

~~RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COLLECTION OF DOMESTIC PAYMENTS IS NOT COMPLYING WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OR THE STANDARDS, HE SHALL ORDER THE OFFICE TO TAKE THE STEPS NECESSARY TO EFFECT COMPLIANCE AND, IF NECESSARY, OBTAIN COMPLIANCE THROUGH LEGAL PROCESS AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT.~~

[Division] BUREAU of [child] support enforcement.

(a) There is a [division] BUREAU of [child] support enforcement in the Social Services Administration.

(b) (1) The [division] BUREAU shall implement OR COORDINATE throughout the State a program to recover [child] support payments [from absent parents of children who receive aid to families with dependent children.] AS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION.

(2) The responsibilities AND DUTIES of the [division] BUREAU shall include:

(i) Acceptance of assignments of rights, titles, or interest in support made, PURSUANT TO SECTION 48(2) OF THIS ARTICLE;

(ii) Location of absent parents AND MAINTENANCE OF A CENTRAL REGISTRY PURSUANT TO SECTION 5A OF THIS ARTICLE;

(iii) Determination of the ability of absent parents to contribute toward child support;

(iv) In its name, prosecution and maintenance of any legal and equitable support actions, including paternity proceedings, available under State law to establish each absent parent's legal obligation for child support IN ALL CASES IN WHICH AN ASSIGNMENT HAS BEEN MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 48(2) OF THIS ARTICLE;

(v) Collection of [child] support payments INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS OWED THE STATE AS THE RESULT OF AN ASSIGNMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 48(2) OF THIS ARTICLE;

(vi) Utilization of established legal processes to enforce [child] support orders OF THE COURTS;

(vii) [Distribution] DISBURSEMENT of [child] support payments in accordance with law; [and]

(viii) Cooperation with other states in establishment and enforcement of child support obligations[.]; AND

(IX) COLLECTION OF FEES, AS APPROPRIATE, TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF PROVIDING SERVICES.

(3) If, in the judgment of the [division]