1121. (tape 1, A, 309)

Date: 3/18/99
Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. Engrossed HB 1121

Senate APPROPRIATIONS Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do PASS

Motion Made By Senator Naaden Seconded By Senator Andrist

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Nething, Chairman	✓				
Senator Naaden, Vice Chairman	✓				
Senator Solberg					
Senator Lindaas	✓				
Senator Tallackson	✓				
Senator Tomac	✓				
Senator Robinson	✓				
Senator Krauter	✓				
Senator St. Aubyn	✓				
Senator Grindberg	✓				
Senator Holmberg	✓				
Senator Kringstad	✓				
Senator Bowman	✓				
Senator Andrist	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment SENATOR FISCHER

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 19, 1999 4:43 p.m.

Module No: SR-50-5231
Carrier: Fischer
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1121, as engrossed and amended: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Nething, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1121, as amended, was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

1999 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

HB 1121

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1121

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date April 6, 1999

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Minutes:

Rep. WILLIAM DEVLIN called the conference committee to order. Also present were Rep. CHET POLLERT, Rep. RALPH METCALF, Sen. TOM FISCHER, Sen. JUDITH LEE, and Sen. MARV MUTZENBERGER.

Sen. FISCHER presented amendments requested by the Department of Human Services. The amendments will give an August, 2001 date which provides enough time to complete correctly. The next legislative session in January, 2001 can review the progress and provide additional direction if required.

Rep. DEVLIN has a problem with the date. There is a desire on the House side to insure that a review date is set far enough in advance of the next session so the legislative council and committees can take steps if there is not enough progress being made. Otherwise, the legislature won't be able to act until the year 2003. Sen. LEE suggested that progress reports be required so

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House Human Services Committee

Bill/Resolution Number 1121apr06

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the legislative council would know how things were going by the next legislative session. The main points of the discussion surrounded the completion date and details on reporting dates.

There was agreement that the conversion process needs to be completed on time so that the customers can be better served and to avoid another fiscal penalty. On the other hand the completion date cannot be so aggressive as to jeopardize the quality of the final product. The progress reports need to be available early enough so the legislative body can act on them at the next session if necessary.

Sen. LEE moved that the Senate recede from its amendments and amend the bill to require the Department of Human Services to report progress to the legislative council by August 31, 2000, change the expiration date of the bill to January 15, 2001 and to add the "clerk or court"

language from the Senate amendments. The motion was seconded by Sen. MUTZENBERGER. The motion PASSED on a roll call vote: 6 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT.

The meeting was adjourned.

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4/7/99

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1121 HUMSER 4/7/99

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 968 and 969 of the House Journal and page 662 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1121 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, replace "sections" with "section", after "14-09-08.1" insert ", subsection 9 of section 14-09-09.16,", and after the second "and" insert "section"

Page 1, line 3, after the first semicolon insert "to provide for a report to the legislative council;"

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO.1121 HUMSER 4/7/99

Page 4, after line 16, insert:

"SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. If Senate Bill No. 2170 is approved by the fifty-sixth legislative assembly and becomes effective, subsection 9 of section 14-09-09.16 of the North Dakota Century Code as amended by section 8 of Senate Bill No. 2170 is amended and reenacted as follows:

9. The income payor shall notify the clerk of court or the public authority in writing of the termination of a duty to pay income to the obligor within seven business days of the termination. The notification must include the name and address of the obligor's subsequent income payor, if known."

Page 4, after line 24, insert:

"SECTION 4. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. The department of human services shall report on the progress of the implementation of this Act to a designated legislative council interim committee between August 1, 2000, and August 31, 2000."

Page 4, line 25, replace "This" with "Sections 1 and 3 of this" and replace "becomes" with "become"

Page 4, line 26, replace "2" with "3" and replace "July 31" with "January 15"

Page 4, line 27, replace "2000" with "2001"

Page 4, line 28, replace "August 1, 2000" with "January 16, 2001"

Page 4, line 29, replace "This" with "Sections 1 and 3 of this" and replace "is" with "are"

Re-number accordingly

(Bill Number) HB 1121 (, as (re)engrossed):

Your Conference Committee

For the Senate:

	Present	Vote
Fischer	Y	Y
Lee	Y	Y
Mutzenberger	Y	Y

For the House:

	Present	Vote
Devlin	Y	Y
Pollert	Y	Y
Metcalf	Y	Y

recommends that the (SENATE/HOUSE) (ACCEDE to) (RECEDE from)
723/724 725/726 S724/H726 S723/H725
 the (Senate/House) amendments on (SJ/HJ) page(s) _____

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and place _____ on the Seventh order.
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, adopt ~~(further)~~ amendments as follows, and place
 _____ on the Seventh order:

having been unable to agree, recommends that the committee be discharged
 and a new committee be appointed. 690/515

((Re)Engrossed) _____ was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

DATE: ____/____/____

CARRIER: _____

LC NO. _____ of amendment

LC NO. _____ of engrossment

Emergency clause added or deleted _____

Statement of purpose of amendment _____

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REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1121, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Fischer, Lee, Mutzenberger and Reps. Devlin, Pollert, Metcalf) recommends that the **SENATE RECEDE** from the Senate amendments on HJ pages 968-969, adopt amendments as follows, and place HB 1121 on the Seventh order:

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1999 TESTIMONY

HB 1121

Fact Sheet: Child Support Enforcement Division

What is it? Child Support Enforcement is a joint state, county, and federal partnership to collect child support to ensure that children have the financial support of both their parents, to foster responsible behavior toward children, and to reduce welfare costs.

Who does the division serve? Our primary customers are the children for whom we collect funds for their support and medical care. We also serve custodial and non-custodial parents.

What services are provided? Working with the Regional Child Support Enforcement Units, we locate non-custodial parents, establish paternities, establish court ordered child support and medical support, and periodically review and adjust support obligations.

Who can apply for services? Either parent can apply for services. Applicants for TANF, Medi-caid, or Foster Care are referred to us for service.

Are there fees? We do not charge a fee for services.

How is the division funded? The federal government provides 66% of our budget; the state is responsible for the rest. The Regional Child Support Enforcement Units are responsible for their costs, generally relying on local property taxes.

How much is collected? Through the combined efforts of the regional units, the state office, and the federal government, our collections continue to increase at double digit rates each year. In calendar year 1998, we collected \$40.8 million, an 11.65% increase over 1997. In contrast, we collected \$12.1 million in 1990.

Where does the money go? Most of the amounts collected are sent to the families. A portion is retained to repay the federal, state, and county governments for TANF, Foster Care, and Medicaid payments made on behalf of families.

What about the penalty? The division is currently under federal penalty because we did not get FACSES, our Fully Automated Child Support Enforcement System, sufficiently developed to meet federal certification standards. The penalty, a percentage of the federal administrative funds available to us, was \$125,000 for 1998 and \$250,000 for 1999. We expect to become certified during 1999 and recover 90% of the penalty for the year, resulting in a total net penalty of \$150,000.

What does it cost to operate the Child Support Enforcement program statewide? The regional offices and state office spent a combined \$7.6 million in federal fiscal year 1998. Our appropriation request for the state office in the upcoming biennium, as approved in the Governor's budget, is \$6.3 million of which \$106,981 would be general funds.

How many cases are handled? We have about 35,000 cases, each of which involves at least three people — a child, the mother, and the father. These are primarily in-state cases, but by working with other states and other countries, we also serve people across the United States and internationally.

What does the future hold? We expect change in the future. With the continued emphasis at the federal and state level for people to be more self-sufficient, and the TANF imposed 60-month time limit, all levels of government and society will need to collect the amounts due for the support of children. The change in the immediate future involves bringing all case information into FACSES so that it can be certified. The guidelines, which are in the process of amendment, need to be finalized once the Legislature completes its work. The enforcement tool chest will also be revisited to ensure we are using all the appropriate tools to collect what is due. We will continue to work with our customers to ensure that we are providing prompt, courteous and accurate services.

Prepared January 1999 for the North Dakota Department of Human Services. For information call (701) 328-3582.

Testimony before the
House Human Services Committee
HB 1121
January 20, 1999

Chairman Price, Members of the Committee, I am Mike Schwindt, Child Support Enforcement Director for the Department of Human Services. HB 1121 was introduced at our request to provide better customer service to the citizens of North Dakota.

Last session HB 1226, Welfare Reform, consumed a significant amount of legislative time and was one of the last bills to pass. One item that was resolved in the final days was whether the responsibility for issuing Notices of Arrears and Orders to Show Cause for all cases and the responsibility for issuing Income Withholding Orders for about 9,600 non-IV-D cases should be transferred to the IV-D office. The conclusion was to do so but with a delayed July 1, 1999 effective date.

As we were designing and programming FACSES, (Fully Automated Child Support Enforcement System), and planning how best to implement the Welfare Reform changes, the question again arose as how best to handle the enforcement services for non-IV-D cases. In discussions with the Clerks last spring, there appeared to be consensus with the Clerks retaining responsibility for issuing Notices of Arrears and Orders to Show Cause along with the Income Withholding Orders on non-IV-D cases. This was proposed to, and accepted by the State Disbursement Unit advisory committee during the summer and FACSES was programmed accordingly. Later, some Clerks objected to the change on the Income Withholding Orders; however, with the push to get FACSES up and running, changing the computer design was not feasible. We agreed to revisit the issue in 1999.

As we prepared for this Session, it was clear to us that the best place to revisit the issue was with the Legislature; consequently, HB 1121 was drafted and introduced.

Clerks issue about 1,000 Notices of Arrears each year to people who have failed to make their child support payments. Generally, this is used in the rural areas where the obligor is not under income withholding and just did not make the monthly payment. Our best estimate, based on information from the Supreme Court and Clerks, is that it has about \$5,000 or less impact on budgets per year because of infrequent use. We propose responsibility for issuance remain with the Clerks of Court.

About 5,200 Orders to Show Cause are issued each year. This is used more frequently than the Notice of Arrears alternative because the nonpaying parent is brought before the judge to show why they should not be in contempt of court. We propose responsibility for these Orders stay with the Clerks because scheduling requires access to court calendars, information which is readily available to the Clerks. If we were to issue the Orders, we would also need access to court calendars, either directly or, more likely, indirectly through the Clerks. We project the cost of issuing Orders to Show Cause at about \$18,000 per year.

The remaining piece, that of issuing Income Withholding Orders on non-IV-D cases, is the primary area for discussion.

The largest planned transfer of duties from the Clerks to the Child Support Enforcement program involves issuing Income Withholding Orders. These Orders were issued when an obligor's employer was identified and the child support payment could be withheld from the wages.

By law, income withholding on IV-D cases must be transferred to the Child Support Enforcement program. We expect to meet the mandate with the assistance of the Regional Child Support Enforcement Units for a simple reason - - they have a much better understanding of the case status than we do at the state office and can review the FACSES alerts to see if, in fact, an Income Withholding Order should be issued.

There are significant reasons why a worker should review the case prior to issuing an Order in response to an alert:

- The collections from the first job may be sufficient to meet the current support and arrearages, if any; and

- The information in non-IV-D cases may be stale. The obligor has a responsibility to keep the Clerks informed of addresses; the Clerks receive information from both obligors and obligees about the case; and we do not have authority to use our automated systems of new hires or earnings on non-IV-D cases.

Again, using data from the Supreme Court and the Clerks, our best estimate is that about 3,000 Orders would be issued each year on the 9,600 non-IV-D cases at a

projected \$18,000 annual cost. We feel these cases can be best handled by the Clerks, at least in the near future, because the Clerks are knowledgeable about these cases. The Clerks, with their knowledge of the case, can exercise discretion in determining which, if any, enforcement remedies are appropriate to use and when to issue an income withholding order. Again, these are cases where the parties have not applied for or became mandatory recipients of IV-D services.

If we are to handle these cases, using the nine people in the SDU whose primary job is to receipt and disburse funds, we will not be able to tailor services to fit the customer. The human touch will be lost. We do not have the staff, and for the non-IV-D cases, much employer information.

As HB 1121 was originally drafted, the Clerks would have retained responsibility for all the Notices of Arrears, all the Orders to Show Cause, and the non-IV-D portion of the Income Withholding Orders. We are aware that some Clerks are in favor of retaining issuance of non-IV-D Income Withholding Orders. We are also aware that there are a number who oppose it. In discussions with Supreme Court staff, and based on comments of Clerks, we concluded that the best way would be to ask that the Clerks continue to issue the non-IV-D Income Withholding Orders and that any change be deferred until August 1, 2001 and have developed amendments to accomplish that.

We can all use the added time to determine the best way to serve our customers and come back to you with alternatives in two years if necessary. Consequently, we propose HB 1121 be amended to include a sunset provision as stated in the attached

amendment.

We respectfully urge the Committee consider the proposed amendments and give the bill a do pass, as amended.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1121

Page 1, line 3, after the second semicolon, insert "to provide an expiration date;"

Page 4, line 23, remove "made pursuant to an income withholding order"

Page 4, after line 25, insert:

"SECTION 4. EXPIRATION DATE. Section 2 of this Act is effective through July 31, 2001, and after that date is ineffective. Section 14-09-09.29 as it existed on the day before the effective date of this Act becomes effective August 1, 2001."

Renumber accordingly

56th Legislative Session

House Bill 1121

March 1, 1999

10:15 am

Red River Room

Chairman Thane and members of the Human Services Committee. My name is Daniel Biesheuvel, President and lobbyist for R-KIDS organization of North Dakota. Anyone who has had to deal with the state distribution unit knows this is not an efficient way of handling child support obligations.

In an October 2, 1998 article in the Bismarck Tribune (See Appendix A), Mike Schwindt, Director of the Child Support Enforcement Unit confessed to the penalties that lay ahead for North Dakota. Because North Dakota does not have a certified computerized child support database in place in October, a 4% (or \$150,000.00) penalty against federal funding was assessed the state. This penalty compounds yearly, and after 2001 is a steady 20%. NOT GOOD ENOUGH!

In conversations with Mr. Schwindt, I have said that if something were costing me that much to prepare, I'd scrap it. If the feds want this system so bad, let them develop it instead of demanding fifty states to come up with fifty systems.

One case in particular stands out. A seasonally employed obligor with two ex-wives is having his wages garnished every week. Some months have three weeks, some four, some five. He was told and continued to assume he had an arrearage, because of the reduced support he pays during layoff and extra he pays while working.

Recently, he discovered that because of the extra week in some months, his arrearage was not only gone, but he had a credit. Still his unemployment was garnished. The next problem is, his two children are not getting child support, because of the overpayment in the past. Follow along as I recount his case: (See Appendix B).

This is probably only one case, but how many more are we going to see? I personally had a misdirection of child support funds. My ex-wife called to tell me she hadn't received a payment. Luckily my obligation is still being handled by the clerk of court, and it was reconciled in a day. With the distribution unit, this correction time will stretch out to several months at the minimum. Clerk of courts have told me that a distribution unit is fine, but let the clerks do the person to person work, and enter it into the network.

The excuses given for this is that the federal government officials keep changing their demands on what that system should be. With the already imposed penalty and the year 2000 penalty, an income shared model would already be financed according to figures given by Bill Strate during the interim. This is a lame horse that needs to become glue. Stop making excuses for it, and take it out of OUR misery.

Thank you, and I will be happy to answer any questions.

N.D. facing penalty

■ State is one of 10 that missed federal deadline for deadbeat parent database

BRIAN WITTE, *Associated Press Writer*

North Dakota and nine other states are facing millions of dollars in penalties after missing a deadline Thursday for having certified computer databases to help the federal government find deadbeat parents.

Those states make up about one-third of the nation's child support loads, said Debbie Kline, national chapter development director for the Association for Children for Enforcement of Support.

"The children keep getting broken promises," Kline said. "The states have been given chances over and over and over again."

States that missed the deadline will lose 4 percent of federal funding this year to run child support collection operations. The penalty increases to 8 percent next year and 16 percent in 2000, if states fail to complete their databases. States that fail to finish their systems by 2001 would lose 20 percent each year.

"We've got to get this up and working," said Mike Schwindt, acting director of North Dakota's child support enforcement division. He said the projected completion date for North Dakota's computer system is June 1999.

If North Dakota meets that time frame, it would still lose about \$150,000 in federal money because of the penalties.

Schwindt said that's a frustrating loss. But it's small compared to the \$12 million in federal money California stands to lose this year for missing the deadline, said Sidonie Squier, director of public affairs for the California Department of Social Service.

Squier said her state's computer database col-

lapsed. Another problem, she said, is that California's 58 counties have different ways of collecting child support.

"So now you've got to have a system that comes in and takes all those different ways of doing it, but interpreting it in one way," Squier said.

Schwindt, who stepped into his job in July, said meeting the deadline was difficult because federal officials kept changing their demands on what they wanted out of the computer systems, forcing states to adjust. He also said the state's child support enforcement division is struggling with limited resources to meet a complex task.

Other states that lack the computer databases are Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania and South Carolina, said Michael Kharfen, a spokesman for the federal Health and Human Services Department.

Kharfen said the national database will be getting some partial numbers from states without

(More on DATABASE, Page 14A)

Database: State's system will have 45,000 child support cases

FROM PAGE 1A
complete systems, until they have their computer systems in place.

"We can still go operational with this resource, and we will be getting records from the states," he said. For those states that don't have systems yet, "it will take us a little longer," he said.

The North Dakota database will contain information on about 45,000 cases when it is completed, Schwindt said.

The information will include addresses of parents who owe child support, the amount they are supposed to pay and the amount they have actually paid.

So far, demographic information for about 35,000 cases has been entered into the North Dakota data-

base. But the financial information remains to be entered.

Schwindt said Williams and McKenzie counties will be the first in North Dakota to have complete information in the database, and trial runs of the program will begin next month to get the bugs out of the system.

After that, Schwindt's division will enter complete information for the state's eight largest counties by December. Schwindt estimated that the rest of the state's counties will be entered by April.

The federal government already is operating a National Directory of New Hires, which includes records on everyone who begins a new job.

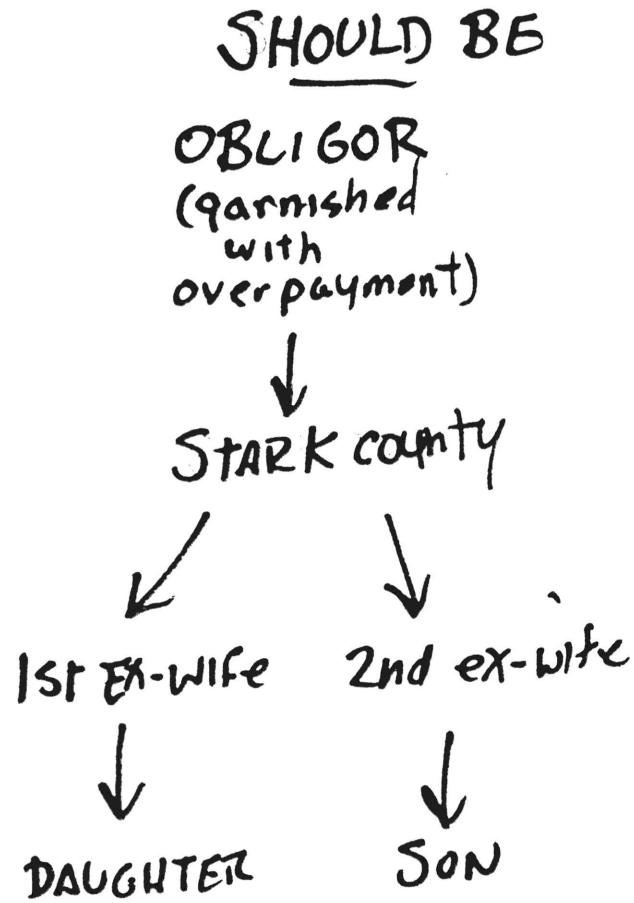
When completed, the agency's national child support database will include records on 16 million par-

ents who owe child support to some 32 million children.

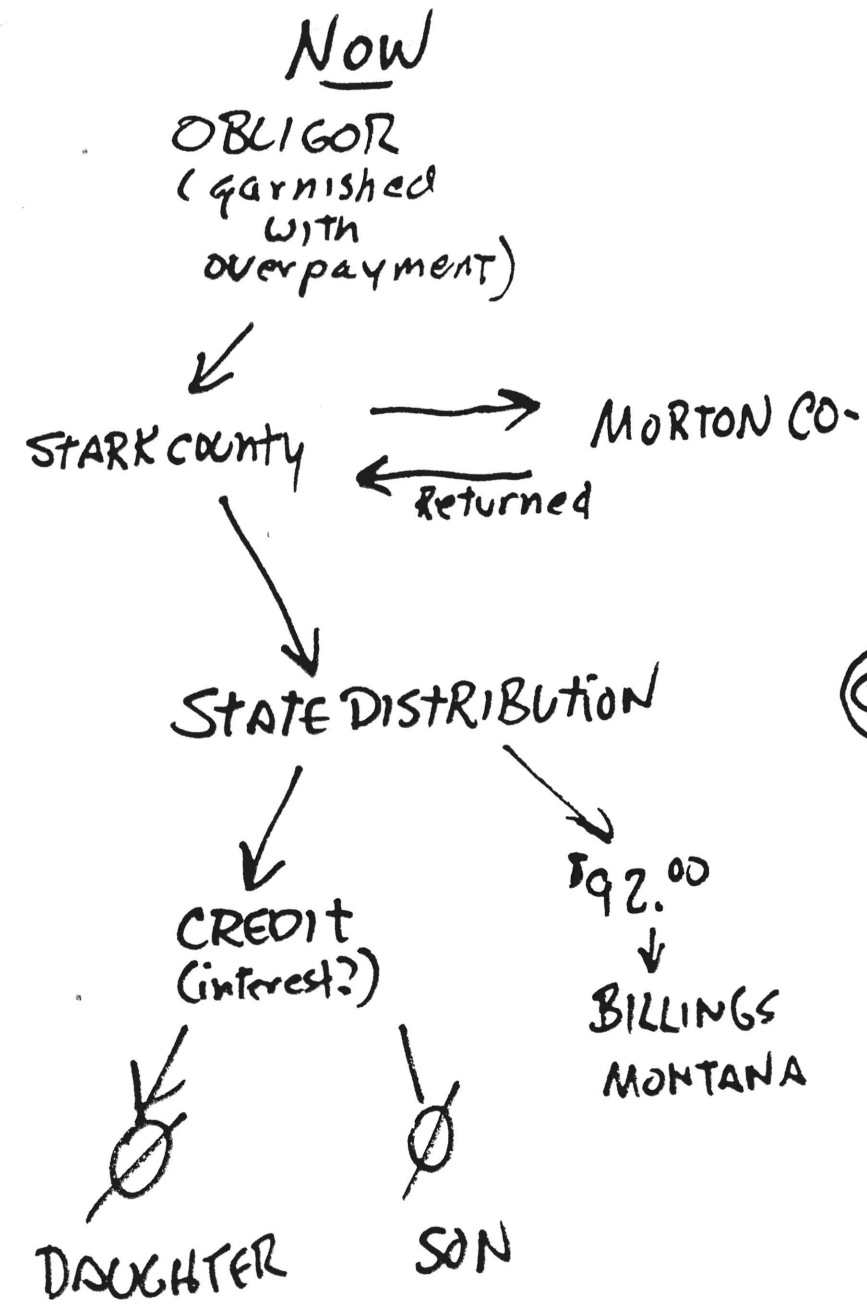
Kharfen said he believes the records of 13 million parents will be loaded in by the end of October, and he estimates the national registry will be fully operational in less than a year. But California, which has 2 million records, may still be a problem, he said.

By matching the two databases, officials can track down people who owe money and who now have a job. Once a match is made, states can order the new employer to withhold child support from the worker's paycheck.

The government collects about \$9 billion of \$17 billion owed in child support nationwide every year, Kharfen said, and he estimated that the two databases will help pull in billions of dollars more.



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Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators In North Dakota

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December 23, 1998

John Vastag
1200 Harwood Drive
Fargo, ND 58104

Dear Mr. Vastag:

I am writing to inform you that your application for licensure through endorsement has been reviewed and the information submitted does not meet North Dakota's education requirements. North Dakota's education requirement through endorsement is the following:

55-02-01-15. Licenses.

4. Upon application, the board may issue a license through endorsement to any person who:
 1. Has received a passing grade on a national exam recognized by the national association of boards of examiners of long-term care administrators;
 2. Pays an application fee of one hundred dollars;
 3. Holds a valid license from the transferring state; and
 4. Satisfies the licensure requirements under section 55-02-01-07, has been employed as a licensed nursing home administrator for at least thirty-six months of the forty-eight months immediately preceding the application, or is certified by the American college of health care administrators. *card*

55-02-01-07 Requirements for licensure. ...

1. Has a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university; and
2. Has completed a board approved administrator in training program.

Your application does not indicate you have worked as a licensed nursing home administrator for thirty six of the last forty eight months. In order to meet the current education requirements you would be required to complete a 480 Administrator in Training Program.

Pursuant to §43-34-04, you have the right to appeal the Boards denial of your application. If you do appeal, a public hearing will be held pursuant to N.D.C.C. ch.28-32. An appeal must be made in writing and postmarked with in thirty days of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Bev Herman
ND Board of Examiners for
Nursing Home Administrators

Waterford

February 12, 1999

Mr. Douglas A Bahr
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Attorney General
900 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Mr. Bahr:

As a follow-up to our telephone conversation of February 8, 1999, I am submitting to you the following:

- I. Copies of my North Dakota Nursing Home Administrators Licenses from 1983 through 1988.

Please note that in order to be licensed in the State of North Dakota, one had to successfully pass the state and National examinations.

- II. Copies of my South Dakota Nursing Home Administrators licenses for the years of 1988 through 1998, with 1994 inactive.
- III. Copies of my preceptor certifications for the years 1995 and 1996. You will also note in the letter of February 11, 1999 from Joyce M. Vos, that I was a qualified preceptor for 1998 as well.

The information above clearly indicates I meet or exceed the qualifications in 43-34-03. "Have presented evidence satisfactory to the board of sufficient education, training or experience in the foregoing fields to administer, supervise, and manage a nursing home."

Mr. Bahr, thank you for your flexibility and cooperation in this matter. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

John P. Vastag

John P. Vastag
cc: Senator Tom Fischer
Senator Judy Lee

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Nursing Home Administrator's License



DATED MARCH 18 1983

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to Certify THAT JOHN VASTAG

is hereby granted a license to practice as a Nursing Home Administrator in North Dakota for and during said time herein specified. This license is granted subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of Chapter 43-34 of the North Dakota Century Code, and expires Midnight 12:00 P.M. on the 31 of DECEMBER, 1983.

by Rodney Alme
Chairman, Board of Examiners for
Nursing Home Administrators

Ma K. Lomax M.H.
Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Examiners for
Nursing Home Administrators

LICENSE NUMBER R 266

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Nursing Home Administrator's License



DATED JANUARY 1 1984

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to Certify THAT JOHN VASTAG

is hereby granted a license to practice as a Nursing Home Administrator in North Dakota for and during said time herein specified. This license is granted subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of Chapter 43-34 of the North Dakota Century Code, and expires Midnight 12:00 P.M. on the 31 of DECEMBER, 1984.

by [Signature]
Chairman, Board of Examiners for
Nursing Home Administrators

[Signature]
Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Examiners for
Nursing Home Administrators

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**State of North Dakota
Nursing Home
Administrator's License**

**LICENSE NUMBER
R-266**

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

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THIS LICENSE IS EFFECTIVE ON January 1, 1985 AND EXPIRES ON December 31, 1985



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**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
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[Signature]
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
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R. Weyht
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
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THIS LICENSE IS EFFECTIVE ON January 1, 1987 AND EXPIRES ON December 31, 1987.

Wayne Hansen

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

R. Wight

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND REGULATION
State Board of Examiners For Nursing Home Administrators

P.O. Box 632
Sioux Falls, SD 57101-0632
Phone: 605/331-5040

February 11, 1999

Fax to: John Vastag
Waterford, Fargo

To Whom It May Concern:

John Vastag was a licensed nursing facility administrator in South Dakota from 1987 through December 31, 1998. He was inactive for the calendar year 1994.

He was also a qualified preceptor during the calendar years of 1995, 1996 and 1998.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joyce M. Vos".

Joyce M. Vos
Executive Secretary

SOUTH



DAKOTA

Nursing Home Administrators LICENSE

Serial No. 0187

Registration No.

This is to certify that

JOHN VOSTAG

has met the requirements set forth in Chapter 34-12A Session laws of 1988 for a licensed nursing home administrator, and is hereby granted a license which expires December 31, 1989.

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
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Barbara J. Severin

Chairman

Ann H. Jensen

Secretary

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DAKOTA

Nursing Home Administrators LICENSE

Serial No. 00091

Registration No. R-66

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has met the requirements set forth in Chapter 34-12A Session laws of 1969 for a licensed nursing home administrator, and is hereby granted a license which expires December 31, 1969.

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STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
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J. J. [Signature]
 _____ Chairman

A. Judy [Signature]
 _____ Secretary

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This is to certify that **JOHN VASTAG**

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Clyde Schuett

Chairperson

Olga L. Lichbrough

Secretary

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STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
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Thomas V. Richter _____
Chairperson

W. L. ... _____
Secretary

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Lang Marshall

Chairperson

Miss Lushbaugh

Secretary

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Chairperson

[Signature]

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This is to certify that

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has been certified as a preceptor and is authorized to act in that capacity for Administrators in training under the provisions of Chapter 20:49:01 of the regulations of the South Dakota Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators until

DATE December 31, 1995

Larry Marshall

CHAIRMAN

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CHAIRMAN

[Signature of Alice Lushington]

SECRETARY & TREASURER

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
SENATE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REGARDING ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1121
March 1, 1999**

Chairman Thane, members of the Committee, I am Mike Schwindt, Child Support Enforcement Director for the Department of Human Services. HB 1121, which addresses responsibility in certain enforcement actions, was introduced at our request to provide better customer service to the citizens of North Dakota.

Historically, clerks of court have been responsible for issuing Notices of Arrears, Orders to Show Cause, and income withholding orders. Federal welfare reform, which passed in 1996, required the Child Support Enforcement program to issue income withholding orders in IV-D cases. Last session's welfare reform bill (HB 1226) made this required change to state law. In addition, HB 1226 was amended in the final days to transfer responsibility for issuing Notices of Arrears, Orders to Show Cause, and non-IV-D income withholding orders to the Child Support Enforcement program. These provisions of the law are to become effective on July 1, 1999.

As we were designing and programming the fully automated child support enforcement system (FACSES), and planning how best to implement changes required as a result of HB 1226, the issue again arose as how to best handle these enforcement services. In discussions with the clerks of court last spring, there appeared to be consensus for the clerks of court to retain responsibility for issuing all Notices of Arrears, all Orders to Show Cause, and non-IV-D income withholding orders. This was proposed to, and accepted by, the State Disbursement Unit advisory committee during the summer. Accordingly, policies were issued, and FACSES was programmed. Later, some clerks of court objected to the change regarding responsibility for non-IV-D income withholding and it was agreed that the issue would be revisited in 1999. As we prepared for this session, it was clear to us

that the best place to revisit the issue was with the Legislature; consequently, HB 1121 was drafted and introduced. Section 1 of the bill addresses Notices of Arrears and Orders to Show Cause. Section 2 of the bill addresses Income Withholding.

Section 1: Notices of Arrears and Orders to Show Cause These two enforcement techniques are to be used when there has been a failure to make a required child support payment. Upon such failure, either a Notice of Arrears is to be sent or a request made to issue a citation for contempt of court (Order to Show Cause). We propose both of these techniques remain with the clerks of court.

Clerks of court issue about 1,000 Notices of Arrears each year. Based on information from the Supreme Court Administrators office and clerks of court, we project the biennial cost of issuing Notices of Arrears to be only \$4,079, because of infrequent use.

About 5,200 Orders to Show Cause are issued each year. This is used more frequently than the Notice of Arrears alternative because it is found to be more effective. The non-paying party is brought before the judge to show why they should not be held in contempt of court. This would be accomplished much more efficiently if the clerks of court retained responsibility because scheduling requires access to court calendars, information which is readily available to the clerks of court. We project the biennial cost of issuing Orders to Show Cause to be \$37,838.

We believe there is consensus among the clerks of court, the Supreme Court Administrators office, and the Child Support Enforcement program that these functions should stay the responsibility of the clerks of court.

Section 2: Income Withholding in Non-IV-D Cases Income withholding orders are issued to income payors, requiring them to withhold child support payments from the income of obligors. This is the primary area for discussion.

The Child Support Enforcement program will be meeting its federal and state requirement to issue administrative income withholding orders in IV-D cases through the regional child support enforcement units. This decision was made for a simple reason. The regional office staff have a much better understanding of the case than we do at the state office and can review the case upon receiving an automated system-generated alert for income withholding to see if, in fact, an income withholding order should be issued.

Regarding issuing income withholding orders in non-IV-D cases, we feel these would be best handled by the clerks of court because they are knowledgeable about these cases. The clerks of court can exercise discretion in determining which, if any, enforcement remedies are appropriate to use and when to issue an income withholding order. Non-IV-D cases are those in which neither party has applied for, or become mandatory recipients of, IV-D services. Again using data from the Supreme Court Administrators office and the clerks of court, our best estimate is that about 3,000 orders would be issued each year on 9,600 non-IV-D cases at a biennial cost of \$19,322.

If the Child Support Enforcement program, rather than the clerks of court, are to issue income withholding in these cases, the responsibility would most likely fall to the state office's State Disbursement Unit (SDU). The unit is made up of nine staff, and their primary responsibility is to receipt and disburse child support payments. (This is a duty that was also moved from clerks of court to the Child Support Enforcement program.) The staff, who are also required to respond to a

substantial number of calls from child support payors and recipients regarding the status of payments, will not be able to tailor services to fit the customer and the human touch will be lost.

As HB 1121 was originally drafted, the clerks of court would have retained responsibility for all Notices of Arrears, all Orders to Show Cause, and income withholding in non-IV-D cases. We are aware that some clerks of court are in favor of retaining the responsibility for the issuance of non-IV-D income withholding orders and others oppose it. In discussions with staff of the Supreme Court Administrators office, and based on comments of clerks of court, we concluded that it would be best to ask that the clerks of court continue to issue the non-IV-D income withholding orders and that any change be deferred until August 1, 2001. We had proposed an amendment, in the House, to accomplish that. However, instead, the House chose to delay the change only until August 1, 2000.

That one year delay is not a compromise and, in essence, defeats the purpose of a delayed change. It affords none of the benefits of a two-year delay. Additionally, it would prevent implementation of an early conclusion that it is appropriate to have clerks of court permanently retain the duty of issuing non-IV-D income withholding orders.

We propose Engrossed HB 1121 be amended to make the change effective August 1, 2001. The proposed amendment is attached to this testimony. This would allow an opportunity for careful consideration of this issue, an opportunity to develop consensus, and an opportunity for the 2001 Legislative Assembly to fully consider any legislation in this area.

We are aware of two study resolutions dealing with the delivery of clerk of court services through state funding and through alternative methods (HCR 3067) and for equitable sharing, between the state and its counties, of the cost of providing facilities for the delivery of clerk of court services (HCR 3068). Should these study resolutions be adopted, we believe they may reveal the best way of handling income withholding orders for non-IV-D customers.

The department's proposed amendments also include an amendment which recognizes the need to include clerks of court, if they are to retain responsibility for income withholding in some cases, as a recipient of the income payor's notice.

We respectfully urge the Committee consider the proposed amendments and give the bill a do pass, as amended.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

HB 1124

Members, of the committee, I would like to Thank You for Your Time Today.

My Name is Dwight Lindbo, I AM A NON-custodial parent, A Resident of North Dakota, AND a member of the R-KIDS organization. I have 2 children with different mothers!

What has been going on in my life for the past 4-6 weeks is uncalled for.

And Down Right Nerve ~~is~~ Racking.

It started out, when I got notification that my cases involving, Divorcee + payment for Child Support, from STARK County, which the head office is located in

DICKINSON, N. DAK. WERE being transferred to MORTON County, office in MANDAN, N. DAK.

I tried to get a change of venue in Feb. of 1997 + Failed. So, how does this come about, with no court hearing? I wanted to know.

So, I went to Morton County, Clerk of District Courts, on Monday, Jan. 11, 1999. They said, there was a mistake + were sending paperwork back to STARK County. Which I confirmed with a phone call, to Morton County on January 14, 1999.

But, then I got a letter from Job Service, dated 1/12/1999, that my wage garnishment

From them, was going to be sent to Morton County. Boy, did I see a mess coming, for myself + my 2 Kids.

But, I thought, I would wait + hope for the best.

Well, when my 2 ex's started calling me in early Feb. + wondering why they had not been receiving Child Support, I really could not give them a good answer.

If my wages are being garnished, where is this money?

I made calls to Job Service, Stark County Clerk of Courts, Morton County Clerk of Courts + Dept. of Human Services, Child Enforcement Unit.

The Clerk of Courts in Stark County told me my cases were transferred to Faces. The New State Disbursement office. And, they also told me, that I have X amount of Dollars credit on both cases. OKAY, Fine.

OKAY, Now I go to the State Disbursement office + was told, I overpaid last year + that overpayment was sent to my exs. That's fine by me, because I WAS IN ARREARS from a couple years back. So, then my children did not get their full amount of money.

and I was also told by this gal, that my exes would not be getting anything until MARCH + thats when I would start to Fall in ERRARS, Again.

But, the state did send 2 checks out to my 1st ex. Totaling ~~200.00~~ ^{\$90.62}, but they never got to her. They were sent to her old address in Billings, Montana. The money is still out there somewhere + no new checks have been issued, even as I speak.

My second ex has received 1 check for 22.95.

I got tired of this + went to talk to the Director of Child Enforcement, Mike Schwandt, on Feb. 23, 1999. He said, he would look into my case personally + let me know. Well, I still have not heard anything yet.

So, that is why I am here to bring my case forward to this committee + maybe you can help me get this straightened out.

Because, if you add up the figures I show the state is holding on to \$846.33, plus 90.62 floating between Bismarck + Billings Montana.

My obligation 2 my 2 children is 366.⁰⁰ a month. So, why if there is this amount of money. Why is the state not issuing the checks?

I never had this problem with the clerk of Courts. And hope this can be Resolved

soon.

Thank you for listening.



NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

STATE CAPITOL - JUDICIAL WING
600 E BOULEVARD AVE DEPT 325
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA 58505-0250



Carol K. Olson, Executive Director

April 6, 1999

Edward T. Schafer, Governor

Honorable William R. Devlin
House of Representatives
State Legislature
600 E. Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Engrossed HB 1121

Dear Rep. Devlin:

The requested two year delay on the transfer of responsibilities for income withholding on non-IV-D cases is not expected to have an effect on civil file conversion to FACSES. Our goal is to have all IV-D cases converted by May 31, 1999, only eight weeks from now.

The attached Civil File Conversion Report is the document we use to monitor the weekly progress by county as civil files are converted into FACSES. The clerks, the Regional Child Support Enforcement Units, and the state office of Child Support Enforcement are all working evenings and weekends to accomplish conversion because the IV-D cases must be converted before we can request certification which is necessary to avoid the next fiscal penalty on October 1, 1999. There is no federal deadline for converting the non-IV-D cases.

Section 1 of Engrossed HB 1121 returns responsibility for issuing notices of arrears and orders to show cause to the clerks of court. (Page 4, Line 2). This would be effective July 1, 1999.

Section 2 leaves responsibility for income withholding orders on IV-D cases with the public authority, which by definition, is DHS. (Page 4, Lines 20-22). We, in turn, delegated this responsibility to the Regional Child Support Enforcement Units. The remainder of Section 2 leaves responsibility for non-IV-D income withholding with the clerks of court. Federal law requires Child Support Enforcement to issue income withholding orders on only IV-D cases. To do so on non-IV-D cases is a state option.

Section 4 keeps Section 2 effective only through July 31, 2000 at which point the responsibility for the non-IV-D income withholding orders would revert to DHS.

With the knowledge and experience we have at this point, we believe that the responsibility to issue income withholding orders on non-IV-D cases is best left with the clerks of court. The two year delay makes sense for a number of reasons. It would allow an opportunity for careful

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		PROGRAM & POLICY	(701) 328-2310

consideration of this issue with more knowledge and experience gained as FACSES becomes fully implemented. It would allow an opportunity to develop consensus among the entities involved. It would also enable the 2001 Legislative Assembly an opportunity to consider the issue again, should they choose to do so, prior to the transfer occurring.

We request that the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1121 be adopted. Please call if there are questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Schwindt".

Mike Schwindt, Director
Child Support Enforcement

Civil File Conversion report											Weekly average needed to complete by 5/31 (8 weeks)
	Estimated Cases		Total	Cases			Percent of IV-D Done	Percent of Total Done	Cases converted this report		
	IV-D	non-IV-D		Entered 4/5/99	Entered 3/29/99	Balance					
Williston											
Divide	36	13	49	57	57	(8) done	1.58	1.16	0	(1)	
McKenzie	209	51	260	217	215	43 done	1.04	0.83	2	5	
Williams	1,182	260	1,442	1,339	1,328	103 done	1.13	0.93	11	13	
Total	1,427	324	1,751	1,613	1,600	138	1.13	0.92	13	17	
Minot											
Bottineau	151	135	286			286	0.00	0.00	0	36	
Burke	33	38	71	2		69	0.06	0.03	2	9	
McHenry	70	39	109	1		108	0.01	0.01	1	14	
Mountrail	135	50	185	2		183	0.01	0.01	2	23	
Pierce	69	53	122	1		121	0.01	0.01	1	15	
Renville	25	15	40	2	1	38	0.08	0.05	1	5	
Ward	2,690	1,385	4,075	2,852	2,804	1,223	1.06	0.70	48	153	
Total	3,173	1,715	4,888	2,860	2,805	2,028	0.90	0.59	55	254	
Devils Lake											
Benson	120	30	150	3	3	147	0.03	0.02	0	18	
Cavalier	42	58	100	74	70	26	1.76	0.74	4	3	
Eddy	43	19	62	20	15	42	0.47	0.32	5	5	
Ramsey	727	303	1,030	335	279	695	0.46	0.33	56	87	
Rolette	370	35	405	4	3	401	0.01	0.01	1	50	
Towner	54	44	98	2	1	96	0.04	0.02	1	12	
Wells	60	30	90	87	87	3	1.45	0.97	0	0	
Total	1,416	519	1,935	525	458	1,410	0.37	0.27	67	176	
Grand Forks											
Grand Forks	2,121	1,904	4,025	1,849	1,756	2,176	0.87	0.46	93	272	
Nelson	48	48	96	60	60	36	1.25	0.63	0	5	
Pembina	226	85	311	166	143	145	0.73	0.53	23	18	
Walsh	450	100	550	6	2	544	0.01	0.01	4	68	
Total	2,845	2,137	4,982	2,081	1,961	2,901	0.73	0.42	120	363	
Fargo											
Cass	4,100	1,185	5,285	3,035	2,756	2,250	0.74	0.57	279	281	
Ransom	126	57	183	59	40	124	0.47	0.32	19	16	
Richland	517	281	798	73	73	725 concern	0.14	0.09	0	91	
Sargent	91	91	182	11	8	171 concern	0.12	0.06	3	21	
Steele	24	24	48			48	0.00	0.00	0	6	
Trall	135	65	200	18	16	182	0.13	0.09	2	23	
Total	4,993	1,703	6,696	3,196	2,893	3,500	0.64	0.48	303	438	
Westtown											
Barnes	280	280	560	126	117	434 concern	0.45	0.23	9	54	
Dickey	85	28	113	48	46	65	0.56	0.42	2	8	
Foster	70	48	118	11	11	107	0.16	0.09	0	13	
Griggs	41	33	74	1		73	0.02	0.01	1	9	
LaMoure	49	10	59			59	0.00	0.00	0	7	
Logan	12	6	18			18	0.00	0.00	0	2	
McIntosh	22	27	49			49	0.00	0.00	0	6	
Stutsman	910	390	1,300	759	712	541	0.83	0.58	47	68	
Total	1,469	822	2,291	945	886	1,346	0.64	0.41	59	168	
Bismarck											
Burleigh	2,066	1,189	3,255	1,457	1,285	1,798	0.71	0.45	172	225	
Emmons	47	30	77	6	1	71	0.13	0.08	5	9	
Grant	32	10	42	28	28	14	0.88	0.67	0	2	
Kidder	46	9	55	23	23	32	0.50	0.42	0	4	
McLean	236	70	306	16	28	290 concern	0.07	0.05	(12)	36	
Mercer	206	113	319	5	2	314	0.02	0.02	3	39	
Morton	816	429	1,245	400	278	845 concern	0.49	0.32	122	106	
Oliver	13	20	33	3	2	30	0.23	0.09	1	4	
Sheridan	27	11	38			38	0.00	0.00	0	5	
Sioux	24	2	26			26	0.00	0.00	0	3	
Total	3,513	1,883	5,396	1,938	1,647	3,458	0.55	0.36	291	432	
Dickinson											
Adams	47	33	80	3	1	77	0.06	0.04	2	10	
Billings	6	7	13	7	6	6	1.17	0.54	1	1	
Bowman	78	40	118	2		116	0.03	0.02	2	15	
Dunn	62	13	75	3		72	0.05	0.04	3	9	
Golden Valley	24	16	40			40	0.00	0.00	0	5	
Hettinger	33	26	59	2	1	57	0.06	0.03	1	7	
Slope	10	7	17			17	0.00	0.00	0	2	
Stark	867	426	1,293	772	701	521	0.89	0.60	71	65	
Total	1,127	568	1,695	789	709	906	0.70	0.47	80	113	
Total all counties	19,963	9,671	29,634	13,947	12,959	15,687	0.70	0.47	988	1,961	
Tribal	???	????	903	903	893	0		1.00	10		
Out of state	????	????	2,068	2,068	1,997	0		1.00	71		
Grand Total	19,963	9,671	32,605	16,918	15,849	15,687	0.85	0.52	1,069	1,961	

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Handbook on Child Support Enforcement



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