

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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ALL IV-D DIRECTORS
 ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
 ALL BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION 2006-2007

The Governor recently signed legislation related to child support services. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a brief summary of those bills. Any required regulation or policy instructions will be provided under a separate letter.

AB 176 (Jones) Chapter 488 Effective January 1, 2007
 Requires local child support agencies to review and if appropriate adjust orders for current Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) child support cases every three years. For applications received on or after October 1, 2009, eliminates assignment to the government of child support arrears owed to the family prior to the family's application for public assistance.

AB 910 (Karnette) Chapter 617 Effective January 1, 2007
 Expands the definition of an adult disabled child eligible for continuation coverage under a parent's health insurance plan. Requires in a court order for support that a parent seek continuation coverage for an eligible disabled adult child if the health insurance is available at no cost or reasonable cost, and that the parties provide each other information on health insurance policies. The Judicial Council is not required to modify the form of the order for health insurance coverage (family law) until January 1, 2010.

AB 1168 (Jones) Chapter 627 Effective January 1, 2007
 Imposes a number of restrictions on the use of social security numbers in public records. Requires local agencies, unless otherwise required by state or federal law, to redact or truncate social security numbers on documents prior to filing or disclosure to the public. (Based on current state and federal statutes, local child support agencies are not subject to the provisions of AB 1168.) Requires county recorders to implement a Social Security Number Truncation Program, and requires the Office of Privacy Protection to create a task force to review the use of social security numbers by colleges and universities.

Reason for this Transmittal

- State Law or Regulation Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order or Settlement Change
- Clarification requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by DCSS

SB 415 (Harman) Chapter 247 Effective January 1, 2007

Provides that termination of a child support order constitutes a change of circumstances for modification of a spousal support order.

SB 523 (Yee) Chapter 249 Effective January 1, 2007

Establishes a three-year pilot program in San Mateo County to allow the court to require an unemployed noncustodial parent who is not delinquent in his/her child support payments to seek employment, under certain circumstances. Allows local child support agencies to substitute original signatures with electronic signatures on pleadings pertaining to paternity, child support and medical support, except for pleadings or documents that are required to be signed under penalty of perjury.

SB 892 (Corbett) Chapter 441 Effective January 1, 2007

Exempts DCSS and all local child support agencies from the provisions of the 2004 Electronic Recording Delivery Act (ERDA). Requires that any noncustodial parent filing an application to reduce or eliminate a child support security deposit must serve the application and supporting financial information upon the custodial party and any other party to the proceeding.

Sincerely,

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