

HOUSE No. 1420

By Ms. Flanagan of Leominster, petition of Jennifer L. Flanagan and others relative to distribution to obligors and custodial parents of quarterly statements of child support payments received by the Division of Child Support Enforcement. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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| Jennifer L. Flanagan | Christine E. Canavan |
| John D. Keenan | Martin J. Walsh |
| Cleon H. Turner | Bruce E. Tarr |

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DISTRIBUTION TO OBLIGORS AND CUSTODIAL PARENTS OF QUARTERLY STATEMENTS OF CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY THE DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 119A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 the following section:—
3 Section 18. The IV-D agency shall provide a quarterly statement
4 to the obligor and custodial parent which contains a full accounting
5 for the preceding quarter relative to said obligor. Said statement shall
6 include but not be limited to the following information: (1) the dates
7 and amounts of each payment received by the IVD agency during
8 the reporting period from the obligor, or any employer or other
9 person remitting child support payments on behalf of the obligor.
10 (2) the distribution during the reporting period of any payments
11 received under clause (1), including the name of the person to whom
12 payment was made or the department of transitional assistance, if
13 applicable, and the date and amount of such payment; and
14 (3) detailed explanations of any collection proceedings instituted or
15 pending during the reporting period, including the nature and date
16 thereof, the amount, if any obtained, and whether such proceedings
17 is pending or had been resolved.

18 The IV-D agency shall notify each obligor and custodial parent in
19 writing of his/her right to receive said quarterly statements. Upon
20 said notification an obligor and/or custodial parent may elect not to
21 receive said statements; provided, however, that the IV-D agency
22 shall bear the burden of proving that such election was made after
23 notification of the provisions of this section.

24 The IV-D agency shall provide an obligor and/or custodial parent,
25 upon request at any time, a current statement containing all the
26 aforementioned information. Said statements shall be provided
27 within ten days of the request and for a cost not to exceed ten dollars
28 for each statement.