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AND MOUL, APRIL 11, 2016

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 11, 2016

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in support matters generally, further
3 providing for general administration of support matters.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4305(b)(10) of Title 23 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a
8 subparagraph to read:

9 § 4305. General administration of support matters.

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11 (b) Additional powers.--Subject to the supervision and
12 direction of the court but without the need for prior judicial
13 order, the domestic relations section shall have the power to
14 expedite the establishment and enforcement of support to:

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16 (10) Issue orders in cases where there is a support
17 arrearage to secure assets to satisfy current support

1 obligation and the arrearage by:

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3 (vii) Charging interest on the amount of overdue
4 support. Interest shall be calculated at the rate equal
5 to the prime rate as listed in the first edition of the
6 Wall Street Journal published for each calendar year for
7 which interest is charged, plus 1% not compounded, or 6%
8 annually, whichever is greater. The interest shall be
9 paid to the obligee. As used in this subparagraph, the
10 term "overdue support" shall mean the amount of
11 delinquent support equal to or greater than one month's
12 support obligation which accrues after entry or
13 modification of a support order as a result of the
14 obligor's nonpayment of that order.

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16 Section 2. The addition of 23 Pa.C.S. § 4305(b)(10)(vii)
17 shall apply to child support orders entered on or after the
18 effective date of this section.

19 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.