

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SURRA, SWANGER, R. TAYLOR AND WOJNAROSKI, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in support matters generally, further
3 providing for costs and fees and for State disbursement unit.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Sections 4351(a.1) and 4374(c)(3) and (d)(2) of
7 Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, amended or
8 added May 13, 2008 (P.L.144, No.16), are amended to read:

9 § 4351. Costs and fees.

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11 (a.1) Annual fee.--The Commonwealth shall impose a fee of
12 \$25 in each case in which an individual has never received
13 assistance under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act (49 Stat.
14 620, 42 U.S.C. § 301 et seq.) and for whom the Commonwealth has
15 collected at least \$500 of support in a Federal fiscal year.
16 [The Commonwealth shall pay the \$25 fee for those cases in which
17 the annual collection is between \$500 and \$1,999.99.] The \$25
18 fee shall be collected from the [custodial] parent who owes the

1 child support obligation in [cases where annual collections
2 equal \$2,000 or more] all cases in which a fee is imposed under
3 this subsection.

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5 § 4374. State disbursement unit.

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7 (c) Allocation of collections.--Subject to subsections (d),
8 (e), (f) and (f.1), support collected on behalf of a family
9 shall be distributed as follows:

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11 (3) In the case of a family that never received cash
12 assistance from the Commonwealth, all support collections
13 shall be paid to the family with the exception of the
14 federally mandated \$25 annual fee collected from the
15 [custodial] parent who owes the child support obligation as
16 required under section 4351(a.1) (relating to costs and
17 fees).

18 (d) Retention by Commonwealth.--

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20 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
21 federally mandated \$25 annual fee collected from the
22 [custodial] parent who owes the child support obligation as
23 required under section 4351(a.1) shall be retained by the
24 department.

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26 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.