

1 AN ACT in relation to support.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 10-26 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/10-26)

7 Sec. 10-26. State Disbursement Unit.

8 (a) Effective October 1, 1999 the Illinois Department  
9 shall establish a State Disbursement Unit in accordance with  
10 the requirements of Title IV-D of the federal Social Security  
11 Act. The Illinois Department shall enter into an agreement  
12 with a State or local governmental unit or private entity to  
13 perform the functions of the State Disbursement Unit as set  
14 forth in this Section. The State Disbursement Unit shall  
15 collect and disburse support payments made under court and  
16 administrative support orders:

17 (1) being enforced in cases in which child and  
18 spouse support services are being provided under this  
19 Article X; and

20 (2) in all cases in which child and spouse support  
21 services are not being provided under this Article X and  
22 in which support payments are made under the provisions  
23 of the Income Withholding for Support Act.

24 (a-5) If the State Disbursement Unit receives a support  
25 payment that was not appropriately made to the Unit under  
26 this Section, the Unit shall immediately return the payment  
27 to the sender, including, if possible, instructions detailing  
28 where to send the support payments.

29 (b) All payments received by the State Disbursement  
30 Unit:

31 (1) shall be deposited into an account obtained by

1 the State or local governmental unit or private entity,  
2 as the case may be, and

3 (2) distributed and disbursed by the State  
4 Disbursement Unit, in accordance with the directions of  
5 the Illinois Department, pursuant to Title IV-D of the  
6 Social Security Act and rules promulgated by the  
7 Department.

8 (c) All support payments assigned to the Illinois  
9 Department under Article X of this Code and rules promulgated  
10 by the Illinois Department that are disbursed to the Illinois  
11 Department by the State Disbursement Unit shall be paid into  
12 the Child Support Enforcement Trust Fund.

13 (d) If the agreement with the State or local  
14 governmental unit or private entity provided for in this  
15 Section is not in effect for any reason, the Department shall  
16 perform the functions of the State Disbursement Unit as set  
17 forth in this Section for a maximum of 12 months. Payments  
18 received by the Department in performance of the duties of  
19 the State Disbursement Unit shall be deposited into the State  
20 Disbursement Unit Revolving Fund established under Section  
21 12-8.1.

22 (e) By February 1, 2000, the Illinois Department shall  
23 conduct at least 4 regional training and educational seminars  
24 to educate the clerks of the circuit court on the general  
25 operation of the State Disbursement Unit, the role of the  
26 State Disbursement Unit, and the role of the clerks of the  
27 circuit court in the collection and distribution of child  
28 support payments.

29 (f) By March 1, 2000, the Illinois Department shall  
30 conduct at least 4 regional educational and training seminars  
31 to educate payors, as defined in the Income Withholding for  
32 Support Act, on the general operation of the State  
33 Disbursement Unit, the role of the State Disbursement Unit,  
34 and the distribution of income withholding payments pursuant

1 to this Section and the Income Withholding for Support Act.  
2 (Source: P.A. 91-212, eff. 7-20-99; 91-677, eff. 1-5-00;  
3 91-712, eff. 7-1-00.)