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A BILL

То	amend sections 2919.21, 3111.29, 3111.38,	1
	3111.46, 3111.49, 3111.78, 3111.80, 3111.81,	2
	3111.84, 3119.06, 3119.30, 3119.38, 3119.43,	3
	3119.60, 3119.61, 3119.63, 3119.72, 3119.76,	4
	3119.77, 3119.82, 3119.87, 3119.88, 3119.89,	5
	3119.90, 3119.91, 3119.92, 3121.01, 3121.02,	6
	3121.035, 3121.12, 3121.29, 3121.33, 3121.34,	7
	3123.031, 3123.04, 3123.05, 3123.06, 3123.14,	8
	3123.25, 3123.27, 3123.30, 3123.31, 3123.34,	9
	3123.35, 3123.72, 3123.821, and 3123.822, to	10
	enact sections 3111.801 and 3119.631 and to	11
	repeal section 3121.11 of the Revised Code to	12
	amend the child support laws	13

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Sec	tion 1. T	hat secti	ons 2919.	21, 3111.2	29, 3111.	38,	14
3111.46,	3111.49,	3111.78,	3111.80,	3111.81,	3111.84,	3119.06,	15
3119.30,	3119.38,	3119.43,	3119.60,	3119.61,	3119.63,	3119.72,	16
3119.76,	3119.77,	3119.82,	3119.87,	3119.88,	3119.89,	3119.90,	17
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becoming	, a	dep	ende	ent	child,	as	defi	ned	in	sect	ion	2151.04	of	the	47
Revised	Coc	de,	or a	a ne	eglected	d c	hild,	as	def	ined	in	section			48
2151.03	of	the	Rev	/ise	ed Code	•									49

- (D) It is an affirmative defense to a charge of failure to provide adequate support under division (A) of this section or a charge of failure to provide support established by a court order under division (B) of this section that the accused was unable to provide adequate support or the established support but did provide the support that was within the accused's ability and means.
- (E) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under division (A)(3) of this section that the parent abandoned the accused or failed to support the accused as required by law, while the accused was under age eighteen, or was mentally or physically handicapped and under age twenty-one.
- (F) It is not a defense to a charge under division (B) of this section that the person whom a court has ordered the accused to support is being adequately supported by someone other than the accused.
- (G) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever violates division (A) or (B) of this section is guilty of nonsupport of dependents, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of division (A) (2) or (B) of this section or if the offender has failed to provide support under division (A) (2) or (B) of this section for a total accumulated period of twenty-six weeks out of one hundred four consecutive weeks, whether or not the twenty-six weeks were consecutive, then a violation of division (A) (2) or (B) of this section is a felony of the fifth degree. If the offender previously has been

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with the conditions of any of those community control sanctions.	106
(2) If the offender is guilty of nonsupport of dependents	107
by reason of failing to provide support to the offender's child	108
as required by a child support order issued on or after April	109
15, 1985, pursuant to section 2151.23, 2151.231, 2151.232,	110
2151.33, 3105.21, 3109.05, 3111.13, 3113.04, 3113.31, 3115.401,	111
or former section 3115.31 of the Revised Code, the court, in	112
addition to any other sentence imposed, shall assess all court	113
costs arising out of the charge against the person and require	114
the person to pay any reasonable attorney's fees of any adverse	115
party other than the state, as determined by the court, that	116
arose in relation to the charge.	117
(3) Whoever violates division (C) of this section is	118
guilty of contributing to the nonsupport of dependents, a	119
misdemeanor of the first degree. Each day of violation of	120
division (C) of this section is a separate offense.	121
Sec. 3111.29. Once an acknowledgment of paternity becomes	122
final under section 3111.25 of the Revised Code, the mother or	123
other custodian or guardian of the child may <u>file</u> do either of	124
<pre>the following:</pre>	125
(A) File a complaint pursuant to section 2151.231 of the	126
Revised Code in the juvenile court or other court with	127
jurisdiction under section 2101.022 or 2301.03 of the Revised	128
Code of the county in which the child or the guardian or legal	129
custodian of the child resides requesting that the court order	130
the father or mother to pay an amount for the support of the	131
child, may contact ;	132
(B) Contact the child support enforcement agency for	133
assistance in obtaining the order, or may request that an	134

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ninety-nine per cent probability that the alleged father is the
natural father of the child, the administrative officer shall
issue an administrative order that the alleged father is not the
father of the child who is the subject of the proceeding.

An order issued pursuant to this section shall be sent to parties in accordance with the Civil Rule governing service and filing of pleadings and other papers subsequent to the original complaint.

Sec. 3111.49. The mother, alleged father, and guardian or legal custodian of a child may object to an administrative order determining the existence or nonexistence of a parent and child relationship by bringing, within thirty fourteen days after the date the administrative officer issues the order, an action under sections 3111.01 to 3111.18 of the Revised Code in the juvenile court or other court with jurisdiction under section 2101.022 or 2301.03 of the Revised Code in the county in which the child support enforcement agency that employs the administrative officer who issued the order is located. If the action is not brought within the thirty-day fourteen-day period, the administrative order is final and enforceable by a court and may not be challenged in an action or proceeding under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3111.78. A parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a child, the person with whom the child resides, or the child support enforcement agency of the county in which the child, parent, quardian, or legal custodian of the child resides may do either of the following to require a man to pay support and provide for the health care needs of the child if the man is presumed to be the natural father of the child under section 3111.03 of the Revised Code:

3119. and 3121. of the Revised Code, the amount of child support 213 any parent is required to pay, the method of payment of child 214 support, and the method of providing for the child's health care 215 if an application for services administered under Title IV-D of 216 the "Social Security Act," 88 Stat. 2351 (1975), 42 U.S.C. 651, 217 as amended, or other IV-D referral, has been completed and filed 218 and one of the following applies: 219 (1) An administrative officer has issued an administrative 220

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order determining the existence of a parent and child

relationship under section 3111.46 of the Revised Code;

(C) The hearing shall be held no not later than sixty days

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after the request is made under section 3111.29 or 3111.78 of	253
the Revised Code or an administrative officer issues an	254
administrative order determining the existence of a parent and	255
child relationship under section 3111.46 of the Revised Code	256
Title IV-D application is submitted to or the Title IV-D	257
referral is received by the agency or after the issuance of an	258
order determining the existence of a parent and child	259
<u>relationship</u> . The hearing shall <u>not</u> be held <u>not</u> earlier than	260
thirty days after the officer gives the mother and father each	261
<pre>parent_notice of the hearing.</pre>	262
(D) If either parent fails to comply with a request for	263
information in accordance with section 3111.801 of the Revised	264
Code, the agency may do either of the following:	265
(1) Proceed in accordance with division (A)(1) of section	266
3119.72 of the Revised Code;	267
(2) Make reasonable assumptions regarding the information	268
the parent failed to provide and proceed with the determination	269
of support in the same manner as if all requested information	270
had been provided.	271
Sec. 3111.801. If an administrative officer schedules an	272
administrative support hearing in accordance with section	273
3111.80 of the Revised Code, the administrative officer shall	274
include in the notice described in section 3111.80 of the	275
Revised Code a request that each parent provide the child	276
support enforcement agency, not later than the date scheduled	277
for formally beginning the administrative hearing, all of the	278
<pre>following:</pre>	279
(A) A copy of each parent's most recently filed federal_	280

income tax return and all supporting schedules and documents;

(B) A copy of all pay stubs obtained by each parent within	282
the immediately preceding six months;	283
(C) A copy of all other records evidencing the receipt of	284
any other salary, wages, or compensation by each parent within	285
the immediately preceding six months;	286
(D) A list of the group health insurance and health care	287
policies, contracts, and plans available to each parent and	288
their costs;	289
(E) The current health insurance or health care policy,	290
contract, or plan under which each parent is enrolled and its	291
<pre>cost;</pre>	292
(F) If either parent is a member of the uniformed services	293
and is on active military duty, a copy of the parent's leave and	294
<pre>earnings statement;</pre>	295
(G) Any other information necessary to properly establish	296
the child support order.	297
Sec. 3111.81. After the hearing under section 3111.80 of	298
the Revised Code is completed, the administrative officer may	299
issue an administrative order for the payment of support and	300
provision for the child's health care. The order shall take	301
effect fourteen days after the order is issued. The order shall	302
do all of the following in accordance with Chapters 3119. and	303
3121. of the Revised Code:	304
(A) Require periodic payments of support that may vary in	305
amount, except that, if it is in the best interest of the child,	306
the administrative officer may order the purchase of an annuity	307
in lieu of periodic payments of support if the purchase	308
agreement provides that any remaining principal will be	309
transferred to the ownership and control of the child on the	310

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child's attainment of the age of majority;	311
(B) Require the parents to provide for the health care	312
needs of the child in accordance with sections 3119.29 to	313
3119.56 of the Revised Code;	314
(C) Include a notice that contains the information	315
described in section 3111.84 of the Revised Code informing the	316
mother and the father of parents that the administrative order	317
is final and enforceable fourteen days after the order is issued	318
and that they have the right to object to the order by bringing	319
an action for the payment of support and provision of the	320
child's health care under section 2151.231 of the Revised Code	321
and the effect of a failure to timely bring the action.	322
Sec. 3111.84. The mother or father Either parent of a	323
child who is the subject of an administrative support order may	324
object to the order by bringing an action for the payment of	325
support and provision for the child's health care under section	326
2151.231 of the Revised Code in the juvenile court or other	327
court with jurisdiction under section 2101.022 or 2301.03 of the	328
Revised Code of the county in which the child support	329
enforcement agency that employs the administrative officer	330
issues the order is located. The action shall be brought not	331
later than thirty fourteen days after the date of the issuance	332
of the administrative support order. If neither the mother nor-	333
the father brings an action for the payment of support and	334
provision for the child's health care within that thirty day	335
period, the The administrative support order shall remain in	336
effect during the pendency of the objection unless a party	337

requests and is granted a stay by the court. The administrative

support order is final and enforceable by a court or child_

support enforcement agency fourteen days after the order is

<u>issued</u> and may be modified only as provided in Chapters 3119., 341 3121., and 3123. of the Revised Code. 342

Sec. 3119.06. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 343 section, in any action in which a court issues or modifies a 344 child support order or in any other proceeding in which a court 345 determines the amount of child support to be paid pursuant to a 346 child support order, the court shall issue a minimum child 347 support order requiring the obligor to pay a minimum of fifty 348 dollars a month. The court, in its discretion and in appropriate 349 350 circumstances, may issue a minimum child support order requiring the obligor to pay less than fifty dollars a month or not 351 requiring the obligor to pay an amount for support. The 352 circumstances under which a court may issue such an order 353 include the nonresidential parent's medically verified or 354 documented physical or mental disability or institutionalization 355 in a facility for persons with a mental illness or any other 356 circumstances considered appropriate by the court. 357

If a court issues a minimum child support order pursuant 358 to this section and the obligor under the support order is the 359 360 recipient of need-based means-tested public assistance, any unpaid amounts of support due under the support order shall 361 362 accrue as arrearages from month to month, and the obligor's current obligation to pay the support due under the support 363 order is suspended during any period of time that the obligor is 364 receiving need-based-means-tested public assistance and is 365 complying with any seek work orders issued pursuant to section 366 3121.03 of the Revised Code. The court, oblique, and child 367 support enforcement agency shall not enforce the obligation of 368 the obligor to pay the amount of support due under the support 369 order while the obligor is receiving need based means-tested 370 public assistance and is complying with any seek work orders 371

issued pursuant to section 3121.03 of the Revised Code.	372
(B) As used in this section, "means-tested public	373
assistance" includes cash assistance payments under the Ohio	374
works first program established under Chapter 5107. of the	375
Revised Code, financial assistance under the disability	376
financial assistance program established under Chapter 5115. of	377
the Revised Code, supplemental security income, or means-tested	378
<pre>veterans' benefits.</pre>	379
Sec. 3119.30. (A) In any action or proceeding in which a	380
child support order is issued or modified, the court, with	381
respect to court child support orders, and the child support	382
enforcement agency, with respect to administrative child support	383
orders, shall determine the person or persons responsible for	384
the health care of the children subject to the child support	385
order and shall include provisions for the health care of the	386
children in the child support order. The order shall specify	387
that the obligor and obligee are both liable for the health care	388
of the children who are not covered by private health insurance	389
or cash medical support as calculated in accordance with section	390
3119.022 or 3119.023 of the Revised Code, as applicable.	391
(B) Based on information provided to the court or to the	392
child support enforcement agency under section 3119.31 of the	393
Revised Code, the order shall include one of the following:	394
(1) A requirement that both the obligor and the obligee	395
obtain private health insurance coverage for the children if	396
coverage is available for the children at a reasonable cost to	397
both the obligor and the obligee and dual coverage would provide	398
for coordination of medical benefits without unnecessary	399
duplication of coverage.	400

- (2) A requirement that the obligee obtain private health
 insurance coverage for the children if coverage is available
 through any group policy, contract, or plan available to the
 obligee and is available at a more reasonable cost than coverage
 is available to the obligor;
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- (3) A requirement that the obligor obtain private health 406 insurance coverage for the children if coverage is available 407 through any group policy, contract, or plan available to the 600 obligor at a more reasonable cost than coverage is available to 600 the 600 obligee; 410
- (4) If health insurance coverage for the children is not 411 available at a reasonable cost to the obligor or the obligee at 412 the time the court or child enforcement agency issues the order, 413 a requirement that the obligor or the obligee immediately inform 414 the child support enforcement agency that private health 415 insurance coverage for the children has become available to 416 either the obligor or obligee. The child support enforcement 417 agency shall determine if the private health insurance coverage 418 is available at a reasonable cost and if coverage is reasonable, 419 division (B)(2) or (3) shall apply, as applicable. 420
- (C) When a child support order is issued or modified, and 421 the obligor's gross income is one hundred fifty per cent or more 422 of the federal poverty level for an individual, the order shall 423 include the amount of cash medical support to be paid by the 424 obligor that is either five per cent of the obligor's adjusted 425 gross income or the obligor's share of the United States 426 department of agriculture estimated annual health care 427 expenditure per child as determined in accordance with federal 428 law and regulation, whichever is the lower amount. The amount of 429 cash medical support paid by the obligor shall be paid during 430

any period after the court or child support enforcement agency	431
issues or modifies the order in which the children are not	432
covered by private health insurance.	433

(D) Any cash medical support paid pursuant to division (C) 434 of this section shall be paid by the obligor to either the 435 obligee if the children are not-Medicaid medicaid recipients, or 436 to the office of child support to defray the cost of Medicaid 437 medicaid expenditures if the children are Medicaid medicaid 438 recipients. The child support enforcement agency administering 439 the court or administrative order shall amend the amount of 440 monthly child support obligation to reflect the amount paid when 441 private health insurance is not provided, as calculated in the 442 current order pursuant to section 3119.022 or 3119.023 of the 443 Revised Code, as applicable. 444

The child support enforcement agency shall give the 445 obligor notice in accordance with Chapter 3121. of the Revised 446 Code and provide the obligor an opportunity to be heard for an 447 administrative hearing if the obligor believes there is a 448 mistake of fact regarding the availability of private health 449 insurance at a reasonable cost as determined under division (B) 450 of this section. The obligor shall file a written request for 451 the administrative hearing with the agency not later than 452 fourteen days after the notice is issued. 453

(E) The obligor shall begin payment of any cash medical 454 support on the first day of the month immediately following the 455 month in which private health insurance coverage is unavailable 456 or terminates and shall cease payment on the last day of the 457 month immediately preceding the month in which private health 458 insurance coverage begins or resumes. During the period when 459 cash medical support is required to be paid, the obligor or 460

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obligee must immediately inform the child support enforcement	461
agency that health insurance coverage for the children has	462
become available.	463
Sec. 3119.38. A person who receives a notice of medical	464
support enforcement activity under section 3119.35 of the	465
Revised Code may file a written request for an administrative	466
hearing with the child support enforcement agency that issued $\frac{it}{}$	467
regarding the notice. The hearing shall address whether a	468
mistake of fact was made in the national medical support notice	469
referred to in the notice of medical support enforcement	470
activity issued by the agency. The request must be filed not	471
later than seven business fourteen days after the date on which	472
the notice of medical support enforcement activity is sent.	473
If the person makes a timely request, the agency shall	474
conduct <u>an the</u> administrative hearing not later than ten days	475
after the date on which the person files the request for the	476
hearing. Not later than five days before the date on which the	477
hearing is to be conducted, the agency shall send the person and	478
any other individual the agency determines appropriate written	479
notice of the date, time, place, and purpose of the hearing. The	480
notice to the person and any other appropriate individual also	481
shall indicate that the person may present testimony and	482
evidence at the hearing only in regard to the issue of whether a	483
mistake of fact has been made in the national medical support	484
notice.	485
At the hearing, the agency shall determine whether there	486
is a mistake of fact in the national medical support notice. The	487

agency shall send its determination to the person. That agency's

days after the agency makes_issues_its determination, the person

determination is final unless, within seven business fourteen

(B) Except as otherwise provided in section 3119.771 of

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the Revised Code, at least forty five thirty days before	520
formally beginning the review, send the obliger and the obligee	521
each parent notice by ordinary mail of the planned review and,	522
of the date when the review will formally begin, and that the	523
review may add or adjust a payment on arrearages in accordance	524
with section 3123.21 of the Revised Code;	525
(C) (1) Request the obligor each parent to provide the	526
agency, no later than the scheduled date for formally beginning	527
the review, with all of the following:	528
(a) (1) A copy of the obligor's each parent's federal	529
income tax return and all supporting schedules and documents	530
from the previous year;	531
(b) (2) A copy of all pay stubs obtained by the obligor	532
<pre>each parent within the preceding six months;</pre>	533
$\frac{(c)}{(3)}$ A copy of all other records evidencing the receipt	534
of any other salary, wages, or compensation by the obligor each	535
<pre>parent_within the preceding six months;</pre>	536
$\frac{(d)}{(4)}$ A list of the group health insurance and health	537
care policies, contracts, and plans available to the obligor	538
<pre>each parent and their costs;</pre>	539
$\frac{(e)}{(5)}$ The current health insurance or health care	540
policy, contract, or plan under which the obligor each parent is	541
enrolled and its cost;	542
(f) (6) If the obligor either parent is a member of the	543
uniformed services and is on active military duty, a copy of the	544
obligor's Internal Revenue Service form W-2, "Wage and Tax-	545
Statement," and a copy of a parent's leave and earnings	546
statement-detailing the obligor's earnings and leave with the-	547
uniformed services;	548

$\frac{(g)}{(7)}$ Any other information necessary to properly review	549
the child support order.	550
(2) Request the obligee to provide the agency, no later	551
than the scheduled date for formally beginning the review, with	552
all of the following:	553
(a) A copy of the obligee's federal income tax return from	554
the previous year;	555
(b) A copy of all pay stubs obtained by the obligee within	556
the preceding six months;	557
(c) A copy of all other records evidencing the receipt of	558
any other salary, wages, or compensation by the obligee within-	559
the preceding six months;	560
(d) A list of the group health insurance and health care	561
policies, contracts, and plans, including the tricare program-	562
offered by the United States department of defense, available to	563
the obligee and their costs;	564
(e) The current health insurance or health care policy,	565
contract, or plan under which the obligee is enrolled and its	566
cost;	567
(f) Any other information necessary to properly review the	568
child support order.	569
(D) Include in the notice sent pursuant to division (B) of	570
this section, one of the following:	571
(1) If the child support order being reviewed is a court	572
child support order, a notice that a willful failure to provide	573
the documents and other information requested pursuant to	574
division (C) of this section is contempt of court and that the	575
agency may proceed with the review and make reasonable	576

assumptions with respect to the information that was not	577
provided, in accordance with section 3119.72 of the Revised	578
Code;	579
(2) If the child support order being reviewed is an	580
administrative child support order, a notice that if either the	581
obligor or obligee parent fails to comply with the request for	582
information, the agency may bring an action under section	583
3119.72 of the Revised Code requesting that the court find the	584
obligor and the obligee in contempt pursuant to section 2705.02	585
of the Revised Code make reasonable assumptions with respect to	586
the information that was not provided, in accordance with	587
section 3119.72 of the Revised Code.	588
Sec. 3119.61. The child support enforcement agency shall	589
review an administrative child support order on the date	590
established pursuant to section 3119.60 of the Revised Code for	591
formally beginning the review of the order. If the agency	592
determines that a modification an adjustment is necessary and in	593
the best interest of the child subject to the order, the agency	594
shall calculate the amount the obligor shall pay in accordance	595
with section 3119.021 of the Revised Code and may add or adjust	596
payment on arrearages in accordance with section 3123.21 of the	597
Revised Code. The agency may not grant a deviation pursuant to	598
section 3119.23 of the Revised Code from the guidelines set	599
forth in section 3119.021 of the Revised Code. If the agency can	600
set the child support the obligor is to pay without granting	601
such a deviation from the guidelines, the agency shall do the	602
following:	603
(A) Give the obligor and obligee notice, by ordinary mail,	604
of the revised amount of child support to be paid under the	605
administrative child support order, of their right to request an	606

administrative hearing on the revised child support amount, of	607
the procedures and time deadlines for requesting the hearing,	608
and that the agency will modify the administrative child support	609
order to include the revised child support amount unless the	610
obligor or obligee requests an administrative hearing on the	611
revised amount no later than thirty fourteen days after receipt	612
of the notice under this division is issued;	613
(B) If neither the obligor nor obligee timely requests an	614
administrative hearing on the revised amount of child support,	615
modify the administrative child support order to include the	616
revised child support amount;	617
(C) If the obligor or obligee timely requests an	618
administrative hearing on the revised amount of child support,	619
do all of the following:	620
do all of the following.	020
(1) Schedule a hearing on the issue;	621
(2) Give the obligor and obligee notice of the date, time,	622
and location of the hearing;	623
(3) Conduct the hearing in accordance with the rules	624
adopted under section 3119.76 of the Revised Code;	625
(4) Redetermine at the hearing—a revised amount of child—	626
support to be paid obligations under the administrative child	627
support order, including adding or adjusting a payment on	628
arrearages in accordance with section 3123.21 of the Revised	629
Code;	630
(5) Modify the order to include the revised amount of	631
child support;	632
(6) Give notice, by ordinary mail, to the obligor and	633
obligee of the amount of child support to be paid under the	634

order and that the obligor and obligee may object to the	635
modified order by initiating an action under section 2151.231 of	636
the Revised Code in the juvenile court or other court with	637
jurisdiction under section 2101.022 or 2301.03 of the Revised	638
Code of the county in which the mother, the father, the child,	639
or the guardian or custodian of the child reside agency that	640
issued the order is located.	641
Except as otherwise provided in section 3119.772 of the	642
Revised Code, if the agency modifies an existing administrative	643
child support order, the modification shall relate back to the	644
first day of the month following the date certain on which the	645
review began under section 3119.60 of the Revised Code.	646
If the agency cannot set the amount of child support the	647
obligor will pay under the administrative child support order	648
without granting a deviation pursuant to section 3119.23 of the	649
Revised Code, the agency shall bring an action under section	650
2151.231 of the Revised Code on behalf of the person who	651
requested that the agency review the existing administrative	652
order or, if no one requested the review, on behalf of the-	653
obligee, in the juvenile court or other court with jurisdiction	654
under section 2101.022 or 2301.03 of the Revised Code of the	655
county in which the agency is located requesting that the court	656
issue a child support order.	657
Sec. 3119.63. The child support enforcement agency shall	658
review a court child support order on the date established	659
pursuant to section 3119.60 of the Revised Code for formally	660
beginning the review of the order and shall do all of the	661
following:	662
(A) Calculate a revised amount of child support to be paid-	663

child support computation worksheet and issue a child support

recommendation under the court child support order, including	665
adding or adjusting a payment on arrearages in accordance with	666
section 3123.21 of the Revised Code;	667
(B) Give the obligor and obligee notice, by ordinary mail,	668
of the revised amount of child support, of their right to	669
request an administrative hearing on the revised amount, of the	670
procedures and time deadlines for requesting the hearing, and	671
that the revised amount of child support will be submitted to	672
the court for inclusion in a revised court child support order	673
unless the obligor or obligee requests an administrative hearing	674
on the proposed change within fourteen days after receipt of the	675
notice under this division is issued;	676
(C) Give the obligor and obligee notice, by ordinary mail,	677
that if the court child support order contains a deviation	678
granted under section 3119.23 or 3119.24 of the Revised Code or	679
if the obligor or obligee intends to request a deviation from	680
the child support amount to be paid under the court child	681
support order, the obligor and obligee have a right to request a	682
court hearing on the revised amount of child support without	683
first requesting an administrative hearing and that the obligor	684
or obligee, in order to exercise this right, must make the	685
request for a court hearing no later than fourteen days after	686
receipt of the notice is issued;	687
(D) If neither the obligor nor the obligee timely	688
requests, pursuant to division (C) of this section, an	689
administrative or court hearing on the revised amount of child	690
support, submit the revised amount of child support to the court	691
for inclusion in a revised court child support order;	692
(E) If the obligor or the obligee timely requests an	693

administrative hearing on the revised child support amount,

schedule a hearing on the issue, give the obligor and obligee	695
notice of the date, time, and location of the hearing, conduct	696
the hearing in accordance with the rules adopted under section	697
3119.76 of the Revised Code, redetermine and determine at the	698
hearing—a revised amount of child—support to be paid—obligations	699
under the court child support order, and including adding or	700
adjusting a payment on arrearages in accordance with section	701
3123.21 of the Revised Code.	702
(F) If an agency determines revised support obligations	703
under division (E) of this section, give notice to the obligor	704
and obligee of the revised amount of child support, that they	705
may request a court hearing on the revised amount within	706
fourteen days after notice of the revised amount is issued, and	707
that the agency will submit the revised amount of child support	708
to the court for inclusion in a revised court child support	709
order, if neither the obligor nor the obligee requests a court	710
hearing on the revised amount of child support;	711
$\frac{(F)-(G)}{(G)}$ If neither the obligor nor the obligee requests,	712
pursuant to division $\frac{(E)-(F)}{(F)}$ of this section, a court hearing on	713
the revised amount of child support, submit the revised amount	714
of child support to the court for inclusion in a revised court	715
child support order.	716
Sec. 3119.631. Upon submission of a recommendation under	717
section 3119.63 of the Revised Code for inclusion in a revised	718
court child support order, the court shall only reconsider the	719
allocation of the federal income tax deduction pursuant to	720
section 3119.82 of the Revised Code if a party files a request	721
for a hearing on the matter.	722
Sec. 3119.72. (A) If either the obliger or the obligee	723
<pre>parent fails to comply with a request for information made</pre>	724

pursuant to <u>section 3111.801 or </u> division (C) of section 3119.60	725
of the Revised Code, one of the following applies:	726
(A) If the child support order being reviewed is a court	727
child support order, failure to comply with a request for	728
information is contempt of court, and the child support	729
enforcement agency shall notify the court of the failure to	730
comply with the request for information. The agency may request	731
do either of the following:	732
(1) Request the court of appropriate jurisdiction of the	733
county in which the agency is located to issue an order	734
requiring the obligor or the obligee the parent to provide the	735
information as requested or take whatever action is necessary to	736
obtain the information and make :	737
(2) Make any reasonable assumptions necessary with respect	738
to the information the person in contempt of court <u>parent</u> did	739
not provide to ensure a fair and equitable review of the child	740
support order or establishment of an administrative order under	741
section 3111.81 of the Revised Code.	742
(B) If the child support order being reviewed is an	743
administrative child support order, the agency may request that	744
the court of common pleas of the county in which the agency is	745
located issue an order requiring the obligor or obligee to-	746
comply with the agency's request for information. The agency may	747
request that the order require the obligor or obligee to provide	748
the necessary information or permit the agency to take whatever-	749
action is necessary to obtain the information and make any	750
reasonable assumptions necessary with respect to the information	751
not provided to ensure a fair and equitable review of the	752
administrative child support order. An obligor or obligee who	753
fails to comply with the court order is in contempt of court. If	754

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an obligor or obligee is in contempt of court, the agency may	755
request the court to hold the person who failed to comply in	756
contempt or to permit the agency to take whatever action is	757
necessary to obtain information and make any reasonable	758
assumptions necessary with respect to the income of the person-	759
who failed to comply with the request to ensure a fair and	760
equitable review of the administrative child support order.	761
If the agency decides to conduct the review of the child	762
support order, or issue an administrative order, based on	763
reasonable assumptions with respect to the information the	764
person in contempt of court parent did not provide, it shall	765
proceed under section <u>3111.81,</u> 3119.61, or 3119.63 of the	766
Revised Code in the same manner as if all requested information	767
has been received.	768
Sec. 3119.76. The director of job and family services	769
shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code	770
establishing a procedure for determining when existing child	771
support orders should be reviewed to determine whether it is	772
necessary and in the best interest of the children who are the	773
subject of the child support order to change the child support	774
order. The rules shall include, but are not limited to, all of	775
the following:	776
(A) Any procedures recognize to comply with costion 666(a)	777
(A) Any procedures necessary to comply with section 666(a)	
(10) of Title 42 of the U.S. Code, "Family Support Act of 1988,"	778
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(10) of Title 42 of the U.S. Code, "Family Support Act of 1988,"	
(10) of Title 42 of the U.S. Code, "Family Support Act of 1988," 102 Stat. 2346, 42 U.S.C. 666(a)(10), as amended, and any	779

obligor or the obligee or periodically by the child support

enforcement agency administering the child support order;

- (C) Procedures for the child support enforcement agency to periodically review and to review, upon the request of the obligor or the obligee, any child support order that is subject to review to determine whether the amount of child support paid under the child support order should be adjusted in accordance with the basic child support schedule set forth in section 3119.021 of the Revised Code or whether the provisions for the child's health care needs under the child support order should be modified in accordance with sections 3119.29 to 3119.56 of the Revised Code;
- (D) Procedures for giving obligors and obligees notice of their right to request a review of a child support order that is determined to be subject to review, notice of any proposed revision of the amount of child support to be paid under the child support order, notice of the procedures for requesting a hearing on any proposed revision of the amount of child support to be paid under a child support order, notice of any administrative hearing to be held on a proposed revision of the amount of child support to be paid under a child support order, at least forty five thirty days' prior notice of any review of their child support order, and notice that a failure to comply with any request for documents or information to be used in the review of a child support order is contempt of court;
- (E) Procedures for obtaining the necessary documents and information necessary to review child support orders and for holding administrative hearings on a proposed revision of the amount of child support to be paid under a child support order;
- (F) Procedures for adjusting child support orders in accordance with the basic child support schedule set forth in section 3119.021 of the Revised Code and the applicable

worksheet in section 3119.022 or 3119.023 of the Revised Code,	815
through the line establishing the actual annual obligation;	816
(G) Procedures for adjusting the provisions of the child	817
support order governing the health care needs of the child	818
pursuant to sections 3119.29 to 3119.56 of the Revised Code.	819
Sec. 3119.77. (A) As used in this section and sections	820
3119.771, 3119.772, and 3119.773 of the Revised Code:	821
(1) "Active military service" means the performance of	822
active military duty by a member of the uniformed services for a	823
period of more than thirty days.	824
(2) "Uniformed services" means any reserve components of	825
the armed forces of the United States or the Ohio organized	826
militia when engaged in full-time national guard duty for a	827
period of more than thirty days.	828
(B) An obligor who is called to active military service in	829
the uniformed services may request a review of a child support	830
order for the purpose of modification of the amount of support	831
required under the order. The request must be submitted to the	832
child support enforcement agency administering the order.	833
(C) An obligor who makes a request under division (B) of	834
this section must indicate that the reason for the modification	835
is the obligor's active military service and provide with the	836
request any orders or other appropriate documentation specifying	837
the commencement date of the obligor's active military service	838
and the monthly monetary compensation for that service. The	839
obligor also shall submit documentation on all other outside	840
income.	841
(D) The obligor may provide the child support enforcement	842
agency with a military power of attorney executed pursuant to 10	843

U.S.C. 10446 1044b designating another individual to act in the	844
administrative review and modification on behalf of the obligor.	845
By designating another individual to so act on behalf of the	846
obligor, the obligor waives any right of an appearance and any	847
right to request a stay of the action or proceeding.	848

Sec. 3119.82. Whenever Except when including a revised 849 amount of child support in a revised child support order as 850 recommended pursuant to section 3119.63 of the Revised Code, 851 whenever a court issues, or whenever it a court modifies, 852 853 reviews, or otherwise reconsiders a court child support order, it or upon the request of any party, the court shall designate 854 which parent may claim the children who are the subject of the 855 court child support order as dependents for federal income tax 856 purposes as set forth in section 151 of the "Internal Revenue 857 Code of 1986, " 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1, as amended. If the 858 parties agree on which parent should claim the children as 859 dependents, the court shall designate that parent as the parent 860 who may claim the children. If the parties do not agree, the 861 court, in its order, may permit the parent who is not the 862 residential parent and legal custodian to claim the children as 863 dependents for federal income tax purposes only if the court 864 determines that this furthers the best interest of the children 865 and, with respect to orders the court modifies, reviews, or 866 reconsiders, the payments for child support are substantially 867 current as ordered by the court for the year in which the 868 children will be claimed as dependents. In cases in which the 869 parties do not agree which parent may claim the children as 870 dependents, the court shall consider, in making its 871 determination, any net tax savings, the relative financial 872 circumstances and needs of the parents and children, the amount 873 of time the children spend with each parent, the eligibility of 874

either or both parents for the federal earned income tax credit	875
or other state or federal tax credit, and any other relevant	876
factor concerning the best interest of the children.	877

If the court determines that the parent who is not the 878 residential parent and legal custodian may claim the children as 879 dependents for federal income tax purposes, it shall order the 880 residential parent to take whatever action is necessary pursuant 881 to section 152 of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 882 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1, as amended, to enable the parent who is not 883 the residential parent and legal custodian to claim the children 884 as dependents for federal income tax purposes in accordance with 885 the order of the court. Any willful failure of the residential 886 parent to comply with the order of the court is contempt of 887 court. 888

Sec. 3119.87. The parent who is the residential parent and 889 legal custodian of a child for whom a child support order is 890 issued or the person who otherwise has custody of a child for 891 whom a child support order is issued immediately shall notify, 892 and the obligor under a child support order may notify, the 893 child support enforcement agency administering the child support 894 order of any reason for which the child support order should 895 terminate. Nothing in this section shall preclude a person from 896 notifying the agency that a reason for which a child support 897 order should terminate is imminent. With respect to a court 898 child support order, a willful failure to notify the child-899 support enforcement agency as required by this division is 900 contempt of court. 901

Sec. 3119.88. (A) Reasons for which a child support order902should terminate through the administrative process under903section 3119.89 of the Revised Code include all of the904

following:	905
(A) (1) The child's attainment of child attains the age of	906
majority if the child no longer attends an accredited high	907
school on a full-time basis and the child support order requires	908
support to continue past the age of majority only if the child	909
continuously attends such a high school after attaining that	910
age;	911
(B)—(2) The child ceasing <u>ceases</u> to attend an accredited	912
high school on a full-time basis after attaining the age of	913
majority, if the child support order requires support to	914
continue past the age of majority only if the child continuously	915
attends such a high school after attaining that age;	916
(C) (3) A termination condition specified in the court	917
child support order has been met for a child who reaches	918
nineteen years of age;	919
(4) The child's death;	920
(D) The child's marriage;	921
(E) (6) The child's emancipation;	922
$\frac{(F)}{(7)}$ The child's enlistment in the armed services;	923
(G) The child's deportation;	924
$\frac{\text{(H)}-\text{(9)}}{\text{Change of legal custody of the child}}$	925
(10) The child's adoption;	926
(11) The obligor's death;	927
(12) The grandparent to whom support is being paid or a	928
grandparent who is paying support reports that the grandparent's	929
support order should terminate as a result of one of the events	930
described in division (D) of section 3109.19 of the Revised	931

<pre>Code;</pre>	932
(13) Marriage of the obligor under a child support order	933
to the obligee, if the obligor and obligee reside together with	934
the child.	935
(B) A child support order may be terminated by the court	936
or child support enforcement agency for any reasons listed in	937
division (A) of this section. A court may also terminate an	938
order for any other appropriate reasons brought to the attention	939
of the court, unless otherwise prohibited by law.	940
Sec. 3119.89. (A) Upon receipt of a notice pursuant to	941
section 3119.87 of the Revised Code, the child support	942
enforcement agency administering a child support order, within	943
twenty days after receipt of the notice, shall complete an	944
investigation if an application for services under Title IV-D of	945
the "Social Security Act," 88 Stat. 2351 (1975), 42 U.S.C. 651,	946
as amended has been completed and filed. The agency	947
administering a child support order may conduct an investigation	948
upon its own initiative if it otherwise has reason to believe	949
that there may be a reason for which the order should terminate.	950
Nothing in sections 3119.86 to 3119.94 of the Revised Code shall	951
preclude the agency from initiating an investigation under this	952
section before a reason for which the order should terminate has	953
occurred. The agency's investigation shall determine the	954
following:	955
(1) Whether any reason exists for which the order should	956
terminate;	957
(2) Whether there are other children subject to the order;	958
(3) Whether the obligor owes any arrearages under the	959
order;	960

- (4) Whether the agency believes it is necessary to 961 continue withholding or deduction pursuant to a notice or order 962 described in section 3121.03 of the Revised Code for the other 963 children or arrearages; 964
- (5) Whether child support amounts paid pursuant to the 965 order being investigated should be impounded because 966 continuation of receipt and disbursement would lead to an 967 overpayment by the obligor. 968
- 969 (B) If the agency, pursuant to the investigation under division (A) of this section, determines that other children are 970 subject to the child support order and that it is necessary to 971 continue withholding or deduction for the other children, the 972 agency shall divide the child support due annually and per month 973 under the order by the number of children who are the subject of 974 the order and subtract the amount due for the child for whom the 975 order should be terminated from the total child support amount 976 due annually and per month. The resulting annual and per month 977 child support amount shall be included in the results of the 978 agency's investigation as the recommended child support amount 979 due annually and monthly under a revised child support order. If 980 arrearage amounts are owed, those amounts may be included as 981 982 part of the recommended child support amount. The investigation under division (A) of this section shall not include a review 983 pursuant to sections 3119.60 to 3119.76 of the Revised Code of 984 any other children subject to the child support order. 985
- Sec. 3119.90. (A) If, pursuant to an investigation 986 conducted under section 3119.89 of the Revised Code, the child 987 support enforcement agency determines both that a child support 988 order should terminate and that child support amounts paid 989 pursuant to the order should be impounded because continuation 990

of receipt and disbursement would lead to an overpayment by the	991
obligor, the agency shall do the following:	992
(1) With respect to a court child support order,	993
immediately notify the court that issued the order of the	994
results of its investigation and submit to the court an order	995
impounding any funds received for the child pursuant to the	996
court child support order that was under investigation;	997
(2) With respect to an administrative child support order,	998
issue an administrative order impounding any funds received for	999
the child pursuant to the administrative child support order	1000
that was under investigation.	1001
(B) A child support enforcement agency that conducts an	1002
investigation of a child support order shall give the obligor	1003
and obligee under the order notice of the results of its	1004
investigation and a copy of any court or administrative impound	1005
order issued pursuant to division (A) of this section. The	1006
obligor and obligee also shall be given all of the following:	1007
(1) Notice of their right to request an administrative	1008
hearing regarding any conclusions of the investigation;	1009
(2) Notice of the procedures and time deadlines for	1010
requesting the hearing;	1011
(3) (a) Notice that the conclusions of the investigations	1012
will be issued as an administrative order by the agency if the	1013
underlying order is an administrative child support order;	1014
(b) Notice that the conclusions of the investigations will	1015
be submitted to the court for inclusion into a revised or	1016
terminated court child support order with no further court	1017
hearing if the underlying order is a court child support order.	1018

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(4) Notice that no revised administrative or court child	1019
support order will be issued if either the obligor or obligee	1020
requests an administrative hearing on the investigation	1021
conclusions within thirty fourteen days after receipt of the	1022
notice <u>is issued</u> under this division.	1023

Sec. 3119.91. If an obligor or obligee under a child 1024 support order timely requests an administrative hearing pursuant 1025 to section 3119.90 of the Revised Code, the child support 1026 enforcement agency shall schedule a hearing on the issue, give 1027 the parties notice of the date, time, and location of the 1028 hearing, and conduct the hearing. On completion of the hearing, 1029 the child support enforcement agency shall issue a decision. The 1030 decision shall include a notice stating that the obligor or 1031 obligee may object to the decision by filing a motion within 1032 thirty-fourteen days after the issuance of the decision in one 1033 of the following courts requesting a determination as to whether 1034 the order should be terminated or whether any other appropriate 1035 determination regarding the order should be made: 1036

- (A) With respect to a court child support order, in the 1037 court that issued the order or that otherwise has jurisdiction 1038 over the order; 1039
- (B) With respect to an administrative child support order, the juvenile court or other court with jurisdiction under section 2101.022 or 2301.03 of the Revised Code of the county in which the agency that issued the order is located.

The notice shall also state that if neither the obligor 1044 nor the obligee files the motion within the thirty-day-fourteen-
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day period, the administrative hearing decision is final and 1046

will be filed with the court or in the administrative case file. 1047

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Sec. 3119.92. If the obligor, the obligee, or both file a	1048
motion as described in section 3119.91 of the Revised Code	1049
within the thirty-day fourteen-day period, the court shall set	1050
the case for a hearing for a determination as to whether the	1051
support order should be terminated or whether the court should	1052
take any other appropriate action. On the filing of the motion,	1053
the court shall issue an order directing that the impoundment	1054
order issued by the child support enforcement agency regarding	1055
support amounts received for the child remain in effect while	1056
the motion is pending. If neither the obligor nor the obligee	1057
files a motion as described in section 3119.91 of the Revised	1058
Code within the thirty-day fourteen-day period, the	1059
administrative hearing decision is final and will be filed with	1060
the court or in the administrative case file.	1061

Sec. 3121.01. As used in this chapter:

- (A) "Court Administrative child support order," "child 1063

 support order," "court child support order," "court support 1064

 order," and "obligee," "obligor," "personal earnings," and 1065

 "support order" have the same meanings as in section 3119.01 of 1066

 the Revised Code. 1067
- (B) "Default" means any failure to pay under a support order that is an amount greater than or equal to the amount of support payable under the support order for one month.
- (C) "Financial institution" means a bank, savings and loan 1071 association, or credit union, or a regulated investment company 1072 or mutual fund.
- (D) "Income" means any form of monetary payment, including 1074 personal earnings; workers' compensation payments; unemployment 1075 compensation benefits to the extent permitted by, and in 1076

accordance with, sections 3121.07 and 4141.284 of the Revised	1077
Code, and federal law governing the department of job and family	1078
services; pensions; annuities; allowances; private or	1079
governmental retirement benefits; disability or sick pay;	1080
insurance proceeds; lottery prize awards; federal, state, or	1081
local government benefits to the extent that the benefits can be	1082
withheld or deducted under the law governing the benefits; any	1083
form of trust fund or endowment; lump sum payments, including a	1084
one-time pay supplement of one hundred fifty dollars or more	1085
paid under section 124.183 of the Revised Code; and any other	1086
payment in money.	1087

(E) "Payor" means any person or entity that pays or 1088 distributes income to an obligor, including an obligor if the 1089 obligor is self-employed; an employer; an employer paying an 1090 obligor's workers' compensation benefits; the public employees 1091 retirement board; the governing entity of a municipal retirement 1092 system; the board of trustees of the Ohio police and fire 1093 pension fund; the state teachers retirement board; the school 1094 employees retirement board; the state highway patrol retirement 1095 board; a provider, as defined in section 3305.01 of the Revised 1096 Code; the bureau of workers' compensation; or any other person 1097 or entity other than the department of job and family services 1098 with respect to unemployment compensation benefits paid pursuant 1099 to Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code. 1100

Sec. 3121.02. In any action in which a support order is

issued or modified, one of the following shall apply, as

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appropriate, to ensure that withholding or deduction from the

income or assets of the obligor is available from the

commencement of the support order for the collection of the

support and any arrearages that occur:

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(A) The court, with respect to a court support order, or	1107
the child support enforcement agency, with respect to an	1108
administrative child support order, shall require the	1109
withholding or deduction of income or assets of the obligor	1110
under section 3121.03 of the Revised Code.	1111
(B) The court, with respect to a court support order,	1112
shall issue another type of court order under division (C) or	1113
(D) of section 3121.03 of the Revised Code—orsection 3121.04,	1114
3121.05, or 3121.06, or <u>division (C) of section</u> 3121.12 of the	1115
Revised Code.	1116
(C) The agency, with respect to an administrative child	1117
support order, shall issue an administrative order, or request	1118
that the court issue a court order, under division (C) or (D) of	1119
section 3121.03 of the Revised Code or section 3121.12 of the	1120
Revised Code.	1121
Sec. 3121.035. Within fifteen days after an obligor under	1122
a support order is located following issuance or modification of	1123
the support order, the court or child support enforcement agency	1124
that issued or modified the support order, or the agency,	1125
pursuant to an agreement with the court with respect to a court	1126
support order, shall do either of the following:	1127
(A) If a withholding or deduction notice described in	1128
section 3121.03 of the Revised Code is appropriate, send the	1129
notice by <pre>regular ordinary mail or via secure federally managed</pre>	1130
data transmission interface electronic means to each person	1131
required to comply with it;	1132
(B) If an order described in section 3121.03, 3121.04 to	1133
3121.08, or 3121.12 of the Revised Code is appropriate, issue	1134
and send the appropriate order.	1135

Sec. 3121.12. (A) On receipt of a notice that a lump sum	1136
payment of one hundred fifty dollars or more is to be paid to	1137
the obligor, the court, with respect to a court support order,	1138
or the child support enforcement agency, with respect to an	1139
administrative child support order, shall do either of the	1140
following:	1141
(1) If the obligor is in default under the support order	1142
or has any arrearages under the support order, issue an	1143
administrative order requiring the transmittal of the lump sum	1144
payment, or any portion of the lump sum payment sufficient to	1145
pay the arrearage in full, to the office of child support;	1146
(2) If the obligor is not in default under the support	1147
order and does not have any arrearages under the support order,	1148
issue an <u>administrative</u> order directing the person who gave the	1149
notice to the court or agency to immediately pay requiring the	1150
<pre>immediate release of the full amount of the lump sum payment to</pre>	1151
the obligor.	1152
(B) Any moneys received by the office of child support	1153
pursuant to division (A) of this section shall be distributed in	1154
accordance with rules adopted under section 3121.71 of the	1155
Revised Code.	1156
(C) A court that issued an order In the case of a notice	1157
of a lump sum payment made in accordance with a support order	1158
issued prior to January 1, 1998, requiring an employer to	1159
withhold an amount from an obligor's personal earnings for the	1160
payment of support, the agency that receives notification of the	1161
<pre>lump sum payment from the payor shall notify the court that</pre>	1162
issued the order, and the court shall issue a supplemental order	1163
that does not change the original order or the related support	1164
order requiring the employer to do all of the following:	1165

(1) No later than the earlier of forty-five days before a	1166
lump sum payment is to be made or, if the obligor's right to a	1167
lump sum payment is determined less than forty-five days before	1168
it is to be made, the date on which that determination is made,	1169
notify the child support enforcement agency of any lump sum	1170
payment of any kind of one hundred fifty dollars or more that is	1171
to be paid to the obligor;	1172
(2) Hold the lump sum payment for thirty days after the	1173
date on which it would otherwise be paid to the obligor;	1174
(3) On order of the court, pay any specified amount of the	1175
lump sum payment to the office of child support.	1176
(D) An employer A payor that knowingly fails to notify the	1177
child support enforcement agency in accordance with this section	1178
or section 3121.03 of the Revised Code of any lump sum payment	1179
to be made to an obligor is liable for any support payment not	1180
made to the obligee as a result of its knowing failure to give	1181
the notice.	1182
Sec. 3121.29. Each support order, or modification of a	1183
support order, shall contain a notice that states the following	1184
in boldface type and in all capital letters:	1185
"EACH PARTY TO THIS SUPPORT ORDER MUST NOTIFY THE CHILD	1186
SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN WRITING OF HIS OR HER CURRENT	1187
MAILING ADDRESS, CURRENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS, CURRENT RESIDENCE	1188
TELEPHONE NUMBER, CURRENT DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER, AND OF ANY	1189
CHANGES IN THAT INFORMATION. EACH PARTY MUST NOTIFY THE AGENCY	1190
OF ALL CHANGES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FROM THE COURT OR AGENCY,	1191
WHICHEVER ISSUED THE SUPPORT ORDER.	1192
IF YOU ARE THE OBLIGOR UNDER A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER AND YOU	1193
FAIL TO MAKE THE RECUIRED NOTIFICATIONS. YOU MAY BE FINED UP TO	1194

\$50 FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, \$100 FOR A SECOND OFFENSE, AND \$500 FOR	1195
EACH SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE. IF YOU ARE AN OBLIGOR OR OBLIGEE UNDER	1196
ANY SUPPORT ORDER ISSUED BY A COURT AND YOU WILLFULLY FAIL TO	1197
GIVE THE REQUIRED NOTICES, YOU MAY BE FOUND IN CONTEMPT OF COURT	1198
AND BE SUBJECTED TO FINES UP TO \$1,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT	1199
MORE THAN 90 DAYS.	1200
IF YOU ARE AN OBLIGOR OR OBLIGEE AND YOU FAIL TO GIVE THE	1201
REQUIRED NOTICES TO THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, YOU	1202
MAY NOT RECEIVE NOTICE OF THE CHANGES AND REQUESTS TO CHANGE THE	1203
CHILD SUPPORT AMOUNT, HEALTH CARE PROVISIONS, OR TERMINATION OF	1204
THE CHILD SUPPORT ORDER. IF YOU ARE AN OBLIGOR AND YOU FAIL TO	1205
GIVE THE REQUIRED NOTICES, YOU MAY NOT RECEIVE NOTICE OF THE	1206
FOLLOWING ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AGAINST YOU: IMPOSITION OF LIENS	1207
AGAINST YOUR PROPERTY; LOSS OF YOUR PROFESSIONAL OR OCCUPATIONAL	1208
LICENSE, DRIVER'S LICENSE, OR RECREATIONAL LICENSE; WITHHOLDING	1209
FROM YOUR INCOME; ACCESS RESTRICTION AND DEDUCTION FROM YOUR	1210
ACCOUNTS IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; AND ANY OTHER ACTION	1211
PERMITTED BY LAW TO OBTAIN MONEY FROM YOU TO SATISFY YOUR	1212
SUPPORT OBLIGATION."	1213
Sec. 3121.33. The withholding or deduction notices and,	1214
other orders issued under sections 3121.03 $_{7}$ and 3121.04 to	1215
3121.06 of the Revised Code, and administrative orders issued	1216
under section 3121.12 of the Revised Code, and the notices that	1217
require the obligor to notify the child support enforcement	1218
agency administering the support order of any change in the	1219
obligor's employment status or of any other change in the status	1220
of the obligor's assets, are final and enforceable by the court.	1221
Sec. 3121.34. A person required to comply with withholding	1222
or deduction notices described in section 3121.03 of the Revised	1223
Code shall determine the manner of withholding or deducting from	1224

the specific requirement included in the notices without the	1225
need for any amendment to the support order, and a person	1226
required to comply with an order described in sections 3121.03,—	1227
and 3121.04 to 3121.06 of the Revised Code, and or an	1228
administrative order issued under section 3121.12 of the Revised	1229
Code shall comply without the need for any amendment to the	1230
support order.	1231
Sec. 3123.031. The default notice shall contain all of the	1232
following:	1233
(A) The date on which it is <u>sent</u> issued;	1234
(B) A statement that the obligor is in default under a	1235
support order;	1236
(C) The amount of arrearages the obligor owes due to the	1237
default as of the date the default notice is sentissued;	1238
(D) A statement that any arrearages owed by the obligor	1239
that arise after the default notice is sent—issued and during	1240
the period of default will be added to the obligor's total child	1241
support obligation and will be subject to collection efforts	1242
without further default notice;	1243
(E) A statement of the types of withholding or deduction	1244
requirements and related notices described in section 3121.03 of	1245
the Revised Code or the types of court orders described in	1246
sections 3121.03, 3121.04 to 3121.08, and 3121.12 of the Revised	1247
Code that will be issued for payment of support and arrearages	1248
and the amount that will be withheld or deducted pursuant to	1249
those requirements;	1250
(F) A statement that any notice for the withholding or	1251
deduction of an amount from income or assets applies to all	1252
current and subsequent payors of the obligor and financial	1253

institutions in which the obligor has an account and that any	1254
withholding or deduction requirement and related notice	1255
described in section 3121.03 of the Revised Code or any court	1256
order described in sections 3121.03, 3121.04 to 3121.08, and	1257
3121.12 of the Revised Code that is issued will not be	1258
discontinued solely because the obligor pays arrearages;	1259
(G) A statement that the obligor may file with the child	1260
support enforcement agency, within seven business fourteen days	1261
after the date on which the default notice is sent issued, a	1262
written request for an administrative hearing under section	1263
3123.04 of the Revised Code;	1264
(H) A statement that, if the obligor files a timely	1265
written request for an administrative hearing, the obligor may	1266
file with the court, within seven business fourteen days after	1267
the agency makes its determinations under the administrative	1268
hearing, a written motion for a court hearing under section	1269
3123.05 of the Revised Code;	1270
(I) An explanation of the administrative and court action	1271
that will take place if the obligor files a timely written	1272
request or motion for an administrative or court hearing;	1273
(J) An explanation of how a final and enforceable	1274
determination of default and amount of arrearages is made under	1275
sections 3123.032, 3123.04, and 3123.05 of the Revised Code;	1276
(K) A statement that a withholding notice may be issued in	1277
accordance with section 3123.021 of the Revised Code if the	1278
child support enforcement—agency determines the obligor has	1279
obtained employment and an explanation of the provisions of	1280
section 3123.022 of the Revised Code.	1281
Sec. 3123.04. An obligor who receives a default notice	1282

under section 3123.03 of the Revised Code may file a written	1283
request for an administrative hearing with the child support	1284
enforcement agency that identified the default regarding whether	1285
a mistake of fact was made in the notice. The request must be	1286
filed not later than seven business fourteen days after the date	1287
on which the default notice is—sent_issued.	1288

If the obligor makes a timely request for a hearing, the 1289 agency shall conduct an administrative hearing no later than ten 1290 days after the date on which the obligor files the request for 1291 the hearing. No later than five days before the date on which 1292 1293 the hearing is to be conducted, the agency shall send the obligor and the obligee written notice of the date, time, place, 1294 and purpose of the hearing. The notice to the obligor and 1295 obligee also shall indicate that the obligor may present 1296 testimony and evidence at the hearing only in regard to the 1297 issue of whether a mistake of fact was made in the default 1298 notice. 1299

At the hearing, the child support enforcement agency shall 1300 determine whether a mistake of fact was made in the default 1301 notice. The agency shall send its determinations to the obligor. 1302 The agency's determinations are final and are enforceable by the 1303 court unless, within seven business fourteen days after the 1304 agency makes issues its determinations, the obligor files a 1305 written motion with the court for a court hearing to determine 1306 whether a mistake of fact still exists in the default notice. 1307

If an agency's determination becomes final and enforceable 1308 under this section, the agency shall take further action as 1309 required under section 3123.06 of the Revised Code. 1310

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obligor files a written motion for a court hearing to determine whether a mistake of fact still exists in the default notice, the court shall hold a hearing as soon as possible, but not later than ten days, after the motion is filed. Not later than five days before the date on which the court hearing is to be held, the court shall send the obligor and the obligee written notice by regular ordinary mail of the date, time, place, and purpose of the court hearing. The hearing shall be limited to a determination of whether there is a mistake of fact in the default notice.	determinations under section 3123.04 of the Revised Code, the	1313
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five days before the date on which the court hearing is to be held, the court shall send the obligor and the obligee written notice by regular ordinary mail of the date, time, place, and purpose of the court hearing. The hearing shall be limited to a determination of whether there is a mistake of fact in the 1318 1318	the court shall hold a hearing as soon as possible, but not	1316
held, the court shall send the obligor and the obligee written notice by regular ordinary mail of the date, time, place, and purpose of the court hearing. The hearing shall be limited to a determination of whether there is a mistake of fact in the 1319 1320	later than ten days, after the motion is filed. Not later than	1317
notice by regular ordinary mail of the date, time, place, and purpose of the court hearing. The hearing shall be limited to a determination of whether there is a mistake of fact in the 1322	five days before the date on which the court hearing is to be	1318
purpose of the court hearing. The hearing shall be limited to a determination of whether there is a mistake of fact in the 1322	held, the court shall send the obligor and the obligee written	1319
determination of whether there is a mistake of fact in the 1322	notice by regular ordinary mail of the date, time, place, and	1320
	purpose of the court hearing. The hearing shall be limited to a	1321
default notice. 1323	determination of whether there is a mistake of fact in the	1322
	default notice.	1323

At the hearing, the court shall determine whether there is a mistake of fact in the default notice. On the conclusion of the hearing, the court shall make its determination. The determination is final and enforceable. The court shall take further action as provided in section 3123.06 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3123.06. (A) If either a court, under section 3123.05 1330 of the Revised Code, or child support enforcement agency, under 1331 section 3123.032 or 3123.04 of the Revised Code, makes a final 1332 and enforceable determination that an obligor is in default 1333 under a support order, one of the following shall apply: 1334

(1) If no withholding notice was issued in accordance with 1335 section 3123.021 of the Revised Code with respect to the order, 1336 the court or agency shall issue one or more notices requiring 1337 withholding or deduction of income or assets of the obligor in 1338 accordance with section 3121.03 of the Revised Code, or the 1339 court shall issue one or more court orders imposing other 1340 appropriate requirements in accordance with sections 3121.03, 1341 3121.035, and 3121.04 to 3121.08, and division (C) of section 1342

3121.12 of the Revised Code.

- (2) If a withholding notice was issued in accordance with
 section 3123.021 of the Revised Code with respect to the order
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 and the final and enforceable determination of default altered
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 the arrearage amount stated in the default notice, the court or
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 agency, whichever made the determination, shall revise the
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 withholding notice and may issue, as appropriate, any of the
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 notices or orders described in division (A) (1) of this section.
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- (3) If a withholding notice was issued in accordance with
 section 3123.021 of the Revised Code with respect to the order
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 but the final and enforceable determination of default did not
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 alter the arrearage amount stated in the default notice, the
 withholding notice shall remain in effect. The court or agency,
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 in addition and as appropriate, may issue any other notice or
 order described in division (A)(1) of this section.
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- (B) If a court, under section 3123.05 of the Revised Code, 1358 or an agency, under section 3123.04 of the Revised Code, 1359 determines that no default exists under a support order, the 1360 court or agency shall terminate the default proceedings. If a 1361 withholding notice was issued in accordance with section 1362 3123.021 of the Revised Code with respect to the order, the 1363 court or agency, whichever made the final and enforceable 1364 determination, shall revise the withholding notice, and may 1365 issue, as appropriate, any of the notices or orders described in 1366 division (A)(1) of this section, to collect current support. 1367
- (C) A withholding or deduction notice issued under 1368 division (A)(1), (2), or (3) of this section shall require the 1369 payment of arrearages caused by the default along with any 1370 payment for current support. A withholding or deduction notice 1371 or other appropriate order described under this section shall be 1372

issued not later than fifteen days after the determination of	1373
default under the support order becomes final and enforceable.	1374
Section 3123.21 of the Revised Code applies to a withholding or	1375
deduction notice or other appropriate order described under	1376
division (A) of this section beginning on the date it is issued	1377
and ending on the date the period of default ends.	1378

Sec. 3123.14. If a child support order is terminated for 1379 any reason, the obligor under the child support order is or was 1380 at any time in default under the support order and, after the 1381 termination of the order, the obligor owes an arrearage under 1382 the order, the obligee may make application to the child support 1383 enforcement agency that administered the child support order 1384 prior to its termination or had authority to administer the 1385 child support order to maintain any <u>administrative or judicial</u> 1386 action or proceeding to enforce the order on behalf of the 1387 obligee to obtain a judgment, execution of a judgment through 1388 any available procedure, an order, or other relief. If a 1389 withholding or deduction notice is issued pursuant to section 1390 3121.03 of the Revised Code to collect an arrearage, the amount 1391 withheld or deducted from the obligor's personal earnings, 1392 income, or accounts shall be at least equal to the amount that 1393 was withheld or deducted under the terminated child support 1394 1395 order.

Sec. 3123.25. (A) If, as a result of information obtained 1396 pursuant to an agreement under section 3121.74 of the Revised 1397 Code, the office of child support in the department of job and 1398 family services finds or receives notice that identifies an 1399 obligor in default who maintains an account with a financial 1400 institution, the office shall, within one business day, enter 1401 the information into the case registry established pursuant to 1402 section 3121.81 of the Revised Code. 1403

(B) If a child support enforcement agency, after examining	1404
the case registry upon notice or discovery of an account,	1405
determines that an obligor in default under a support order	1406
administered by the agency maintains an account in a financial	1407
institution, the agency shall determine whether the obligor is	1408
subject to a final and enforceable determination of default made	1409
under sections 3123.01 to 3123.07 of the Revised Code. If the	1410
obligor is subject to a final and enforceable determination of	1411
default, the agency may issue an access restriction notice to	1412
the financial institution in which the obligor's account is	1413
maintained.	1414
Sec. 3123.27. The child support enforcement agency shall,	1415
no later than five business days after information is entered	1416
into the case registry under section 3123.25 of the Revised	1417
Code, may investigate and determine the amount of funds in the	1418
account that is available to satisfy the obligor's arrearages	1419
under a support order. The financial institution shall cooperate	1420
with the agency's investigation.	1421
Sec. 3123.30. The notice sent under section 3123.29 of the	1422
Revised Code shall contain both of the following:	1423
(A) A statement of the date the notice is sent, that	1424
another of the account holders is an obligor under a support	1425
order, the name of the obligor, that the support order is in	1426
default, the amount of the arrearage owed by the obligor as	1427
determined by the court or child support enforcement agency, the	1428
amount that will be withdrawn, the type of account from which	1429
the amount will be withdrawn, and the name of the financial	1430
institution from which the amount will be withdrawn;	1431
(B) A statement that the person may object to the	1432

withdrawal by filing with the agency, no later than ten fourteen

days after the date on which the notice is sent issued, a	1434
written request for an administrative hearing to determine	1435
whether any amount contained in the account is the property of	1436
the person to whom the notice is sent and should not be subject	1437
to the withdrawal directive.	1438

Sec. 3123.31. The person to whom notice is sent under 1439 section 3123.29 of the Revised Code shall have ten-fourteen_days 1440 from the date the notice is **sent-issued** to object to the 1441 withdrawal by filing with the child support enforcement agency 1442 that sent the notice a written request for an administrative 1443 hearing to determine whether any amount contained in the account 1444 is the property of that person and should not be subject to the 1445 withdrawal directive. 1446

Sec. 3123.34. If a child support enforcement agency 1447 determines that the total amount in an account is the property 1448 of a person who is not the obligor from whom payment is sought, 1449 it shall order the financial institution to release the access 1450 restriction on the account and shall take no further enforcement 1451 action on the account. A copy of this notice shall be sent to 1452 the obligor. If the agency determines that some of the funds in 1453 the account are the property of the person, it shall order the 1454 financial institution to release the access restriction on the 1455 account in that amount and shall take no further enforcement 1456 action on those funds. A copy of this notice shall be sent to 1457 the obligor. The agency shall issue a withdrawal directive 1458 pursuant to section 3123.37 of the Revised Code for the 1459 remaining funds unless, no later than ten-fourteen days after 1460 the agency makes issues its determination, the person files a 1461 written motion with the court of common pleas of the county 1462 served by the child support enforcement agency for a hearing to 1463 determine whether any amount contained in the account is the 1464

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property of the person.

Sec. 3123.35. If the person described in section 3123.34 1466 of the Revised Code files a timely motion with the court that 1467 issued the support order or that is located in the county where 1468 the child support enforcement agency issued the order, the court 1469 shall hold a hearing on the request no later than ten fourteen 1470 days after the request is filed. The person who filed the motion 1471 shall be considered a temporary party only for the purposes of 1472 objecting to the determination made pursuant to section 3123.33 1473 of the Revised Code. No later than five days before the date on 1474 which the hearing is to be held, the court shall send the person 1475 written notice by ordinary mail of the date, time, place, and 1476 purpose of the hearing. The hearing shall be limited to a 1477 determination of how much, if any, of the amount contained in 1478 the account is the property of the person. 1479

- Sec. 3123.72. A child support enforcement agency shall file a notice requesting that the county recorder discharge the lien if one of the following applies:
- (A) The lien is satisfied through an action pursuant to section 3123.74 of the Revised Code.
- (B) The obligor makes full payment of the arrearage to the 1485 office of child support in the department of job and family 1486 services or, pursuant to sections 3125.27 to 3125.30 of the 1487 Revised Code, to the child support enforcement agency that is 1488 the basis of the lien.
- (C) An appropriate withholding or deduction notice or
 other appropriate order described in section 3121.03, 3121.04,

 3121.05, 3121.06, or 3121.12 of the Revised Code has been issued
 to collect current support and any arrearage due under the

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support order that was in default, and the obligor is complying	1494
with the notice or order.	1495
(D) A new support order has been issued or the support	1496
order that was in default has been modified to collect current	1497
support and any arrearage due under the support order that was	1498
in default, and the obligor is complying with the new or	1499
modified support order.	1500
(E)—The agency releases the lien pursuant to section	1501
3123.76 of the Revised Code.	1502
Sec. 3123.821. The office of child support created in the	1503
department of job and family services under section 3125.02 of	1504
the Revised Code shall work with the tax commissioner to collect	1505
the following:	1506
(A) Overdue child support from refunds of paid state	1507
income taxes under Chapter 5747. of the Revised Code that are	1508
payable to obligors;	1509
(B) Overpaid child support from refunds of paid state	1510
income taxes under Chapter 5747. of the Revised Code that are	1511
payable to obligees.	1512
Sec. 3123.822. No overdue <u>support</u> or overpaid child	1513
support shall be collected from refunds of paid—state income	1514
taxes paid by an obligor or obligee unless all of the following	1515
conditions are met:	1516
(A) Any reduction authorized by section 5747.12 of the	1517
Revised Code has first been made, except as otherwise provided	1518
in this section.	1519
(B) The refund payable to the obligor or obligee is not	1520
loss than twonty-five dollars after any reduction nursuant to	1521

section 5747.12 of the Revised Code.	1522
(C) Either of the following applies:	1523
(1) With respect to overdue $\frac{\text{child}}{\text{support}}$, the obligor $\frac{\text{is}}{\text{child}}$	1524
not less than maintains an arrearage in the payment of support	1525
for three months in arrears in the obligor's payment of child	1526
support, and the amount of the total arrearage during each of	1527
the three months is not less than at least one hundred fifty	1528
dollars;	1529
(2) With respect to overpaid child support, the amount	1530
overpaid is not less than one hundred fifty dollars.	1531
Overdue <u>support</u> or overpaid child support shall be	1532
collected from such refunds before any part of the refund is	1533
used as a contribution pursuant to section 5747.113 of the	1534
Revised Code. Overdue <u>support</u> or overpaid child support shall be	1535
collected from such refunds before the refund or any part of the	1536
refund is credited against tax due in any subsequent year	1537
pursuant to section 5747.12 of the Revised Code, notwithstanding	1538
the consent of the obligor or obligee for such crediting.	1539
Section 2. That existing sections 2919.21, 3111.29,	1540
3111.38, 3111.46, 3111.49, 3111.78, 3111.80, 3111.81, 3111.84,	1541
3119.06, 3119.30, 3119.38, 3119.43, 3119.60, 3119.61, 3119.63,	1542
3119.72, 3119.76, 3119.77, 3119.82, 3119.87, 3119.88, 3119.89,	1543
3119.90, 3119.91, 3119.92, 3121.01, 3121.02, 3121.035, 3121.12,	1544
3121.29, 3121.33, 3121.34, 3123.031, 3123.04, 3123.05, 3123.06,	1545
3123.14, 3123.25, 3123.27, 3123.30, 3123.31, 3123.34, 3123.35,	1546
3123.72, 3123.821, and 3123.822 and section 3121.11 of the	1547
Revised Code are hereby repealed.	1548
Section 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this act take effect nine	1549
months after the effective date of this act. During that nine-	1550

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month period, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services	1551
shall perform necessary automated system changes and may	1552
organize and oversee the statewide training of local child	1553
support enforcement agencies, lawyers who practice in child	1554
support, and judges who preside over child support cases.	1555