

**SUMMARY SUPPORT AND PATERNITY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 366 of 2014**

**722.1501 Support and paternity establishment services.**

Sec. 11.

(1) Subject to subsection (2), the title IV-D agency providing support and paternity establishment services in a county on the effective date of this act shall provide the support and paternity establishment services under this act.

(2) A county, with the consent of the office of child support, may agree that another agency within the county, an attorney employed or contracted by the county under section 1 of 1941 PA 15, MCL 49.71, or an attorney employed or under contract with the department may provide the services under this act. An agreement to remove the services from an agency that is providing support and paternity establishment services on the effective date of this act also requires the consent of that agency. If a judicial branch agency is not providing support and establishment services within the county on the effective date of this act, an agreement to require a judicial branch agency to provide the services under this act also requires the consent of the chief judge of the court. If the prosecuting attorney is not providing support and establishment services within the county on the effective date of this act, an agreement to require the prosecuting attorney to provide the services under this act also requires the consent of the prosecutor.

(3) Counties, with the consent of all interested agencies, may enter into agreements to provide services regionally under this act provided that the services are made available in each county at least monthly.

(4) This act does not restrict the title IV-D agency from carrying out the provisions of this act in any manner that uses technology, assent, consolidation of services, or coordination of services with other agencies. The title IV-D agency with the consent of the department and the state court administrative office under the supervision and direction of the supreme court may carry out the provisions of this act in any manner that is not inconsistent with this act to improve efficiency and encourage cooperation between the parents, agencies, and units of government that are affected by this act, including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) Notices and other documents required to be sent or served under this act may be combined.

(b) Service and mailing of notices may be completed using any technology or method permitted by court rule.

(c) Consent agreements and waivers may be substituted for notices.

(d) Information or other data may be transmitted or downloaded using any technology that can serve the same purpose as physical files.

(e) One agency may transmit or download information or other data on behalf of another agency.

(5) A support order entered under this section is enforceable as provided in the support and parenting time enforcement act. If this act contains a specific provision regarding the contents or enforcement of a child support order that conflicts with a provision in the support and parenting time enforcement act, this act controls in regard to that provision.

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