

**Department of Child Support Services Budget No. 5175**

Report No.	Legislative Report Title—Brief Summary of Reporting Requirements	Admin. Justification for Proposed Elimination or Modification	Committee Staff Comments
1	California Child Support Automation System (CCSAS) - Requires DCSS to submit an annual report by March 1 on the ongoing implementation of CCSAS	This reporting requirement should be eliminated. CCSAS has been fully implemented and the requirement is duplicative of a federal reporting document. DCSS documents all system changes in the Advanced Planning Document Update. DCSS can share with the Legislature upon request. At the time that the reporting requirement was established, the system had just been implemented. Also, this information is redundant with information contained in federal automation planning documents.	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.
2	Information relating to county child support enforcement programs	This reporting requirement should be eliminated. The reporting changes to CCSAS have not yet been made--incorporating the required reporting elements into CCSAS would result in significant programming costs and staff time which would delay implementation of a number of high priority system changes in the queue required to meet federal requirements. The primary users of this child support data are the Local Child Support Agencies (LCSAs). The data outlined in FC 17600(d) and (e) have not yet been added to the reporting structure. A Case Management Tool has been developed and made available to all the LCSAs through the Department's secure website. This tool enables the counties to query or pull the data they would like to access, including many of the new requirements identified in FC 17600 (d) and (e).	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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<p align="center"><b>3</b></p>	<p>Performance data on child support collections (Requires report of performance data on child support collections within 60 days of the end of each quarter, to be posted on the department's website)</p>	<p>This reporting requirement should be eliminated. The reporting changes to CCSAS have not yet been made--incorporating the changes would create added cost pressure and require more personnel already dedicated to implementing the programming changes required to meet federal compliance. Information can be provided at the county level if requested.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p align="center"><b>4</b></p>	<p>Report on status of state child support enforcement program</p>	<p>This reporting requirement should be eliminated. CCSAS provides DCSS and the Local Child Support Agencies (LCSAs) with readily available data reporting with enhanced reporting capabilities that allow for trend analysis of data. The primary users of this child support data are the LCSAs. A Case Management Tool has been developed and made available to all the LCSAs through the Department's secure website. This tool enables the counties to query or pull the data they would like to access; in addition, DCSS shares performance data with the LCSAs on a regular basis through meetings and communications.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p align="center"><b>5</b></p>	<p>Child Support Performance (Report on progress of all local child support agencies in each performance measure, including identification of the local child support agencies that are out of compliance, the performance measures that they have failed to satisfy, and the performance improvement plan that is being taken for each)</p>	<p>This reporting requirement should be eliminated. CCSAS provides DCSS and the Local Child Support Agencies (LCSAs) with readily available data reporting with enhanced reporting capabilities that allow for trend analysis of data. The primary users of this child support data are the LCSAs. A Case Management Tool has been developed and made available to all the LCSAs through the Department's secure website. This tool enables the counties to query or pull the data they would like to access; in addition, DCSS shares performance data with the LCSAs on a regular basis through meetings and communications.</p>	<p>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.</p>

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<b>6</b>	Comprehensive data from the state hearing pilot project that demonstrates that the pilot has reduced state hearings and a description of how the pilot's revised hearing process results in the estimated savings to state hearing costs	This reporting requirement should be eliminated. This was a one-time requirement, and there does not appear to be a compelling need to retain the requirement.	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.
<b>7</b>	Revenue Stabilization (Requires DCSS to submit a report on the impact and effectiveness of Revenue Stabilization augmentation funds)	This reporting requirement should be eliminated given that prior reports demonstrate the augmentation has stabilized collection revenue. The DCSS can report on the effectiveness of the augmentation in Legislative budget hearings or as requested by the Legislature. This augmentation has been in place since 2009 and there is a premise line for this item in the DCSS Local Assistance Estimate.	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.
<b>8</b>	Effect of the Ten Dollar (\$10.00) Payment - Declaration of Paternity Form.	This reporting requirement should be eliminated. This was a one-time study completed in 2000.	DCSS recommends the elimination of this report. This report was one-time requirement.