

**252B.13A Collection services center.**

1. The department shall establish within child support services a collection services center for the receipt and disbursement of support payments as defined in [section 252D.16](#) or [598.1](#) as required for orders by [section 252B.14](#). For purposes of [this section](#), support payments do not include attorney fees, court costs, or property settlements. The center may also receive and disburse surcharges as provided in [section 252B.23](#).

2. *a.* The collection services center shall meet the requirements for a state disbursement unit pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §654b, [section 252B.14](#), and [this section](#) by October 1, 1999.

*b.* Prior to October 1, 1999, the department and the judicial branch shall enter into a cooperative agreement for implementation of the state disbursement unit requirement. The agreement shall include, but is not limited to, provisions for all of the following:

(1) Coordination with the state case registry created in [section 252B.24](#).

(2) The receipt and disbursement of income withholding payments for orders not receiving services from child support services pursuant to [section 252B.14, subsection 4](#).

(3) The transmission of information, orders, and documents, and access to information.

(4) Furnishing, upon request, timely information on the current status of support payments as provided in 42 U.S.C. §654b(b)(4), in a manner consistent with state law.

(5) The notification of payors of income to direct income withholding payments to the collection services center as provided in [section 252B.14, subsection 4](#).

3. Support payments received by the collection services center shall be deposited in the collection services center refund account. The account shall be separate from the general fund of the state and shall not be considered part of the general fund of the state. The moneys deposited in the account are not subject to [section 8.33](#) and shall not be transferred, used, obligated, appropriated, or otherwise encumbered except as provided for the purposes of this chapter. Notwithstanding [section 12C.7, subsection 2](#), interest or earnings on moneys deposited in the account shall be credited to the account.

90 Acts, ch 1224, §9; 91 Acts, ch 177, §2; 93 Acts, ch 79, §39, 40; 97 Acts, ch 175, §41, 243; 98 Acts, ch 1047, §68; 98 Acts, ch 1170, §3; 2014 Acts, ch 1026, §56, 57; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §858; 2024 Acts, ch 1157, §57

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