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An act to amend Section 17208 of the Family Code, relating to child support.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 17208 of the Family Code is amended to read:

17208. (a) The department shall reduce the cost of, and increase the speed and efficiency of, child support enforcement operations. It is the intent of the Legislature to operate the child support enforcement program through local child support agencies without a net increase in state General Fund or county general fund costs, considering all increases to the General Fund as a result of increased collections and welfare recoupment.

(b) The department shall maximize the use of federal funds available for the costs of administering a child support services department, and to the maximum extent feasible, obtain funds from federal financial incentives for the efficient collection of child support, to defray the remaining costs of administration of the department consistent with effective and efficient support enforcement.

(c) Effective October 1, ~~2010~~, 2019, the Department of Child Support Services shall impose an administrative service fee in the amount of ~~twenty-five dollars (\$25)~~ thirty-five dollars (\$35) on a never-assisted custodial party receiving services from the California child support program for order establishment, enforcement, and collection services provided. The annual amount of child support payments collected on behalf of the custodial party must be ~~five hundred dollars (\$500)~~ five hundred fifty dollars (\$550) or more before an administrative service fee is imposed pursuant to this subdivision. The fee shall be deducted from the custodial party's collection payment at the time the collection payments for that year have reached levels specified by the department.



LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, _____.

General Subject: Department of Child Support Services: administrative service fee.

Existing law requires the Department of Child Support Services to impose a \$25 administrative service fee on a never-assisted custodial party who received child support collection services from the state and an annual amount of \$500 or more in collected child support payments.

This bill would increase the administrative service fee, effective October 1, 2019, to \$35 on a never-assisted custodial party who received child support collection services from the state and an annual amount of \$550 or more in collected child support payments.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

