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A BILL

To amend sections 311.17, 3121.03, 3121.0310, 1 3121.091, 3121.59, 3121.64, 3121.89, 3121.891, 2 3121.892, 3121.893, 3121.894, 3121.895, 3121.897, 3 3121.898, 3121.899, 3121.8910, and 3123.021, to 4 enact new section 3121.896 and section 3125.141, 5 and to repeal sections 3121.60, 3121.63, and 6 3121.896 of the Revised Code regarding the 7 enforcement of child support orders and to declare 8 an emergency. 9

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 311.17, 3121.03, 3121.0310,	10
3121.091, 3121.59, 3121.64, 3121.89, 3121.891, 3121.892, 3121.893,	11
3121.894, 3121.895, 3121.897, 3121.898, 3121.899, 3121.8910, and	12
3123.021 be amended and new section 3121.896 and section 3125.141	13
of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	14

Sec. 311.17. For Except as provided in a contract entered	15
into under division (A) of section 3125.141 of the Revised Code,	16
for the services specified in this section, the sheriff shall	17
charge the following fees, which the court or its clerk shall tax	18
in the bill of costs against the judgment debtor or those legally	19
liable therefor for the judgment:	20
(A) For the service and return of the following writs and	21
orders:	22
(1) Execution:	23
(a) When money is paid without levy or when no property is	24
found, twenty dollars;	25
(b) When levy is made on real property, for the first tract,	26
twenty-five dollars, and for each additional tract, ten dollars;	27
(c) When levy is made on goods and chattels, including	28
inventory, fifty dollars.	29
(2) Writ of attachment of property, except for purpose of	30
garnishment, forty dollars;	31
(3) Writ of attachment for the purpose of garnishment, ten	32
dollars;	33
(4) Writ of replevin, forty dollars;	34
(5) Warrant to arrest, for each person named in the writ, ten	35
dollars;	36
(6) Attachment for contempt, for each person named in the	37
writ, six dollars;	38
(7) Writ of possession or restitution, sixty dollars;	39
(8) Subpoena, for each person named in the writ, in either a	40
civil or criminal case, six dollars;	41
(9) Venire, for each person named in the writ, in either a	42

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civil or criminal case, six dollars;	43
(10) Summoning each juror, other than on venire, in either a	44
civil or criminal case, six dollars;	45
(11) Writ of partition, twenty-five dollars;	46
(12) Order of sale on partition, for the first tract, fifty	47
dollars, and for each additional tract, twenty-five dollars;	48
(13) Other order of sale of real property, for the first	49
tract, fifty dollars, and for each additional tract, twenty-five	50
dollars;	51
(14) Administering oath to appraisers, three dollars each;	52
(15) Furnishing copies for advertisements, one dollar for	53
each hundred words;	54
(16) Copy of indictment, for each defendant, five dollars;	55
(17) All summons, writs, orders, or notices, for the first	56
name, six dollars, and for each additional name, one dollar.	57
(B) In addition to the fee for service and return:	58
(1) On each summons, writ, order, or notice, a fee of one	59
dollar per mile for the first mile, and fifty cents per mile for	60
each additional mile, going and returning, actual mileage to be	61
charged on each additional name;	62
(2) Taking bail bond, three dollars;	63
(3) Jail fees, as follows:	64
(a) For receiving a prisoner, five dollars each time a	65
prisoner is received, and for discharging or surrendering a	66
prisoner, five dollars each time a prisoner is discharged or	67
surrendered. The departure or return of a prisoner from or to a	68
jail in connection with a program established under section	69
5147.28 of the Revised Code is not a receipt, discharge, or	70
surrender of the prisoner for purposes of this division.	71

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or agency shall issue one or more of the following types of	101
notices or orders, as appropriate, for payment of the support and	102
also, if required by the Revised Code or the court, to pay any	103
arrearages:	104
(A)(1) If the court or the child support enforcement agency	105
determines that the obligor is receiving income from a payor, the	106
court or agency shall require the payor to do all of the	107
following:	108
(a) Withhold from the obligor's income a specified amount for	109
support in satisfaction of the support order and begin the	110
withholding no later than fourteen business days following the	111
date the notice is mailed to the payor under section 3121.035,	112
3121.896, 3123.021, or 3123.06 of the Revised Code and division	113
(A)(2) of this section or, if the payor is an employer, no later	114
than the first pay period that occurs after fourteen business days	115
following the date the notice is mailed;	116
(b) Send the amount withheld to the office of child support	117
in the department of job and family services pursuant to section	118
3121.43 of the Revised Code immediately but not later than seven	119
business days after the date the obligor is paid;	120
(c) Continue the withholding at intervals specified in the	121
notice until further notice from the court or child support	122
enforcement agency.	123
To the extent possible, the amount specified to be withheld	124
shall satisfy the amount ordered for support in the support order	125
plus any arrearages owed by the obligor under any prior support	126
order that pertained to the same child or spouse, notwithstanding	127
any applicable limitations of sections 2329.66, 2329.70, 2716.02,	128
2716.041, and 2716.05 of the Revised Code. However, in no case	129
shall the sum of the amount to be withheld and any fee withheld by	130

the payor as a charge for its services exceed the maximum amount

(d) Continue the deduction at intervals specified in thenotice until further notice from the court or child supportenforcement agency.

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satisfy the amount ordered for support in the support order plus

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any arrearages that may be owed by the obligor under any prior

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support order that pertained to the same child or spouse,

notwithstanding the limitations of sections 2329.66, 2329.70, and

2716.13 of the Revised Code.

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- (2) A court or agency that imposes a deduction requirement 172 shall, within the applicable period of time specified in section 173 3119.80, 3119.81, 3121.035, or 3123.06 of the Revised Code, send 174 to the financial institution by regular mail a notice that 175 contains all of the information applicable to deduction notices 176 set forth in section 3121.037 of the Revised Code. The notice is 177 final and is enforceable by the court.
- 179 (C) With respect to any court support order it issues, a court may issue an order requiring the obligor to enter into a 180 cash bond with the court. The court shall issue the order as part 181 of the court support order or, if the court support order has 182 previously been issued, as a separate order. The cash bond shall 183 be in a sum fixed by the court at not less than five hundred nor 184 more than ten thousand dollars, conditioned that the obligor will 185 make payment as previously ordered and will pay any arrearages 186 under any prior court support order that pertained to the same 187 child or spouse. 188

The order, along with an additional order requiring the
obligor to immediately notify the child support enforcement
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agency, in writing, if the obligor begins to receive income from a
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payor, shall be attached to and served on the obligor at the same
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time as service of the court support order or, if the court
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225 financial institution, or on request of a child support 226 enforcement agency under division (D)(1) or (2) of this section, 227 the court shall issue an order requiring the obligor, if able to 228 engage in employment, to seek employment or participate in a work 229 activity to which a recipient of assistance under Title IV-A of 230 the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, 231 as amended, may be assigned as specified in section 407(d) of the 232 "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C.A. 607(d), as amended. The court 233 shall include in the order a requirement that the obligor notify 234 the child support enforcement agency on obtaining employment, 235 obtaining any income, or obtaining ownership of any asset with a 236 value of five hundred dollars or more. The court may issue the 237 order regardless of whether the obligee to whom the obligor owes 238 support is a recipient of assistance under Title IV-A of the 239 "Social Security Act." The court shall issue the order as part of 240 a court support order or, if a court support order has previously 241 been issued, as a separate order. If a child support enforcement 242 agency is required to issue a withholding or deduction notice 243 under this section with respect to a court support order but 244 determines that no withholding or deduction notice would be 245 appropriate, the agency may request that the court issue a court 246 order under division (D)(1) of this section, and, on the request, 247 the court may issue the order.

(2) If the obligor under an administrative child support 248 order is unemployed, has no income, and does not have an account 249 at any financial institution, the agency shall issue an 250 administrative order requiring the obligor, if able to engage in 251 employment, to seek employment or participate in a work activity 252 to which a recipient of assistance under Title IV-A of the "Social 253 Security Act, 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, 254 may be assigned as specified in section 407(d) of the "Social 255 Security Act, 42 U.S.C.A. 607(d), as amended. The agency shall 256

(B) A notice or order described in this section shall set

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sole shareholder of a corporation, or the sole member of a limited	316
liability company. "Contractor" does not include any of the	317
following:	318
(1) An individual performing intelligence or	319
counterintelligence functions for a state agency if the head of	320
the agency has determined that reporting pursuant to this section	321
could endanger the safety of the individual or compromise an	322
ongoing investigation or intelligence mission;	323
(2) A professionally licensed person who is providing	324
services to the employer under that license;	325
(3) An individual who will receive for the services provided	326
under the contract compensation of less than two thousand five	327
hundred dollars per year or a greater amount that the director of	328
job and family services establishes by rule adopted under section	329
3121.896 of the Revised Code.	330
(B) "Employee" means an individual who is employed to provide	331
services to an employer for compensation to an employer and	332
includes an individual who provides services to an employer under	333
a contract as an independent contractor, and who is an individual,	334
the sole shareholder of a corporation, or the sole member of a	335
limited liability company that is reported as income from wages.	336
"Employee" does not include an individual performing intelligence	337
or counterintelligence functions for a state agency, if the head	338
of the agency has determined that reporting pursuant to this	339
section could endanger the safety of the employee or compromise an	340
ongoing investigation or intelligence mission.	341
(B)(C) "Employer" means any person or governmental entity	342
other than the federal government for which an individual performs	343
any service, of whatever nature, as the employee or contractor of	344
such person, except that:	345
(1) If the person for whom the individual performs services	346

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does not have control of the payment of compensation for the	347
services, "employer" means the person having control of the	348
payment of the compensation.	349
(2) In the case of a person paying compensation on behalf of	350
a nonresident alien individual, foreign partnership, or foreign	351
corporation not engaged in trade or business within the United	352
States, "employer" means the person paying the compensation.	353
(3) In the case of compensation paid to a contractor,	354
<pre>"employer" does not include any person or entity that lacks a</pre>	355
federal employer identification number.	356
(D) "Professionally licensed person" has the same meaning as	357
in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code.	358
Sec. 3121.891. (A) Except as provided in division (B) or (C)	359
of this section, every employer shall make a new hire report to	360
the department of job and family services regarding the hiring,	361
rehiring, or return to work as an employee or contractor of a	362
person who resides, works, or will be assigned to work in this	363
state to whom the employer anticipates paying compensation.	364
(B) An employer with employees or contractors in two or more	365
states that transmits new hire reports magnetically or	366
electronically may make the new hire report to another state if	367
the employer does both of the following:	368
(1) Notifies the Ohio department of job and family services	369
and the United States secretary of health and human services in	370
writing that the employer has designated another state as the	371
state to which the employer will transmit the report;	372
(2) Transmits the report to that state in compliance with	373
federal law.	374
(C) The department may by rule exempt employers from making	375
new hire reports on any classification of contractors if the	376

than twenty days after the date on which the employer hires or	407
rehires an employee or the employee returns to work or the date on	408
which the employer engages or re-engages the contractor or the	409
contractor resumes providing services under the contract.	410
Sec. 3121.894. The department of job and family services	411
shall, within five days of receipt from an employer, enter the	412
information described in $\underline{\text{divisions (A)(1)}}$ and (3) of section	413
3121.892 of the Revised Code into the new hires directory, which	414
shall be part of or accessible to the automated data processing	415
system required pursuant to section 3125.07 of the Revised Code.	416
The department of job and family services may specify by rule	417
the extent to which the information described in division (A)(2)	418
of section 3121.892 of the Revised Code is to be entered into the	419
new hires directory or any other appropriate directory. The	420
department shall enter the information in accordance with the	421
rule.	422
Sec. 3121.895. The department of job and family services	423
shall make comparisons of the social security numbers obtained	424
pursuant to <u>division $(A)(1)$ of</u> section 3121.892 of the Revised	425
Code and the social security numbers appearing in the case	426
registry maintained pursuant to sections 3121.81 to 3121.86 of the	427
Revised Code. Not later than the business day after information is	428
entered into the directory, if the comparison conducted by the	429
department results in a match, the department shall notify the	430
child support enforcement agency administering the support order.	431
Sec. 3121.896. The director of job and family services shall	432
by rule establish the manner in which information concerning any	433
person identified in division (A)(2) of section 3121.892 of the	434
Revised Code shall be used to enforce any support obligations of	435

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that person.	436
The director of job and family services may adopt a rule	437
increasing above the amount established in division (A)(3) of	438
section 3121.89 of the Revised Code the amount of compensation	439
that an employer may annually pay to a contractor under a contract	440
without being required to make a new hire report in relation to	441
that contractor.	442
Sec. 3121.897. Within three business days after information	443
on persons identified in division (A)(1) of section 3121.892 of	444
the Revised Code is entered into the new hires directory, the	445
department of job and family services shall furnish the	446
information to the national directory of new hires. The department	447
shall furnish to the national directory of new hires on a	448
quarterly basis such information contained in the records of the	449
department as is required by state and federal law.	450
To the extent it determines appropriate, the department also	451
may furnish to the national directory of new hires information on	452
persons identified in division (A)(2) of section 3121.892 of the	453
Revised Code.	454
Sec. 3121.898. The department of job and family services	455
shall use the new hire reports it receives for any of the	456
following purposes set forth in 42 U.S.C. 653a, as amended,	457
including:	458
(A) To locate individuals for the purposes of establishing	459
paternity and for establishing, modifying, and enforcing child	460
support orders being administered by child support enforcement	461
agencies in this state.	462
(B) To verify eligibility for any of the following programs	463
As used in this division, "state agency" means every department,	464
bureau, board, commission, office, or other organized body	465

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established by the constitution or laws of this state for the	466
exercise of state government; every entity of county government	467
that is subject to the rules of a state agency; and every	468
contractual agent of a state agency.	469
To make available to any state agency responsible for	470
administering any of the following programs for purposes of	471
verifying program eligibility:	472
(1) Any Title IV-A program as defined in section 5101.80 of the Revised Code;	473 474
(2) The medicaid program authorized by Chapter 5111. of the	475
Revised Code;	476
(3) The unemployment compensation program authorized by	477
Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code;	478
(4) The food stamp program authorized by section 5101.54 of	479
the Revised Code;	480
(5) Any other program authorized in 42 U.S.C. 1320b-7(b), as	481
amended.	482
(C) The administration of the employment security program	483
under the director of job and family services.	484
Sec. 3121.899. (A) The new hire reports filed with the	485
department of job and family services pursuant to section 3121.891	486
of the Revised Code shall not be considered public records for	487
purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The director of	488
job and family services may adopt rules under section 3125.51 of	489
the Revised Code governing access to, and use and disclosure of,	490
information contained in the new hire reports.	491
(B) The department of job and family services may disclose	492
information in the new hire reports to all of the following:	493
(1) Any child support enforcement agency and any agent under	494

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contract with a child support enforcement agency for the purposes	495
listed in division (A) of section 3121.898 of the Revised Code;	496
(2) Any county department of job and family services and any	497
agent under contract with a county department of job and family	498
services for the purposes listed in division (B) of section	499
3121.898 of the Revised Code;	500
(3) Employees of the department of job and family services	501
and any agent under contract with the department of job and family	502
services for the purposes listed in divisions (B) and (C) of	503
section 3121.898 of the Revised Code;	504
(4) The administrator of workers' compensation for the	505
purpose of administering the workers' compensation system pursuant	506
to Chapters 4121., 4123., 4127., and 4131. of the Revised Code <u>:</u>	507
(5) To state agencies operating employment security and	508
workers compensation programs for the purpose of administering	509
those programs, pursuant to division (D) of section 3121.898 of	510
the Revised Code.	511
Sec. 3121.8910. An employer that fails to make a new hire	512
report shall be required by liable to the department of job and	513
family services to pay a fee of not more than for a civil penalty	514
of twenty-five dollars for each failure to make a report.	515
If the failure to make a new hire report is the result of a	516
conspiracy between the employer and the employee not to supply the	517
report or to supply a false or incomplete report, the department	518
shall require the employer to pay a fee of not more than shall be	519
liable for a civil penalty of five hundred dollars for each such	520
failure.	521
Sec. 3123.021. If an obligor under a support order is	522
identified as being in default under the order and is also	523
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identified under section 3121.895 of the Revised Code as obtaining	524
employment, the withholding notice issued under section 3121.03 of	525
the Revised Code in accordance with section 3121.896 of the	526
Revised Code shall require the arrearage amount resulting from the	527
default to be withheld in addition to current support amounts.	528
If an obligor under a support order is identified as being in	529
default under the order and is also identified through a source	530
other than section 3121.895 of the Revised Code as obtaining	531
employment, the child support enforcement agency administering the	532
order shall send a withholding notice to the employer pursuant to	533
section 3121.03 of the Revised Code, unless the employee's income	534
is not subject to withholding, not later than two business days	535
after discovery of the employment. The withholding notice shall	536
require the arrearage amount resulting from the default to be	537
withheld in addition to current support amounts.	538
Section 3123.21 of the Revised Code applies to a withholding	539
notice issued in accordance with this section beginning on the	540
date it is issued and ending on the date the period of default	541
ends.	542
Sec. 3125.141. In providing for service of process of a	543
notice or order as required under this chapter or Chapter 3111.,	544
3115., 3119., 3121., or 3123. of the Revised Code and in locating	545
the individual to be served, a child support enforcement agency	546
may do one or both of the following:	547
(A) Contract with the sheriff of the county served by the	548
agency to compensate the sheriff's office for the provision of	549
services, staff, or equipment, or for the performance of actions,	550
on behalf of the child support enforcement agency to accomplish	551
the objectives of the support enforcement program pursuant to	552

Title IV-D of the "Social Security Act," 88 Stat. 2351 (1975), 42