Department of Child Support Services

BUDGET NO. 5175

REPORT NO. 1

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17561.

The Office of the Chief Information Officer and the Department of Child Support Services, beginning in 2010, shall jointly produce an annual report to be submitted on March 1, to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature on the ongoing implementation of the California Child Support Automation System (CCSAS), including all of the following components:

- (a) A clear breakdown of funding elements for past, current, and future years.
- (b) Descriptions of active functionalities and a description of their usefulness in child support collections by local child support agencies.
- (c) A review of current considerations relative to federal law and policy.
- (d) A policy narrative on future, planned changes to the CCSAS and how those changes will advance activities for workers, collections for the state, and payments for recipient families. (Added by Stats. 2009, 4th Ex. Sess., Ch. 4, Sec. 3. Effective July 28, 2009.)

Bill	Lead Authors	 Latest Bill Version	Last History Action			Vote Required
ABX4-4	Evans	07/28/2009		Chaptered	Yes	Two Thirds
ABX3-43	Evans		10/26/2009 - Died at Desk.	Assembly-Died	Yes	Majority

COMMENTS/ RECOMMENDATIONS:

The DCSS recommends the deletion of the report requirement on the implementation of the California Child Support Automation System (CCSAS). DCSS reports that the CCSAS is fully implemented and DCSS documents all system changes and can make this information available to the Legislature upon request.

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17600. (g)

(g) For each federal fiscal year, the department shall provide the information for all participating counties to each member of a county board of supervisors, county executive officer, local child support agency, and the appropriate policy committees and fiscal committees of the Legislature on or before June 30, of each fiscal year. The department shall provide data semiannually, based on the federal fiscal year, on or before December 31, of each year. The department shall present the information in a manner that facilitates comparison of county performance.

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AB-196	Kuehl	Child support enforcement.	Chaptered 09/27/1999	09/27/1999 - Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 478, Statutes of 1999.	-		
AB-738	Jackson	Child support enforcement.	Chaptered 09/05/2003	09/05/2003 - Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 308, Statutes of 2003.	-		
AB-1400	Committee on Human Services	Public social services.	Chaptered 09/06/2011	09/06/2011 - Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 227, Statutes of 2011.	Secretary of State-Chaptered	No	Majority
AB-3032	Committee on Judiciary	Child support enforcement.	Chaptered 09/26/2002	09/26/2002 - Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 927, Statutes of 2002.	-		
AB-3082	Committee on Judiciary	Maintenance of the codes.	Chaptered 07/20/2004	07/20/2004 - Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 183, Statutes of 2004.	-		
SB-542	Burton, Schiff	Child support enforcement.	Chaptered 09/27/1999	09/27/1999 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 480, Statutes of 1999.	-		

COMMENTS/ RECOMMENDATIONS:

The DCSS recommends the deletion of this report requirement because incorporating the reporting requirements into the new California Child Support Automation System (CCSAS) would result in significant programming costs and staff time, which they state may delay implementation of a number of high priority system changes required to meet federal requirements. DCSS also states that this information is mainly used by Local Child Support Agencies and that these agencies have access to this information via a management tool through the Department's secure website. There seems to be no argument that the report contains important information. The Legislature may wish keep this reporting requirement and/or delaying the reporting requirements instead of complete elimination.

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17601.

The department shall provide to the Legislature actual performance data on child support collections within 60 days of the end of each quarter. This data shall include all comparative data for managing program performance currently provided to local child support agencies, including national, state, and local performance data, as available. The department shall prominently post the data on its Web site, and shall require all local child support agency Web sites to prominently post a link to the state Web site. The department shall update the Legislature during the annual budget subcommittee hearing process, commencing in 2008, on the state and local progress on child support federal performance measures and collections.

(Added by Stats. 2007, Ch. 177, Sec. 1. Effective August 24, 2007.)

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	Authors		Version	Action		Committee	Required
SB-84	Committee	Human Services.	Chaptered	08/24/2007 -	Secretary of State-	Yes	Two
	on Budget		08/24/2007	Chaptered by	Chaptered		Thirds
	and Fiscal			Secretary of State.			
	Review			Chapter 177,			
				Statutes of 2007.			

COMMENTS/ RECOMMENDATIONS:

The DCSS recommends the deletion of this report requirement because incorporating the reporting requirements into the new California Child Support Automation System (CCSAS) would result in significant cost pressure and staff time which they say may delay the Department's ability to meet federal requirements. DCSS states that they can provide county level data upon request. There seems to be no argument that the report contains important information. The Legislature may want to consider delaying the reporting requirements instead of eliminating them.

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(Amended by Stats. 2003, Ch. 308, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 2004.)

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COMMENTS/ RECOMMENDATIONS:

The DCSS recommends the deletion of this report requirement because this information is available to Local Child Support Agencies through a management tool in the California Child Support Automation System (CCSAS). The Legislature may want to continue requiring that the DCSS provide the Legislature with these reports.

Statutes of 1999.

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AB-196	Kuehl	Child support	Chaptered	09/27/1999 -	-		
		enforcement.	09/27/1999	Chaptered by			
				Secretary of State -			
				Chapter 478,			
				Statutes of 1999.			
AB-738	Jackson	Child support	Chaptered	09/05/2003 -	-		
		enforcement.	09/05/2003	Chaptered by			
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AB-3032	Committee	Child support	Chaptered	09/26/2002 -	-		
	on Judiciary	enforcement.	09/26/2002	Chaptered by			
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SB-542	Burton,	Child support	Chaptered	09/27/1999 -	-		
	Schiff	enforcement.	09/27/1999	Chaptered by			
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AB 1279 (Chapter 759, statutes of 2008) SECTION 38

SEC. 38.

- (a) On or before January 10, 2009, the Department of Child Support Services shall provide to the Legislature both of the following:
- (1) More comprehensive data from the state hearing pilot project that demonstrates that the pilot project has reduced state hearings.
- (2) A breakdown of how the pilot project's revised hearing process results in the estimated savings to state hearing costs.
- (b) On or before February 1, 2009, the Department of Child Support Services shall provide the appropriate committees of the Legislature with trailer bill language to codify the new state hearing process.

COMMENTS/ RECOMMENDATIONS:

DCSS recommends the elimination of these reports. These reports were one-time required reports and, according to DCSS, there does not seem to be a continuing need for them.

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17555.

(a) Any appropriation made available in the annual Budget Act for the purposes of augmenting funding for local child support agencies in the furtherance of their revenue collection responsibilities shall be subject to all of the following requirements:

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(3) Notwithstanding Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, the department shall submit an interim report to the fiscal committees of the Legislature by January 1 of any year for which a budget appropriation for this purpose is made, to track and evaluate the impact of the augmentation on revenue collections and cost-effectiveness, with an additional oral report to be provided during the spring subcommittee review process.

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ABX4-4	Evans	Human services.	Chaptered 07/28/2009	07/28/2009 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 4, Statutes of 2009-10 Fourth Extraordinary Session.	Secretary of State- Chaptered	Yes	Two Thirds
ABX3-43	Evans	Human Services.	Amended Assembly 06/28/2009	10/26/2009 - Died at Desk.	Assembly-Died	Yes	Majority
AB-1612	Committee on Budget	Human services.	Chaptered 10/19/2010	10/19/2010 - Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 725, Statutes of 2010.	Secretary of State- Chaptered	Yes	Two Thirds
SB-852	Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review	Human services.	Amended Assembly 10/07/2010	11/30/2010 - From Assembly without further action.	Assembly-Died	Yes	Two Thirds

COMMENTS/ RECOMMENDATIONS:

The DCSS recommends the elimination of this report because previous reports have demonstrated that the fiscal augmentation for local child support services has stabilized collection revenue and there is now a premise line for this augmentation in the DCSS Local Assistance Estimate. The DCSS contends that it can report on the effectiveness of the augmentation during the Legislative budget hearings or as requested by the Legislature.

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DIVISION 12. PARENT AND CHILD RELATIONSHIP [7500. - 7961.]

(Division 12 enacted by Stats. 1992, Ch. 162, Sec. 10.)

PART 2. PRESUMPTION CONCERNING CHILD OF MARRIAGE AND BLOOD TESTS TO DETERMINE PATERNITY [7540. - 7577.]

(Part 2 heading added by Stats. 1993, Ch. 219, Sec. 171.)

CHAPTER 3. Establishment of Paternity by Voluntary Declaration [7570. - 7577.]

(Chapter 3 added by Stats. 1993, Ch. 1240, Sec. 1.)

7571. (g)

(g) The Department of Child Support Services, at its option, may pay the sum of ten dollars (\$10) to local registrars of births and deaths, county welfare departments, or courts for each completed declaration of paternity that is witnessed by staff in these offices and filed with the Department of Child Support Services. In order to receive payment, the Department of Child Support Services and the entity shall enter into a written agreement that specifies the terms and conditions for payment as required by federal law. The Department of Child Support Services shall study the effect of the ten dollar (\$10) payment on obtaining completed voluntary declaration of paternity forms and shall report to the Legislature on any recommendations to change the ten dollar (\$10) optional payment, if appropriate, by January 1, 2000.

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AB-573		Child support: Franchise Tax Board: collection.	Chaptered 10/03/1997		-		
AB-1277		Paternity.	Chaptered 10/11/1993		-		
AB-1832		Family law: support: paternity.	Chaptered 09/30/1996		-		
AB-2169		Human services.	Chaptered 09/25/1998		-		
	Committee on Judiciary	Family law.	Chaptered 09/30/1994		-		
	Committee on Judiciary	Maintenance of the codes.	Chaptered 09/14/1998		-		
SB-240	Speier	Child support: enforcement.	Chaptered 10/10/1999	10/10/1999 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 652, Statutes of 1999.	_		
	Committee on Judiciary	Child support.	Chaptered 10/12/2001	10/12/2001 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 755, Statutes of 2001.	-		
SB-1191	Speier	State and local reporting requirements.	Chaptered 10/12/2001	10/12/2001 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 745, Statutes of 2001.	_		
SB-1497	Committee on Health and Human Services	Reorganization of the Health and Safety Code: public health.	Chaptered 09/29/1996		_		

COMMENTS/ RECOMMENDATIONS:

DCSS recommends the elimination of this report. This report was one-time requirement.