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# A BILL FOR

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1 An Act relating to child support recovery including assignment of 2 support to the state relative to receipt of family investment
        program benefits, garnishment of money held by the state for a
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        person who owes delinquent child support, the reporting of
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        delinquent child support obligors to consumer reporting
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        agencies, access to cellular telephone numbers for the purpose
        of the computer match program by the child support recovery
       unit, collection of support from certain obligors, the information included in a notice regarding the administrative
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       levy of an account, and medical support of a child, and providing effective and retroactive applicability dates.
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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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DIVISION I
             ASSIGNMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT == FAMILY INVESTMENT
                              PROGRAM RECIPIENTS
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         Section 1. Section 239B.6, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2007,
   5 are amended to read as follows:
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     1. An assignment of support rights to the department is created by either of the following:
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        a. An applicant and other persons covered by an
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     application are deemed to have assigned to the department at
1 10 the time of application all rights to periodic support
1 11 payments that accrue during the period the family receives
     <u>assistance</u> to the extent of the amount of assistance received
  13 by the applicant and by other persons covered by the
1 14 application.
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       b. A determination that a child or another person covered
 16 by an application is eligible for assistance under this 17 chapter creates an assignment by operation of law to the
1 18 department of all rights to periodic support payments that
  19 accrue during the period the family receives assistance not to
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1 20 exceed the amount of assistance received by the child and

1 21 other persons covered by the application.

An assignment takes effect upon determination that an 1 22 23 applicant or another person covered by an application is 24 eligible for assistance under this chapter, applies to both 1 25 current and accrued accruing support obligations, and 26 terminates when an applicant or another person covered by an 27 application ceases to receive assistance under this chapter, 1 28 except with respect to the amount of unpaid support 29 obligations accrued under during the assignment. If an 30 applicant or another person covered by an application ceases 31 to receive assistance under this chapter and the applicant or 1 32 other person covered by the application receives a periodic 33 support payment, subject to limitations under federal law and subject to subsection 2A, the department is entitled only to 35 that amount of the periodic support payment above the current

1 periodic support obligation. Sec. 2. Section 239B.6, Code 2007, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. Any rights to support payments 5 assigned to the department on or before September 30, 2009, 6 shall remain assigned to the department.

Sec. 3. Section 252A.13, Code 2007, is amended to read as 8 follows:

252A.13 RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE == ASSIGNMENT OF 2 10 SUPPORT PAYMENTS.

1. If public assistance is provided by the department of 2 12 human services to or on behalf of a dependent child or a 2 13 dependent child's caretaker, there is an assignment by 2 14 operation of law to the department of any and all rights in, 2 15 title to, and interest in any support obligation, payment, and 2 16 arrearages owed to or on behalf of the child or caretaker not 2 17 to exceed the amount of public assistance paid for or on 2 18 behalf of the child or caretaker as follows:

a. For family investment program assistance, section 239B.6 shall apply.

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3 29 follows:

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22 2 23 b. For foster care services, section 234.39 shall apply.

For medical assistance, section 252E.11 shall apply. The department shall immediately notify the clerk of 2 24 court by mail when such child or caretaker has been determined 25 to be eligible for public assistance. Upon notification by 26 the department, the clerk of court shall make a notation of 27 the automatic assignment in the judgment docket and lien 28 index. The notation constitutes constructive notice of the 2 29 assignment. If the applicant for public assistance, for whom 2 30 public assistance is approved and provided on or after July 1, 31 1997, is a person other than a parent of the child, the 32 department shall send notice of the assignment by regular mail 33 to the last known addresses of the obligee and obligor. The 34 clerk of court shall forward support payments received 35 pursuant to section 252A.6, to which the department is entitled, to the department, unless the court has ordered the 2 payments made directly to the department under that section. 3 The department may secure support payments in default through 4 other proceedings.

3. The clerk shall furnish the department with copies of 6 all orders or decrees awarding and temporary domestic abuse orders addressing support when the parties are receiving public assistance or services are otherwise provided by the 9 child support recovery unit. Unless otherwise specified in 10 the order, an equal and proportionate share of any child 11 support awarded is presumed to be payable on behalf of each 3 12 child, subject to the order or judgment, for purposes of an 3 13 assignment under this section.

Section 252C.2, subsection 1, Code 2007, is Sec. 4. 3 15 amended to read as follows:

1. If public assistance is provided by the department to 3 17 or on behalf of a dependent child or a dependent child's 3 18 caretaker, there is an assignment by operation of law to the 3 19 department of any and all right in, title to, and interest in 3 20 any support obligation, payment, and arrearages owed to or for 3 21 the child or caretaker up to the amount of public assistance 3 22 paid for or on behalf of the child or caretaker. Unless 3 23 otherwise specified in the order, an equal and proportionate 24 share of any child support awarded is presumed to be payable 25 on behalf of each child subject to the order or judgment for 26 purposes of an assignment under this section. For family investment program assistance, section 239B.6 shall apply. Sec. 5. Section 598.34, Code 2007, is amended to read as

598.34 RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE == ASSIGNMENT OF 31 SUPPORT PAYMENTS.

1. If public assistance is provided by the department of 33 human services to or on behalf of a dependent child or a 34 dependent child's caretaker, there is an assignment by operation of law to the department of any and all rights in, title to, and interest in any support obligation, payment, and arrearages owed to or for the child or caretaker not to exceed the amount of public assistance paid for or on behalf of the child or caretaker as follows:

a. For family investment program assistance, section

239B.6 shall apply.

b. For foster care services, section 234.39 shall apply.

c. For medical assistance, section 252E.11 shall apply.

The department shall immediately notify the clerk of 10 court by mail when such a child or caretaker has been 4 11 determined to be eligible for public assistance. Upon 4 12 notification by the department, the clerk of court shall make 13 a notation of the automatic assignment in the judgment docket 4 14 and lien index. The notation constitutes constructive notice 4 15 of the assignment. For public assistance approved and 16 provided on or after July 1, 1997, if the applicant for public 17 assistance is a person other than a parent of the child, the

4 18 department shall send a notice by regular mail to the last 4 19 known addresses of the obligee and obligor. The clerk of

4 20 court shall forward support payments received pursuant to 4 21 section 598.22, to which the department is entitled, to the 4 22 department, which may secure support payments in default 4 23 through other proceedings.

3. The clerk shall furnish the department with copies of 4 25 all orders or decrees and temporary or domestic abuse orders 26 addressing support when the parties are receiving public 27 assistance or services are otherwise provided by the child 4 28 support recovery unit pursuant to chapter 252B. Unless 29 otherwise specified in the order, an equal and proportionate 30 share of any child support awarded shall be presumed to be 4 31 payable on behalf of each child subject to the order or 4 32 judgment for purposes of an assignment under this section.

Sec. 6. Section 600B.38, Code 2007, is amended to read as 34 follows:

600B.38 RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE == ASSIGNMENT OF 1 SUPPORT PAYMENTS.

 $\frac{1}{2}$  If public assistance is provided by the department of 3 human services to or on behalf of a dependent child or a 4 dependent child's caretaker, there is an assignment by 5 operation of law to the department of any and all rights in, 6 title to, and interest in any support obligation, payment, and arrearages owed to or on behalf of the child or caretaker, not to exceed the amount of public assistance paid for or on behalf of the child or caretaker <u>as follows:</u>

a. For family investment program assistance, section <u>239B.6 shall apply</u>.

For foster care services, section 234.39 shall apply. For medical assistance, section 252E.11 shall apply.

The department shall immediately notify the clerk of 5 15 court by mail when such a child or caretaker has been 5 16 determined to be eligible for public assistance. Upon 5 17 notification by the department, the clerk of court shall make 5 18 a notation of the automatic assignment in the judgment docket 19 and lien index. The notation constitutes constructive notice 5 20 of the assignment. For public assistance approved and 5 21 provided on or after July 1, 1997, if the applicant for public 5 22 assistance is a person other than a parent of the child, the 5 23 department shall send notice by regular mail to the last known 24 addresses of the obligee and obligor. The clerk of court 25 shall forward support payments received pursuant to section 26 600B.25, to which the department is entitled, to the 5 27 department, which may secure support payments in default 28 through other proceedings.

The clerk shall furnish the department with copies of 5 30 all orders or decrees and temporary or domestic abuse orders 31 addressing support when the parties are receiving public 32 assistance or services are otherwise provided by the child 33 support recovery unit. Unless otherwise specified in the 34 order, an equal and proportionate share of any child support 35 awarded shall be presumed to be payable on behalf of each 1 child subject to the order or judgment for purposes of an

2 assignment under this section.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act takes Sec. 7. 4 effect October 1, 2009.

# DIVISION II

GARNISHMENT == MONEYS HELD BY STATE == DELINQUENT SUPPORT OBLIGORS

Section 642.2, subsection 4, Code 2007, is amended Sec. 8. to read as follows:

10 4. Notwithstanding subsections 2, 3, and 6, and 7 any 11 moneys owed to the child support obligor by the state and 6 12 payments owed to the child support obligor through the Iowa 6 13 public employees' retirement system are subject to 6 14 garnishment, attachment, execution, or assignment by the child 6 15 support recovery unit if the child support recovery unit is 6 16 providing enforcement services pursuant to chapter 252B.

DIVISION III

CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES == REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIPT AND USE OF DELINQUENT SUPPORT INFORMATION Sec. 9. Section 252B.9, subsection 3, Code 2007, is 21 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. j. The unit may provide information 6 23 regarding delinquent obligors as provided in 42 U.S.C. 24 666(a)(7) to a consumer reporting agency if all the following 25 apply:

(1)The agency provides the unit with satisfactory evidence that it is a consumer reporting agency as defined in 15 U.S.C. } 1681a(f) and meets all the following requirements:

(a) Compiles and maintains files on consumers on a 30 nationwide basis as provided in 15 U.S.C. } 1681a(p).

Participates jointly with other nationwide consumer 6 32 reporting agencies in providing annual free credit reports to 6 33 consumers upon request through a centralized source as 34 required by the federal trade commission in 16 C.F.R. } 610.2. 35 (2) The agency has entered into an agreement with the unit 6 35

1 regarding receipt and use of the information.

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DIVISION IV

# CELLULAR TELEPHONE NUMBERS == AVAILABLE TO CHILD SUPPORT RECOVERY UNIT

Sec. 10. Section 252B.9, subsection 1, paragraph d, subparagraph (2), Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Certain records held by public utilities, cable or 8 other television companies, cellular telephone companies, and internet service providers with respect to individuals who owe 7 10 or are owed support, or against or with respect to whom a 11 support obligation is sought, consisting of the names and 12 addresses of such individuals and the names and addresses of 7 13 the employers of such individuals, as appearing in customer 7 14 records, and including the cellular telephone numbers of such 7 15 individuals appearing in the customer records of cellular 7 16 telephone companies. If the records are maintained in 7 17 automated databases, the unit shall be provided with automated 7 18 access.

#### DIVISION V

# SPECIFIED INCOME PROVIDERS == ESTABLISHMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR SUPPORT PAYMENTS

Sec. 11. NEW SECTION. 252B.28 ORDER FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF 7 23 ACCOUNT.

- 1. This section shall apply to any income provider listed 25 in subsection 2 if, at the time notice is served, support 26 payments as defined in section 252D.16 are delinquent in an 7 27 amount equal to the payment for one month.
  - 2. This section shall apply to any of the following income 29 providers:
  - a. A self=employed obligor. As used in this section, "self=employed" means earning at least a portion of the 32 individual's livelihood directly from the individual's own 33 business, trade, or profession rather than as a specified 34 salary or wages from an employer.
  - b. A partnership, limited liability company, corporation, 1 or other association or business entity from which an obligor 2 receives compensation in the form of wages, salary, 3 commissions, bonuses, or other income, if the obligor is a 4 partner, member, owner, or officer of the entity.
- 5 c. A partnership, limited liability company, corporation, 6 or other association or business entity from which a person specified in paragraph "b" receives compensation in the form 8 of wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, or other income. As 9 used in this section, "person" means the same as defined in 8 10 section 4.1.
- 3. Upon motion filed by the child support recovery unit 8 12 and notice, the district court may order an income provider 8 13 specified under subsection 2 to provide an existing 8 14 single=owner personal account for obtaining support payments, 8 15 or, if no existing account is provided, to establish a bank or 8 16 other financial institution account for the sole purpose of 8 17 obtaining support payments owed by the obligor. Notice shall 8 18 be served on the obligor or other income provider by regular 8 19 mail and proof of service completed according to rule of civil 8 20 procedure 1.442. If a hearing is not requested within ten 21 days of service of the notice, the court may enter an order 8 22 under this subsection. The order shall specify the amount of 8 23 the compensation that is to be deposited into such account and 8 24 the frequency with which such deposits are to be made, whether 8 25 weekly, biweekly, semimonthly, or monthly. Within ten days 8 26 the issuance of the order under this subsection, the income Within ten days of 8 27 provider shall provide the unit with written authorization for 28 the unit to receive from such account, by automatic 29 withdrawal, the amount ordered to be deposited into such 8 30 account. The court may provide a method for timely increase 31 or decrease of the amounts to be deposited or withdrawn and 32 shall specify the duration of the order. The order shall be The order shall be 8 33 subject to modification due to a change in the amount of the 34 support order or a delinquency, or if the unit will no longer 35 be providing services under this chapter.
  - 4. Failure to establish the account or to deposit the 2 required amount into the account or to authorize automatic withdrawal of the required amount by the unit is failure to comply with an order entered under subsection 3, which shall 5 be punishable as contempt.
    - 5. This section shall be construed to furnish an

7 additional remedy and shall in no way affect or impair any 8 other remedy, civil or criminal, provided in any other statute 9 and available to the unit in relation to the same subject 9 10 matter, and shall not relieve an income provider of a duty 9 11 under any other chapter. 9 12 DIVISION VI 13 OBLIGOR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER == NOTICE FORM 9 14 Sec. 12. Section 252I.6, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 15 2007, is amended to read as follows: 9 16 a. The name and social security number of the obligor. 17 DIVISION VII 9 18 MEDICAL SUPPORT 9 19 Sec. 13. Section 252E.1A, subsection 2, paragraph a, 9 20 subparagraphs (1) and (2), as enacted by 2007 Iowa Acts, 9 21 chapter 218, section 164, are amended to read as follows: (1) The premium cost for a child to the parent ordered to 23 provide the plan does not exceed five percent of that parent's 9 24 gross income or the child support guidelines established 25 pursuant to section 598.21B specifically provide an 26 alternative income=based numeric standard for determining the 27 reasonable cost of the premium, in which case the reasonable 28 cost of the premium as determined by the standard specified by 29 the child support guidelines shall apply. (2) The premium cost for a child exceeds five percent of the gross income of the parent ordered to provide the plan the 32 amount specified in subparagraph (1) and that parent consents 9 33 or does not object to entry of that order. Sec. 14. Section 252E.1A, subsection 3, as enacted by 2007 9 35 Iowa Acts, chapter 218, section 164, is amended to read as 10 follows: 10 3. If a health benefit plan is not available at the time 3 of the entry of the order, the court shall order a reasonable 4 monetary amount in lieu of a health benefit plan, which amount 10 10 10 5 shall be stated in the order. For purposes of this 6 subsection, a reasonable amount means five percent of the 10 10 7 gross income of the parent ordered to provide the monetary 8 amount for medical support <u>or if the child support guidelines</u>
<u>9 established pursuant to section 598.21B specifically provide</u> 10 10 10 10 an alternative income=based numeric standard for determining
10 11 the reasonable amount, a reasonable amount means the amount as 12 determined by the standard specified by the child support 13 quidelines. This subsection shall not apply in any of the 10 14 following circumstances: 10 15 a. If the parent's monthly support obligation established 10 16 pursuant to the child support guidelines prescribed by the 10 17 supreme court pursuant to section 598.21B is the minimum 10 18 obligation amount. If this paragraph applies, the court shall 10 19 order the parent to provide a health benefit plan when a plan 10 20 becomes available for which there is no premium cost for a 10 21 child to the parent. 10 22 b. If subsection 7, paragraph "d", "e", or "f" applies. Sec. 15. Section 252E.1A, subsection 6, as enacted by 2007 10 23 10 24 Iowa Acts, chapter 218, section 164, is amended to read as 10 25 follows: 6. An order, decree, or judgment entered before March 1, 2008 July 1, 2009, that provides for the support of a child 10 26 10 2.7 10 28 may be modified in accordance with this section. 10 29 Sec. 16. Section 252E.1A, subsection 7, as enacted by 2007 10 30 Iowa Acts, chapter 218, section 164, is amended by adding the 10 31 following new paragraph: 10 32 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. If a health benefit plan is not 10 33 available, and the noncustodial parent is receiving assistance 10 34 or is residing with any child receiving assistance as provided 10 35 in section 252E.2A, subsection 1, paragraph "c", subparagraph (3) or (4), the unit shall seek an order that the noncustodial parent shall provide a health benefit plan when a plan becomes 11 11 11 3 available for which there is no premium cost for a child to 11 4 the parent. 11 Section 252E.2A, subsection 1, paragraph b, as Sec. 17. 11 enacted by 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 218, section 165, is 11 amended to read as follows: 7 b. The unit is notified that the conditions of paragraph

11 9 "c" are met and there is a pending action to establish or 11 10 modify support initiated by the unit, or the parent ordered to -1111 11 provide medical support submits a written statement to the 11 12 unit that the requirements of paragraph "c" are met. 11 13 Sec. 18. Section 252E.2A, subsection 1, paragraph c, 11 14 unnumbered paragraph 1, as enacted by 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter

11 15 218, section 165, is amended to read as follows: 11 16 The parent ordered to provide medical support or the parent

-11 17 from whom the unit is seeking to establish or modify medical

support meets at least one of the following conditions: Sec. 19. Section 252E.2A, subsection 5, as enacted by 2007 11 19 11 20 Iowa Acts, chapter 218, section 165, is amended to read as 11 21 follows: 11 22

5. An order, decree, or judgment entered or pending on or 11 23 before March 1, 2008 July 1, 2009, that provides for the 11 24 support of a child may be satisfied as provided in this 11 25 section.

Sec. 20. 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 218, section 187, is 11 27 amended to read as follows:

SEC. 187. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act takes 11 29 effect March 1, 2008 July 1, 2009.

Sec. 21. CHILD SUPPORT RECOVERY == MEDICAL SUPPORT. 11 30 11 31 Notwithstanding chapter 252C, 252F, or 252H, or any other 11 32 applicable chapter, either parent may be ordered to provide 11 33 medical support in accordance with the federal Deficit 11 34 Reduction Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109=171. 11 35 Sec. 22. EFFECTIVE DATE == RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.

This division of this Act, being deemed of immediate 2 importance, takes effect upon enactment and is retroactively applicable to March 1, 2008.

EXPLANATION

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Division I of this bill relates to the assignment of 6 support payments to the department under the family investment 7 program. The federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 provides 8 that families who begin receiving family investment program 9 benefits on or after October 1, 2009, are only subject to 12 10 assignment to the state of child support that becomes due 12 11 during the period they are receiving FIP benefits. The bill 12 12 makes corresponding changes relating to such assignment and 12 13 retains the provision that the amount of the assigned child 12 14 support cannot exceed the amount of FIP benefits paid to the 12 15 family. The bill also provides that any rights to support 12 16 payments assigned to the department on or before September 30, 2009, shall remain assigned to the department. The division 12 18 takes effect October 1, 2009.

12 19 Division II of the bill provides that if the state is
12 20 holding money for a person who owes delinquent child support, 12 21 whether or not the person is a state employee, the money may 12 22 be garnished to pay the child support.

Division III of the bill provides for the provision of 12 24 information regarding delinquent child support obligors as 12 25 required by federal law to consumer reporting agencies and 12 26 specifies the requirements that a consumer reporting agency 12 27 must meet regarding the receipt and use of the information.

Division IV of the bill provides that in addition to name 12 28 12 29 and address information already provided to the child support 12 30 recovery unit by public utilities, cable or other television 12 31 companies, and cellular telephone companies with respect to 12 32 individuals who owe or are owed support, or against or with 12 33 respect to whom a support obligation is sought, the cellular 12 34 telephone numbers of such individuals appearing in the 12 35 customer records of cellular telephone companies shall also be 1 available to the child support recovery unit for purposes of

the computer match program.

13 Division V of the bill authorizes the district court to 13 13 4 order certain income providers to provide an existing 13 5 single=owner personal account or to establish a bank or other 6 financial institution account for the sole purpose of 13 13 obtaining child support payments if at the time notice is 13 8 served, support payments from an obligor are delinquent in an 13 amount equal to the payment for one month. Division V of the 13 10 bill defines the income providers as self=employed obligors; a 13 11 partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or other 13 12 association or business entity from which an obligor receives 13 13 compensation in the form of wages, salary, commissions, 13 14 bonuses, or other income, if the obligor is a partner, member, 13 15 owner, or officer of the entity; and a partnership, limited 13 16 liability company, corporation, or other association or 13 17 business entity from which a person receives compensation in 13 18 the form of wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, or other 13 19 income. Division V of the bill provides the process for the 13 20 unit to file a motion and provide notice to an income provider 13 21 to provide or establish the account for the sole purpose of 13 22 obtaining support payments. If a hearing is not requested, 13 23 the court may enter an order specifying the amount of the 13 24 compensation that is to be deposited into the account and the 13 25 frequency with which the deposits are to be made. Within 10 13 26 days of the issuance of the order, the income provider is 13 27 required to provide the unit with written authorization for

13 28 the unit to receive from such account, by automatic

13 29 withdrawal, the amount ordered to be deposited into the
13 30 account. The order is subject to modification due to a change
13 31 in the amount of the support order or a delinquency, or if the
13 32 unit will no longer be providing services. Failure to comply
13 33 with the order is punishable as contempt. Division V of the
13 34 bill provides that the provisions of the bill are to be
13 35 construed to furnish an additional remedy and shall in no way
14 1 affect or impair any other remedy, civil or criminal, provided
14 2 in any other statute and available to the unit in relation to
14 3 the same subject matter, and shall not relieve an income
14 4 provider of a duty under any other Code chapter.
15 Division VI of the bill eliminates the requirement for the

Division VI of the bill eliminates the requirement for the child support recovery unit to include the obligor's social recurrity number on the notice form regarding the administrative levy of an account of the parent who owes

14 9 delinquent child support.

Division VII of the bill delays, until July 1, 2009, changes enacted in Iowa law, based upon the federal Deficit 14 10 14 11 14 12 Reduction Act of 2005 regarding medical support, which would 14 13 have taken effect March 1, 2008. Division VII of the bill 14 14 also makes changes in these medical support provisions to 14 15 allow for the determination of the amount of the reasonable 14 16 cost a parent is to pay for medical support to be either an 14 17 amount which is 5 percent of a parent's gross income, or, if 14 18 the child support guidelines specify an income=based standard 14 19 for determining the reasonable amount, the amount determined 14 20 by the guidelines. Division VII of the bill also allows the 14 21 court an alternative means of ordering medical support for a 14 22 parent with low income. Division VII of the bill amends 14 23 current law to eliminate references to pending actions to 14 24 provide that the new provisions relating to medical support 14 25 orders only apply if there is an existing order. Division VII 14 26 of the bill provides that, notwithstanding any existing law to 14 27 the contrary, either parent may be ordered to provide medical 14 28 support in accordance with the federal Deficit Reduction Act

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