

(e) (1) On or before October 1, 1996, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the operation and performance of the Pilot Program.

(2) The report shall assess the Pilot Program for its effectiveness and success in enhancing child support collection through the privatization of child support enforcement in Baltimore City and Queen Anne's County in the State.

(3) The Secretary shall include in the report the plans for improving the effectiveness and success of the Pilot Program in achieving the objective.

(f) The Secretary shall adopt any other regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

~~(g) Before implementing the Pilot Program, the Secretary shall hire a consultant to help design the Pilot Program and to help develop a request for proposal to transfer all aspects of child support enforcement.~~

~~(h) (G) An employee~~ *A FORMER STATE EMPLOYEE* who declines an offer of employment with a private contractor under this section shall be considered laid off and shall be entitled to all rights specified under Title 11, Subtitle 2 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.†

10-119.2.

(a) In this section, "demonstration site" means the jurisdiction selected by the Secretary of Human Resources, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE JURISDICTION, to compete against privatized jurisdictions in providing child support enforcement services.

(b) The Secretary shall establish a child support enforcement demonstration site in AT LEAST one BUT NOT MORE THAN SIX [jurisdiction] JURISDICTIONS for the purpose of competing against a privatized jurisdiction as established in § 10-119.1 of this subtitle.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall appoint a director of child support services in the A demonstration site who shall report directly to the Executive Director of the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Department.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall have sole authority over the child support enforcement functions in the A demonstration site, including but not limited to:

- (1) location of parents;
- (2) establishing paternities;
- (3) establishing child support orders;
- (4) collecting and disbursing support payments;
- (5) reviewing and modifying child support orders;