

DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS FOR EVALUATING MODEL PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING CHILD SUPPORT AWARDS

Pub. L. 100-485, title I, §103(e), Oct. 13, 1988, 102 Stat. 2347, authorized an agreement between Secretary of Health and Human Services and each State submitting an application for purpose of conducting a demonstration project to test and evaluate model procedures for reviewing child support award amounts, directed that such projects be commenced not later than Sept. 30, 1989, and be conducted for a 2-year period, and directed Secretary to report results of such projects to Congress not later than 6 months after all projects are completed.

COMMISSION ON INTERSTATE CHILD SUPPORT

Pub. L. 100-485, title I, §126, Oct. 13, 1988, 102 Stat. 2354, as amended by Pub. L. 101-508, title V, §5012(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-221; Pub. L. 102-318, title V, §534(a), July 3, 1992, 106 Stat. 317, established Commission on Interstate Child Support to hold national conferences on interstate child support reform and prepare report to Congress containing recommendations for improving interstate establishment and enforcement of child support awards and for revising Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act and provided for powers of the Commission, appropriations, and termination of the Commission on Sept. 30, 1992.

**§ 667. State guidelines for child support awards**

**(a) Establishment of guidelines; method**

Each State, as a condition for having its State plan approved under this part, must establish guidelines for child support award amounts within the State. The guidelines may be established by law or by judicial or administrative action, and shall be reviewed at least once every 4 years to ensure that their application results in the determination of appropriate child support award amounts.

**(b) Availability of guidelines; rebuttable presumption**

(1) The guidelines established pursuant to subsection (a) shall be made available to all judges and other officials who have the power to determine child support awards within such State.

(2) There shall be a rebuttable presumption, in any judicial or administrative proceeding for the award of child support, that the amount of the award which would result from the application of such guidelines is the correct amount of child support to be awarded. A written finding or specific finding on the record that the application of the guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case, as determined under criteria established by the State, shall be sufficient to rebut the presumption in that case.

**(c) Technical assistance to States; State to furnish Secretary with copies**

The Secretary shall furnish technical assistance to the States for establishing the guidelines, and each State shall furnish the Secretary with copies of its guidelines.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title IV, §467, as added Pub. L. 98-378, §18(a), Aug. 16, 1984, 98 Stat. 1321; amended Pub. L. 100-485, title I, §103(a), (b), Oct. 13, 1988, 102 Stat. 2346.)

AMENDMENTS

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-485, §103(b), inserted “, and shall be reviewed at least once every 4 years to ensure that their application results in the determina-

tion of appropriate child support award amounts” before period at end.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-485, §103(a), designated existing provisions as par. (1), struck out “, but need not be binding upon such judges or other officials” after “within such State”, and added par. (2).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-485 effective one year after Oct. 13, 1988, see section 103(f) of Pub. L. 100-485, set out as a note under section 666 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 98-378, §18(b), Aug. 16, 1984, 98 Stat. 1322, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [enacting this section] shall become effective on October 1, 1987.”

STUDY OF CHILD-REARING COSTS

Pub. L. 100-485, title I, §128, Oct. 13, 1988, 102 Stat. 2356, directed Secretary of Health and Human Services, by grant or contract, to conduct a study of patterns of expenditures on children in 2-parent families, in single-parent families following divorce or separation, and in single-parent families in which parents were never married, giving particular attention to the relative standards of living in households in which both parents and all of the children do not live together, and submit to Congress no later than 2 years after Oct. 13, 1988, a full and complete report of results of such study, including recommendations for legislative, administrative, and other actions.

**§ 668. Encouragement of States to adopt civil procedure for establishing paternity in contested cases**

In the administration of the child support enforcement program under this part, each State is encouraged to establish and implement a civil procedure for establishing paternity in contested cases.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title IV, §468, as added Pub. L. 100-485, title I, §111(d), Oct. 13, 1988, 102 Stat. 2350; amended Pub. L. 104-193, title III, §331(c), Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2230.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-193 struck out “a simple civil process for voluntarily acknowledging paternity and” after “implement”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

For effective date of amendment by Pub. L. 104-193, see section 395(a)-(c) of Pub. L. 104-193, set out as a note under section 654 of this title.

**§ 669. Collection and reporting of child support enforcement data**

**(a) In general**

With respect to each type of service described in subsection (b), the Secretary shall collect and maintain up-to-date statistics, by State, and on a fiscal year basis, on—

(1) the number of cases in the caseload of the State agency administering the plan approved under this part in which the service is needed; and

(2) the number of such cases in which the service has actually been provided.

**(b) Types of services**

The statistics required by subsection (a) shall be separately stated with respect to paternity