

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Joint Resolution 2 (Delegate Hubbard, et al.)
Judiciary

Interstate Compact to Expedite Enforcement of Child Support Orders

This joint resolution requests the Governor to explore the establishment of an interstate compact with neighboring states and the District of Columbia to facilitate the enforcement of child support orders across state lines.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None, as discussed below.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: Because a joint resolution is an expression of legislative intent only, compliance is not required and **State finances** are not directly affected.

The Maryland Child Support Enforcement Administration (CSEA), pursuant to federal requirements, is already in the process of developing a national child support tracking system known as the Child Support Network (CSNET). Maryland, along with Virginia and the District of Columbia, have CSNET terminals on-line. In addition, CSEA has been working with vendors on software to assist in case tracking and warrant searches. CSEA has advised that funding sources (mostly federal) are in place to implement the CSNET system. Accordingly, any additional costs associated with complying with this joint resolution would be negligible.

Additional Comments: CSEA records indicate that approximately 30% of delinquent child support orders are from out-of-state obligors. In fiscal 1995, \$24.3 million or 9% of child support obligations were collected from out-of-state sources.

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