

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Healthcare and Family Services
5 Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by
6 adding Section 2205-25 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2205/2205-25 new)

8 Sec. 2205-25. Barriers to paying child support; study.

9 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Division of Child Support
10 Services of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services
11 shall conduct a study regarding the barriers individuals face
12 to paying child support. The purpose of the study shall be to
13 identify and minimize barriers to paying child support so as to
14 decrease the total amount of unpaid child support in Illinois.
15 The study shall focus on the following:

16 (1) demographics of those who fail to pay child
17 support, including: income, education level, age at first
18 becoming a parent, ratio of monthly child support to
19 monthly income, criminal history, child visits per month,
20 number of children, substance abuse history, whether the
21 individual is on probation or parole, and primary language
22 spoken;

23 (2) institutional barriers to paying child support,

1 including how and when it is collected;

2 (3) the impact, if any, that unpaid child support
3 information has on an individual's ability to be
4 considered, interviewed, and hired by an employer,
5 including: (i) whether credit and background checks reveal
6 unpaid child support obligations, including, but not
7 limited to, amounts in arrears, civil judgments, and
8 criminal convictions for failure to pay child support, and
9 (ii) whether the information revealed in a credit or
10 background check regarding unpaid child support prevents
11 applicants from gaining employment.

12 (b) The Department shall report the results of the study
13 and any recommendations to the Governor and the General
14 Assembly on or before May 1, 2017.

15 (c) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2018.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
17 2015.