

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB2418

Introduced 2/17/2005, by Rep. Aaron Schock

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/10-26 305 ILCS 5/10-26.2

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. In provisions concerning (i) the operation of the State Disbursement Unit and (ii) contracts concerning that operation, provides that a child support disbursement check, correspondence related to child support, or any other document related to child support may not contain the social security number of the child support obligor, the obligee, or the child entitled to support unless required under federal law or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction. Provides that nothing in these provisions prohibits the social security numbers of child support obligors, obligees, or children entitled to support from being retained as a confidential record not subject to public disclosure. Effective October 1, 2005.

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1 AN ACT concerning child support.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by 4 5 changing Sections 10-26 and 10-26.2 as follows:
- (305 ILCS 5/10-26) 6
- 7 Sec. 10-26. State Disbursement Unit.
 - (a) Effective October 1, 1999 the Illinois Department shall establish a State Disbursement Unit in accordance with the requirements of Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. The Illinois Department shall enter into an agreement with a State or local governmental unit or private entity to perform the functions of the State Disbursement Unit as set forth in this Section. The State Disbursement Unit shall collect and disburse support payments made under court and administrative support orders:
- 17 (1) being enforced in cases in which child and spouse 18 support services are being provided under this Article X; 19 and
 - (2) in all cases in which child and spouse support services are not being provided under this Article X and in which support payments are made under the provisions of the Income Withholding for Support Act.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a child support disbursement check, correspondence related to child support, 25 26 or any other document related to child support may not contain the social security number of the child support obligor, the 27 28 obligee, or the child entitled to support unless required under federal law or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction. 29 30 Nothing in this paragraph prohibits the social security numbers of child support obligors, obligees, or children entitled to 31 32 support from being retained as a confidential record not

subject to public disclosure.

- (a-2) The contract entered into by the Illinois Department with a public or private entity or an individual for the operation of the State Disbursement Unit is subject to competitive bidding. In addition, the contract is subject to Section 10-26.2 of this Code. As used in this subsection (a-2), "contract" has the same meaning as in the Illinois Procurement Code.
- (a-5) If the State Disbursement Unit receives a support payment that was not appropriately made to the Unit under this Section, the Unit shall immediately return the payment to the sender, including, if possible, instructions detailing where to send the support payments.
 - (b) All payments received by the State Disbursement Unit:
 - (1) shall be deposited into an account obtained by the Illinois Department, and
 - (2) distributed and disbursed by the State Disbursement Unit, in accordance with the directions of the Illinois Department, pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act and rules promulgated by the Department.
- (c) All support payments assigned to the Illinois Department under Article X of this Code and rules promulgated by the Illinois Department that are disbursed to the Illinois Department by the State Disbursement Unit shall be paid into the Child Support Enforcement Trust Fund.
- (d) If the agreement with the State or local governmental unit or private entity provided for in this Section is not in effect for any reason, the Department shall perform the functions of the State Disbursement Unit as set forth in this Section for a maximum of 12 months before July 1, 2001, and for a maximum of 24 months after June 30, 2001. If the Illinois Department is performing the functions of the State Disbursement Unit on July 1, 2001, then the Illinois Department shall make an award on or before December 31, 2002, to a State or local government unit or private entity to perform the functions of the State Disbursement Unit. Payments received by

- 1 the Illinois Department in performance of the duties of the
- 2 State Disbursement Unit shall be deposited into the State
- 3 Disbursement Unit Revolving Fund established under Section
- 4 12-8.1. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the Illinois
- 5 Department from holding the State Disbursement Unit Revolving
- 6 Fund after June 30, 2003.
- 7 (e) By February 1, 2000, the Illinois Department shall
- 8 conduct at least 4 regional training and educational seminars
- 9 to educate the clerks of the circuit court on the general
- 10 operation of the State Disbursement Unit, the role of the State
- 11 Disbursement Unit, and the role of the clerks of the circuit
- 12 court in the collection and distribution of child support
- payments.
- 14 (f) By March 1, 2000, the Illinois Department shall conduct
- 15 at least 4 regional educational and training seminars to
- 16 educate payors, as defined in the Income Withholding for
- 17 Support Act, on the general operation of the State Disbursement
- 18 Unit, the role of the State Disbursement Unit, and the
- 19 distribution of income withholding payments pursuant to this
- 20 Section and the Income Withholding for Support Act.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 92-44, eff. 7-1-01; 93-20, eff. 6-20-03.)
- 22 (305 ILCS 5/10-26.2)
- Sec. 10-26.2. Contracts concerning the operation of the
- 24 State Disbursement Unit.
- 25 (a) In this Section:
- "Contract" has the same meaning as in the Illinois
- 27 Procurement Code.
- "SDU contractor" means any public or private entity or
- 29 individual with whom the Illinois Department enters into a
- 30 contract in connection with the operation of the State
- 31 Disbursement Unit.
- 32 (b) The contract entered into by the Illinois Department
- 33 with a public or private entity or an individual in connection
- 34 with the operation of the State Disbursement Unit must contain,
- 35 at a minimum, the provisions set forth in this Section.

- (c) The contract must include standards and procedures to ensure that the data relied on by the State Disbursement Unit in performing its functions is accurate so that the State Disbursement Unit will be able to effectively administer the collection and disbursement of support payments.
- (d) The contract must contain provisions to ensure that all clerks of the circuit court have access to non-custodial parents' support payment information in the possession of the State Disbursement Unit.
- (e) The contract must contain provisions to ensure that notices to employers in connection with the collection of support are clear and consistent and that the SDU contractor will promptly inform an employer about any problems and any necessary changes in connection with the collection of support.
- (e-5) The contract must contain provisions to ensure that a child support disbursement check, correspondence related to child support, or any other document related to child support does not contain the social security number of the child support obligor, the obligee, or the child entitled to support unless required under federal law or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction. Nothing in this subsection prohibits the social security numbers of child support obligors, obligees, or children entitled to support from being retained as a confidential record not subject to public disclosure.
- (f) The contract must contain appropriate management controls to ensure that (i) all of the SDU contractor's actions in performing the functions of the State Disbursement Unit are reasonably planned, timely implemented, and adequately controlled and (ii) all reports that are necessary to provide the Illinois Department with the information necessary to effectively monitor the quality and accuracy of the SDU contractor's actions in performing the functions of the State Disbursement Unit are timely filed.
- (g) The contract must contain provisions specifying standards with respect to the level of performance expected of the SDU contractor. The contract may include provisions for

- incentives and penalties in connection with the SDU contractor's performance.
 - (h) The contract must contain provisions projecting the number of active support collection and disbursement cases to be handled by the State Disbursement Unit and estimating the number of support disbursement transactions to be handled each year.
 - (i) The contract must contain provisions requiring compliance with all applicable federal requirements concerning disbursement of support. The contract must also contain provisions for the Illinois Department's regular, periodic review of reports on disbursement performance.
 - (j) The contract must contain provisions requiring the SDU contractor to submit to the Illinois Department, within 45 days after the end of each State fiscal year, a completed American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Statement on Auditing Standards Number 88 (SAS 88) or its successor for the purpose of enabling the Illinois Department to appropriately monitor the State Disbursement Unit's performance as a service organization and to enable the Auditor General, as the external auditor of the State Disbursement Unit, to ensure that appropriate controls are present.
 - (k) The contract must contain provisions requiring the Illinois Department and the SDU contractor to examine the causes of untimely disbursement of support payments and inappropriate cost recovery and to take prompt action to ensure the timely and accurate disbursement of support payments. The contract must also contain provisions for the final disposition of support payments that cannot be processed by the State Disbursement Unit within 2 business days.
 - (1) The contract must contain provisions to ensure that neither the Illinois Department nor the SDU contractor uses moneys collected and held in trust for the payment of support for any purpose other than that for which the moneys were collected.
 - (m) The contract must contain provisions requiring the

- 1 Illinois Department to audit the disbursement of all emergency
- 2 support payments and report to the General Assembly the results
- 3 of the audit, including, without limitation, the number of
- 4 emergency support payment checks issued by the State
- 5 Disbursement Unit, the amount of repayments received from
- 6 recipients of those checks, and amounts for which the Illinois
- 7 Department did not seek repayment.
- 8 (Source: P.A. 92-44, eff. 7-1-01.)
- 9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect October
- 10 1, 2005.