

HOUSE BILL No. 4577

April 10, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Terrell, Clack, DeMars, Hunter, Stallworth, Honigman, Bennane, Harrison, Leland, Joe Young, Sr., Kilpatrick, Power, Sikkema, Martin, Bandstra and Jondahl and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend the title and sections 3, 7, 8, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 31 of Act No. 294 of the Public Acts of 1982, entitled as amended

"Friend of the court act,"

sections 7 and 31 as amended and section 8 as added by Act No. 208 of the Public Acts of 1985 and section 19 as amended by Act No. 197 of the Public Acts of 1987, being sections 552.503, 552.507, 552.508, 552.519, 552.521, 552.522, 552.523, 552.524, 552.525, 552.526, 552.527, and 552.531 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. The title and sections 3, 7, 8, 19, 21, 22, 23,
2 24, 25, 26, 27, and 31 of Act No. 294 of the Public Acts of 1982,
3 sections 7 and 31 as amended and section 8 as added by Act
4 No. 208 of the Public Acts of 1985 and section 19 as amended by

1 Act No. 197 of the Public Acts of 1987, being sections 552.503,
2 552.50552.507, 552.508, 552.519, 552.521, 552.522, 552.523,
3 552.524, 552.525, 552.526, 552.527, and 552.531 of the Michigan
4 Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:

5 TITLE

6 An act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the
7 friend of the court; to provide for the appointment of the friend
8 of the court; to create the office of the friend of the court; to
9 establish the rights, powers, and duties of the friend of the
10 court and the office of the friend of the court; to establish a
11 state friend of the court bureau and to provide the powers and
12 duties of the bureau; to prescribe powers and duties of the
13 ~~circuit~~ DOMESTIC RELATIONS court; to prescribe certain duties
14 of certain employers and former employers; and to repeal certain
15 acts and parts of acts.

16 Sec. 3. (1) There is created in each ~~judicial circuit~~
17 DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT of this state an office of the friend of
18 the court. ~~, except as provided in subsection (2).~~

19 ~~(2) If each county in a multicounty judicial circuit has a~~
20 ~~separate office of the friend of the court on the day before the~~
21 ~~effective date of this act, each county in that circuit shall~~
22 ~~have a separate office of the friend of the court on the effec-~~
23 ~~tive date of this act. If a vacancy occurs in the position of~~
24 ~~the friend of the court in such a county, the chief judge may~~
25 ~~merge the office of the friend of the court in that county with~~
26 ~~the office of the friend of the court in another county of the~~
27 ~~judicial circuit.~~

1 (2) ~~(3)~~ The head of each office is the friend of the court
2 serving under section 21(1) or appointed pursuant to section 23.

3 (3) ~~(4) Except as provided in this subsection, the~~ THE
4 friend of the court is an employee of the ~~circuit~~ DOMESTIC
5 RELATIONS court ~~in the judicial circuit~~ served by the friend of
6 the court. ~~The friend of the court for the third judicial cir-~~
7 ~~cuit, and for any other judicial circuit in which the employees~~
8 ~~serving in the court are paid by the state, is an employee of the~~
9 ~~state judicial council.~~

10 (4) ~~(5)~~ The duties of the office shall be performed under
11 the direction and supervision of the ~~chief~~ PRESIDING judge OF
12 THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT.

13 (5) ~~(6)~~ Each friend of the court shall take all necessary
14 steps to adopt office procedures to implement this act, supreme
15 court rules, and the recommendations of the bureau.

16 Sec. 7. (1) The ~~chief~~ PRESIDING judge may designate as
17 referee the friend of the court; an employee of the office who is
18 a member of the state bar of Michigan; or, pursuant to section
19 22, a member of the state bar of Michigan.

20 (2) A referee may do all of the following:

21 (a) Hear all motions in a domestic relations matter, except
22 motions pertaining to an increase or decrease in spouse support,
23 referred to the referee by the court.

24 (b) Administer oaths, compel the attendance of witnesses and
25 the production of documents, and examine witnesses and parties.

26 (c) Make a written, signed report to the court containing a
27 summary of testimony given, a statement of findings, and a

1 recommended order; or make a statement of findings on the record
2 and submit a recommended order.

3 (d) Hold hearings as provided in the support and visitation
4 enforcement act. The referee shall make a record of each hearing
5 held.

6 (e) Accept a voluntary acknowledgment of support liability,
7 and review and make a recommendation to the court concerning a
8 stipulated agreement to pay support.

9 (f) Recommend a default order establishing, modifying, or
10 enforcing a support obligation in a domestic relations matter.

11 (3) If ordered by the court, or if stipulated by the par-
12 ties, a referee shall make a transcript, verified by oath, of
13 each hearing held. The cost of preparing a transcript shall be
14 apportioned equally between the parties, unless otherwise ordered
15 by the court.

16 (4) A copy of each report, recommendation, transcript, and
17 any supporting documents or a summary of supporting documents
18 prepared or used by the friend of the court or an employee of the
19 office shall be made available to the attorney for each party and
20 to each of the parties before the court takes any action on a
21 recommendation made under this section or section 5. In a child
22 custody dispute, the parties shall be informed of whether a cus-
23 tody preference expressed by the child was considered, evaluated,
24 and determined by the court, but the parties shall not be
25 informed of the preference expressed by the child pursuant to
26 section 3 of the child custody act of 1970, Act No. 91 of the
27 Public Acts of 1970, being section 722.23 of the Michigan

1 Compiled Laws. If a guardian is appointed for a child, the
2 guardian shall be informed whether a custody preference expressed
3 by the child was considered, evaluated, and determined by the
4 court, and, if so, the preference expressed. The manner and time
5 within which this material is made available shall be determined
6 by supreme court rule.

7 (5) The court shall hold a de novo hearing on any matter
8 that has been the subject of a referee hearing, upon the written
9 request of either party or upon motion of the court. The request
10 of a party shall be made within 21 days after the recommendation
11 of the referee is made available to that party under subsection
12 (4), except that a request for a de novo hearing concerning an
13 order of income withholding shall be made within 14 days after
14 the recommendation of the referee is made available to the party
15 under subsection (4).

16 Sec. 8. The ~~circuit~~ court shall utilize referees and take
17 other appropriate action to expedite obtaining relief in the form
18 of child or spousal support in domestic relations matters,
19 including the entry and enforcement of child support orders and
20 the enforcement of spousal support orders, as necessary to obtain
21 dispositions of petitions for relief within the following time
22 frames:

23 (a) Ninety percent of dispositions within 3 months after
24 filing a petition.

25 (b) Ninety-eight percent of dispositions within 6 months
26 after filing a petition.

1 (c) One hundred percent of dispositions within 12 months
2 after filing a petition.

3 Sec. 19. (1) The state friend of the court bureau is cre-
4 ated within the office of the state court administrator, under
5 the supervision and direction of the supreme court.

6 (2) The bureau shall have its main office in Lansing.

7 (3) The bureau shall do all of the following:

8 (a) Develop and recommend guidelines for conduct, opera-
9 tions, and procedures of the office and its employees, including,
10 but not limited to, the following:

11 (i) Case load and staffing standards for employees who per-
12 form domestic relations mediation functions, investigation and
13 recommendation functions, referee functions, enforcement func-
14 tions, and clerical functions.

15 (ii) Orientation programs for clients of the office.

16 (iii) Public educational programs regarding domestic rela-
17 tions law and community resources, including financial and other
18 counseling, and employment opportunities.

19 (iv) Procedural changes in response to the type of griev-
20 ances received by an office.

21 (v) Model pamphlets and procedural forms, which shall be
22 distributed to each office.

23 (vi) A formula to be used as a guideline in recommending a
24 child support amount. The formula shall be based upon the needs
25 of the child and the actual resources of each parent.

26 (b) Provide training programs for the friend of the court,
27 domestic relations mediators, and employees of the office, to

1 better enable them to carry out the duties described in this act
2 and supreme court rules.

3 (c) Gather and monitor relevant statistics.

4 (d) Annually issue a report containing a detailed summary of
5 the types of grievances received by each office, and whether the
6 grievances are resolved or outstanding. The report shall be
7 transmitted to the legislature and to each office.

8 (e) Develop and recommend guidelines to be used by an office
9 in determining whether or not visitation has been wrongfully
10 denied by the custodial parent.

11 (f) Develop standards and procedures for the transfer of
12 part or all of the responsibilities for a case from one office to
13 another in situations considered appropriate by the bureau.

14 (g) Certify domestic relations mediation training programs
15 as provided in section 13.

16 (h) Establish a 9-person advisory committee, serving without
17 compensation except as provided in subsection (4), composed of
18 the following:

19 (i) Three public members who have had contact with an office
20 of the friend of the court.

21 (ii) Three attorneys who are members of the state bar of
22 Michigan and whose practices are primarily domestic relations
23 law. Not more than 1 attorney may be a ~~circuit~~ DOMESTIC
24 RELATIONS court judge.

25 (iii) Three human service professionals who provide family
26 counseling.

1 (i) Cooperate with the office of child support in developing
2 and implementing a statewide information system as provided in
3 the office of child support act, Act No. 174 of the Public Acts
4 of 1971, being sections 400.231 to 400.235 of the Michigan
5 Compiled Laws.

6 (j) Develop and make available guidelines to assist the
7 office of the friend of the court in determining the appropriate-
8 ness in individual cases of the following:

9 (i) Imposing a lien or requiring the posting of a bond,
10 security, or other guarantee to secure the payment of support.

11 (ii) Implementing the offset of a delinquent payer's state
12 income tax refund.

13 (k) Develop and provide the office of the friend of the
14 court with:

15 (i) Form motions, responses, and orders for use by a payer
16 or payee in requesting the court to modify his or her child sup-
17 port order, or in responding to a motion for modification without
18 the assistance of legal counsel.

19 (ii) Instructions on preparing and filing the forms,
20 instructions on service of process, and instructions on schedul-
21 ing a support modification hearing.

22 (4) The advisory committee established under subsection
23 (3)(h) shall advise the bureau in the performance of its duties
24 under this section. Advisory committee members shall be reim-
25 bursed for their expenses for mileage, meals, and, if necessary,
26 lodging, pursuant to the schedule for reimbursement established
27 annually by the legislature. Meetings of the advisory committee

1 shall be open to the public. Members of the public attending a
2 meeting of the advisory committee shall be given a reasonable
3 opportunity to address the committee on any issue under consider-
4 ation by the committee. If a vote is to be taken by the advisory
5 committee, ~~such~~ THE opportunity to address the committee shall
6 be given before the vote is taken.

7 (5) The bureau may call upon each office of the friend of
8 the court for assistance in performing the duties imposed in this
9 section.

10 Sec. 21. (1) Each person appointed as friend of the court
11 under former Act No. 412 of the Public Acts of 1919 who is serv-
12 ing in that position on ~~the day before the effective date of~~
13 ~~this act~~ JUNE 30, 1983 shall continue to serve in that position,
14 as reconstituted by this act.

15 (2) All files, records, funds, and pending cases of an
16 office of the friend of the court under former Act No. 412 of the
17 Public Acts of 1919 are transferred to the corresponding office
18 as reconstituted by this act.

19 (3) ~~Except in the county of Wayne, the~~ THE employees of a
20 friend of the court appointed under former Act No. 412 of the
21 Public Acts of 1919 shall become employees of the corresponding
22 office of the friend of the court as reconstituted by this act,
23 in similar positions, and with salary ranges and benefits not
24 inferior to their status under former Act No. 412 of the Public
25 Acts of 1919. ~~In the county of Wayne the employees of the state~~
26 ~~judicial council serving in the court in the third judicial~~
27 ~~circuit and supervised by the friend of the court on the day~~

1 ~~before the effective date of this act shall continue in their~~
2 ~~present positions.~~

3 Sec. 22. If the friend of the court serving a ~~judicial~~
4 ~~circuit~~ DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT is not an attorney who is a
5 member of the state bar of Michigan and that office does not
6 employ such an attorney, the ~~chief~~ PRESIDING judge may appoint
7 an attorney who is a member of the state bar of Michigan to
8 assist the friend of the court when legal assistance is necessary
9 to carry out the duties imposed in this act. An attorney
10 appointed under this section to assist an office shall be compen-
11 sated in a reasonable amount, based upon time and expenses, to be
12 determined by the ~~county board or boards of commissioners of the~~
13 ~~judicial circuit~~ DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT served by that
14 office. ~~If the judicial circuit is one in which the employees~~
15 ~~serving in the circuit court are employees of the state judicial~~
16 ~~council, the compensation of an attorney appointed under this~~
17 ~~section shall be paid by the state and fixed by the state judi-~~
18 ~~cial council as provided in section 9104 of the revised judica-~~
19 ~~ture act of 1961, Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, being~~
20 ~~section 600.9104 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.~~

21 Sec. 23. (1) If the position of friend of the court becomes
22 vacant for any reason, the ~~chief~~ PRESIDING judge shall appoint
23 a person to the position of friend of the court not later than 6
24 months after the vacancy occurs.

25 (2) If necessary, the ~~chief~~ PRESIDING judge may appoint an
26 interim friend of the court to serve for not longer than 6 months

1 until a friend of the court is appointed pursuant to this
2 section.

3 (3) A friend of the court appointed under this section shall
4 demonstrate experience or education in 1 or more of the following
5 areas:

6 (a) A human service or behavioral science field.

7 (b) Domestic relations law.

8 (c) Administration.

9 Sec. 24. The ~~chief~~ PRESIDING judge annually shall review
10 the performance record of each friend of the court serving that
11 ~~circuit~~ DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT to determine whether the
12 friend of the court is guilty of misconduct, neglect of statutory
13 duty, or failure to carry out written orders of the court rela-
14 tive to a statutory duty; whether the purposes of this act are
15 being met; and whether the duties of the friend of the court are
16 being carried out in a manner that reflects the needs of the com-
17 munity being served. Public notice of the annual review shall be
18 given. Members of the public may submit written comments to the
19 ~~chief~~ PRESIDING judge relating to the above criteria. A writ-
20 ten evaluation, which shall include a summary of any public com-
21 ments received, shall be made. The friend of the court and the
22 bureau shall each receive a copy of the evaluation. The friend
23 of the court shall have an opportunity to make a written response
24 to the evaluation. A copy of the response shall be included with
25 the evaluation.

26 Sec. 25. (1) ~~In a judicial circuit in which the friend of~~
27 ~~the court is employed by the state judicial council, the chief~~

1 ~~judge may remove the friend of the court or place the friend of~~
2 ~~the court on probation upon making a determination that the~~
3 ~~friend of the court is guilty of misconduct, neglect of statutory~~
4 ~~duty, or failure to carry out written orders of the court rela-~~
5 ~~tive to a statutory duty. (2) In a judicial circuit other than~~
6 ~~as described in subsection (1), a~~ A hearing to consider whether
7 the friend of the court is guilty of misconduct, neglect of stat-
8 utory duty, or failure to carry out written orders of the
9 DOMESTIC RELATIONS court relative to a statutory duty shall be
10 convened by 1 of the following procedures:

11 (a) By the ~~chief~~ PRESIDING judge on his or her own
12 motion.

13 (b) By a visiting judge requested by the ~~chief~~ PRESIDING
14 judge to be assigned pursuant to section 225, 226, 558, or 8212
15 of the revised judicature act of 1961, ACT NO. 236 OF THE PUBLIC
16 ACTS OF 1961, being sections 600.225, 600.226, 600.558, and
17 600.8212 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, after the ~~chief~~
18 PRESIDING judge has received ~~either of the following, as~~
19 ~~applicable: (i) In a judicial circuit composed of a single~~
20 ~~county,~~ a request in the form of a resolution passed by a major-
21 ity of members of the county board of commissioners OF THE COUNTY
22 IN WHICH THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT IS LOCATED.

23 ~~(ii) In a judicial circuit composed of more than 1 county,~~
24 ~~a request in the form of a resolution passed by a majority of~~
25 ~~members of not less than 50% of the county boards of~~
26 ~~commissioners.~~

1 (2) ~~(3)~~ A resolution passed pursuant to subsection
2 ~~(2)(b)(i) or (ii)~~ (1)(B) shall state the reasons for the
3 requested hearing.

4 (3) ~~(4)~~ Before commencing a hearing under subsection ~~(2)~~
5 (1), the ~~chief~~ PRESIDING judge shall give, personally or by
6 ordinary mail, to the friend of the court, notice of the facts
7 that are alleged to warrant the hearing. The friend of the court
8 shall have an opportunity to be heard at the hearing.

9 (4) ~~(5)~~ The ~~chief~~ PRESIDING judge may remove the friend
10 of the court or place the friend of the court on probation if the
11 hearing held under subsection ~~(2)~~ (1) results in a determina-
12 tion that the friend of the court is guilty of misconduct,
13 neglect of statutory duty, or failure to carry out written orders
14 of the court relative to a statutory duty.

15 Sec. 26. (1) A party to a domestic relations matter who has
16 a grievance concerning office operations or employees shall uti-
17 lize the following grievance procedure:

18 (a) File the grievance, in writing, with the appropriate
19 friend of the court office. The office shall cause the grievance
20 to be investigated and decided as soon as practicable.

21 (b) A party who is not satisfied with the decision of the
22 office under subdivision (a), may file a further grievance, in
23 writing, with the ~~chief~~ PRESIDING judge. The ~~chief~~ PRESIDING
24 judge shall cause the grievance to be investigated and decided as
25 soon as practicable.

26 (2) Each office shall maintain a record of grievances
27 received and a record of whether the grievance is decided or

1 outstanding. The record shall be transmitted not less than
2 biannually to the bureau. Each office shall provide public
3 access to the report of grievances prepared by the bureau under
4 section 19.

5 Sec. 27. ~~(1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and~~
6 ~~(3), the~~ THE compensation and expenses of the friend of the
7 court for each ~~judicial circuit~~ DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT and of
8 the employees of the office and all operating expenses incurred
9 by the office shall be fixed by the ~~chief~~ PRESIDING judge. ~~as~~
10 ~~provided in section 591 of the revised judicature act of 1961,~~
11 ~~Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, being section 600.591 of~~
12 ~~the Michigan Compiled Laws. The compensation and expenses shall~~
13 ~~be paid by the county treasurer from the general fund, and the~~
14 ~~friend of the court fund created under section 2530 of the~~
15 ~~revised judicature act of 1961, Act No. 236 of the Public Acts~~
16 ~~of 1961, being section 600.2530 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, of~~
17 ~~the county or counties served.~~

18 ~~(2) In the third judicial circuit the compensation of the~~
19 ~~friend of the court and the employees of the state judicial coun-~~
20 ~~cil serving in the third judicial circuit and supervised by the~~
21 ~~friend of the court shall be paid by the state and shall be fixed~~
22 ~~as provided in sections 592 and 9104 of the revised judicature~~
23 ~~act of 1961, Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, being sec-~~
24 ~~tions 600.592 and 600.9104 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.~~
25 ~~Pursuant to section 595(1) of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of~~
26 ~~1961, being section 600.595 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the~~
27 ~~state shall maintain and operate the office of the friend of the~~

1 ~~court as the successor to the friend of the court appointed under~~
 2 ~~former Act No. 412 of the Public Acts of 1919.~~

3 ~~(3) In any other judicial circuit in which employees serving~~
 4 ~~in the circuit court are employees of the state judicial council,~~
 5 ~~the compensation of the friend of the court and the employees of~~
 6 ~~the state judicial council serving in that judicial circuit and~~
 7 ~~supervised by the friend of the court shall be paid by the state~~
 8 ~~and shall be fixed as provided in section 9104 of the revised~~
 9 ~~judicature act of 1961, Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961.~~

10 Sec. 31. (1) "Bureau" means the state friend of the court
 11 bureau created in section 19.

12 (2) ~~"Chief-~~ "PRESIDING judge" means ONE OF the following,
 13 AS APPLICABLE:

14 (a) The ~~circuit-~~ DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT judge in a
 15 ~~judicial circuit-~~ COURT having only 1 ~~circuit-~~ DOMESTIC RELA-
 16 TIONS COURT judge.

17 (b) ~~Except in the county of Wayne, the chief-~~ THE PRESIDING
 18 judge of the ~~circuit-~~ DOMESTIC RELATIONS court in a ~~judicial~~
 19 ~~circuit-~~ COUNTY having 2 or more ~~circuit-~~ DOMESTIC RELATIONS
 20 COURT judges.

21 ~~(c) In the county of Wayne, the executive chief judge of~~
 22 ~~the circuit court in the third judicial circuit and the~~
 23 ~~recorder's court of the city of Detroit.~~

24 (3) "Consumer reporting agency" means any person that, for
 25 monetary fees, dues, or on a cooperative nonprofit basis, regu-
 26 larly engages in whole or in part in the practice of assembling
 27 or evaluating consumer credit information or other information on

1 consumers for the purpose of furnishing consumer reports to third
2 parties, and that uses any means or facility of interstate com-
3 merce for the purpose of preparing or furnishing consumer
4 reports. As used in this subsection, "consumer report" means
5 that term as defined in section 603 of title VI of the consumer
6 credit protection act, Public Law 90-321, 15 U.S.C. 1681a.

7 (4) "Court" means the ~~circuit~~ DOMESTIC RELATIONS court.

8 (5) "Domestic relations mediation" means a process by which
9 the parties are assisted by a domestic relations mediator in vol-
10 untarily formulating an agreement to resolve a dispute concerning
11 child custody or visitation that arises from a domestic relations
12 matter.

13 (6) "Domestic relations matter" means any ~~circuit~~ DOMESTIC
14 RELATIONS court proceeding as to child custody or visitation, or
15 child or spouse support, that arises out of litigation under any
16 statute of this state, including but not limited to the
17 following:

18 (a) Chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, being sec-
19 tions 552.1 to 552.45 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

20 (b) The family support act, Act No. 138 of the Public Acts
21 of 1966, being sections 552.451 to 552.459 of the Michigan
22 Compiled Laws.

23 (c) The child custody act of 1970, Act No. 91 of the Public
24 Acts of 1970, being sections 722.21 to 722.29 of the Michigan
25 Compiled Laws.

26 (d) Act No. 293 of the Public Acts of 1968, being sections
27 722.1 to 722.6 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

1 (e) The paternity act, Act No. 205 of the Public Acts of
2 1956, being sections 722.711 to 722.730 of the Michigan Compiled
3 Laws.

4 (f) ~~Uniform~~ THE REVISED UNIFORM reciprocal enforcement of
5 support act, Act No. 8 of the Public Acts of 1952, being sections
6 780.151 to ~~780.174~~ 780.183 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

7 (7) "Friend of the court" means the person serving under
8 section 21(1) or appointed pursuant to section 23, as the head of
9 the office of the friend of the court.

10 (8) "Office" and "office of the friend of the court" mean
11 the agency created in section 3.

12 (9) "Payer" means a person ordered by the ~~circuit~~ DOMESTIC
13 RELATIONS court to pay support.

14 (10) "Public assistance" means aid to families with depen-
15 dent children, general assistance, foster care maintenance, or a
16 combination of those items.

17 (11) "Recipient of support" means the following:

18 (a) The spouse, if the support order orders support for the
19 spouse.

20 (b) The custodial parent or guardian, if the support order
21 orders support for a minor child.

22 (c) The state department of social services, if support has
23 been assigned to the state department.

24 (12) "Support" means either of the following:

25 (a) The payment of money for a child or a spouse ordered by
26 the ~~circuit~~ DOMESTIC RELATIONS court, whether the order is
27 embodied in an interim, temporary, permanent, or modified order

1 or judgment. Support may include payment of the expenses of
2 medical, dental, and other health care, child care expenses, and
3 educational expenses.

4 (b) The payment of money ordered by the ~~circuit~~ DOMESTIC
5 RELATIONS court under the paternity act, Act No. 205 of the
6 Public Acts of 1956, being sections 722.711 to 722.730 of the
7 Michigan Compiled Laws, for the necessary expenses incurred by or
8 for the mother in connection with her confinement or of other
9 expenses in connection with the pregnancy of the mother.

10 (13) "Support and visitation enforcement act" means Act
11 No. 295 of the Public Acts of 1982, being sections 552.601 to
12 552.650 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

13 (14) "Support order" means any order entered by the
14 ~~circuit~~ DOMESTIC RELATIONS court for the payment of support in
15 a sum certain, whether in the form of a lump sum or a periodic
16 payment.

17 Section 2. This amendatory act shall take effect January 1,
18 1990.

19 Section 3. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless
20 Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 4567 (request
21 no. 01659'89) of the 85th Legislature is enacted into law.