

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB3618

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Creates the Uniform Parentage Act (2000). Provides rules for establishing a parent-child relationship, including rules for acknowledging and denying paternity. Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to establish a registry of paternity, and requires that men who have timely registered be given notice of a proceeding for adoption or for termination of parental rights. Provides that the intentional, unauthorized release of information from the registry is a Class B misdemeanor. Provides rules for the genetic testing of a person to determine parentage, and makes the intentional, unauthorized release of an identifiable specimen a Class B misdemeanor. Provides rules for proceedings to adjudicate parentage, and authorizes the issuance of a temporary order for child support. Provides rules for determining the parentage of a child of assisted reproduction. Provides for the regulation of gestational agreements. Repeals the Illinois Parentage Act and the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984. Amends other Acts to make conforming changes.

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1 AN ACT concerning families.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

4	ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS
5	Section 0.01. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
6	Uniform Parentage Act (2000).
7	Section 101. Short title. (See Section 0.01 for short
8	title.)
9	Section 102. Definitions. In this Act:
10	(1) "Acknowledged father" means a man who has
11	established a father-child relationship under Article 3.
12	(2) "Adjudicated father" means a man who has been
13	adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction, or as
14	authorized under Article X of the Illinois Public Aid Code,
15	to be the father of a child.
16	(3) "Alleged father" means a man who alleges himself to
17	be, or is alleged to be, the genetic father or a possible
18	genetic father of a child, but whose paternity has not been
19	determined. The term does not include:
20	(A) a presumed father;
21	(B) a man whose parental rights have been
22	terminated or declared not to exist; or
23	(C) a male donor.
24	(4) "Assisted reproduction" means a method of causing
25	pregnancy other than sexual intercourse. The term
26	includes:
27	(A) intrauterine insemination;
28	(B) donation of eggs;

(C) donation of embryos;

(D) in-vitro fertilization and transfer of

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- 2 (E) intracytoplasmic sperm injection.
 - (5) "Child" means an individual of any age whose parentage may be determined under this Act.
 - (6) "Commence" means to file the initial pleading seeking an adjudication of parentage in the circuit court of this State.
 - (7) "Determination of parentage" means the establishment of the parent-child relationship by the signing of a valid acknowledgment of paternity under Article 3 or adjudication by the court or as authorized under Article X of the Illinois Public Aid Code.
 - (8) "Donor" means an individual who produces eggs or sperm used for assisted reproduction, whether or not for consideration. The term does not include:
 - (A) a husband who provides sperm, or a wife who provides eggs, to be used for assisted reproduction by the wife;
 - (B) a woman who gives birth to a child by means of assisted reproduction, except as otherwise provided in Article 8; or
 - (C) a parent under Article 7 or an intended parent under Article 8.
 - (9) "Ethnic or racial group" means, for purposes of genetic testing, a recognized group that an individual identifies as all or part of the individual's ancestry or that is so identified by other information.
 - (10) "Genetic testing" means an analysis of genetic markers to exclude or identify a man as the father or a woman as the mother of a child. The term includes an analysis of one or a combination of the following:
 - (A) deoxyribonucleic acid; and
 - (B) blood-group antigens, red-cell antigens, human-leukocyte antigens, serum enzymes, serum proteins, or red-cell enzymes.
 - (11) "Gestational mother" means an adult woman who

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- gives birth to a child under a gestational agreement.
 - (12) "Man" means a male individual of any age.
 - (13) "Parent" means an individual who has established a parent-child relationship under Section 201.
 - (14) "Parent-child relationship" means the legal relationship between a child and a parent of the child. The term includes the mother-child relationship and the father-child relationship.
 - (15) "Paternity index" means the likelihood of paternity calculated by computing the ratio between:
 - (A) the likelihood that the tested man is the father, based on the genetic markers of the tested man, mother, and child, conditioned on the hypothesis that the tested man is the father of the child; and
 - (B) the likelihood that the tested man is not the father, based on the genetic markers of the tested man, mother, and child, conditioned on the hypothesis that the tested man is not the father of the child and that the father is of the same ethnic or racial group as the tested man.
 - (16) "Presumed father" means a man who, by operation of law under Section 204, is recognized as the father of a child until that status is rebutted or confirmed in a judicial proceeding.
 - (17) "Probability of paternity" means the measure, for the ethnic or racial group to which the alleged father belongs, of the probability that the man in question is the father of the child, compared with a random, unrelated man of the same ethnic or racial group, expressed as a percentage incorporating the paternity index and a prior probability.
 - (18) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
 - (19) "Signatory" means an individual who authenticates a record and is bound by its terms.

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1	(20) "State" means a State of the United States, the
2	District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin
3	Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to
4	the jurisdiction of the United States.

- (21) "Support-enforcement agency" means a public official or agency authorized to seek:
- (A) enforcement of support orders or laws relating to the duty of support;
- 9 (B) establishment or modification of child support;
 - (C) determination of parentage; or
- 12 (D) location of child-support obligors and their income and assets.
- 14 Section 103. Scope of Act; choice of law.
- 15 (a) This Act applies to determination of parentage in this 16 State.
- 17 (b) The court shall apply the law of this State to
 18 adjudicate the parent-child relationship. The applicable law
 19 does not depend on:
- 20 (1) the place of birth of the child; or
- 21 (2) the past or present residence of the child.
- 22 (c) This Act does not create, enlarge, or diminish parental 23 rights or duties under other law of this State.
 - (d) This Act does not authorize or prohibit an agreement between a woman and a man and another woman in which the woman relinquishes all rights as a parent of a child conceived by means of assisted reproduction, and which provides that the man and other woman become the parents of the child. If a birth results under such an agreement and the agreement is unenforceable under the law of this State, the parent-child relationship is determined as provided in Article 2.
- 32 Section 104. Court of this State. The circuit court is 33 authorized to adjudicate parentage under this Act.

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1	Section 105. Protection of participants. Proceedings under
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3	health, safety, privacy, and liberty of a child or other
4	individual who could be jeopardized by disclosure of
5	identifying information, including address, telephone number,
6	place of employment, social security number, and the child's
7	day-care facility and school.

Section 106. Determination of maternity. Provisions of this Act relating to determination of paternity apply to determination of maternity.

ARTICLE 2. PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP

- 12 Section 201. Establishment of parent-child relationship.
- 13 (a) The mother-child relationship is established between a
 14 woman and a child by:
- 15 (1) the woman's having given birth to the child, except 16 as otherwise provided in Article 8;
 - (2) an adjudication of the woman's maternity;
 - (3) adoption of the child by the woman; or
 - (4) an adjudication confirming the woman as a parent of a child born to a gestational mother if the agreement was validated under Article 8 or is enforceable under other law.
- 23 (b) The father-child relationship is established between a 24 man and a child by:
 - (1) an unrebutted presumption of the man's paternity of the child under Section 204;
 - (2) an effective acknowledgment of paternity by the man under Article 3, unless the acknowledgment has been rescinded or successfully challenged;
 - (3) an adjudication of the man's paternity;
- 31 (4) adoption of the child by the man;
- 32 (5) the man's having consented to assisted 33 reproduction by a woman under Article 7 which resulted in

1 the birth of the child; or

(6) an adjudication confirming the man as a parent of a child born to a gestational mother if the agreement was validated under Article 8 or is enforceable under other law.

Section 202. No discrimination based on marital status. A child born to parents who are not married to each other has the same rights under the law as a child born to parents who are married to each other.

Section 203. Consequences of establishment of parentage. Unless parental rights are terminated, a parent-child relationship established under this Act applies for all purposes, except as otherwise specifically provided by other law of this State.

Section 204. Presumption of paternity.

- (a) A man is presumed to be the father of a child if:
- (1) he and the mother of the child are married to each other and the child is born during the marriage;
- (2) he and the mother of the child were married to each other and the child is born within 300 days after the marriage is terminated by death, annulment, declaration of invalidity, judgment of dissolution, or divorce, or after a judgment of legal separation or decree of separation;
- (3) before the birth of the child, he and the mother of the child married each other in apparent compliance with law, even if the attempted marriage is or could be declared invalid, and the child is born during the invalid marriage or within 300 days after its termination by death, annulment, declaration of invalidity, judgment of dissolution, or divorce, or after a judgment of legal separation or decree of separation; or
- (4) after the birth of the child, he and the mother of the child married each other in apparent compliance with

1	law, whether or not the marriage is or could be declared
2	invalid, and he voluntarily asserted his paternity of the
3	child, and:
4	(A) the assertion is in a record filed with the
5	Illinois Department of Public Health or the Illinois
6	Department of Public Aid as provided by other law of
7	this State;
8	(B) he agreed to be and is named as the child's
9	father on the child's birth certificate; or
LO	(C) he promised in a record to support the child as
11	his own.
12	(5) (Blank).
13	(b) A presumption of paternity established under this
L 4	Section may be rebutted only by an adjudication under Article
15	6.
16	ARTICLE 3. VOLUNTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PATERNITY
L7	Section 301. Acknowledgment of paternity. The mother of a
18	child and a man claiming to be the genetic father of the child
L 9	may sign an acknowledgment of paternity with intent to
20	establish the man's paternity.
21	Section 302. Execution of acknowledgment of paternity.
22	(a) An acknowledgment of paternity must:
23	(1) be in a record;
24	(2) be signed, or otherwise authenticated, under
25	penalty of perjury by the mother and by the man seeking to
26	establish his paternity;
27	(3) state that the child whose paternity is being
28	acknowledged:
29	(A) does not have a presumed father, or has a
30	presumed father whose full name is stated; and
31	(B) does not have another acknowledged or
32	adjudicated father;

(4) state whether there has been genetic testing and,

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- (5) state that the signatories understand that the acknowledgment is the equivalent of a judicial adjudication of paternity of the child and that a challenge to the acknowledgment is permitted only under limited circumstances and is barred after two years.
- (b) An acknowledgment of paternity is void if it:
- (1) states that another man is a presumed father, unless a denial of paternity signed or otherwise authenticated by the presumed father is filed with the Illinois Department of Public or the Illinois Department of Public Aid, as provided by other law of this State;
- (2) states that another man is an acknowledged or adjudicated father; or
- (3) falsely denies the existence of a presumed, acknowledged, or adjudicated father of the child.
- (c) A presumed father may sign or otherwise authenticate an acknowledgment of paternity.
- Section 303. Denial of paternity. A presumed father may sign a denial of his paternity. The denial is valid only if:
 - (1) an acknowledgment of paternity signed, or otherwise authenticated, by another man is filed pursuant to Section 305;
 - (2) the denial is in a record, and is signed, or otherwise authenticated, under penalty of perjury; and
 - (3) the presumed father has not previously:
 - (A) acknowledged his paternity, unless the previous acknowledgment has been rescinded pursuant to Section 307 or successfully challenged pursuant to Section 308; or
- 32 (B) been adjudicated to be the father of the child.
- 33 Section 304. Rules for acknowledgment and denial of 34 paternity.

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- 1 (a) An acknowledgment of paternity and a denial of 2 paternity may be contained in a single document or may be 3 signed in counterparts, and may be filed separately or 4 simultaneously. If the acknowledgement and denial are both 5 necessary, neither is valid until both are filed.
- 6 (b) An acknowledgment of paternity or a denial of paternity
 7 may be signed before the birth of the child.
 - (c) Subject to subsection (a), an acknowledgment of paternity or denial of paternity takes effect on the birth of the child or the filing of the document with the Illinois Department of Public Health or the Illinois Department of Public Aid, as provided by other law of this State, whichever occurs later.
- (d) An acknowledgment of paternity or denial of paternity signed by a minor is valid if it is otherwise in compliance with this Act.
- 17 Section 305. Effect of acknowledgment or denial of 18 paternity.
- 19 (a) Except as otherwise provided in Sections 307 and 308, a
 20 valid acknowledgment of paternity filed with the Illinois
 21 Department of Public Health or the Illinois Department of
 22 Public Aid, as provided by other law of this State, is
 23 equivalent to an adjudication of paternity of a child and
 24 confers upon the acknowledged father all of the rights and
 25 duties of a parent.
 - (b) Except as otherwise provided in Sections 307 and 308, a valid denial of paternity by a presumed father filed with the Illinois Department of Public Health or the Illinois Department of Public Aid, as provided by other law of this State, in conjunction with a valid acknowledgment of paternity is equivalent to an adjudication of the nonpaternity of the presumed father and discharges the presumed father from all rights and duties of a parent.

- of Public Health nor the Illinois Department of Public Aid may
- 2 charge for filing an acknowledgment of paternity or denial of
- 3 paternity.

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- Section 307. Proceeding for rescission. A signatory may rescind an acknowledgment of paternity or denial of paternity by commencing a proceeding to rescind before the earlier of:
 - (1) 60 days after the effective date of the acknowledgment or denial, as provided in Section 304; or
- 9 (2) the date of the first hearing, in a proceeding to
 10 which the signatory is a party, before a court to
 11 adjudicate an issue relating to the child, including a
 12 proceeding that establishes support.
- Section 308. Challenge after expiration of period for rescission.
 - (a) After the period for rescission under Section 307 has expired, a signatory of an acknowledgment of paternity or denial of paternity may commence a proceeding to challenge the acknowledgment or denial only:
 - (1) on the basis of fraud, duress, or material mistake of fact; and
 - (2) within two years after the acknowledgment or denial is filed with the Illinois Department of Public Health or the Illinois Department of Public Aid, as provided by other law of this State.
- 25 (b) A party challenging an acknowledgment of paternity or 26 denial of paternity has the burden of proof.
- 27 Section 309. Procedure for rescission or challenge.
- 28 (a) Every signatory to an acknowledgment of paternity and 29 any related denial of paternity must be made a party to a 30 proceeding to rescind or challenge the acknowledgment or 31 denial.
- 32 (b) For the purpose of rescission of, or challenge to, an 33 acknowledgment of paternity or denial of paternity, a signatory

- 1 submits to personal jurisdiction of this State by signing the
- 2 acknowledgment or denial, effective upon the filing of the
- 3 document with the Illinois Department of Public Health or the
- 4 Illinois Department of Public Aid, as provided by other law of
- 5 this State.
- 6 (c) Except for good cause shown, during the pendency of a
- 7 proceeding to rescind or challenge an acknowledgment of
- 8 paternity or denial of paternity, the court may not suspend the
- 9 legal responsibilities of a signatory arising from the
- 10 acknowledgment, including the duty to pay child support.
- 11 (d) A proceeding to rescind or to challenge an
- 12 acknowledgment of paternity or denial of paternity must be
- 13 conducted in the same manner as a proceeding to adjudicate
- 14 parentage under Article 6.
- 15 (e) At the conclusion of a proceeding to rescind or
- 16 challenge an acknowledgment of paternity or denial of
- 17 paternity, the court shall order the Illinois Department of
- 18 Public Health to amend the birth record of the child, if
- 19 appropriate.
- 20 Section 310. Ratification barred. A court or
- 21 administrative proceeding is not required or permitted to
- 22 ratify an unchallenged acknowledgment of paternity.
- 23 Section 311. Full faith and credit. A court of this State
- 24 shall give full faith and credit to an acknowledgment of
- 25 paternity or denial of paternity effective in another state if
- the acknowledgment or denial has been signed and is otherwise
- in compliance with the law of the other state.
- 28 Section 312. Forms for acknowledgment and denial of
- 29 paternity.
- 30 (a) To facilitate compliance with this Article, the
- 31 Illinois Department of Public Health or the Illinois Department
- of Public Aid, as provided by other law of this State, shall
- 33 prescribe forms for the acknowledgment of paternity and the

- denial of paternity.
- 2 (b) A valid acknowledgment of paternity or denial of
- 3 paternity is not affected by a later modification of the
- 4 prescribed form.
- 5 Section 313. Release of information. The Illinois
- 6 Department of Public Health and the Illinois Department of
- 7 Public Aid may release information relating to the
- 8 acknowledgment of paternity or denial of paternity to a
- 9 signatory of the acknowledgment or denial and to courts and
- 10 appropriate state or federal agencies of this or another state.
- 11 Section 314. Adoption of rules. The Illinois Department of
- 12 Public Health and the Illinois Department of Public Aid may
- adopt rules to implement this Article.
- 14 ARTICLE 4. REGISTRY OF PATERNITY
- 15 PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS
- 16 Section 401. Establishment of registry. A registry of
- 17 paternity is established in the Illinois Department of Children
- 18 and Family Services.
- 19 Section 402. Registration for notification.
- 20 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) or
- 21 Section 405, a man who desires to be notified of a proceeding
- for adoption of, or termination of parental rights regarding, a
- 23 child that he may have fathered must register in the registry
- of paternity before the birth of the child or within 30 days
- 25 after the birth.
- 26 (b) A man is not required to register if:
- 27 (1) a father-child relationship between the man and the
- child has been established under this Act or other law; or
- 29 (2) the man commences a proceeding to adjudicate his
- 30 paternity before the court has terminated his parental

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- (c) A registrant shall promptly notify the registry in a record of any change in the information registered. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services shall incorporate all new information received into its records but need not affirmatively seek to obtain current information for incorporation in the registry.
 - Section 403. Notice of proceeding. Notice of a proceeding for the adoption of, or termination of parental rights regarding, a child must be given to a registrant who has timely registered. Notice must be given in a manner prescribed for service of process in a civil action.
- Section 404. Termination of parental rights: child under under one year of age. The parental rights of a man who may be the father of a child may be terminated without notice if:
 - (1) the child has not attained one year of age at the time of the termination of parental rights;
 - (2) the man did not register timely with the Illinois
 Department of Children and Family Services; and
- 20 (3) the man is not exempt from registration under 21 Section 402.
- Section 405. Termination of parental rights: child at least one year of age.
- 24 (a) If a child has attained one year of age, notice of a 25 proceeding for adoption of, or termination of parental rights 26 regarding, the child must be given to every alleged father of 27 the child, whether or not he has registered with the Illinois 28 Department of Children and Family Services.
- 29 (b) Notice must be given in a manner prescribed for service of process in a civil action.

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1	Section 411. Required form. The Illinois Department of
2	Children and Family Services shall prepare a form for
3	registering with the agency. The form must require the
4	signature of the registrant. The form must state that the form
5	s signed under penalty of perjury. The form must also state
6	that:

- (1) a timely registration entitles the registrant to notice of a proceeding for adoption of the child or termination of the registrant's parental rights;
- a timely registration does not commence proceeding to establish paternity;
- (3) the information disclosed on the form may be used against the registrant to establish paternity;
- (4) services to assist in establishing paternity are available to the registrant through the support-enforcement agency;
- (5) the registrant should also register in another state if conception or birth of the child occurred in the other state;
- (6) information on registries of other states is available from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services; and
- 23 (7) procedures exist to rescind the registration of a claim of paternity. 24
- 25 Section 412. Furnishing of information; confidentiality.
 - (a) The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services need not seek to locate the mother of a child who is the subject of a registration, but the Department shall send a copy of the notice of registration to a mother if she has provided an address.
- 31 (b) Information contained in the registry is confidential and may be released on request only to: 32
 - (1) a court or a person designated by the court;
- (2) the mother of the child who is the subject of the 34 35 registration;

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- (4) a licensed child-placing agency;
- (5) a support-enforcement agency;
 - (6) a party or the party's attorney of record in a proceeding under this Act or in a proceeding for adoption of, or for termination of parental rights regarding, a child who is the subject of the registration; and
- (7) the registry of paternity in another state.
- Section 413. Penalty for releasing information. An individual commits a Class B misdemeanor if the individual intentionally releases information from the registry to another individual or agency not authorized to receive the information under Section 412.
- Section 414. Rescission of registration. A registrant may rescind his registration at any time by sending to the registry a rescission in a record signed or otherwise authenticated by him, and witnessed or notarized.
- Section 415. Untimely registration. If a man registers more than 30 days after the birth of the child, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services shall notify the registrant that on its face his registration was not filed timely.
- 24 Section 416. Fees for registry.
- 25 (a) A fee may not be charged for filing a registration or a 26 rescission of registration.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c), the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may charge a reasonable fee for making a search of the registry and for furnishing a certificate.
- 31 (c) A support-enforcement agency and other appropriate 32 agencies, if any, are not required to pay a fee authorized by

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PART 3. SEARCH OF REGISTRIES

3	Section	421.	Search	$\circ f$	appropriate	registry.
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- (a) If a father-child relationship has not been established under this Act for a child under one year of age, a petitioner for adoption of, or termination of parental rights regarding, the child, must obtain a certificate of search of the registry of paternity.
- (b) If a petitioner for adoption of, or termination of parental rights regarding, a child has reason to believe that the conception or birth of the child may have occurred in another state, the petitioner must also obtain a certificate of search from the registry of paternity, if any, in that state.

Section 422. Certificate of search of registry.

- (a) The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services shall furnish to the requester a certificate of search of the registry on request of an individual, court, or agency identified in Section 412.
- (b) A certificate provided by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services must be signed on behalf of the State that:
 - (1) a search has been made of the registry; and
- 23 (2) a registration containing the information required 24 to identify the registrant:
- 25 (A) has been found and is attached to the certificate of search; or
- 27 (B) has not been found.
- (c) A petitioner must file the certificate of search with the court before a proceeding for adoption of, or termination of parental rights regarding, a child may be concluded.

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- Section 501. Scope of Article. This Article governs genetic testing of an individual to determine parentage, whether the individual:
 - (1) voluntarily submits to testing; or
- 5 (2) is tested pursuant to an order of the court or a support-enforcement agency.
- 7 Section 502. Order for testing.
 - (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Article and Article 6, the court shall order the child and other designated individuals to submit to genetic testing if the request for testing is supported by the sworn statement of a party to the proceeding:
 - (1) alleging paternity and stating facts establishing a reasonable probability of the requisite sexual contact between the individuals; or
 - (2) denying paternity and stating facts establishing a possibility that sexual contact between the individuals, if any, did not result in the conception of the child.
 - (b) A support-enforcement agency may order genetic testing only if there is no presumed, acknowledged, or adjudicated father.
- 22 (c) If a request for genetic testing of a child is made 23 before birth, the court or support-enforcement agency may not 24 order in-utero testing.
- 25 (d) If two or more men are subject to court-ordered genetic 26 testing, the testing may be ordered concurrently or 27 sequentially.
- Section 503. Requirements for genetic testing.
- 29 (a) Genetic testing must be of a type reasonably relied 30 upon by experts in the field of genetic testing and performed 31 in a testing laboratory accredited by:
- 32 (1) the American Association of Blood Banks, or a successor to its functions;
- 34 (2) the American Society for Histocompatibility and

Immunogenetics, or a successor to its functions; or

- (3) an accrediting body designated by the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services.
- (b) A specimen used in genetic testing may consist of one or more samples, or a combination of samples, of blood, buccal cells, bone, hair, or other body tissue or fluid. The specimen used in the testing need not be of the same kind for each individual undergoing genetic testing.
- (c) Based on the ethnic or racial group of an individual, the testing laboratory shall determine the databases from which to select frequencies for use in calculation of the probability of paternity. If there is disagreement as to the testing laboratory's choice, the following rules apply:
 - (1) The individual objecting may require the testing laboratory, within 30 days after receipt of the report of the test, to recalculate the probability of paternity using an ethnic or racial group different from that used by the laboratory.
 - (2) The individual objecting to the testing laboratory's initial choice shall:
 - (A) if the frequencies are not available to the testing laboratory for the ethnic or racial group requested, provide the requested frequencies compiled in a manner recognized by accrediting bodies; or
 - (B) engage another testing laboratory to perform the calculations.
 - (3) The testing laboratory may use its own statistical estimate if there is a question regarding which ethnic or racial group is appropriate. If available, the testing laboratory shall calculate the frequencies using statistics for any other ethnic or racial group requested.
- (d) If, after recalculation using a different ethnic or racial group, genetic testing does not rebuttably identify a man as the father of a child under Section 505, an individual who has been tested may be required to submit to additional genetic testing.

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- 1 Section 504. Report of genetic testing.
- 2 (a) A report of genetic testing must be in a record and 3 signed under penalty of perjury by a designee of the testing 4 laboratory. A report made under the requirements of this 5 Article is self-authenticating.
 - (b) Documentation from the testing laboratory of the following information is sufficient to establish a reliable chain of custody that allows the results of genetic testing to be admissible without testimony:
 - (1) the names and photographs of the individuals whose specimens have been taken;
 - (2) the names of the individuals who collected the specimens;
 - (3) the places and dates the specimens were collected;
 - (4) the names of the individuals who received the specimens in the testing laboratory; and
- 17 (5) the dates the specimens were received.
- 18 Section 505. Genetic testing results; rebuttal.
 - (a) Under this Act, a man is rebuttably identified as the father of a child if the genetic testing complies with this Article and the results disclose that:
 - (1) the man has at least a 99 percent probability of paternity, using a prior probability of 0.50, as calculated by using the combined paternity index obtained in the testing; and
 - (2) a combined paternity index of at least 100 to 1.
 - (b) A man identified under subsection (a) as the father of the child may rebut the genetic testing results only by other genetic testing satisfying the requirements of this Article which:
- 31 (1) excludes the man as a genetic father of the child; 32 or
- 33 (2) identifies another man as the possible father of 34 the child.

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- 1 (c) Except as otherwise provided in Section 510, if more 2 than one man is identified by genetic testing as the possible 3 father of the child, the court shall order them to submit to 4 further genetic testing to identify the genetic father.
- 5 Section 506. Costs of genetic testing.
- 6 (a) Subject to assessment of costs under Article 6, the 7 cost of initial genetic testing must be advanced:
- 8 (1) by a support-enforcement agency in a proceeding in 9 which the support-enforcement agency is providing 10 services;
 - (2) by the individual who made the request;
 - (3) as agreed by the parties; or
- 13 (4) as ordered by the court.
- 14 (b) In cases in which the cost is advanced by the 15 support-enforcement agency, the agency may seek reimbursement 16 from a man who is rebuttably identified as the father.
 - Section 507. Additional genetic testing. The court or the support-enforcement agency shall order additional genetic testing upon the request of a party who contests the result of the original testing. If the previous genetic testing identified a man as the father of the child under Section 505, the court or agency may not order additional testing unless the party provides advance payment for the testing.
- Section 508. Genetic testing when specimens not available.
- 25 (a) Subject to subsection (b), if a genetic-testing 26 specimen is not available from a man who may be the father of a 27 child, for good cause and under circumstances the court 28 considers to be just, the court may order the following 29 individuals to submit specimens for genetic testing:
 - (1) the parents of the man;
- 31 (2) brothers and sisters of the man;
- 32 (3) other children of the man and their mothers; and
- 33 (4) other relatives of the man necessary to complete

- 1 genetic testing.
- 2 (b) Issuance of an order under this Section requires a
- 3 finding that a need for genetic testing outweighs the
- 4 legitimate interests of the individual sought to be tested.
- 5 Section 509. Deceased individual. For good cause shown, the
- 6 court may order genetic testing of a deceased individual.
- 7 Section 510. Identical brothers.
- 8 (a) The court may order genetic testing of a brother of a
- 9 man identified as the father of a child if the man is commonly
- 10 believed to have an identical brother and evidence suggests
- 11 that the brother may be the genetic father of the child.
- 12 (b) If each brother satisfies the requirements as the
- 13 identified father of the child under Section 505 without
- 14 consideration of another identical brother being identified as
- 15 the father of the child, the court may rely on nongenetic
- 16 evidence to adjudicate which brother is the father of the
- 17 child.
- 18 Section 511. Confidentiality of genetic testing.
- 19 (a) Release of the report of genetic testing for parentage
- is controlled by the Genetic Information Privacy Act.
- 21 (b) An individual who intentionally releases an
- 22 identifiable specimen of another individual for any purpose
- other than that relevant to the proceeding regarding parentage
- 24 without a court order or the written permission of the
- 25 individual who furnished the specimen commits a Class B
- 26 misdemeanor.
- 27 ARTICLE 6. PROCEEDING TO ADJUDICATE PARENTAGE
- 28 PART 1. NATURE OF PROCEEDING
- 29 Section 601. Proceeding authorized. A civil proceeding may
- 30 be maintained to adjudicate the parentage of a child. The

- 1 proceeding is governed by the Code of Civil Procedure.
- 2 Section 602. Standing to maintain proceeding. Subject to
- 3 Article 3 and Sections 607 and 609, a proceeding to adjudicate
- 4 parentage may be maintained by:
- 5 (1) the child;
- 6 (2) the mother of the child;
- 7 (3) a man whose paternity of the child is to be adjudicated;
- 9 (4) the support-enforcement agency or other 10 governmental agency authorized by other law;
- 11 (5) an authorized adoption agency or licensed 12 child-placing agency;
- 13 (6) a representative authorized by law to act for an individual who would otherwise be entitled to maintain a proceeding but who is deceased, incapacitated, or a minor; or
- 17 (7) an intended parent under Article 8.
- Section 603. Parties to proceeding. The following individuals must be joined as parties in a proceeding to adjudicate parentage:
- 21 (1) the mother of the child; and
- 22 (2) a man whose paternity of the child is to be adjudicated.
- 24 Section 604. Personal jurisdiction.
- 25 (a) An individual may not be adjudicated to be a parent 26 unless the court has personal jurisdiction over the individual.
- (b) A court of this State having jurisdiction to adjudicate parentage may exercise personal jurisdiction over a nonresident individual, or the guardian or conservator of the individual, if the conditions prescribed in Section 201 of the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act are fulfilled.
- 32 (c) Lack of jurisdiction over one individual does not 33 preclude the court from making an adjudication of parentage

- 1 binding on another individual over whom the court has personal
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- Section 605. Venue. Venue for a proceeding to adjudicate parentage is in the county of this State in which:
 - (1) the child resides or is found;
- 6 (2) the respondent resides or is found if the child 7 does not reside in this State; or
- 8 (3) a proceeding for probate or administration of the 9 presumed or alleged father's estate has been commenced.
 - Section 606. No limitation: child having no presumed, acknowledged, or adjudicated father. A proceeding to adjudicate the parentage of a child having no presumed, acknowledged, or adjudicated father may be commenced at any time, even after:
 - (1) the child becomes an adult, but only if the child initiates the proceeding; or
 - (2) an earlier proceeding to adjudicate paternity has been dismissed based on the application of a statute of limitation then in effect.
 - Section 607. Limitation: child having presumed father.
 - (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), a proceeding brought by a presumed father, the mother, or another individual to adjudicate the parentage of a child having a presumed father must be commenced not later than two years after the birth of the child.
 - (b) A proceeding seeking to disprove the father-child relationship between a child and the child's presumed father may be maintained at any time if the court determines that:
 - (1) the presumed father and the mother of the child neither cohabited nor engaged in sexual intercourse with each other during the probable time of conception; and
- 32 (2) the presumed father never openly held out the child as his own.

1 Section 608. Authority to deny motion for genetic testing.

- (a) In a proceeding to adjudicate the parentage of a child having a presumed father or to challenge the paternity of a child having an acknowledged father, the court may deny a motion seeking an order for genetic testing of the mother, the child, and the presumed or acknowledged father if the court determines that:
 - (1) the conduct of the mother or the presumed or acknowledged father stops that party from denying parentage; and
 - (2) it would be inequitable to disprove the father-child relationship between the child and the presumed or acknowledged father.
- (b) In determining whether to deny a motion seeking an order for genetic testing under this Section, the court shall consider the best interest of the child, including the following factors:
 - (1) the length of time between the proceeding to adjudicate parentage and the time that the presumed or acknowledged father was placed on notice that he might not be the genetic father;
 - (2) the length of time during which the presumed or acknowledged father has assumed the role of father of the child;
 - (3) the facts surrounding the presumed or acknowledged father's discovery of his possible nonpaternity;
 - (4) the nature of the relationship between the child and the presumed or acknowledged father;
 - (5) the age of the child;
 - (6) the harm that may result to the child if presumed or acknowledged paternity is successfully disproved;
 - (7) the nature of the relationship between the child and any alleged father;
- (8) the extent to which the passage of time reduces the chances of establishing the paternity of another man and a

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child-support obligation in favor of the child; and

- (9) other factors that may affect the equities arising from the disruption of the father-child relationship between the child and the presumed or acknowledged father or the chance of other harm to the child.
- (c) In a proceeding involving the application of this Section, a minor or incapacitated child must be represented by a guardian ad litem.
- 9 (d) Denial of a motion seeking an order for genetic testing 10 must be based on clear and convincing evidence.
- 11 (e) If the court denies a motion seeking an order for 12 genetic testing, it shall issue an order adjudicating the 13 presumed or acknowledged father to be the father of the child.
- Section 609. Limitation: child having acknowledged or adjudicated father.
 - (a) If a child has an acknowledged father, a signatory to the acknowledgment of paternity or denial of paternity may commence a proceeding seeking to rescind the acknowledgement or denial or challenge the paternity of the child only within the time allowed under Section 307 or 308.
 - (b) If a child has an acknowledged father or an adjudicated father, an individual, other than the child, who is neither a signatory to the acknowledgment of paternity nor a party to the adjudication and who seeks an adjudication of paternity of the child must commence a proceeding not later than two years after the effective date of the acknowledgment or adjudication.
- 27 (c) A proceeding under this Section is subject to the 28 application of the principles of estoppel established in 29 Section 608.
- 30 Section 610. Joinder of proceedings.
- 31 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), a 32 proceeding to adjudicate parentage may be joined with a 33 proceeding for adoption, termination of parental rights, child 34 custody or visitation, child support, dissolution of marriage,

- divorce, annulment, legal separation or separate maintenance,
- 2 probate or administration of an estate, or other appropriate
- 3 proceeding.
- 4 (b) A respondent may not join a proceeding described in
- 5 subsection (a) with a proceeding to adjudicate parentage
- 6 brought under the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act.
- 7 Section 611. Proceeding before birth. A proceeding to
- 8 determine parentage may be commenced before the birth of the
- 9 child, but may not be concluded until after the birth of the
- 10 child. The following actions may be taken before the birth of
- 11 the child:
- 12 (1) service of process;
- 13 (2) discovery; and
- 14 (3) except as prohibited by Section 502, collection of
- specimens for genetic testing.
- Section 612. Child as party; representation.
- 17 (a) A minor child is a permissible party, but is not a
- necessary party to a proceeding under this Article.
- 19 (b) The court shall appoint a guardian ad litem to
- 20 represent a minor or incapacitated child if the child is a
- 21 party or the court finds that the interests of the child are
- 22 not adequately represented.
- 23 PART 2. SPECIAL RULES FOR PROCEEDING TO ADJUDICATE PARENTAGE
- Section 621. Admissibility of results of genetic testing;
- expenses.
- 26 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c), a
- 27 record of a genetic-testing expert is admissible as evidence of
- the truth of the facts asserted in the report unless a party
- objects to its admission within 14 days after its receipt by
- 30 the objecting party and cites specific grounds for exclusion.
- 31 The admissibility of the report is not affected by whether the
- 32 testing was performed:

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- 1 (1) voluntarily or pursuant to an order of the court or 2 a support-enforcement agency; or
 - (2) before or after the commencement of the proceeding.
 - (b) A party objecting to the results of genetic testing may call one or more genetic-testing experts to testify in person or by telephone, videoconference, deposition, or another method approved by the court. Unless otherwise ordered by the court, the party offering the testimony bears the expense for the expert testifying.
- 10 (c) If a child has a presumed, acknowledged, or adjudicated 11 father, the results of genetic testing are inadmissible to 12 adjudicate parentage unless performed:
 - (1) with the consent of both the mother and the presumed, acknowledged, or adjudicated father; or
 - (2) pursuant to an order of the court under Section 502.
 - (d) Copies of bills for genetic testing and for prenatal and postnatal health care for the mother and child which are furnished to the adverse party not less than 10 days before the date of a hearing are admissible to establish:
 - (1) the amount of the charges billed; and
- 22 (2) that the charges were reasonable, necessary, and customary.
- Section 622. Consequences of declining genetic testing.
 - (a) An order for genetic testing is enforceable by contempt.
 - (b) If an individual whose paternity is being determined declines to submit to genetic testing ordered by the court, the court for that reason may adjudicate parentage contrary to the position of that individual.
 - (c) Genetic testing of the mother of a child is not a condition precedent to testing the child and a man whose paternity is being determined. If the mother is unavailable or declines to submit to genetic testing, the court may order the testing of the child and every man whose paternity is being

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- 2 Section 623. Admission of paternity authorized.
- (a) A respondent in a proceeding to adjudicate parentage may admit to the paternity of a child by filing a pleading to that effect or by admitting paternity under penalty of perjury when making an appearance or during a hearing.
 - (b) If the court finds that the admission of paternity satisfies the requirements of this Section and finds that there is no reason to question the admission, the court shall issue an order adjudicating the child to be the child of the man admitting paternity.
- 12 Section 624. Temporary order.
- 13 (a) In a proceeding under this Article, the court shall
 14 issue a temporary order for support of a child if the order is
 15 appropriate and the individual ordered to pay support is:
 - (1) a presumed father of the child;
- 17 (2) petitioning to have his paternity adjudicated;
- 18 (3) identified as the father through genetic testing 19 under Section 505;
- 20 (4) an alleged father who has declined to submit to genetic testing;
 - (5) shown by clear and convincing evidence to be the father of the child; or
 - (6) the mother of the child.
- 25 (b) A temporary order may include provisions for custody 26 and visitation as provided by other law of this State.

27 PART 3. HEARINGS AND ADJUDICATION

- Section 631. Rules for adjudication of paternity. The court shall apply the following rules to adjudicate the paternity of a child:
- 31 (1) The paternity of a child having a presumed, 32 acknowledged, or adjudicated father may be disproved only

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by admissible results of genetic testing excluding that man as the father of the child or identifying another man as the father of the child.

- (2) Unless the results of genetic testing are admitted to rebut other results of genetic testing, a man identified as the father of a child under Section 505 must be adjudicated the father of the child.
- (3) If the court finds that genetic testing under Section 505 neither identifies nor excludes a man as the father of a child, the court may not dismiss the proceeding. In that event, the results of genetic testing, and other evidence, are admissible to adjudicate the issue of paternity.
- (4) Unless the results of genetic testing are admitted to rebut other results of genetic testing, a man excluded as the father of a child by genetic testing must be adjudicated not to be the father of the child.
- Section 632. Jury prohibited. The court, without a jury, shall adjudicate paternity of a child.
- 20 Section 633. Hearings; inspection of records.
- 21 (a) On request of a party and for good cause shown, the 22 court may close a proceeding under this Article.
 - (b) A final order in a proceeding under this Article is available for public inspection. Other papers and records are available only with the consent of the parties or on order of the court for good cause.
- 27 Section 634. Order of default. The court shall issue an 28 order adjudicating the paternity of a man who:
 - (1) after service of process, is in default; and
- 30 (2) is found by the court to be the father of a child.
- Section 635. Dismissal for want of prosecution. The court may issue an order dismissing a proceeding commenced under this

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- 1 Act for want of prosecution only without prejudice. An order of
- 2 dismissal for want of prosecution purportedly with prejudice is
- 3 void and has only the effect of a dismissal without prejudice.
- 4 Section 636. Order adjudicating parentage.
- 5 (a) The court shall issue an order adjudicating whether a
 6 man alleged or claiming to be the father is the parent of the
 7 child.
- 8 (b) An order adjudicating parentage must identify the child 9 by name and date of birth.
 - (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d), the court may assess filing fees, reasonable attorney's fees, fees for genetic testing, other costs, and necessary travel and other reasonable expenses incurred in a proceeding under this Article. The court may award attorney's fees, which may be paid directly to the attorney, who may enforce the order in the attorney's own name.
 - (d) The court may not assess fees, costs, or expenses against the support-enforcement agency of this State or another state, except as provided by other law.
 - (e) On request of a party and for good cause shown, the court may order that the name of the child be changed.
 - (f) If the order of the court is at variance with the child's birth certificate, the court shall order the Illinois Department of Public Health to issue an amended birth registration.
- Section 637. Binding effect of determination of parentage.
- 27 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), a 28 determination of parentage is binding on:
 - (1) all signatories to an acknowledgement or denial of paternity as provided in Article 3; and
 - (2) all parties to an adjudication by a court acting under circumstances that satisfy the jurisdictional requirements of Section 201 of the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act.

- (b) A child is not bound by a determination of parentage under this Act unless:
 - (1) the determination was based on an unrescinded acknowledgment of paternity and the acknowledgement is consistent with the results of genetic testing;
 - (2) the adjudication of parentage was based on a finding consistent with the results of genetic testing and the consistency is declared in the determination or is otherwise shown; or
 - (3) the child was a party or was represented in the proceeding determining parentage by a guardian ad litem.
 - (c) In a proceeding to dissolve a marriage, the court is deemed to have made an adjudication of the parentage of a child if the court acts under circumstances that satisfy the jurisdictional requirements of Section 201 of the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, and the final order:
 - (1) expressly identifies a child as a "child of the marriage," "issue of the marriage," or similar words indicating that the husband is the father of the child; or
 - (2) provides for support of the child by the husband unless paternity is specifically disclaimed in the order.
 - (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), a determination of parentage may be a defense in a subsequent proceeding seeking to adjudicate parentage by an individual who was not a party to the earlier proceeding.
- (e) A party to an adjudication of paternity may challenge the adjudication only under law of this State relating to appeal, vacation of judgments, or other judicial review.

ARTICLE 7. CHILD OF ASSISTED REPRODUCTION

Section 701. Scope of Article. This Article does not apply to the birth of a child conceived by means of sexual intercourse, or as the result of a gestational agreement as provided in Article 8.

Section 702. Parental status of donor. A donor is not a parent of a child conceived by means of assisted reproduction.

Section 703. Paternity of child of assisted reproduction. A man who provides sperm for, or consents to, assisted reproduction by a woman as provided in Section 704 with the intent to be the parent of her child, is a parent of the resulting child.

Section 704. Consent to assisted reproduction.

- (a) Consent by a woman, and a man who intends to be a parent of a child born to the woman by assisted reproduction must be in a record signed by the woman and the man. This requirement does not apply to a donor.
- (b) Failure of a man to sign a consent required by subsection (a), before or after birth of the child, does not preclude a finding of paternity if the woman and the man, during the first two years of the child's life resided together in the same household with the child and openly held out the child as their own.

19 Section 705. Limitation on husband's dispute of paternity.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), the husband of a wife who gives birth to a child by means of assisted reproduction may not challenge his paternity of the child unless:
- (1) within two years after learning of the birth of the child he commences a proceeding to adjudicate his paternity; and
 - (2) the court finds that he did not consent to the assisted reproduction, before or after birth of the child.
- 29 (b) A proceeding to adjudicate paternity may be maintained 30 at any time if the court determines that:
 - (1) the husband did not provide sperm for, or before or after the birth of the child consent to, assisted reproduction by his wife;

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- 1 (2) the husband and the mother of the child have not 2 cohabited since the probable time of assisted 3 reproduction; and
- 4 (3) the husband never openly held out the child as his own.
- 6 (c) The limitation provided in this Section applies to a 7 marriage declared invalid after assisted reproduction.
- 8 Section 706. Effect of dissolution of marriage or 9 withdrawal of consent.
 - (a) If a marriage is dissolved before placement of eggs, sperm, or embryos, the former spouse is not a parent of the resulting child unless the former spouse consented in a record that if assisted reproduction were to occur after a divorce, the former spouse would be a parent of the child.
 - (b) The consent of a woman or a man to assisted reproduction may be withdrawn by that individual in a record at any time before placement of eggs, sperm, or embryos. An individual who withdraws consent under this Section is not a parent of the resulting child.
 - Section 707. Parental status of deceased individual. If an individual who consented in a record to be a parent by assisted reproduction dies before placement of eggs, sperm, or embryos, the deceased individual is not a parent of the resulting child unless the deceased spouse consented in a record that if assisted reproduction were to occur after death, the deceased individual would be a parent of the child.

ARTICLE 8. GESTATIONAL AGREEMENT

- 28 Section 801. Gestational agreement authorized.
- 29 (a) A prospective gestational mother, her husband if she is 30 married, a donor or the donors, and the intended parents may 31 enter into a written agreement providing that:
- 32 (1) the prospective gestational mother agrees to

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- (2) the prospective gestational mother, her husband if she is married, and the donors relinquish all rights and duties as the parents of a child conceived through assisted reproduction; and
- 6 (3) the intended parents become the parents of the 7 child.
- 8 (b) The man and the woman who are the intended parents must both be parties to the gestational agreement.
- 10 (c) A gestational agreement is enforceable only if validated as provided in Section 803.
 - (d) A gestational agreement does not apply to the birth of a child conceived by means of sexual intercourse.
- (e) A gestational agreement may provide for payment of consideration.
- (f) A gestational agreement may not limit the right of the gestational mother to make decisions to safeguard her health or that of the embryos or fetus.
- 19 Section 802. Requirements of petition.
- 20 (a) The intended parents and the prospective gestational 21 mother may commence a proceeding in the circuit court to 22 validate a gestational agreement.
- 23 (b) A proceeding to validate a gestational agreement may 24 not be maintained unless:
 - (1) the mother or the intended parents have been residents of this State for at least 90 days;
 - (2) the prospective gestational mother's husband, if she is married, is joined in the proceeding; and
- 29 (3) a copy of the gestational agreement is attached to 30 the petition.
- 31 Section 803. Hearing to validate gestational agreement.
- 32 (a) If the requirements of subsection (b) are satisfied, a 33 court may issue an order validating the gestational agreement 34 and declaring that the intended parents will be the parents of

- a child born during the term of the of the agreement.
- 2 (b) The court may issue an order under subsection (a) only on finding that:
 - (1) the residence requirements of Section 802 have been satisfied and the parties have submitted to the jurisdiction of the court under the jurisdictional standards of this Act;
 - (2) unless waived by the court, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services has made a home study of the intended parents and the intended parents meet the standards of suitability applicable to adoptive parents;
 - (3) all parties have voluntarily entered into the agreement and understand its terms;
 - (4) adequate provision has been made for all reasonable health-care expense associated with the gestational agreement until the birth of the child, including responsibility for those expenses if the agreement is terminated; and
 - (5) the consideration, if any, paid to the prospective gestational mother is reasonable.
 - Section 804. Inspection of records. The proceedings, records, and identities of the individual parties to a gestational agreement under this Article are subject to inspection under the standards of confidentiality applicable to adoptions as provided under other law of this State.
 - Section 805. Exclusive, continuing jurisdiction. Subject to the jurisdictional standards of Section 201 of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, the court conducting a proceeding under this Article has exclusive, continuing jurisdiction of all matters arising out of the gestational agreement until a child born to the gestational mother during the period governed by the agreement attains the age of 180 days.

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- 1 Section 806. Termination of gestational agreement.
- 2 (a) After issuance of an order under this Article, but before the prospective gestational mother becomes pregnant by 3 means of assisted reproduction, the prospective gestational 4 5 mother, her husband, or either of the intended parents may 6 terminate the gestational agreement by giving written notice of termination to all other parties. 7
- (b) The court for good cause shown may terminate the gestational agreement. 9
- (c) An individual who terminates a gestational agreement 10 11 shall file notice of the termination with the court. On receipt 12 of the notice, the court shall vacate the order issued under this Article. An individual who does not notify the court of 1.3 the termination of the agreement is subject to appropriate 14 sanctions. 15
- 16 (d) Neither a prospective gestational mother nor her 17 husband, if any, is liable to the intended parents for terminating a gestational agreement pursuant to this Section. 18
- 807. Parentage under validated gestational 19 Section 20 agreement.
- (a) Upon birth of a child to a gestational mother, the intended parents shall file notice with the court that a child 23 has been born to the gestational mother within 300 days after assisted reproduction. Thereupon, the court shall issue an order:
- 26 (1) confirming that the intended parents are the 27 parents of the child;
 - if necessary, ordering that the child be surrendered to the intended parents; and
 - (3) directing the Illinois Department of Public Health to issue a birth certificate naming the intended parents as parents of the child.
- (b) If the parentage of a child born to a gestational 33 alleged not to be the result of 34 mother is assisted reproduction, the court shall order genetic testing to 35

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determine the parentage of the child.

(c) If the intended parents fail to file notice required under subsection (a), the gestational mother or the appropriate State agency may file notice with the court that a child has been born to the gestational mother within 300 days after assisted reproduction. Upon proof of a court order issued pursuant to Section 803 validating the gestational agreement, the court shall order the intended parents are the parents of the child and are financially responsible for the child.

Section 808. Gestational agreement: effect of subsequent marriage. After the issuance of an order under this Article, subsequent marriage of the gestational mother does not affect the validity of a gestational agreement, her husband's consent to the agreement is not required, and her husband is not a presumed father of the resulting child.

Section 809. Effect of nonvalidated gestational agreement.

- (a) A gestational agreement, whether in a record or not, that is not judicially validated is not enforceable.
- (b) If a birth results under a gestational agreement that is not judicially validated as provided in this Article, the parent-child relationship is determined as provided in Article 2.
- (c) Individuals who are parties to a nonvalidated gestational agreement as intended parents may be held liable for support of the resulting child, even if the agreement is otherwise unenforceable. The liability under this subsection includes assessing all expenses and fees as provided in Section 636.

ARTICLE 9. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 901. Uniformity of application and construction.

In applying and construing this Uniform Act, consideration must

be given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with

- 1 respect to its subject matter among states that enact it.
- 2 Section 902. Severability clause. If any provision of this
- 3 Act or its application to an individual or circumstance is held
- 4 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
- 5 applications of this Act which can be given effect without the
- 6 invalid provision or application, and to this end the
- 7 provisions of this Act are severable.
- 8 Section 903. Time of taking effect. (Blank).
- 9 (750 ILCS 40/Act rep.)
- 10 (750 ILCS 45/Act rep.)
- 11 (750 ILCS 50/12a rep.)
- 12 Section 904. Repeal. The following Acts and parts of Acts
- 13 are repealed:
- 14 (1) The Illinois Parentage Act.
- 15 (2) The Illinois Parentage Act of 1984.
- 16 (3) Section 12a of the Adoption Act.
- 17 Section 905. Transitional provision. A proceeding to
- 18 adjudicate parentage which was commenced before the effective
- date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time
- the proceeding was commenced.
- 21 Section 905.1. The Department of Employment Security Law of
- 22 the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by
- 23 changing Section 1005-130 as follows:
- 24 (20 ILCS 1005/1005-130) (was 20 ILCS 1005/43a.14)
- Sec. 1005-130. Exchange of information for child support
- 26 enforcement.
- 27 (a) The Department has the power to exchange with the
- 28 Illinois Department of Public Aid information that may be
- 29 necessary for the enforcement of child support orders entered
- 30 pursuant to the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Illinois Marriage

- 1 and Dissolution of Marriage Act, the Non-Support of Spouse and
- 2 Children Act, the Non-Support Punishment Act, the Revised
- 3 Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, the Uniform
- 4 Interstate Family Support Act, or the Illinois Parentage Act of
- 5 1984, or the Uniform Parentage Act (2000).
- 6 (b) Notwithstanding any provisions in the Civil
- 7 Administrative Code of Illinois to the contrary, the Department
- 8 of Employment Security shall not be liable to any person for
- 9 any disclosure of information to the Illinois Department of
- 10 Public Aid under subsection (a) or for any other action taken
- in good faith to comply with the requirements of subsection
- 12 (a).
- 13 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00; 91-613, eff. 10-1-99; 92-16,
- 14 eff. 6-28-01.)
- 15 Section 905.2. The Department of Professional Regulation
- 16 Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by
- 17 changing Section 2105-15 as follows:
- 18 (20 ILCS 2105/2105-15) (was 20 ILCS 2105/60)
- 19 Sec. 2105-15. General powers and duties.
- 20 (a) The Department has, subject to the provisions of the
- 21 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the following powers and
- 22 duties:
- 23 (1) To authorize examinations in English to ascertain
- 24 the qualifications and fitness of applicants to exercise
- 25 the profession, trade, or occupation for which the
- 26 examination is held.
- 27 (2) To prescribe rules and regulations for a fair and
- wholly impartial method of examination of candidates to
- 29 exercise the respective professions, trades, or
- 30 occupations.
- 31 (3) To pass upon the qualifications of applicants for
- 32 licenses, certificates, and authorities, whether by
- examination, by reciprocity, or by endorsement.
- 34 (4) To prescribe rules and regulations defining, for

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the respective professions, trades, and occupations, what shall constitute a school, college, or university, or of а university, or other institution, department reputable and in good standing, and to determine the reputability and good standing of a school, college, or university, or department of a university, or other institution, reputable and in good standing, by reference to a compliance with those rules and regulations; provided, that no school, college, or university, or department of a university, or other institution that refuses admittance to applicants solely on account of race, color, creed, sex, or national origin shall be considered reputable and in good standing.

To conduct hearings on proceedings to revoke, (5) suspend, refuse to renew, place on probationary status, or take other disciplinary action as authorized in any licensing Act administered by the Department with regard to licenses, certificates, or authorities of persons exercising respective professions, the trades, occupations and to revoke, suspend, refuse to renew, place on probationary status, or take other disciplinary action as authorized in any licensing Act administered by the Department with regard to those licenses, certificates, or Department authorities. The shall issue monthly a disciplinary report. The Department shall deny any license or renewal authorized by the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to any person who has defaulted on an educational loan or scholarship provided by or guaranteed by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission or any governmental agency of this State; however, the Department may issue a license or renewal if the aforementioned persons have established a satisfactory repayment record as determined by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission or other appropriate governmental agency of this Additionally, beginning June 1, 1996, any license issued by Department may be suspended or revoked if the

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Department, after the opportunity for a hearing under the appropriate licensing Act, finds that the licensee has failed to make satisfactory repayment to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for а delinguent defaulted loan. For the purposes of this Section, "satisfactory repayment record" shall be defined by rule. The Department shall refuse to issue or renew a license to, or shall suspend or revoke a license of, any person who, after receiving notice, fails to comply with a subpoena or relating to а paternity or child proceeding. However, the Department may issue a license or renewal upon compliance with the subpoena or warrant.

The Department, without further process or hearings, shall revoke, suspend, or deny any license or renewal authorized by the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to a person who is certified by the Illinois Department of Public Aid as being more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order or who is certified by a court as being in violation of the Non-Support Punishment Act for more than 60 days. The Department may, however, issue a license or renewal if the person has established a satisfactory repayment record as determined by Illinois Department of Public Aid or if the person is determined by the court to be in compliance with the Non-Support Punishment Act. The Department may implement this paragraph as added by Public Act 89-6 through the use of emergency rules in accordance with Section 5-45 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. For purposes of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, the adoption of rules to implement this paragraph shall be considered an emergency and necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare.

(6) To transfer jurisdiction of any realty under the control of the Department to any other department of the State Government or to acquire or accept federal lands when the transfer, acquisition, or acceptance is advantageous

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to the State and is approved in writing by the Governor.

- (7) To formulate rules and regulations necessary for the enforcement of any Act administered by the Department.
- (8) To exchange with the Illinois Department of Public Aid information that may be necessary for the enforcement of child support orders entered pursuant to the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, the Non-Support of Spouse and Children Act, Non-Support Punishment Act, the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, Interstate Family Support Act, or the Illinois Parentage of 1984, or the Uniform Parentage Act (2000). Notwithstanding any provisions in this Code the to contrary, the Department of Professional Regulation shall not be liable under any federal or State law to any person for any disclosure of information to the Illinois Department of Public Aid under this paragraph (8) or for any other action taken in good faith to comply with the requirements of this paragraph (8).
 - (9) To perform other duties prescribed by law.
- (b) The Department may, when a fee is payable to the Department for a wall certificate of registration provided by the Department of Central Management Services, require that portion of the payment for printing and distribution costs be made directly or through the Department to the Department of Central Management Services for deposit into the Paper and Printing Revolving Fund. The remainder shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.
- (c) For the purpose of securing and preparing evidence, and for the purchase of controlled substances, professional services, and equipment necessary for enforcement activities, recoupment of investigative costs, and other activities directed at suppressing the misuse and abuse of controlled substances, including those activities set forth in Sections 504 and 508 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Director and agents appointed and authorized by the Director

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may expend sums from the Professional Regulation Evidence Fund that the Director deems necessary from the amounts appropriated for that purpose. Those sums may be advanced to the agent when the Director deems that procedure to be in the public interest. Sums for the purchase of controlled substances, professional services, and equipment necessary for enforcement activities and other activities as set forth in this Section shall be advanced to the agent who is to make the purchase from the Professional Regulation Evidence Fund on vouchers signed by the Director. The Director and those agents are authorized to maintain one or more commercial checking accounts with any State banking corporation or corporations organized under or subject to the Illinois Banking Act for the deposit and withdrawal of moneys to be used for the purposes set forth in this Section; provided, that no check may be written nor any withdrawal made from any such account except upon the written signatures of 2 persons designated by the Director to write those checks and make those withdrawals. Vouchers for those expenditures must be signed by the Director. All expenditures shall be audited by the Director, and the audit shall be submitted to the Department of Central Management Services for approval.

- (d) Whenever the Department is authorized or required by law to consider some aspect of criminal history record information for the purpose of carrying out its statutory powers and responsibilities, then, upon request and payment of fees in conformance with the requirements of Section 2605-400 of the Department of State Police Law (20 ILCS 2605/2605-400), the Department of State Police is authorized to furnish, pursuant to positive identification, the information contained in State files that is necessary to fulfill the request.
- (e) The provisions of this Section do not apply to private business and vocational schools as defined by Section 1 of the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act.
- 35 (f) Beginning July 1, 1995, this Section does not apply to 36 those professions, trades, and occupations licensed under the

- 1 Real Estate License Act of 2000, nor does it apply to any
- 2 permits, certificates, or other authorizations to do business
- 3 provided for in the Land Sales Registration Act of 1989 or the
- 4 Illinois Real Estate Time-Share Act.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00; 91-245, eff. 12-31-99;
- 6 91-613, eff. 10-1-99; 92-16, eff. 6-28-01.)
- 7 Section 905.3. The Department of Revenue Law of the Civil
- 8 Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing Section
- 9 2505-65 as follows:
- 10 (20 ILCS 2505/2505-65) (was 20 ILCS 2505/39b12)
- 11 Sec. 2505-65. Exchange of information.
- 12 (a) The Department has the power to exchange with any
- 13 state, with any local subdivisions of any state, or with the
- 14 federal government, except when specifically prohibited by
- 15 law, any information that may be necessary to efficient tax
- 16 administration and that may be acquired as a result of the
- 17 administration of the laws set forth in the Sections following
- 18 Section 95-10 and preceding Section 2505-60.
- 19 (b) The Department has the power to exchange with the
- 20 Illinois Department of Public Aid information that may be
- 21 necessary for the enforcement of child support orders entered
- 22 pursuant to the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Illinois Marriage
- 23 and Dissolution of Marriage Act, the Non-Support of Spouse and
- 24 Children Act, the Non-Support Punishment Act, the Revised
- Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, the Uniform
- 26 Interstate Family Support Act, or the Illinois Parentage Act of
- 27 1984, or the Uniform Parentage Act (2000). Notwithstanding any
- 28 provisions in this Code to the contrary, the Department of
- 29 Revenue shall not be liable to any person for any disclosure of
- 30 information to the Illinois Department of Public Aid under this
- 31 subsection (b) or for any other action taken in good faith to
- 32 comply with the requirements of this subsection (b).
- 33 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00; 91-613, eff. 10-1-99; 92-16,
- 34 eff. 6-28-01.)

- Section 905.4. The Counties Code is amended by changing Section 3-5036.5 as follows:
- 3 (55 ILCS 5/3-5036.5)

Uniform Parentage Act (2000).

- Sec. 3-5036.5. Exchange of information for child support enforcement.
- The Recorder shall exchange with the (a) 7 Department of Public Aid information that may be necessary for 8 the enforcement of child support orders entered pursuant to the 9 Illinois Public Aid Code, the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution 10 of Marriage Act, the Non-Support of Spouse and Children Act, the Non-Support Punishment Act, the Revised Uniform Reciprocal 11 Enforcement of Support Act, the Uniform Interstate Family 12 13 Support Act, or the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, or the
- (b) Notwithstanding any provisions in this Code to the contrary, the Recorder shall not be liable to any person for any disclosure of information to the Illinois Department of Public Aid under subsection (a) or for any other action taken in good faith to comply with the requirements of subsection (a).
- 21 (Source: P.A. 90-18, eff. 7-1-97; 91-613, eff. 10-1-99.)
- 22 Section 905.5. The Collection Agency Act is amended by changing Section 2.04 as follows:
- 24 (225 ILCS 425/2.04) (from Ch. 111, par. 2005.1)
- 25 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2006)
- Sec. 2.04. Child support indebtedness.
- 27 (a) Persons, associations, partnerships, or corporations
 28 engaged in the business of collecting child support
 29 indebtedness owing under a court order as provided under the
 30 Illinois Public Aid Code, the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution
 31 of Marriage Act, the Non-Support of Spouse and Children Act,
 32 the Non-Support Punishment Act, the Illinois Parentage Act of

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1984, the Uniform Parentage Act (2000), or similar laws of 1 2 other states are not restricted (i) in the frequency of contact 3 with an obligor who is in arrears, whether by phone, mail, or 4 other means, (ii) from contacting the employer of an obligor 5 who is in arrears, (iii) from publishing or threatening to publish a list of obligors in arrears, (iv) from disclosing or 6 threatening to disclose an arrearage that the obligor disputes, 7 8 but for which a verified notice of delinquency has been served under the Income Withholding for Support Act (or any of its 9 predecessors, Section 10-16.2 of the Illinois Public Aid Code, 10 11 Section 706.1 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of 12 Marriage Act, Section 4.1 of the Non-Support of Spouse and 13 Children Act, Section 26.1 of the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, or Section 20 of the Illinois 14 15 Parentage Act of 1984), or (v) from engaging in conduct that 16 would not cause a reasonable person mental or physical illness. 17 For purposes of this subsection, "obligor" means an individual who owes a duty to make periodic payments, under a court order, 18 19 for the support of a child. "Arrearage" means the total amount of an obligor's unpaid child support obligations. 20

(a-5) A collection agency may not impose a fee or charge, including costs, for any child support payments collected through the efforts of a federal, State, or local government agency, including but not limited to child support collected from federal or State tax refunds, unemployment benefits, or Social Security benefits.

No collection agency that collects child support payments shall (i) impose a charge or fee, including costs, for collection of a current child support payment, (ii) fail to apply collections to current support as specified in the order for support before applying collection to arrears or other amounts, or (iii) designate a current child support payment as arrears or other amount owed. In all circumstances, the collection agency shall turn over to the obligee all support collected in a month up to the amount of current support required to be paid for that month.

As to any fees or charges, including costs, retained by the collection agency, that agency shall provide documentation to the obligee demonstrating that the child support payments resulted from the actions of the agency.

After collection of the total amount or arrearage, including statutory interest, due as of the date of execution of the collection contract, no further fees may be charged.

(a-10) The Department of Professional Regulation shall determine a fee rate of not less than 25% but not greater than 35%, based upon presentation by the licensees as to costs to provide the service and a fair rate of return. This rate shall be established by administrative rule.

Without prejudice to the determination by the Department of the appropriate rate through administrative rule, a collection agency shall impose a fee of not more than 29% of the amount of child support actually collected by the collection agency subject to the provisions of subsection (a-5). This interim rate is based upon the March 2002 General Account Office report "Child Support Enforcement", GAO-02-349. This rate shall apply until a fee rate is established by administrative rule.

- (b) The Department shall adopt rules necessary to administer and enforce the provisions of this Section.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 93-896, eff. 8-10-04.)
- Section 905.6. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by changing Sections 10-3.1, 10-17.7, 10-19, 10-25, 10-25.5, and 12-4.7c as follows:
- 27 (305 ILCS 5/10-3.1) (from Ch. 23, par. 10-3.1)

Sec. 10-3.1. Child and Spouse Support Unit. The Illinois
Department shall establish within its administrative staff a
Child and Spouse Support Unit to search for and locate absent
parents and spouses liable for the support of persons resident
in this State and to exercise the support enforcement powers
and responsibilities assigned the Department by this Article.
The unit shall cooperate with all law enforcement officials in

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this State and with the authorities of other States in locating persons responsible for the support of persons resident in other States and shall invite the cooperation of these authorities in the performance of its duties.

In addition to other duties assigned the Child and Spouse Support Unit by this Article, the Unit may refer to the Attorney General or units of local government with the approval of the Attorney General, any actions under Sections 10-10 and 10-15 for judicial enforcement of the support liability. The Child and Spouse Support Unit shall act for the Department in referring to the Attorney General support matters requiring judicial enforcement under other laws. If requested by the Attorney General to so act, as provided in Section 12-16, attorneys of the Unit may assist the Attorney General or themselves institute actions in behalf of the Illinois Department under the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act; under the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984 or under the Uniform Parentage Act (2000); under the Non-Support of Spouse and Children Act; under the Non-Support Punishment Act; or under any other law, State or Federal, providing for support of a spouse or dependent child.

The Illinois Department shall also have the authority to enter into agreements with local governmental units or individuals, with the approval of the Attorney General, for the collection of moneys owing because of the failure of a parent to make child support payments for any child receiving services under this Article. Such agreements may be on a contingent fee basis, but such contingent fee shall not exceed 25% of the total amount collected.

An attorney who provides representation pursuant to this Section shall represent the Illinois Department exclusively. Regardless of the designation of the plaintiff in an action brought pursuant to this Section, an attorney-client relationship does not exist for purposes of that action between that attorney and (i) an applicant for or recipient of child support enforcement services or (ii) any other party to the

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action other than the Illinois Department. Nothing in this
Section shall be construed to modify any power or duty
(including a duty to maintain confidentiality) of the Child and
Spouse Support Unit or the Illinois Department otherwise
provided by law.

The Illinois Department may also enter into agreements with local governmental units for the Child and Spouse Support Unit exercise the investigative and enforcement designated in this Article, including the issuance 10-11, administrative orders under Section in responsible relatives and obtaining support for persons applying for or receiving aid under Article VI. Payments for defrayment of administrative costs and support obtained shall be deposited into the DHS Recoveries Trust Fund. Support payments shall be paid over to the General Assistance Fund of the local governmental unit at such time or times as the agreement may specify.

With respect to those cases in which it has support enforcement powers and responsibilities under this Article, the Illinois Department may provide by rule for periodic or other review of each administrative and court order for support to determine whether a modification of the order should be sought. The Illinois Department shall provide for and conduct such review in accordance with any applicable federal law and regulation.

As part of its process for review of orders for support, the Illinois Department, through written notice, may require the responsible relative to disclose his or her Social Security Number and past and present information concerning the relative's address, employment, gross wages, deductions from gross wages, net wages, bonuses, commissions, number of dependent exemptions claimed, individual and dependent health insurance coverage, and any other information necessary to determine the relative's ability to provide support in a case receiving child support enforcement services under this Article X.

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The Illinois Department may send a written request for the same information to the relative's employer. The employer shall respond to the request for information within 15 days after the date the employer receives the request. If the employer willfully fails to fully respond within the 15-day period, the employer shall pay a penalty of \$100 for each day that the response is not provided to the Illinois Department after the 15-day period has expired. The penalty may be collected in a civil action which may be brought against the employer in favor of the Illinois Department.

A written request for information sent to an employer pursuant to this Section shall consist of (i) a citation of this Section as the statutory authority for the request and for employer's obligation to provide the requested information, (ii) a returnable form setting forth the employer's name and address and listing the name of the employee with respect to whom information is requested, and (iii) a citation of this Section as the statutory authority authorizing the employer to withhold a fee of up to \$20 from the wages or income to be paid to each responsible relative for providing the information to the Illinois Department within the 15-day period. If the employer is withholding support payments from the responsible relative's income pursuant to an order for withholding, the employer may withhold the fee provided for in this Section only after withholding support as required under the order. Any amounts withheld from the responsible relative's income for payment of support and the fee provided for in this Section shall not be in excess of the amounts permitted under the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act.

In a case receiving child support enforcement services, the Illinois Department may request and obtain information from a particular employer under this Section no more than once in any 12-month period, unless the information is necessary to conduct a review of a court or administrative order for support at the request of the person receiving child support enforcement services.

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The Illinois Department shall establish and maintain an administrative unit to receive and transmit to the Child and Spouse Support Unit information supplied by persons applying for or receiving child support enforcement services under Section 10-1. In addition, the Illinois Department shall address and respond to any alleged deficiencies that persons receiving or applying for services from the Child and Spouse Support Unit may identify concerning the Child and Spouse provision of Unit's child support enforcement services. Within 60 days after an action or failure to act by the Child and Spouse Support Unit that affects his or her case, a recipient of or applicant for child support enforcement services under Article X of this Code may request explanation of the Unit's handling of the case. At the requestor's option, the explanation may be provided either orally in an interview, in writing, or both. If the Illinois Department fails to respond to the request for an explanation or fails to respond in a manner satisfactory to the applicant or recipient within 30 days from the date of the request for an explanation, the applicant or recipient may conference for further review of the matter by the Office of the Administrator of the Child and Spouse Support Unit. A request for a conference may be submitted at any time within 60 days after the explanation has been provided by the Child and Spouse Support Unit or within 60 days after the time for providing the explanation has expired.

The applicant or recipient may request a conference concerning any decision denying or terminating child support enforcement services under Article X of this Code, and the applicant or recipient may also request a conference concerning the Unit's failure to provide services or the provision of services in an amount or manner that is considered inadequate. For purposes of this Section, the Child and Spouse Support Unit includes all local governmental units or individuals with whom the Illinois Department has contracted under Section 10-3.1.

Upon receipt of a timely request for a conference, the

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Office of the Administrator shall review the case. The 1 2 applicant or recipient requesting the conference shall be 3 entitled, at his or her option, to appear in person or to participate in the conference by telephone. The applicant or 4 5 recipient requesting the conference shall be entitled to be 6 represented and to be afforded a reasonable opportunity to review the Illinois Department's file before or at the 7 8 conference. At the conference, the applicant or recipient 9 requesting the conference shall be afforded an opportunity to 10 present all relevant matters in support of his or her claim. 11 Conferences shall be without cost to the applicant or recipient 12 requesting the conference and shall be conducted by a 13 representative of the Child or Spouse Support Unit who did not 14 participate in the action or inaction being reviewed.

The Office of the Administrator shall conduct a conference and inform all interested parties, in writing, of the results of the conference within 60 days from the date of filing of the request for a conference.

In addition to its other powers and responsibilities established by this Article, the Child and Spouse Support Unit shall conduct an annual assessment of each institution's program for institution based paternity establishment under Section 12 of the Vital Records Act.

24 (Source: P.A. 91-24, eff. 7-1-99; 91-613, eff. 10-1-99; 92-16, eff. 6-28-01; 92-590, eff. 7-1-02.)

(305 ILCS 5/10-17.7)

Sec. 10-17.7. Administrative determination of paternity. The Illinois Department may provide by rule for the administrative determination of paternity by the Child and Spouse Support Unit in cases involving applicants for or recipients of financial aid under Article IV of this Act and other persons who are given access to the child support enforcement services of this Article as provided in Section 10-1, including persons similarly situated and receiving similar services in other states. The rules shall extend to

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cases in which the mother and alleged father voluntarily acknowledge paternity in the form required by the Illinois Department or agree to be bound by the results of genetic testing or in which the alleged father has failed to respond to a notification of support obligation issued under Section 10-4 and to cases of contested paternity. Any presumption provided for under the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984 or under the <u>Uniform Parentage Act (2000)</u> shall apply to cases in which paternity is determined under the rules of the Illinois rules shall provide for notice and Department. The opportunity to be heard by the responsible relative and the person receiving child support enforcement services under this Article if paternity is not voluntarily acknowledged, and any final administrative decision rendered by the Illinois Department shall be reviewed only under and in accordance with the Administrative Review Law. Determinations of paternity made by the Illinois Department under the rules authorized by this Section shall have the full force and effect of a court judgment of paternity entered under the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984 or under the Uniform Parentage Act (2000).

In determining paternity in contested cases, the Illinois Department shall conduct the evidentiary hearing in accordance with Article 6 of the Uniform Parentage Act (2000) Section 11 of the Parentage Act of 1984, except that references in that Article Section to "the court" shall be deemed to mean the Illinois Department's hearing officer in cases in which paternity is determined administratively by the Illinois Department.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, a default determination of paternity may be made if service of the notice under Section 10-4 was made by publication under the rules for administrative paternity determination authorized by this Section. The rules as they pertain to service by publication shall (i) be based on the provisions of Section 2-206 and 2-207 of the Code of Civil Procedure, (ii) provide for service by publication in cases in which the whereabouts of

- 1 the alleged father are unknown after diligent location efforts
- 2 by the Child and Spouse Support Unit, and (iii) provide for
- 3 publication of a notice of default paternity determination in
- 4 the same manner that the notice under Section 10-4 was
- 5 published.
- 6 The Illinois Department may implement this Section through
- 7 the use of emergency rules in accordance with Section 5-45 of
- 8 the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. For purposes of the
- 9 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, the adoption of rules to
- 10 implement this Section shall be considered an emergency and
- 11 necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 92-590, eff. 7-1-02.)
- 13 (305 ILCS 5/10-19) (from Ch. 23, par. 10-19)
- 14 Sec. 10-19. Support Payments Ordered Under Other Laws;
- 15 where deposited. The Illinois Department and local
- 16 governmental units are authorized to receive payments directed
- 17 by court order for the support of recipients, as provided in
- 18 the following Acts:
- 1. "Non-Support of Spouse and Children Act", approved June
- 20 24, 1915, as amended,
- 21 1.5. The Non-Support Punishment Act,
- 22 2. "Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act", as
- 23 now or hereafter amended,
- 3. The Illinois Parentage Act, as amended,
- 25 3.5. The Uniform Parentage Act (2000),
- 4. "Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support
- 27 Act", approved August 28, 1969, as amended,
- 5. The Juvenile Court Act or the Juvenile Court Act of
- 29 1987, as amended,
- 30 6. The "Unified Code of Corrections", approved July 26,
- 31 1972, as amended,
- 32 7. Part 7 of Article XII of the Code of Civil Procedure, as
- 33 amended,
- 8. Part 8 of Article XII of the Code of Civil Procedure, as
- 35 amended, and

9. Other laws which may provide by judicial order for direct payment of support moneys.

Payments under this Section to the Illinois Department pursuant to the Child Support Enforcement Program established by Title IV-D of the Social Security Act shall be paid into the Child Support Enforcement Trust Fund. All payments under this Section to the Illinois Department of Human Services shall be deposited in the DHS Recoveries Trust Fund. Disbursements from these funds shall be as provided in Sections 12-9.1 and 12-10.2 of this Code. Payments received by a local governmental unit shall be deposited in that unit's General Assistance Fund.

To the extent the provisions of this Section are inconsistent with the requirements pertaining to the State Disbursement Unit under Sections 10-10.4 and 10-26 of this Code, the requirements pertaining to the State Disbursement Unit shall apply.

- 17 (Source: P.A. 91-24, eff. 7-1-99; 91-212, eff. 7-20-99; 91-613, eff. 10-1-99; 92-16, eff. 6-28-01.)
- 19 (305 ILCS 5/10-25)
- Sec. 10-25. Administrative liens and levies on real property for past-due child support.
 - (a) The State shall have a lien on all legal and equitable interests of responsible relatives in their real property in the amount of past-due child support owing pursuant to an order for child support entered under Sections 10-10 and 10-11 of this Code, or under the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, the Non-Support of Spouse and Children Act, the Non-Support Punishment Act, the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, or the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, or the Uniform Parentage Act (2000).
 - (b) The Illinois Department shall provide by rule for notice to and an opportunity to be heard by each responsible relative affected, and any final administrative decision rendered by the Illinois Department shall be reviewed only under and in accordance with the Administrative Review Law.

- (c) When enforcing a lien under subsection (a) of this Section, the Illinois Department shall have the authority to execute notices of administrative liens and levies, which shall contain the name and address of the responsible relative, a legal description of the real property to be levied, the fact that a lien is being claimed for past-due child support, and such other information as the Illinois Department may by rule prescribe. The Illinois Department shall record the notice of lien with the recorder or registrar of titles of the county or counties in which the real estate is located.
- (d) The State's lien under subsection (a) shall be enforceable upon the recording or filing of a notice of lien with the recorder or registrar of titles of the county or counties in which the real estate is located. The lien shall be prior to any lien thereafter recorded or filed and shall be notice to a subsequent purchaser, assignor, or encumbrancer of the existence and nature of the lien. The lien shall be inferior to the lien of general taxes, special assessment, and special taxes heretofore or hereafter levied by any political subdivision or municipal corporation of the State.

In the event that title to the land to be affected by the notice of lien is registered under the Registered Titles (Torrens) Act, the notice shall be filed in the office of the registrar of titles as a memorial or charge upon each folium of the register of titles affected by the notice; but the State shall not have a preference over the rights of any bona fide purchaser, mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lien holders registered prior to the registration of the notice.

(e) The recorder or registrar of titles of each county shall procure a file labeled "Child Support Lien Notices" and an index book labeled "Child Support Lien Notices". When notice of any lien is presented to the recorder or registrar of titles for filing, the recorder or registrar of titles shall file it in numerical order in the file and shall enter it alphabetically in the index. The entry shall show the name and last known address of the person named in the notice, the

- 1 serial number of the notice, the date and hour of filing, and
- 2 the amount of child support due at the time when the lien is
- 3 filed.
- 4 (f) The Illinois Department shall not be required to
- 5 furnish bond or make a deposit for or pay any costs or fees of
- 6 any court or officer thereof in any legal proceeding involving
- 7 the lien.
- 8 (g) To protect the lien of the State for past-due child
- 9 support, the Illinois Department may, from funds that are
- available for that purpose, pay or provide for the payment of
- 11 necessary or essential repairs, purchase tax certificates, pay
- 12 balances due on land contracts, or pay or cause to be satisfied
- any prior liens on the property to which the lien hereunder
- 14 applies.
- 15 (h) A lien on real property under this Section shall be
- 16 released pursuant to Section 12-101 of the Code of Civil
- 17 Procedure.
- 18 (i) The Illinois Department, acting in behalf of the State,
- 19 may foreclose the lien in a judicial proceeding to the same
- 20 extent and in the same manner as in the enforcement of other
- 21 liens. The process, practice, and procedure for the foreclosure
- shall be the same as provided in the Code of Civil Procedure.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 90-18, eff. 7-1-97; 91-613, eff. 10-1-99.)
- 24 (305 ILCS 5/10-25.5)
- Sec. 10-25.5. Administrative liens and levies on personal
- 26 property for past-due child support.
- 27 (a) The State shall have a lien on all legal and equitable
- interests of responsible relatives in their personal property,
- including any account in a financial institution as defined in
- 30 Section 10-24, or in the case of an insurance company or
- 31 benefit association only in accounts as defined in Section
- 32 10-24, in the amount of past-due child support owing pursuant
- 33 to an order for child support entered under Sections 10-10 and
- 34 10-11 of this Code, or under the Illinois Marriage and
- 35 Dissolution of Marriage Act, the Non-Support of Spouse and

- Children Act, the Non-Support Punishment Act, the Uniform
 Interstate Family Support Act, or the Illinois Parentage Act of
 1984, or the Uniform Parentage Act (2000).
 - (b) The Illinois Department shall provide by rule for notice to and an opportunity to be heard by each responsible relative affected, and any final administrative decision rendered by the Illinois Department shall be reviewed only under and in accordance with the Administrative Review Law.
 - (c) When enforcing a lien under subsection (a) of this Section, the Illinois Department shall have the authority to execute notices of administrative liens and levies, which shall contain the name and address of the responsible relative, a description of the property to be levied, the fact that a lien is being claimed for past-due child support, and such other information as the Illinois Department may by rule prescribe. The Illinois Department may serve the notice of lien or levy upon any financial institution where the accounts as defined in Section 10-24 of the responsible relative may be held, for encumbrance or surrender of the accounts as defined in Section 10-24 by the financial institution.
 - (d) The Illinois Department shall enforce its lien against the responsible relative's personal property, other than accounts as defined in Section 10-24 in financial institutions, and levy upon such personal property in the manner provided for enforcement of judgments contained in Article XII of the Code of Civil Procedure.
 - (e) The Illinois Department shall not be required to furnish bond or make a deposit for or pay any costs or fees of any court or officer thereof in any legal proceeding involving the lien.
 - (f) To protect the lien of the State for past-due child support, the Illinois Department may, from funds that are available for that purpose, pay or provide for the payment of necessary or essential repairs, purchase tax certificates, or pay or cause to be satisfied any prior liens on the property to which the lien hereunder applies.

- (g) A lien on personal property under this Section shall be released in the manner provided under Article XII of the Code of Civil Procedure. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a lien under this Section on accounts as defined in Section 10-24 shall expire upon the passage of 120 days from the date of issuance of the Notice of Lien or Levy by the Illinois Department. However, the lien shall remain in effect during the pendency of any appeal or protest.
 - (h) A lien created under this Section is subordinate to any prior lien of the financial institution or any prior lien holder or any prior right of set-off that the financial institution may have against the assets, or in the case of an insurance company or benefit association only in the accounts as defined in Section 10-24.
- (i) A financial institution has no obligation under this Section to hold, encumber, or surrender the assets, or in the case of an insurance company or benefit association only the accounts as defined in Section 10-24, until the financial institution has been properly served with a subpoena, summons, warrant, court or administrative order, or administrative lien and levy requiring that action.
- 22 (Source: P.A. 90-18, eff. 7-1-97; 91-613, eff. 10-1-99.)
- 23 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.7c)
- Sec. 12-4.7c. Exchange of information after July 1, 1997.
- (a) The Department of Human Services shall exchange with the Illinois Department of Public Aid information that may be necessary for the enforcement of child support orders entered pursuant to Sections 10-10 and 10-11 of this Code or pursuant to the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, the Non-Support of Spouse and Children Act, the Non-Support Punishment Act, the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, or the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, or the Uniform Parentage Act (2000).
 - (b) Notwithstanding any provisions in this Code to the

- 1 contrary, the Department of Human Services shall not be liable
- 2 to any person for any disclosure of information to the Illinois
- 3 Department of Public Aid under subsection (a) or for any other
- 4 action taken in good faith to comply with the requirements of
- 5 subsection (a).
- 6 (Source: P.A. 90-18, eff. 7-1-97; 91-613, eff. 10-1-99.)
- 7 Section 905.7. The Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act
- 8 is amended by changing Section 50 as follows:
- 9 (325 ILCS 2/50)
- 10 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2007)
- 11 Sec. 50. Child-placing agency procedures.
- 12 (a) The Department's State Central Registry must maintain a
- 13 list of licensed child-placing agencies willing to take legal
- 14 custody of newborn infants relinquished in accordance with this
- 15 Act. The child-placing agencies on the list must be contacted
- 16 by the Department on a rotating basis upon notice from a
- 17 hospital that a newborn infant has been relinquished in
- 18 accordance with this Act.
- 19 (b) Upon notice from the Department that a newborn infant
- 20 has been relinquished in accordance with this Act, a
- 21 child-placing agency must accept the newborn infant if the
- 22 agency has the accommodations to do so. The child-placing
- agency must seek an order for legal custody of the infant upon
- its acceptance of the infant.
- 25 (c) Within 3 business days after assuming physical custody
- of the infant, the child-placing agency shall file a petition
- in the division of the circuit court in which petitions for
- adoption would normally be heard. The petition shall allege
- that the newborn infant has been relinquished in accordance
- 30 with this Act and shall state that the child-placing agency
- intends to place the infant in an adoptive home.
- 32 (d) If no licensed child-placing agency is able to accept
- 33 the relinquished newborn infant, then the Department must
- 34 assume responsibility for the infant as soon as practicable.

- (e) A custody order issued under subsection (b) shall remain in effect until a final adoption order based on the relinquished newborn infant's best interests is issued in accordance with this Act and the Adoption Act.
- (f) When possible, the child-placing agency must place a relinquished newborn infant in a prospective adoptive home.
- (g) The Department or child-placing agency must initiate proceedings to (i) terminate the parental rights of the relinquished newborn infant's known or unknown parents, (ii) appoint a guardian for the infant, and (iii) obtain consent to the infant's adoption in accordance with this Act no sooner than 60 days following the date of the initial relinquishment of the infant to the hospital, police station, fire station, or emergency medical facility.
- (h) Before filing a petition for termination of parental rights, the Department or child-placing agency must do the following:
 - (1) Search its Putative Father Registry of Paternity for the purpose of determining the identity and location of the putative father of the relinquished newborn infant who is, or is expected to be, the subject of an adoption proceeding, in order to provide notice of the proceeding to the putative father. At least one search of the Registry must be conducted, at least 30 days after the relinquished newborn infant's estimated date of birth; earlier searches may be conducted, however. Notice to any potential putative father discovered in a search of the Registry according to the estimated age of the relinquished newborn infant must be in accordance with Article 4 of the Uniform Parentage Act (2000) Section 12a of the Adoption Act.
 - (2) Verify with law enforcement officials, using the National Crime Information Center, that the relinquished newborn infant is not a missing child.
- 34 (Source: P.A. 92-408, eff. 8-17-01; 92-432, eff. 8-17-01; 35 93-820, eff. 7-27-04.)

Section 905.8. The Genetic Information Privacy Act is amended by changing Sections 22 and 30 as follows:

(410 ILCS 513/22)

Sec. 22. Tests to determine inherited characteristics in paternity proceedings. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect or restrict in any way the ordering of or use of results from deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) testing or other tests to determine inherited characteristics by the court in a judicial proceeding under the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984 or under the Uniform Parentage Act (2000) or by the Illinois Department of Public Aid in an administrative paternity proceeding under Article X of the Illinois Public Aid Code and rules promulgated under that Article.

14 (Source: P.A. 90-25, eff. 1-1-98.)

(410 ILCS 513/30)

Sec. 30. Disclosure of person tested and test results.

- (a) No person may disclose or be compelled to disclose the identity of any person upon whom a genetic test is performed or the results of a genetic test in a manner that permits identification of the subject of the test, except to the following persons:
 - (1) The subject of the test or the subject's legally authorized representative. This paragraph does not create a duty or obligation under which a health care provider must notify the subject's spouse or legal guardian of the test results, and no such duty or obligation shall be implied. No civil liability or criminal sanction under this Act shall be imposed for any disclosure or nondisclosure of a test result to a spouse by a physician acting in good faith under this paragraph. For the purpose of any proceedings, civil or criminal, the good faith of any physician acting under this paragraph shall be presumed.
 - (2) Any person designated in a specific written legally effective release of the test results executed by the

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subject of the test or the subject's legally authorized representative.

- (3) An authorized agent or employee of a health facility or health care provider if the health facility or health care provider itself is authorized to obtain the test results, the agent or employee provides patient care, and the agent or employee has a need to know the information in order to conduct the tests or provide care or treatment.
- (4) A health facility or health care provider that procures, processes, distributes, or uses:
 - (A) a human body part from a deceased person with respect to medical information regarding that person;
 - (B) semen provided prior to the effective date of this Act for the purpose of artificial insemination.
- (5) Health facility staff committees for the purposes of conducting program monitoring, program evaluation, or service reviews.
- (6) In the case of a minor under 18 years of age, the health care provider who ordered the test shall make a reasonable effort to notify the minor's parent or legal guardian if, in the professional judgment of the health care provider, notification would be in the best interest of the minor and the health care provider has first sought unsuccessfully to persuade the minor to notify the parent or legal guardian or after a reasonable time after the minor has agreed to notify the parent or legal guardian, the health care provider has reason to believe that the minor has not made the notification. This paragraph shall not create a duty or obligation under which a health care provider must notify the minor's parent or legal guardian of the test results, nor shall a duty or obligation be implied. No civil liability or criminal sanction under this shall be imposed for any notification non-notification of a minor's test result by a health care

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provider acting in good faith under this paragraph. For the purpose of any proceeding, civil or criminal, the good faith of any health care provider acting under this paragraph shall be presumed.

- (7) All information and records held by a State agency local health authority pertaining to or information shall be strictly confidential and exempt from copying and inspection under the Freedom of Information Act. The information and records shall not be released or made public by the State agency or local health authority and shall not be admissible as evidence nor discoverable in any action of any kind in any court or before any tribunal, board, agency, or person and shall be treated in the same manner as the information and those records subject to the provisions of Part 21 of Article VIII of the Code of Civil Procedure except under the following circumstances:
 - (A) when made with the written consent of all persons to whom the information pertains;
 - (B) when authorized by Section 5-4-3 of the Unified Code of Corrections;
 - (C) when made for the sole purpose of implementing the Phenylketonuria Testing Act and rules; or
 - (D) when made under the authorization of the Uniform Parentage Act (2000) Illinois Parentage Act of 1984.

Disclosure shall be limited to those who have a need to know the information, and no additional disclosures may be made.

- (b) Disclosure by an insurer in accordance with the requirements of the Article XL of the Illinois Insurance Code shall be deemed compliance with this Section.
- 32 (Source: P.A. 90-25, eff. 1-1-98.)
- 33 Section 905.9. The Vital Records Act is amended by changing 34 Sections 12 and 24 as follows:

- 1 (410 ILCS 535/12) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73-12)
- 2 Sec. 12. Live births; place of registration.
 - (1) Each live birth which occurs in this State shall be registered with the local or subregistrar of the district in which the birth occurred as provided in this Section, within 7 days after the birth. When a birth occurs on a moving conveyance, the city, village, township, or road district in which the child is first removed from the conveyance shall be considered the place of birth and a birth certificate shall be filed in the registration district in which the place is located.
 - (2) When a birth occurs in an institution, the person in charge of the institution or his designated representative shall obtain and record all the personal and statistical particulars relative to the parents of the child that are required to properly complete the live birth certificate; shall secure the required personal signatures on the hospital worksheet; shall prepare the certificate from this worksheet; and shall file the certificate with the local registrar. The institution shall retain the hospital worksheet permanently or as otherwise specified by rule. The physician in attendance shall verify or provide the date of birth and medical information required by the certificate, within 24 hours after the birth occurs.
 - (3) When a birth occurs outside an institution, the certificate shall be prepared and filed by one of the following in the indicated order of priority:
 - (a) The physician in attendance at or immediately after the birth, or in the absence of such a person,
 - (b) Any other person in attendance at or immediately after the birth, or in the absence of such a person,
 - (c) The father, the mother, or in the absence of the father and the inability of the mother, the person in charge of the premises where the birth occurred.
 - (4) Unless otherwise provided in this Act, if the mother was not married to the father of the child at either the time

of conception or the time of birth, the name of the father shall be entered on the child's birth certificate only if the mother and the person to be named as the father have signed an acknowledgment of parentage in accordance with subsection (5).

Unless otherwise provided in this Act, if the mother was married at the time of conception or birth and the presumed father (that is, the mother's husband) is not the biological father of the child, the name of the biological father shall be entered on the child's birth certificate only if, in accordance with subsection (5), (i) the mother and the person to be named as the father have signed an acknowledgment of parentage and (ii) the mother and presumed father have signed a denial of paternity.

- (5) Upon the birth of a child to an unmarried woman, or upon the birth of a child to a woman who was married at the time of conception or birth and whose husband is not the biological father of the child, the institution at the time of birth and the local registrar or county clerk after the birth shall do the following:
 - (a) Provide (i) an opportunity for the child's mother and father to sign an acknowledgment of parentage and (ii) if the presumed father is not the biological father, an opportunity for the mother and presumed father to sign a denial of paternity. The signing and witnessing of the acknowledgment of parentage or, if the presumed father of the child is not the biological father, the acknowledgment of parentage and denial of paternity conclusively establishes a parent and child relationship in accordance with the Uniform Parentage Act (2000) Sections 5 and 6 of the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984.

The Illinois Department of Public Aid shall furnish the acknowledgment of parentage and denial of paternity form to institutions, county clerks, and State and local registrars' offices. The form shall include instructions to send the original signed and witnessed acknowledgment of parentage and denial of paternity to the Illinois

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- (b) Provide the following documents, furnished by the Illinois Department of Public Aid, to the child's mother, biological father, and (if the person presumed to be the child's father is not the biological father) presumed father for their review at the time the opportunity is provided to establish a parent and child relationship:
 - (i) An explanation of the implications of, alternatives to, legal consequences of, and the rights and responsibilities that arise from signing an acknowledgment of parentage and, if necessary, a denial of paternity, including an explanation of the parental rights and responsibilities of child support, visitation, custody, retroactive support, health insurance coverage, and payment of birth expenses.
 - (ii) An explanation of the benefits of having a child's parentage established and the availability of parentage establishment and child support enforcement services.
 - (iii) A request for an application for child support enforcement services from the Illinois Department of Public Aid.
 - (iv) Instructions concerning the opportunity to speak, either by telephone or in person, with staff of the Illinois Department of Public Aid who are trained to clarify information and answer questions about paternity establishment.
 - (v) Instructions for completing and signing the acknowledgment of parentage and denial of paternity.
- (c) Provide an oral explanation of the documents and instructions set forth in subdivision (5)(b), including an explanation of the implications of, alternatives to, legal consequences of, and the rights and responsibilities that arise from signing an acknowledgment of parentage and, if necessary, a denial of paternity. The oral explanation may be given in person or through the use of video or audio

1 equipment.

- (6) The institution, State or local registrar, or county clerk shall provide an opportunity for the child's father or mother to sign a rescission of parentage. The signing and witnessing of the rescission of parentage voids the acknowledgment of parentage and nullifies the presumption of paternity if executed and filed with the Illinois Department of Public Aid within the time frame contained in Section 5 of the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984 or Section 307 of the Uniform Parentage Act (2000). The Illinois Department of Public Aid shall furnish the rescission of parentage form to institutions, county clerks, and State and local registrars' offices. The form shall include instructions to send the original signed and witnessed rescission of parentage to the Illinois Department of Public Aid.
- (7) An acknowledgment of paternity signed pursuant to Section 6 of the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984 or Section 302 of the Uniform Parentage Act (2000) may be challenged in court only on the basis of fraud, duress, or material mistake of fact, with the burden of proof upon the challenging party. Pending outcome of a challenge to the acknowledgment of paternity, the legal responsibilities of the signatories shall remain in full force and effect, except upon order of the court upon a showing of good cause.
- (8) When the process for acknowledgment of parentage as provided for under subsection (5) establishes the paternity of a child whose certificate of birth is on file in another state, the Illinois Department of Public Aid shall forward a copy of the acknowledgment of parentage, the denial of paternity, if applicable, and the rescission of parentage, if applicable, to the birth record agency of the state where the child's certificate of birth is on file.
- (9) In the event the parent-child relationship has been established in accordance with subdivision (a)(1) of Section 6 of the Parentage Act of 1984 or Article 8 of the Uniform Parentage Act (2000), the names of the biological mother and

- 1 biological father so established shall be entered on the
- 2 child's birth certificate, and the names of the surrogate
- 3 mother and surrogate mother's husband, if any, shall not be on
- 4 the birth certificate.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 91-308, eff. 7-29-99; 92-590, eff. 7-1-02.)
- 6 (410 ILCS 535/24) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73-24)
- 7 Sec. 24. (1) To protect the integrity of vital records, to insure their proper use, and to insure the efficient and proper 8 administration of the vital records system, access to vital 9 records, and indexes thereof, including vital records in the 10 11 custody of local registrars and county clerks originating prior to January 1, 1916, is limited to the custodian and his 12 13 employees, and then only for administrative purposes, except 14 that the indexes of those records in the custody of local 15 registrars and county clerks, originating prior to January 1, 16 1916, shall be made available to persons for the purpose of research. Original, 17 genealogical photographic 18 microphotographic reproductions of original records of births 19 100 years old and older and deaths 50 years old and older, and marriage records 75 years old and older on file in the State 20 Office of Vital Records and in the custody of the county clerks 21 22 may be made available for inspection in the Illinois State 23 reference Illinois Regional Archives area, Archives 24 Depositories, and other libraries approved by the Illinois 25 State Registrar and the Director of the Illinois State 26 Archives, provided that the photographic or microphotographic 27 copies are made at no cost to the county or to the State of 28 Illinois. It is unlawful for any custodian to permit inspection 29 of, or to disclose information contained in, vital records, or 30 to copy or permit to be copied, all or part of any such record except as authorized by this Act or regulations adopted 31 pursuant thereto. 32
- 33 (2) The State Registrar of Vital Records, or his agent, and 34 any municipal, county, multi-county, public health district, 35 or regional health officer recognized by the Department may

- 1 examine vital records for the purpose only of carrying out the
- 2 public health programs and responsibilities under his
- 3 jurisdiction.
- 4 (3) The State Registrar of Vital Records, may disclose, or 5 authorize the disclosure of, data contained in the vital 6 records when deemed essential for bona fide research purposes
- 7 which are not for private gain.
- 8 This amendatory Act of 1973 does not apply to any home rule
- 9 unit.
- 10 (4) The State Registrar shall exchange with the Illinois
- 11 Department of Public Aid information that may be necessary for
- 12 the establishment of paternity and the establishment,
- 13 modification, and enforcement of child support orders entered
- 14 pursuant to the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Illinois Marriage
- and Dissolution of Marriage Act, the Non-Support of Spouse and
- 16 Children Act, the Non-Support Punishment Act, the Revised
- 17 Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, the Uniform
- 18 Interstate Family Support Act, or the Illinois Parentage Act of
- 19 1984, or the Uniform Parentage Act (2000). Notwithstanding any
- 20 provisions in this Act to the contrary, the State Registrar
- 21 shall not be liable to any person for any disclosure of
- 22 information to the Illinois Department of Public Aid under this
- 23 subsection or for any other action taken in good faith to
- 24 comply with the requirements of this subsection.
- 25 (Source: P.A. 90-18, eff. 7-1-97; 91-613, eff. 10-1-99.)
- Section 905.10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
- 27 changing Sections 2-109.1 and 7-703 as follows:
- 28 (625 ILCS 5/2-109.1)
- Sec. 2-109.1. Exchange of information.
- 30 (a) The Secretary of State shall exchange information with
- 31 the Illinois Department of Public Aid which may be necessary
- 32 for the establishment of paternity and the establishment,
- 33 modification, and enforcement of child support orders pursuant
- 34 to the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Illinois Marriage and

- 1 Dissolution of Marriage Act, the Non-Support of Spouse and
- 2 Children Act, the Non-Support Punishment Act, the Revised
- 3 Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, the Uniform
- 4 Interstate Family Support Act, or the Illinois Parentage Act of
- 5 1984, or the Uniform Parentage Act (2000).
- 6 (b) Notwithstanding any provisions in this Code to the
- 7 contrary, the Secretary of State shall not be liable to any
- 8 person for any disclosure of information to the Illinois
- 9 Department of Public Aid under subsection (a) or for any other
- 10 action taken in good faith to comply with the requirements of
- 11 subsection (a).
- 12 (Source: P.A. 90-18, eff. 7-1-97; 91-613, eff. 7-1-00.)
- 13 (625 ILCS 5/7-703)
- 14 Sec. 7-703. Courts to report non-payment of court ordered
- 15 support.
- 16 (a) The clerk of the circuit court, as provided in
- 17 subsection (b) of Section 505 of the Illinois Marriage and
- 18 Dissolution of Marriage Act or as provided in Section 15 of the
- 19 Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, shall forward to the Secretary
- 20 of State, on a form prescribed by the Secretary, an
- 21 authenticated document certifying the court's order suspending
- 22 the driving privileges of the obligor. For any such
- 23 certification, the clerk of the court shall charge the obligor
- a fee of \$5 as provided in the Clerks of Courts Act.
- 25 (b) If an obligor has been adjudicated in arrears in court
- ordered child support payments in an amount equal to 90 days
- obligation or more but has not been held in contempt of court,
- 28 the circuit court may order that the obligor's driving
- 29 privileges be suspended. If the circuit court orders that the
- 30 obligor's driving privileges be suspended, it shall forward to
- 31 the Secretary of State, on a form prescribed by the Secretary,
- 32 an authenticated document certifying the court's order
- 33 suspending the driving privileges of the obligor. The
- 34 authenticated document shall be forwarded to the Secretary of
- 35 State by the court no later than 45 days after entry of the

- order suspending the obligor's driving privileges.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 91-613, eff. 7-1-00.)
- 3 Section 905.11. The Clerks of Courts Act is amended by
- 4 changing Section 27.1a as follows:
- 5 (705 ILCS 105/27.1a) (from Ch. 25, par. 27.1a)
- 6 Sec. 27.1a. The fees of the clerks of the circuit court in
- 7 all counties having a population of not more than 500,000
- 8 inhabitants in the instances described in this Section shall be
- 9 as provided in this Section. In those instances where a minimum
- 10 and maximum fee is stated, the clerk of the circuit court must
- 11 charge the minimum fee listed and may charge up to the maximum
- 12 fee if the county board has by resolution increased the fee.
- 13 The fees shall be paid in advance and shall be as follows:
- 14 (a) Civil Cases.

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- The fee for filing a complaint, petition, or other pleading initiating a civil action, with the following exceptions, shall be a minimum of \$40 and a maximum of \$160.
 - (A) When the amount of money or damages or the value of personal property claimed does not exceed \$250, \$10.
 - (B) When that amount exceeds \$250 but does not exceed \$500, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$20.
 - (C) When that amount exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$2500, a minimum of \$25 and a maximum of \$40.
 - (D) When that amount exceeds \$2500 but does not exceed \$15,000, a minimum of \$25 and a maximum of \$75.
 - (E) For the exercise of eminent domain, a minimum of \$45 and a maximum of \$150. For each additional lot or tract of land or right or interest therein subject to be condemned, the damages in respect to which shall require separate assessment by a jury, a minimum of \$45 and a maximum of \$150.
- 34 (a-1) Family.

For filing a petition under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, \$25.

For filing a petition for a marriage license, \$10.

For performing a marriage in court, \$10.

For filing a petition under the <u>Uniform Parentage Act</u>
(2000) Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, \$40.

(b) Forcible Entry and Detainer.

In each forcible entry and detainer case when the plaintiff seeks possession only or unites with his or her claim for possession of the property a claim for rent or damages or both in the amount of \$15,000 or less, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$50. When the plaintiff unites his or her claim for possession with a claim for rent or damages or both exceeding \$15,000, a minimum of \$40 and a maximum of \$160.

(c) Counterclaim or Joining Third Party Defendant.

When any defendant files a counterclaim as part of his or her answer or otherwise or joins another party as a third party defendant, or both, the defendant shall pay a fee for each counterclaim or third party action in an amount equal to the fee he or she would have had to pay had he or she brought a separate action for the relief sought in the counterclaim or against the third party defendant, less the amount of the appearance fee, if that has been paid.

(d) Confession of Judgment.

In a confession of judgment when the amount does not exceed \$1500, a minimum of \$20 and a maximum of \$50. When the amount exceeds \$1500, but does not exceed \$15,000, a minimum of \$40 and a maximum of \$115. When the amount exceeds \$15,000, a minimum of \$40 and a maximum of \$200.

(e) Appearance.

The fee for filing an appearance in each civil case shall be a minimum of \$15 and a maximum of \$60, except as follows:

(A) When the plaintiff in a forcible entry and

detainer case seeks possession only, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$50.

- (B) When the amount in the case does not exceed \$1500, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$30.
- (C) When that amount exceeds \$1500 but does not exceed \$15,000, a minimum of \$15 and a maximum of \$60.
- (f) Garnishment, Wage Deduction, and Citation.

In garnishment affidavit, wage deduction affidavit, and citation petition when the amount does not exceed \$1,000, a minimum of \$5 and a maximum of \$15; when the amount exceeds \$1,000 but does not exceed \$5,000, a minimum of \$5 and a maximum of \$30; and when the amount exceeds \$5,000, a minimum of \$5 and a maximum of \$50.

- (g) Petition to Vacate or Modify.
 - (1) Petition to vacate or modify any final judgment or order of court, except in forcible entry and detainer cases and small claims cases or a petition to reopen an estate, to modify, terminate, or enforce a judgment or order for child or spousal support, or to modify, suspend, or terminate an order for withholding, if filed before 30 days after the entry of the judgment or order, a minimum of \$20 and a maximum of \$50.
 - (2) Petition to vacate or modify any final judgment or order of court, except a petition to modify, terminate, or enforce a judgment or order for child or spousal support or to modify, suspend, or terminate an order for withholding, if filed later than 30 days after the entry of the judgment or order, a minimum of \$20 and a maximum of \$75.
- (3) Petition to vacate order of bond forfeiture, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$40.
- 31 (h) Mailing.
- When the clerk is required to mail, the fee will be a minimum of \$2 and a maximum of \$10, plus the cost of postage.
- 35 (i) Certified Copies.
- 36 Each certified copy of a judgment after the first,

except in small claims and forcible entry and detainer cases, a minimum of \$2 and a maximum of \$10.

3 (j) Habeas Corpus.

For filing a petition for relief by habeas corpus, a minimum of \$60 and a maximum of \$100.

- (k) Certification, Authentication, and Reproduction.
 - (1) Each certification or authentication for taking the acknowledgment of a deed or other instrument in writing with the seal of office, a minimum of \$2 and a maximum of \$6.
 - (2) Court appeals when original documents are forwarded, under 100 pages, plus delivery and costs, a minimum of \$20 and a maximum of \$60.
 - (3) Court appeals when original documents are forwarded, over 100 pages, plus delivery and costs, a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$150.
 - (4) Court appeals when original documents are forwarded, over 200 pages, an additional fee of a minimum of 20 cents and a maximum of 25 cents per page.
 - (5) For reproduction of any document contained in the clerk's files:
- (A) First page, a minimum of \$1 and a maximum of \$2.
 - (B) Next 19 pages, 50 cents per page.
 - (C) All remaining pages, 25 cents per page.
- 26 (1) Remands.

In any cases remanded to the Circuit Court from the Supreme Court or the Appellate Court for a new trial, the clerk shall file the remanding order and reinstate the case with either its original number or a new number. The Clerk shall not charge any new or additional fee for the reinstatement. Upon reinstatement the Clerk shall advise the parties of the reinstatement. A party shall have the same right to a jury trial on remand and reinstatement as he or she had before the appeal, and no additional or new fee or charge shall be made for a jury trial after remand.

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1 (m) Record Search.

For each record search, within a division or municipal district, the clerk shall be entitled to a search fee of a minimum of \$4 and a maximum of \$6 for each year searched.

(n) Hard Copy.

For each page of hard copy print output, when case records are maintained on an automated medium, the clerk shall be entitled to a fee of a minimum of \$4 and a maximum of \$6.

(o) Index Inquiry and Other Records.

fee shall be charged for plaintiff/defendant index inquiry or single case record inquiry when this request is made in person and the records are maintained in a current automated medium, and when no hard copy print output is requested. The fees to be charged for management records, multiple case records, multiple journal records may be specified by the Chief quidelines for access Judge pursuant to the and dissemination of information approved by the Supreme Court.

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22 a minimum of \$25 and a maximum of \$50

23 (q) Alias Summons.

For each alias summons or citation issued by the clerk, a minimum of \$2 and a maximum of \$5.

(r) Other Fees.

Any fees not covered in this Section shall be set by rule or administrative order of the Circuit Court with the approval of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts.

The clerk of the circuit court may provide additional services for which there is no fee specified by statute in connection with the operation of the clerk's office as may be requested by the public and agreed to by the clerk and approved by the chief judge of the circuit court. Any charges for additional services shall be as agreed to

between the clerk and the party making the request and approved by the chief judge of the circuit court. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require any clerk to provide any service not otherwise required by law.

(s) Jury Services.

The clerk shall be entitled to receive, in addition to other fees allowed by law, the sum of a minimum of \$62.50 and a maximum of \$212.50, as a fee for the services of a jury in every civil action not quasi-criminal in its nature and not a proceeding for the exercise of the right of eminent domain and in every other action wherein the right of trial by jury is or may be given by law. The jury fee shall be paid by the party demanding a jury at the time of filing the jury demand. If the fee is not paid by either party, no jury shall be called in the action or proceeding, and the same shall be tried by the court without a jury.

(t) Voluntary Assignment.

For filing each deed of voluntary assignment, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$20; for recording the same, a minimum of 25 cents and a maximum of 50 cents for each 100 words. Exceptions filed to claims presented to an assignee of a debtor who has made a voluntary assignment for the benefit of creditors shall be considered and treated, for the purpose of taxing costs therein, as actions in which the party or parties filing the exceptions shall be considered as party or parties plaintiff, and the claimant or claimants as party or parties defendant, and those parties respectively shall pay to the clerk the same fees as provided by this Section to be paid in other actions.

(u) Expungement Petition.

The clerk shall be entitled to receive a fee of a minimum of \$15 and a maximum of \$60 for each expungement petition filed and an additional fee of a minimum of \$2 and a maximum of \$4 for each certified copy of an order to expunge arrest records.

(v) Probate.

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The clerk is entitled to receive the fees specified in this subsection (v), which shall be paid in advance, except that, for good cause shown, the court may suspend, reduce, or release the costs payable under this subsection:

- (1) For administration of the estate of a decedent (whether testate or intestate) or of a missing person, a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$150, plus the fees specified in subsection (v)(3), except:
 - (A) When the value of the real and personal property does not exceed \$15,000, the fee shall be a minimum of \$25 and a maximum of \$40.
 - (B) When (i) proof of heirship alone is made, (ii) a domestic or foreign will is admitted to probate without administration (including proof of heirship), or (iii) letters of office are issued for a particular purpose without administration of the estate, the fee shall be a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$40.
 - (C) For filing a petition to sell Real Estate, \$50.
- (2) For administration of the estate of a ward, a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$75, plus the fees specified in subsection (v)(3), except:
 - (A) When the value of the real and personal property does not exceed \$15,000, the fee shall be a minimum of \$25 and a maximum of \$40.
 - (B) When (i) letters of office are issued to a guardian of the person or persons, but not of the estate or (ii) letters of office are issued in the estate of a ward without administration of the estate, including filing or joining in the filing of a tax return or releasing a mortgage or consenting to the marriage of the ward, the fee shall be a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$20.
 - (C) For filing a Petition to sell Real Estate, \$50.
- (3) In addition to the fees payable under subsection (v)(1) or (v)(2) of this Section, the following fees are payable:

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(A) For each account (other than one final account) filed in the estate of a decedent, or ward, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$25.

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- (B) For filing a claim in an estate when the amount claimed is \$150 or more but less than \$500, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$25; when the amount claimed is \$500 or more but less than \$10,000, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$40; when the amount claimed is \$10,000 or more, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$60; provided that the court in allowing a claim may add to the amount allowed the filing fee paid by the claimant.
- (C) For filing in an estate a claim, petition, or supplemental proceeding based upon an action seeking equitable relief including the construction or contest of a will, enforcement of a contract to make a will, and proceedings involving testamentary trusts or the appointment of testamentary trustees, a minimum of \$40 and a maximum of \$60.
- (D) For filing in an estate (i) the appearance of any person for the purpose of consent or (ii) the appearance of an executor, administrator, administrator to collect, guardian, guardian ad litem, or special administrator, no fee.
- (E) Except as provided in subsection (v)(3)(D), for filing the appearance of any person or persons, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$30.
- (F) For each jury demand, a minimum of \$62.50 and a maximum of \$137.50.
- (G) For disposition of the collection of a judgment or settlement of an action or claim for wrongful death of a decedent or of any cause of action of a ward, when there is no other administration of the estate, a minimum of \$30 and a maximum of \$50, less any amount paid under subsection (v)(1)(B) or (v)(2)(B) except that if the amount involved does not exceed \$5,000, the fee, including any amount paid under subsection

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a maximum of \$75.

1	(v)(1)(B) or (v)(2)(B), shall be a minimum of \$10 and a
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3	(H) For each certified copy of letters of office,
4	of court order or other certification, a minimum of \$1
5	and a maximum of $\$2$, plus a minimum of $\$0$ cents and a
6	maximum of \$1 per page in excess of 3 pages for the
7	document certified.
8	(I) For each exemplification, a minimum of \$1 and a
9	maximum of \$2, plus the fee for certification.
10	(4) The executor, administrator, guardian, petitioner,
11	or other interested person or his or her attorney shall pay
12	the cost of publication by the clerk directly to the
13	newspaper.
14	(5) The person on whose behalf a charge is incurred for
15	witness, court reporter, appraiser, or other miscellaneous
16	fee shall pay the same directly to the person entitled
17	thereto.
18	(6) The executor, administrator, guardian, petitioner,
19	or other interested person or his or her attorney shall pay
20	to the clerk all postage charges incurred by the clerk in
21	mailing petitions, orders, notices, or other documents
22	pursuant to the provisions of the Probate Act of 1975.
23	(w) Criminal and Quasi-Criminal Costs and Fees.
24	(1) The clerk shall be entitled to costs in all
25	criminal and quasi-criminal cases from each person
26	convicted or sentenced to supervision therein as follows:
27	(A) Felony complaints, a minimum of \$40 and a
28	maximum of \$100.
29	(B) Misdemeanor complaints, a minimum of \$25 and a
30	maximum of \$75.
31	(C) Business offense complaints, a minimum of \$25
32	and a maximum of \$75.
33	(D) Petty offense complaints, a minimum of \$25 and

(E) Minor traffic or ordinance violations, \$10.

(F) When court appearance required, \$15.

1	(G)	Motions	to	vacate	or	amend	final	orders,	a
2	minimum	of \$20 ar	nd a	maximum	of	\$40.			

- (H) Motions to vacate bond forfeiture orders, a minimum of \$20 and a maximum of \$40.
- (I) Motions to vacate ex parte judgments, whenever filed, a minimum of \$20 and a maximum of \$40.
- (J) Motions to vacate judgment on forfeitures, whenever filed, a minimum of \$20 and a maximum of \$40.
- (K) Motions to vacate "failure to appear" or "failure to comply" notices sent to the Secretary of State, a minimum of \$20 and a maximum of \$40.
- (2) In counties having a population of not more than 500,000 inhabitants, when the violation complaint is issued by a municipal police department, the clerk shall be entitled to costs from each person convicted therein as follows:
 - (A) Minor traffic or ordinance violations, \$10.
 - (B) When court appearance required, \$15.
- (3) In ordinance violation cases punishable by fine only, the clerk of the circuit court shall be entitled to receive, unless the fee is excused upon a finding by the court that the defendant is indigent, in addition to other fees or costs allowed or imposed by law, the sum of a minimum of \$62.50 and a maximum of \$137.50 as a fee for the services of a jury. The jury fee shall be paid by the defendant at the time of filing his or her jury demand. If the fee is not so paid by the defendant, no jury shall be called, and the case shall be tried by the court without a jury.
- (x) Transcripts of Judgment.
 - For the filing of a transcript of judgment, the clerk shall be entitled to the same fee as if it were the commencement of a new suit.
- (y) Change of Venue.
- 35 (1) For the filing of a change of case on a change of venue, the clerk shall be entitled to the same fee as if it

1 were the commencement of a new suit.

- (2) The fee for the preparation and certification of a record on a change of venue to another jurisdiction, when original documents are forwarded, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$40.
- (z) Tax objection complaints.

For each tax objection complaint containing one or more tax objections, regardless of the number of parcels involved or the number of taxpayers joining on the complaint, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$50.

- 11 (aa) Tax Deeds.
 - (1) Petition for tax deed, if only one parcel is involved, a minimum of \$45 and a maximum of \$200.
 - (2) For each additional parcel, add a fee of a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$60.
 - (bb) Collections.
 - (1) For all collections made of others, except the State and county and except in maintenance or child support cases, a sum equal to a minimum of 2% and a maximum of 2.5% of the amount collected and turned over.
 - (2) Interest earned on any funds held by the clerk shall be turned over to the county general fund as an earning of the office.
 - (3) For any check, draft, or other bank instrument returned to the clerk for non-sufficient funds, account closed, or payment stopped, \$25.
 - (4) In child support and maintenance cases, the clerk, if authorized by an ordinance of the county board, may collect an annual fee of up to \$36 from the person making payment for maintaining child support records and the processing of support orders to the State of Illinois KIDS system and the recording of payments issued by the State Disbursement Unit for the official record of the Court. This fee shall be in addition to and separate from amounts ordered to be paid as maintenance or child support and shall be deposited into a Separate Maintenance and Child

Support Collection Fund, of which the clerk shall be the custodian, ex-officio, to be used by the clerk to maintain child support orders and record all payments issued by the State Disbursement Unit for the official record of the Court. The clerk may recover from the person making the maintenance or child support payment any additional cost incurred in the collection of this annual fee.

The clerk shall also be entitled to a fee of \$5 for certifications made to the Secretary of State as provided in Section 7-703 of the Family Financial Responsibility Law and these fees shall also be deposited into the Separate Maintenance and Child Support Collection Fund.

(cc) Corrections of Numbers.

For correction of the case number, case title, or attorney computer identification number, if required by rule of court, on any document filed in the clerk's office, to be charged against the party that filed the document, a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$25.

(dd) Exceptions.

- (1) The fee requirements of this Section shall not apply to police departments or other law enforcement agencies. In this Section, "law enforcement agency" means an agency of the State or a unit of local government which is vested by law or ordinance with the duty to maintain public order and to enforce criminal laws or ordinances. "Law enforcement agency" also means the Attorney General or any state's attorney.
- (2) No fee provided herein shall be charged to any unit of local government or school district.
- (3) The fee requirements of this Section shall not apply to any action instituted under subsection (b) of Section 11-31-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code by a private owner or tenant of real property within 1200 feet of a dangerous or unsafe building seeking an order compelling the owner or owners of the building to take any of the actions authorized under that subsection.

- 1 (4) The fee requirements of this Section shall not 2 apply to the filing of any commitment petition or petition 3 for an order authorizing the administration of authorized 4 involuntary treatment in the form of medication under the 5 Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code.
- 6 (ee) Adoptions.
- 7 (1) For an adoption \$65
- 8 (2) Upon good cause shown, the court may waive the
 9 adoption filing fee in a special needs adoption. The term
 10 "special needs adoption" shall have the meaning ascribed to
 11 it by the Illinois Department of Children and Family
 12 Services.
- 13 (ff) Adoption exemptions.
- No fee other than that set forth in subsection (ee)

 shall be charged to any person in connection with an

 adoption proceeding nor may any fee be charged for

 proceedings for the appointment of a confidential

 intermediary under the Adoption Act.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 92-16, eff. 6-28-01; 92-521, eff. 6-1-02; 93-39,
- 20 eff. 7-1-03; 93-385, eff. 7-25-03; 93-573, eff. 8-21-03;
- 21 revised 9-5-03.)
- Section 905.12. The Juvenile Court Act of 1987 is amended
- 23 by changing Sections 1-3 and 6-9 as follows:
- 24 (705 ILCS 405/1-3) (from Ch. 37, par. 801-3)
- Sec. 1-3. Definitions. Terms used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, have the following meanings ascribed to them:
- 28 (1) "Adjudicatory hearing" means a hearing to determine 29 whether the allegations of a petition under Section 2-13, 3-15 30 or 4-12 that a minor under 18 years of age is abused, neglected 31 or dependent, or requires authoritative intervention, or 32 addicted, respectively, are supported by a preponderance of the 33 evidence or whether the allegations of a petition under Section 34 5-520 that a minor is delinquent are proved beyond a reasonable

- 1 doubt.
- 2 (2) "Adult" means a person 21 years of age or older.
- 3 (3) "Agency" means a public or private child care facility
- 4 legally authorized or licensed by this State for placement or
- 5 institutional care or for both placement and institutional
- 6 care.
- 7 (4) "Association" means any organization, public or
- 8 private, engaged in welfare functions which include services to
- 9 or on behalf of children but does not include "agency" as
- 10 herein defined.
- 11 (4.05) Whenever a "best interest" determination is
- 12 required, the following factors shall be considered in the
- 13 context of the child's age and developmental needs:
- 14 (a) the physical safety and welfare of the child, including
- food, shelter, health, and clothing;
- 16 (b) the development of the child's identity;
- 17 (c) the child's background and ties, including familial,
- 18 cultural, and religious;
- 19 (d) the child's sense of attachments, including:
- 20 (i) where the child actually feels love, attachment,
- and a sense of being valued (as opposed to where adults
- 22 believe the child should feel such love, attachment, and a
- 23 sense of being valued);
- 24 (ii) the child's sense of security;
- 25 (iii) the child's sense of familiarity;
- 26 (iv) continuity of affection for the child;
- 27 (v) the least disruptive placement alternative for the
- 28 child;
- (e) the child's wishes and long-term goals;
- 30 (f) the child's community ties, including church, school,
- 31 and friends;
- 32 (g) the child's need for permanence which includes the
- 33 child's need for stability and continuity of relationships with
- 34 parent figures and with siblings and other relatives;
- 35 (h) the uniqueness of every family and child;
- 36 (i) the risks attendant to entering and being in substitute

1 care; and

- 2 (j) the preferences of the persons available to care for 3 the child.
- 4 (4.1) "Chronic truant" shall have the definition ascribed 5 to it in Section 26-2a of the School Code.
 - (5) "Court" means the circuit court in a session or division assigned to hear proceedings under this Act.
 - (6) "Dispositional hearing" means a hearing to determine whether a minor should be adjudged to be a ward of the court, and to determine what order of disposition should be made in respect to a minor adjudged to be a ward of the court.
 - (7) "Emancipated minor" means any minor 16 years of age or over who has been completely or partially emancipated under the "Emancipation of Mature Minors Act", enacted by the Eighty-First General Assembly, or under this Act.
 - (8) "Guardianship of the person" of a minor means the duty and authority to act in the best interests of the minor, subject to residual parental rights and responsibilities, to make important decisions in matters having a permanent effect on the life and development of the minor and to be concerned with his or her general welfare. It includes but is not necessarily limited to:
 - (a) the authority to consent to marriage, to enlistment in the armed forces of the United States, or to a major medical, psychiatric, and surgical treatment; to represent the minor in legal actions; and to make other decisions of substantial legal significance concerning the minor;
 - (b) the authority and duty of reasonable visitation, except to the extent that these have been limited in the best interests of the minor by court order;
 - (c) the rights and responsibilities of legal custody except where legal custody has been vested in another person or agency; and
 - (d) the power to consent to the adoption of the minor, but only if expressly conferred on the guardian in accordance with Section 2-29, 3-30, or 4-27.

- (9) "Legal custody" means the relationship created by an order of court in the best interests of the minor which imposes on the custodian the responsibility of physical possession of a minor and the duty to protect, train and discipline him and to provide him with food, shelter, education and ordinary medical care, except as these are limited by residual parental rights and responsibilities and the rights and responsibilities of the guardian of the person, if any.
- (10) "Minor" means a person under the age of 21 years subject to this Act.
- (11) "Parent" means the father or mother of a child and includes any adoptive parent. It also includes a man (i) whose paternity is presumed or has been established under the law of this or another jurisdiction or (ii) who has registered with the Putative Father Registry in accordance with Section 12.1 of the Adoption Act or with the Registry of Paternity under the Uniform Parentage Act (2000) and whose paternity has not been ruled out under the law of this or another jurisdiction. It does not include a parent whose rights in respect to the minor have been terminated in any manner provided by law.
- 21 (11.1) "Permanency goal" means a goal set by the court as 22 defined in subdivision (2) of Section 2-28.
 - (11.2) "Permanency hearing" means a hearing to set the permanency goal and to review and determine (i) the appropriateness of the services contained in the plan and whether those services have been provided, (ii) whether reasonable efforts have been made by all the parties to the service plan to achieve the goal, and (iii) whether the plan and goal have been achieved.
 - (12) "Petition" means the petition provided for in Section 2-13, 3-15, 4-12 or 5-520, including any supplemental petitions thereunder in Section 3-15, 4-12 or 5-520.
 - (13) "Residual parental rights and responsibilities" means those rights and responsibilities remaining with the parent after the transfer of legal custody or guardianship of the person, including, but not necessarily limited to, the right to

- 1 reasonable visitation (which may be limited by the court in the
- 2 best interests of the minor as provided in subsection (8) (b) of
- 3 this Section), the right to consent to adoption, the right to
- 4 determine the minor's religious affiliation, and the
- 5 responsibility for his support.
- 6 (14) "Shelter" means the temporary care of a minor in 7 physically unrestricting facilities pending court disposition
- 8 or execution of court order for placement.
- 9 (15) "Station adjustment" means the informal handling of an alleged offender by a juvenile police officer.
 - (16) "Ward of the court" means a minor who is so adjudged under Section 2-22, 3-23, 4-20 or 5-705, after a finding of the requisite jurisdictional facts, and thus is subject to the dispositional powers of the court under this Act.
 - (17) "Juvenile police officer" means a sworn police officer who has completed a Basic Recruit Training Course, has been assigned to the position of juvenile police officer by his or her chief law enforcement officer and has completed the necessary juvenile officers training as prescribed by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board, or in the case of a State police officer, juvenile officer training approved by the Director of the Department of State Police.
 - (18) "Secure child care facility" means any child care facility licensed by the Department of Children and Family Services to provide secure living arrangements for children under 18 years of age who are subject to placement in facilities under the Children and Family Services Act and who are not subject to placement in facilities for whom standards are established by the Department of Corrections under Section 3-15-2 of the Unified Code of Corrections. "Secure child care facility" also means a facility that is designed and operated to ensure that all entrances and exits from the facility, a building, or a distinct part of the building are under the exclusive control of the staff of the facility, whether or not the child has the freedom of movement within the perimeter of the facility, building, or distinct part of the building.

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- 1 (Source: P.A. 90-28, eff. 1-1-98; 90-87, eff. 9-1-97; 90-590,
- 2 eff. 1-1-99; 90-608, eff. 6-30-98; 90-655, eff. 7-30-98;
- 3 91-357, eff. 7-29-99; revised 10-9-03.)
- 4 (705 ILCS 405/6-9) (from Ch. 37, par. 806-9)
- 5 Sec. 6-9. Enforcement of liability of parents and others.
- (1) If parentage is at issue in any proceeding under this 6 7 Act, the <u>Uniform Parentage Act (2000)</u> Illinois Parentage Act of 8 1984 shall apply and the court shall enter orders consistent 9 with that Act. If it appears at any hearing that a parent or 10 any other person named in the petition, liable under the law for the support of the minor, is able to contribute to his or 11 her support, the court shall enter an order requiring that 12 13 parent or other person to pay the clerk of the court, or to the 14 guardian or custodian appointed under Sections 2-27, 3-28, 4-25 15 or 5-740, a reasonable sum from time to time for the care, 16 support and necessary special care or treatment, of the minor. If the court determines at any hearing that a parent or any 17 18 other person named in the petition, liable under the law for 19 the support of the minor, is able to contribute to help defray the costs associated with the minor's detention in a county or 20 regional detention center, the court shall enter an order 21 22 requiring that parent or other person to pay the clerk of the 23 court a reasonable sum for the care and support of the minor. 24 The court may require reasonable security for the payments. 25 Upon failure to pay, the court may enforce obedience to the

If it appears that the person liable for the support of the minor is able to contribute to legal fees for representation of the minor, the court shall enter an order requiring that person to pay a reasonable sum for the representation, to the attorney providing the representation or to the clerk of the court for deposit in the appropriate account or fund. The sum may be paid as the court directs, and the payment thereof secured and enforced as provided in this Section for support.

order by a proceeding as for contempt of court.

If it appears at the detention or shelter care hearing of a

minor before the court under Section 5-501 that a parent or any other person liable for support of the minor is able to contribute to his or her support, that parent or other person shall be required to pay a fee for room and board at a rate not to exceed \$10 per day established, with the concurrence of the chief judge of the judicial circuit, by the county board of the county in which the minor is detained unless the court determines that it is in the best interest and welfare of the minor to waive the fee. The concurrence of the chief judge shall be in the form of an administrative order. Each week, on a day designated by the clerk of the circuit court, that parent or other person shall pay the clerk for the minor's room and board. All fees for room and board collected by the circuit court clerk shall be disbursed into the separate county fund under Section 6-7.

Upon application, the court shall waive liability for support or legal fees under this Section if the parent or other person establishes that he or she is indigent and unable to pay the incurred liability, and the court may reduce or waive liability if the parent or other person establishes circumstances showing that full payment of support or legal fees would result in financial hardship to the person or his or her family.

- (2) When a person so ordered to pay for the care and support of a minor is employed for wages, salary or commission, the court may order him to make the support payments for which he is liable under this Act out of his wages, salary or commission and to assign so much thereof as will pay the support. The court may also order him to make discovery to the court as to his place of employment and the amounts earned by him. Upon his failure to obey the orders of court he may be punished as for contempt of court.
- (3) If the minor is a recipient of public aid under the Illinois Public Aid Code, the court shall order that payments made by a parent or through assignment of his wages, salary or commission be made directly to (a) the Illinois Department of

Public Aid if the minor is a recipient of aid under Article ${\tt V}$ 1 2 of the Code, (b) the Department of Human Services if the minor 3 is a recipient of aid under Article IV of the Code, or (c) the local governmental unit responsible for the support of the 4 5 minor if he is a recipient under Articles VI or VII of the 6 Code. The order shall permit the Illinois Department of Public 7 the Department of Human Services, or the governmental unit, as the case may be, to direct that 8 subsequent payments be made directly to the guardian or 9 10 custodian of the minor, or to some other person or agency in 11 the minor's behalf, upon removal of the minor from the public 12 aid rolls; and upon such direction and removal of the minor from the public aid rolls, the Illinois Department of Public 13 Aid, Department of Human Services, or local governmental unit, 14 as the case requires, shall give written notice of such action 15 16 to the court. Payments received by the Illinois Department of 17 Public Aid, Department of Human Services, or local governmental unit are to be covered, respectively, into the General Revenue 18 19 Fund of the State Treasury or General Assistance Fund of the 20 governmental unit, as provided in Section 10-19 of the Illinois Public Aid Code. 21

- 22 (Source: P.A. 90-157, eff. 1-1-98; 90-483, eff. 1-1-98; 90-590,
- 23 eff. 1-1-99; 90-655, eff. 7-30-98; 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)
- Section 905.13. The Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 is amended by changing Section 112A-14 as follows:
- 26 (725 ILCS 5/112A-14) (from Ch. 38, par. 112A-14)
- Sec. 112A-14. Order of protection; remedies.
- (a) Issuance of order. If the court finds that petitioner has been abused by a family or household member, as defined in this Article, an order of protection prohibiting such abuse shall issue; provided that petitioner must also satisfy the requirements of one of the following Sections, as appropriate: Section 112A-17 on emergency orders, Section 112A-18 on interim orders, or Section 112A-19 on plenary orders. Petitioner shall

- not be denied an order of protection because petitioner or respondent is a minor. The court, when determining whether or not to issue an order of protection, shall not require physical
- 4 manifestations of abuse on the person of the victim.
- Modification and extension of prior orders of protection shall be in accordance with this Article.
 - (b) Remedies and standards. The remedies to be included in an order of protection shall be determined in accordance with this Section and one of the following Sections, as appropriate: Section 112A-17 on emergency orders, Section 112A-18 on interim orders, and Section 112A-19 on plenary orders. The remedies listed in this subsection shall be in addition to other civil or criminal remedies available to petitioner.
 - (1) Prohibition of abuse. Prohibit respondent's harassment, interference with personal liberty, intimidation of a dependent, physical abuse or willful deprivation, as defined in this Article, if such abuse has occurred or otherwise appears likely to occur if not prohibited.
 - (2) Grant of exclusive possession of residence. Prohibit respondent from entering or remaining in any residence or household of the petitioner, including one owned or leased by respondent, if petitioner has a right to occupancy thereof. The grant of exclusive possession of the residence shall not affect title to real property, nor shall the court be limited by the standard set forth in Section 701 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.
 - (A) Right to occupancy. A party has a right to occupancy of a residence or household if it is solely or jointly owned or leased by that party, that party's spouse, a person with a legal duty to support that party or a minor child in that party's care, or by any person or entity other than the opposing party that authorizes that party's occupancy (e.g., a domestic violence shelter). Standards set forth in subparagraph

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- (B) shall not preclude equitable relief.
- (B) Presumption of hardships. If petitioner and respondent each has the right to occupancy of a residence or household, the court shall balance (i) the hardships to respondent and any minor child or dependent adult in respondent's care resulting from entry of this remedy with (ii) the hardships to petitioner and any minor child or dependent adult in petitioner's care resulting from continued exposure to the risk of abuse (should petitioner remain at the residence or household) or from loss of possession of the residence or household (should petitioner leave to avoid the risk of abuse). When determining the balance of hardships, the court shall also take into account the accessibility of the residence or household. Hardships need not be balanced if respondent does not have a right to occupancy.

The balance of hardships is presumed to favor possession by petitioner unless the presumption is rebutted by a preponderance of the evidence, showing that the hardships to respondent substantially outweigh the hardships to petitioner and any minor child or dependent adult in petitioner's care. The court, on the request of petitioner or on its own motion, may order respondent to provide suitable, accessible, alternate housing for petitioner instead of excluding respondent from a mutual residence or household.

(3) Stay away order and additional prohibitions. Order respondent to stay away from petitioner or any other person protected by the order of protection, or prohibit respondent from entering or remaining present at petitioner's school, place of employment, or other specified places at times when petitioner is present, or both, if reasonable, given the balance of hardships. Hardships need not be balanced for the court to enter a

stay away order or prohibit entry if respondent has no right to enter the premises.

If an order of protection grants petitioner exclusive possession of the residence, or prohibits respondent from entering the residence, or orders respondent to stay away from petitioner or other protected persons, then the court may allow respondent access to the residence to remove items of clothing and personal adornment used exclusively by respondent, medications, and other items as the court directs. The right to access shall be exercised on only one occasion as the court directs and in the presence of an agreed-upon adult third party or law enforcement officer.

- (4) Counseling. Require or recommend the respondent to undergo counseling for a specified duration with a social worker, psychologist, clinical psychologist, psychiatrist, family service agency, alcohol or substance abuse program, mental health center guidance counselor, agency providing services to elders, program designed for domestic violence abusers or any other guidance service the court deems appropriate.
- (5) Physical care and possession of the minor child. In order to protect the minor child from abuse, neglect, or unwarranted separation from the person who has been the minor child's primary caretaker, or to otherwise protect the well-being of the minor child, the court may do either or both of the following: (i) grant petitioner physical care or possession of the minor child, or both, or (ii) order respondent to return a minor child to, or not remove a minor child from, the physical care of a parent or person in loco parentis.

If a court finds, after a hearing, that respondent has committed abuse (as defined in Section 112A-3) of a minor child, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that awarding physical care to respondent would not be in the minor child's best interest.

(6) Temporary legal custody. Award temporary legal

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custody to petitioner in accordance with this Section, the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, the Uniform Parentage Act (2000) the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, and this State's Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.

If a court finds, after a hearing, that respondent has committed abuse (as defined in Section 112A-3) of a minor child, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that awarding temporary legal custody to respondent would not be in the child's best interest.

(7) Visitation. Determine the visitation rights, if any, of respondent in any case in which the court awards physical care or temporary legal custody of a minor child petitioner. The court shall restrict or deny respondent's visitation with a minor child if the court finds that respondent has done or is likely to do any of the following: (i) abuse or endanger the minor child during visitation; (ii) use the visitation as an opportunity to abuse or harass petitioner or petitioner's family or household members; (iii) improperly conceal or detain the minor child; or (iv) otherwise act in a manner that is not in the best interests of the minor child. The court shall not be limited by the standards set forth in Section 607.1 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. If the court grants visitation, the order shall specify dates and times for the visitation to take place or other specific parameters or conditions that are appropriate. No order for visitation shall refer merely to the term "reasonable visitation".

Petitioner may deny respondent access to the minor child if, when respondent arrives for visitation, respondent is under the influence of drugs or alcohol and constitutes a threat to the safety and well-being of petitioner or petitioner's minor children or is behaving in a violent or abusive manner.

If necessary to protect any member of petitioner's

family or household from future abuse, respondent shall be prohibited from coming to petitioner's residence to meet the minor child for visitation, and the parties shall submit to the court their recommendations for reasonable alternative arrangements for visitation. A person may be approved to supervise visitation only after filing an affidavit accepting that responsibility and acknowledging accountability to the court.

- (8) Removal or concealment of minor child. Prohibit respondent from removing a minor child from the State or concealing the child within the State.
- (9) Order to appear. Order the respondent to appear in court, alone or with a minor child, to prevent abuse, neglect, removal or concealment of the child, to return the child to the custody or care of the petitioner or to permit any court-ordered interview or examination of the child or the respondent.
- (10) Possession of personal property. Grant petitioner exclusive possession of personal property and, if respondent has possession or control, direct respondent to promptly make it available to petitioner, if:
 - (i) petitioner, but not respondent, owns the property; or
 - (ii) the parties own the property jointly; sharing it would risk abuse of petitioner by respondent or is impracticable; and the balance of hardships favors temporary possession by petitioner.

If petitioner's sole claim to ownership of the property is that it is marital property, the court may award petitioner temporary possession thereof under the standards of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph only if a proper proceeding has been filed under the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, as now or hereafter amended.

No order under this provision shall affect title to property.

- (11) Protection of property. Forbid the respondent from taking, transferring, encumbering, concealing, damaging or otherwise disposing of any real or personal property, except as explicitly authorized by the court, if:
 - (i) petitioner, but not respondent, owns the property; or
 - (ii) the parties own the property jointly, and the balance of hardships favors granting this remedy.

If petitioner's sole claim to ownership of the property is that it is marital property, the court may grant petitioner relief under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph only if a proper proceeding has been filed under the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, as now or hereafter amended.

The court may further prohibit respondent from improperly using the financial or other resources of an aged member of the family or household for the profit or advantage of respondent or of any other person.

- (12) Order for payment of support. Order respondent to pay temporary support for the petitioner or any child in the petitioner's care or custody, when the respondent has a legal obligation to support that person, in accordance with the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, which shall govern, among other matters, the amount of support, payment through the clerk and withholding of income to secure payment. An order for child support may be granted to a petitioner with lawful physical care or custody of a child, or an order or agreement for physical care or custody, prior to entry of an order for legal custody. Such a support order shall expire upon entry of a valid order granting legal custody to another, unless otherwise provided in the custody order.
- (13) Order for payment of losses. Order respondent to pay petitioner for losses suffered as a direct result of the abuse. Such losses shall include, but not be limited to, medical expenses, lost earnings or other support,

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repair or replacement of property damaged or taken, reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and moving or other travel expenses, including additional reasonable expenses for temporary shelter and restaurant meals.

- (i) Losses affecting family needs. If a party is entitled seek maintenance, child to support property distribution from the other party under the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, as or hereafter amended, the court may order respondent to reimburse petitioner's actual losses, to would the extent that such reimbursement "appropriate temporary relief", as authorized by subsection (a) (3) of Section 501 of that Act.
- (ii) Recovery of expenses. In the case of an improper concealment or removal of a minor child, the court may order respondent to pay the reasonable expenses incurred or to be incurred in the search for and recovery of the minor child, including but not limited to legal fees, court costs, private investigator fees, and travel costs.
- (14) Prohibition of entry. Prohibit the respondent from entering or remaining in the residence or household while the respondent is under the influence of alcohol or drugs and constitutes a threat to the safety and well-being of the petitioner or the petitioner's children.
- (14.5) Prohibition of firearm possession. (a) When a complaint is made under a request for an order of protection, that the respondent has threatened or is likely to use firearms illegally against the petitioner, and the respondent is present in court, or has failed to appear after receiving actual notice, the court shall examine on oath the petitioner, and any witnesses who may be produced. If the court is satisfied that there is any danger of the illegal use of firearms, it shall include in the order of protection the requirement that any firearms in the possession of the respondent, except as provided in

subsection (b), be turned over to the local law enforcement agency for safekeeping. If the respondent fails to appear, or refuses or fails to surrender his or her firearms, the court shall issue a warrant for seizure of any firearm in the possession of the respondent. The period of safekeeping shall be for a stated period of time not to exceed 2 years. The firearm or firearms shall be returned to the respondent at the end of the stated period or at expiration of the order of protection, whichever is sooner. (b) If the respondent is a peace officer as defined in Section 2-13 of the Criminal Code of 1961, the court shall order that any firearms used by the respondent in the performance of his or her duties as a peace officer be surrendered to the chief law enforcement executive of the agency in which the respondent is employed, who shall retain the firearms for safekeeping for the stated period not to exceed 2 years as set forth in the court order.

- (15) Prohibition of access to records. If an order of protection prohibits respondent from having contact with the minor child, or if petitioner's address is omitted under subsection (b) of Section 112A-5, or if necessary to prevent abuse or wrongful removal or concealment of a minor child, the order shall deny respondent access to, and prohibit respondent from inspecting, obtaining, or attempting to inspect or obtain, school or any other records of the minor child who is in the care of petitioner.
- (16) Order for payment of shelter services. Order respondent to reimburse a shelter providing temporary housing and counseling services to the petitioner for the cost of the services, as certified by the shelter and deemed reasonable by the court.
- (17) Order for injunctive relief. Enter injunctive relief necessary or appropriate to prevent further abuse of a family or household member or to effectuate one of the granted remedies, if supported by the balance of hardships.

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If the harm to be prevented by the injunction is abuse or any other harm that one of the remedies listed in paragraphs (1) through (16) of this subsection is designed to prevent, no further evidence is necessary to establish that the harm is an irreparable injury.

- (c) Relevant factors; findings.
- (1) In determining whether to grant a specific remedy, other than payment of support, the court shall consider relevant factors, including but not limited to the following:
 - (i) the nature, frequency, severity, pattern and consequences of the respondent's past abuse of the petitioner or any family or household member, including the concealment of his or her location in order to evade service of process or notice, and the likelihood of danger of future abuse to petitioner or any member of petitioner's or respondent's family or household; and
 - (ii) the danger that any minor child will be abused or neglected or improperly removed from the jurisdiction, improperly concealed within the State or improperly separated from the child's primary caretaker.
- (2) In comparing relative hardships resulting to the parties from loss of possession of the family home, the court shall consider relevant factors, including but not limited to the following:
 - (i) availability, accessibility, cost, safety,
 adequacy, location and other characteristics of
 alternate housing for each party and any minor child or
 dependent adult in the party's care;
 - (ii) the effect on the party's employment; and
 - (iii) the effect on the relationship of the party, and any minor child or dependent adult in the party's care, to family, school, church and community.
 - (3) Subject to the exceptions set forth in paragraph

- (4) of this subsection, the court shall make its findings in an official record or in writing, and shall at a minimum set forth the following:
 - (i) That the court has considered the applicable relevant factors described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.
 - (ii) Whether the conduct or actions of respondent, unless prohibited, will likely cause irreparable harm or continued abuse.
 - (iii) Whether it is necessary to grant the requested relief in order to protect petitioner or other alleged abused persons.
 - (4) For purposes of issuing an ex parte emergency order of protection, the court, as an alternative to or as a supplement to making the findings described in paragraphs (c)(3)(i) through (c)(3)(iii) of this subsection, may use the following procedure:

When a verified petition for an emergency order of protection in accordance with the requirements of Sections 112A-5 and 112A-17 is presented to the court, the court shall examine petitioner on oath or affirmation. An emergency order of protection shall be issued by the court if it appears from the contents of the petition and the examination of petitioner that the averments are sufficient to indicate abuse by respondent and to support the granting of relief under the issuance of the emergency order of protection.

(5) Never married parties. No rights or responsibilities for a minor child born outside of marriage attach to a putative father until a father and child relationship has been established under the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984 or under the Uniform Parentage Act (2000). Absent such an adjudication, no putative father shall be granted temporary custody of the minor child, visitation with the minor child, or physical care and possession of the minor child, nor shall an order of

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- 1 payment for support of the minor child be entered.
- 2 (d) Balance of hardships; findings. If the court finds that 3 the balance of hardships does not support the granting of a remedy governed by paragraph (2), (3), (10), (11), or (16) of 4 5 subsection (b) of this Section, which may require such balancing, the court's findings shall so indicate and shall 6 include a finding as to whether granting the remedy will result 7 in hardship to respondent that would substantially outweigh the 9 hardship to petitioner from denial of the remedy. The findings 10 shall be an official record or in writing.
 - (e) Denial of remedies. Denial of any remedy shall not be based, in whole or in part, on evidence that:
 - (1) Respondent has cause for any use of force, unless that cause satisfies the standards for justifiable use of force provided by Article VII of the Criminal Code of 1961;
 - (2) Respondent was voluntarily intoxicated;
 - (3) Petitioner acted in self-defense or defense of another, provided that, if petitioner utilized force, such force was justifiable under Article VII of the Criminal Code of 1961;
 - (4) Petitioner did not act in self-defense or defense of another;
 - (5) Petitioner left the residence or household to avoid further abuse by respondent;
 - (6) Petitioner did not leave the residence or household to avoid further abuse by respondent;
 - (7) Conduct by any family or household member excused the abuse by respondent, unless that same conduct would have excused such abuse if the parties had not been family or household members.
- 31 (Source: P.A. 93-108, eff. 1-1-04.)
- 32 Section 905.14. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended 33 by changing Section 3-5-4 as follows:

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- Sec. 3-5-4. Exchange of information for child support enforcement.
- 3 The Department shall exchange with the Illinois (a) Department of Public Aid information that may be necessary for 4 5 the enforcement of child support orders entered pursuant to the 6 Illinois Public Aid Code, the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, the Non-Support of Spouse and Children Act, 7 the Non-Support Punishment Act, the Revised Uniform Reciprocal 8 Enforcement of Support Act, the Uniform Interstate Family 9 10 Support Act, or the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, or the 11 Uniform Parentage Act (2000).
- (b) Notwithstanding any provisions in this Code to the contrary, the Department shall not be liable to any person for any disclosure of information to the Illinois Department of Public Aid under subsection (a) or for any other action taken in good faith to comply with the requirements of subsection (a).
- 18 (Source: P.A. 90-18, eff. 1-1-97; 91-613, eff. 10-1-99.)
- Section 905.15. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by changing Sections 2-209, 2-1401, and 12-112 as follows:
- 21 (735 ILCS 5/2-209) (from Ch. 110, par. 2-209)
- Sec. 2-209. Act submitting to jurisdiction Process.
- (a) Any person, whether or not a citizen or resident of
 this State, who in person or through an agent does any of the
 acts hereinafter enumerated, thereby submits such person, and,
 if an individual, his or her personal representative, to the
 jurisdiction of the courts of this State as to any cause of
 action arising from the doing of any of such acts:
 - (1) The transaction of any business within this State;
 - (2) The commission of a tortious act within this State;
 - (3) The ownership, use, or possession of any real estate situated in this State;
- 33 (4) Contracting to insure any person, property or risk 34 located within this State at the time of contracting;

(5) With respect to actions of dissolution of marriage,
declaration of invalidity of marriage and legal
separation, the maintenance in this State of a matrimonial
domicile at the time this cause of action arose or the
commission in this State of any act giving rise to the
cause of action;

- (6) With respect to actions brought under the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, as now or hereafter amended, or under the Uniform Parentage Act (2000), the performance of an act of sexual intercourse within this State during the possible period of conception;
- (7) The making or performance of any contract or promise substantially connected with this State;
- (8) The performance of sexual intercourse within this State which is claimed to have resulted in the conception of a child who resides in this State;
- (9) The failure to support a child, spouse or former spouse who has continued to reside in this State since the person either formerly resided with them in this State or directed them to reside in this State;
- (10) The acquisition of ownership, possession or control of any asset or thing of value present within this State when ownership, possession or control was acquired;
- (11) The breach of any fiduciary duty within this State;
- (12) The performance of duties as a director or officer of a corporation organized under the laws of this State or having its principal place of business within this State;
- (13) The ownership of an interest in any trust administered within this State; or
- (14) The exercise of powers granted under the authority of this State as a fiduciary.
- (b) A court may exercise jurisdiction in any action arising within or without this State against any person who:
- (1) Is a natural person present within this State when served;

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- (2) Is a natural person domiciled or resident within this State when the cause of action arose, the action was commenced, or process was served;
 - (3) Is a corporation organized under the laws of this State; or
 - (4) Is a natural person or corporation doing business within this State.
 - (c) A court may also exercise jurisdiction on any other basis now or hereafter permitted by the Illinois Constitution and the Constitution of the United States.
 - (d) Service of process upon any person who is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of this State, as provided in this Section, may be made by personally serving the summons upon the defendant outside this State, as provided in this Act, with the same force and effect as though summons had been personally served within this State.
 - (e) Service of process upon any person who resides or whose business address is outside the United States and who is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of this State, as provided in this Section, in any action based upon product liability may be made by serving a copy of the summons with a copy of the complaint attached upon the Secretary of State. The summons shall be accompanied by a \$5 fee payable to the Secretary of State. The plaintiff shall forthwith mail a copy of the summons, upon which the date of service upon the Secretary is clearly shown, together with a copy of the complaint to the defendant at his or her last known place of residence or business address. Plaintiff shall file with the circuit clerk an affidavit of the plaintiff or his or her attorney stating the last known place of residence or the last known business address of the defendant and a certificate of mailing a copy of the summons and complaint to the defendant at address as required by this subsection (e). certificate of mailing shall be prima facie evidence that the plaintiff or his or her attorney mailed a copy of the summons and complaint to the defendant as required. Service of the

- 1 summons shall be deemed to have been made upon the defendant on
- 2 the date it is served upon the Secretary and shall have the
- 3 same force and effect as though summons had been personally
- 4 served upon the defendant within this State.
- 5 (f) Only causes of action arising from acts enumerated
- 6 herein may be asserted against a defendant in an action in
- 7 which jurisdiction over him or her is based upon subsection
- 8 (a).
- 9 (g) Nothing herein contained limits or affects the right to
- serve any process in any other manner now or hereafter provided
- 11 by law.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 86-840.)
- 13 (735 ILCS 5/2-1401) (from Ch. 110, par. 2-1401)
- 14 Sec. 2-1401. Relief from judgments.
- 15 (a) Relief from final orders and judgments, after 30 days
- 16 from the entry thereof, may be had upon petition as provided in
- this Section. Writs of error coram nobis and coram vobis, bills
- of review and bills in the nature of bills of review are
- 19 abolished. All relief heretofore obtainable and the grounds for
- 20 such relief heretofore available, whether by any of the
- 21 foregoing remedies or otherwise, shall be available in every
- 22 case, by proceedings hereunder, regardless of the nature of the
- 23 order or judgment from which relief is sought or of the
- 24 proceedings in which it was entered. Except as provided in $\underline{\text{the}}$
- 25 <u>Uniform Parentage Act (2000)</u> Section 6 of the Illinois
- 26 Parentage Act of 1984, there shall be no distinction between
- 27 actions and other proceedings, statutory or otherwise, as to
- 28 availability of relief, grounds for relief or the relief
- 29 obtainable.
- 30 (b) The petition must be filed in the same proceeding in
- 31 which the order or judgment was entered but is not a
- 32 continuation thereof. The petition must be supported by
- 33 affidavit or other appropriate showing as to matters not of
- 34 record. All parties to the petition shall be notified as
- 35 provided by rule.

- (c) Except as provided in Section 20b of the Adoption Act and Section 2-32 3-32 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 or in a petition based upon Section 116-3 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, the petition must be filed not later than 2 years after the entry of the order or judgment. Time during which the person seeking relief is under legal disability or duress or the ground for relief is fraudulently concealed shall be excluded in computing the period of 2 years.
- (d) The filing of a petition under this Section does not affect the order or judgment, or suspend its operation.
- (e) Unless lack of jurisdiction affirmatively appears from the record proper, the vacation or modification of an order or judgment pursuant to the provisions of this Section does not affect the right, title or interest in or to any real or personal property of any person, not a party to the original action, acquired for value after the entry of the order or judgment but before the filing of the petition, nor affect any right of any person not a party to the original action under any certificate of sale issued before the filing of the petition, pursuant to a sale based on the order or judgment.
- (f) Nothing contained in this Section affects any existing right to relief from a void order or judgment, or to employ any existing method to procure that relief.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 90-18, eff. 7-1-97; 90-27, eff. 1-1-98; 90-141, eff. 1-1-98; 90-655, eff. 7-30-98; revised 11-06-02.)

26 (735 ILCS 5/12-112) (from Ch. 110, par. 12-112)

Sec. 12-112. What liable to enforcement. All the lands, tenements, real estate, goods and chattels (except such as is by law declared to be exempt) of every person against whom any judgment has been or shall be hereafter entered in any court, for any debt, damages, costs, or other sum of money, shall be liable to be sold upon such judgment. Any real property, or any beneficial interest in a land trust, held in tenancy by the entirety shall not be liable to be sold upon judgment entered on or after October 1, 1990 against only one of the tenants,

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except if the property was transferred into tenancy by the
entirety with the sole intent to avoid the payment of debts
existing at the time of the transfer beyond the transferor's
ability to pay those debts as they become due. However, any
income from such property shall be subject to garnishment as
provided in Part 7 of this Article XII, whether judgment has
been entered against one or both of the tenants.

If the court authorizes the piercing of the ownership veil pursuant to Section 505 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act or Section 15 of the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, any assets determined to be those of the non-custodial parent, although not held in name of the non-custodial parent, shall be subject to attachment or other provisional remedy in accordance with the procedure prescribed by this Code. The court may not authorize attachment of property or any other provisional remedy under this paragraph unless it has obtained jurisdiction over the entity holding title to the property by proper service on that entity. With respect to assets which are real property, no order entered as described in this paragraph shall affect the rights of bona fide purchasers, mortgagees, judgment creditors, or other lien holders who acquire their interests in the property prior to the time a notice of lis pendens pursuant to this Code or a copy of the order is placed of record in the office of the recorder of deeds for the county in which the real property is located.

This amendatory Act of 1995 (P.A. 89-438) is declarative of existing law.

This amendatory Act of 1997 (P.A. 90-514) is intended as a clarification of existing law and not as a new enactment.

31 (Source: P.A. 89-88, eff. 6-30-95; 89-438, eff. 12-15-95;

32 90-476, eff. 1-1-98; 90-514, eff. 8-22-97; 90-655, eff.

33 7-30-98.)

Section 905.16. The Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act is amended by changing Section 713 as follows:

1 (750 ILCS 5/713) (from Ch. 40, par. 713)

Sec. 713. Attachment of the Body. As used in this Section, "obligor" has the same meaning ascribed to such term in the Income Withholding for Support Act.

- (a) In any proceeding to enforce an order for support, where the obligor has failed to appear in court pursuant to order of court and after due notice thereof, the court may enter an order for the attachment of the body of the obligor. Notices under this Section shall be served upon the obligor by any means authorized under subsection (a-5) of Section 505. The attachment order shall fix an amount of escrow which is equal to a minimum of 20% of the total child support arrearage alleged by the obligee in sworn testimony to be due and owing. The attachment order shall direct the Sheriff of any county in Illinois to take the obligor into custody and shall set the number of days following release from custody for a hearing to be held at which the obligor must appear, if he is released under subsection (b) of this Section.
- (b) If the obligor is taken into custody, the Sheriff shall take the obligor before the court which entered the attachment order. However, the Sheriff may release the person after he or she has deposited the amount of escrow ordered by the court pursuant to local procedures for the posting of bond. The Sheriff shall advise the obligor of the hearing date at which the obligor is required to appear.
- (c) Any escrow deposited pursuant to this Section shall be transmitted to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county in which the order for attachment of the body of the obligor was entered. Any Clerk who receives money deposited into escrow pursuant to this Section shall notify the obligee, public office or legal counsel whose name appears on the attachment order of the court date at which the obligor is required to appear and the amount deposited into escrow. The Clerk shall disburse such money to the obligee only under an order from the court that entered the attachment order pursuant to this

Section.

- (d) Whenever an obligor is taken before the court by the Sheriff, or appears in court after the court has ordered the attachment of his body, the court shall:
 - (1) hold a hearing on the complaint or petition that gave rise to the attachment order. For purposes of determining arrearages that are due and owing by the obligor, the court shall accept the previous sworn testimony of the obligee as true and the appearance of the obligee shall not be required. The court shall require sworn testimony of the obligor as to his or her Social Security number, income, employment, bank accounts, property and any other assets. If there is a dispute as to the total amount of arrearages, the court shall proceed as in any other case as to the undisputed amounts; and
 - (2) order the Clerk of the Circuit Court to disburse to the obligee or public office money held in escrow pursuant to this Section if the court finds that the amount of arrearages exceeds the amount of the escrow. Amounts received by the obligee or public office shall be deducted from the amount of the arrearages.
- (e) If the obligor fails to appear in court after being notified of the court date by the Sheriff upon release from custody, the court shall order any monies deposited into escrow to be immediately released to the obligee or public office and shall proceed under subsection (a) of this Section by entering another order for the attachment of the body of the obligor.
- (f) This Section shall apply to any order for support issued under the "Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act", approved September 22, 1977, as amended; the Uniform Parentage Act (2000); the "Illinois Parentage Act of 1984", effective July 1, 1985, as amended; the "Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act", approved August 28, 1969, as amended; "The Illinois Public Aid Code", approved April 11, 1967, as amended; the Non-Support Punishment Act; and the "Non-support of Spouse and Children Act", approved June 8,

- 1 1953, as amended.
- 2 (g) Any escrow established pursuant to this Section for the
- 3 purpose of providing support shall not be subject to fees
- 4 collected by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for any other
- 5 escrow.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 91-113, eff. 7-15-99; 91-613, eff. 10-1-99;
- 7 92-16, eff. 6-28-01.)
- 8 Section 905.17. The Expedited Child Support Act of 1990 is
- 9 amended by changing Section 6 as follows:
- 10 (750 ILCS 25/6) (from Ch. 40, par. 2706)
- 11 Sec. 6. Authority of hearing officers.
- 12 (a) With the exception of judicial functions exclusively
- 13 retained by the court in Section 8 of this Act and in
- 14 accordance with Supreme Court rules promulgated pursuant to
- 15 this Act, Administrative Hearing Officers shall be authorized
- 16 to:
- 17 (1) Accept voluntary agreements reached by the parties
- setting the amount of child support to be paid and medical
- 19 support liability and recommend the entry of orders
- incorporating such agreements.
- 21 (2) Accept voluntary acknowledgments of parentage and
- recommend entry of an order establishing parentage based on
- 23 such acknowledgement. Prior to accepting such
- 24 acknowledgment, the Administrative Hearing Officer shall
- advise the putative father of his rights and obligations in
- 26 accordance with Supreme Court rules promulgated pursuant
- 27 to this Act.
- 28 (3) Manage all stages of discovery, including setting
- deadlines by which discovery must be completed; and
- 30 directing the parties to submit to appropriate tests
- 31 pursuant to the Uniform Parentage Act (2000) Section 11 of
- 32 the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984.
- 33 (4) Cause notices to be issued requiring the Obligor to
- 34 appear either before the Administrative Hearing Officer or

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- (5) Administer the oath or affirmation and take testimony under oath or affirmation.
- Analyze the evidence and prepare written recommendations based on such evidence, including but not limited to: (i) proposed findings as to the amount of the Obligor's income; (ii) proposed findings as to the amount and nature of appropriate deductions from the Obligor's income to determine the Obligor's net income; proposed findings as to the existence of relevant factors as set forth in subsection (a)(2) of Section 505 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, which justify setting child support payment levels above or below the guidelines; (iv) recommended orders for temporary child support; (v) recommended orders setting the amount of current child support to be paid; (vi) proposed findings as to the existence and amount of any arrearages; (vii) recommended orders reducing any arrearages to judgement and for the payment of amounts towards such arrearages; (viii) proposed findings as to whether there has been a substantial change of circumstances since the entry of the order, or other circumstances support last child justifying a modification of the child support order; and (ix) proposed findings as to whether the Obligor is employed.
- (7) With respect to any unemployed Obligor who is not making child support payments or is otherwise unable to provide support, recommend that the Obligor be ordered to seek employment and report periodically of his or her efforts in accordance with such order. Additionally, the Administrative Hearing Officer may recommend that the Obligor be ordered to report to the Department of Employment Security for job search services or to make application with the local Job Training Partnership Act provider for participation in job search, training or work programs and, where the duty of support is owed to a child

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- 1 receiving child support enforcement services under Article 2 X of the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Administrative Hearing Officer may recommend that the Obligor be ordered 3 to report to the Illinois Department of Public Aid for 4 5 participation in the job search, training or work programs established under Section 9-6 of the Public Aid Code. 6
 - (8) Recommend the registration of any foreign support judgments or orders as the judgments or orders of Illinois.
 - (b) In any case in which the Obligee is not participating in the IV-D program or has not applied to participate in the IV-D program, the Administrative Hearing Officer shall:
 - (1) inform the Obligee of the existence of the IV-D program and provide applications on request; and
- (2) inform the Obligee and the Obligor of the option of requesting payment to be made through the Clerk of the 15 16 Circuit Court.
- 17 If a request for payment through the Clerk is made, the Administrative Hearing Officer shall note this fact in the 18 recommendations to the court. 19
- 20 The Administrative Hearing Officer may 21 recommendations in addition to the proposed findings of fact and recommended order to which the parties have agreed. 22
- (Source: P.A. 92-16, eff. 6-28-01; 92-590, eff. 7-1-02.) 23
- Section 905.18. The Adoption Act is amended by changing 24 Sections 1, 7, 8, 12.1, and 18.06 as follows: 25
- (750 ILCS 50/1) (from Ch. 40, par. 1501) 26
- 27 Sec. 1. Definitions. When used in this Act, unless the 28 context otherwise requires:
- 29 A. "Child" means a person under legal age subject to 30 adoption under this Act.
- B. "Related child" means a child subject to adoption where 31 32 either or both of the adopting parents stands in any of the following relationships to the child by blood or marriage: 33 grand-parent, brother, sister, 34 parent, step-parent,

- 1 step-grandparent, step-brother, step-sister, uncle, aunt,
- 2 great-uncle, great-aunt, or cousin of first degree. A child
- 3 whose parent has executed a final irrevocable consent to
- 4 adoption or a final irrevocable surrender for purposes of
- 5 adoption, or whose parent has had his or her parental rights
- 6 terminated, is not a related child to that person, unless the
- 7 consent is determined to be void or is void pursuant to
- 8 subsection O of Section 10.
- 9 C. "Agency" for the purpose of this Act means a public
- 10 child welfare agency or a licensed child welfare agency.
- 11 D. "Unfit person" means any person whom the court shall
- 12 find to be unfit to have a child, without regard to the
- 13 likelihood that the child will be placed for adoption. The
- 14 grounds of unfitness are any one or more of the following,
- 15 except that a person shall not be considered an unfit person
- 16 for the sole reason that the person has relinquished a child in
- 17 accordance with the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act:
- 18 (a) Abandonment of the child.
 - (a-1) Abandonment of a newborn infant in a hospital.
- 20 (a-2) Abandonment of a newborn infant in any setting
- 21 where the evidence suggests that the parent intended to
- relinquish his or her parental rights.
- 23 (b) Failure to maintain a reasonable degree of
- interest, concern or responsibility as to the child's
- welfare.

- 26 (c) Desertion of the child for more than 3 months next
- 27 preceding the commencement of the Adoption proceeding.
- 28 (d) Substantial neglect of the child if continuous or
- repeated.
- 30 (d-1) Substantial neglect, if continuous or repeated,
- of any child residing in the household which resulted in
- 32 the death of that child.
- 33 (e) Extreme or repeated cruelty to the child.
- 34 (f) Two or more findings of physical abuse to any
- 35 children under Section 4-8 of the Juvenile Court Act or
- 36 Section 2-21 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, the most

recent of which was determined by the juvenile court hearing the matter to be supported by clear and convincing evidence; a criminal conviction or a finding of not guilty by reason of insanity resulting from the death of any child by physical child abuse; or a finding of physical child abuse resulting from the death of any child under Section 4-8 of the Juvenile Court Act or Section 2-21 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

- (g) Failure to protect the child from conditions within his environment injurious to the child's welfare.
- (h) Other neglect of, or misconduct toward the child; provided that in making a finding of unfitness the court hearing the adoption proceeding shall not be bound by any previous finding, order or judgment affecting or determining the rights of the parents toward the child sought to be adopted in any other proceeding except such proceedings terminating parental rights as shall be had under either this Act, the Juvenile Court Act or the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.
- (i) Depravity. Conviction of any one of the following crimes shall create a presumption that a parent is depraved which can be overcome only by clear and convincing evidence: (1) first degree murder in violation of paragraph 1 or 2 of subsection (a) of Section 9-1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or conviction of second degree murder in violation of subsection (a) of Section 9-2 of the Criminal Code of 1961 of a parent of the child to be adopted; (2) first degree murder or second degree murder of any child in violation of the Criminal Code of 1961; (3) attempt or conspiracy to commit first degree murder or second degree murder of any child in violation of the Criminal Code of 1961; (4) solicitation to commit murder of any child, solicitation to commit murder of any child for hire, or solicitation to commit second degree murder of any child in violation of the Criminal Code of 1961; or (5) aggravated criminal sexual assault in violation of Section

12-14(b)(1) of the Criminal Code of 1961.

There is a rebuttable presumption that a parent is depraved if the parent has been criminally convicted of at least 3 felonies under the laws of this State or any other state, or under federal law, or the criminal laws of any United States territory; and at least one of these convictions took place within 5 years of the filing of the petition or motion seeking termination of parental rights.

There is a rebuttable presumption that a parent is depraved if that parent has been criminally convicted of either first or second degree murder of any person as defined in the Criminal Code of 1961 within 10 years of the filing date of the petition or motion to terminate parental rights.

- (j) Open and notorious adultery or fornication.
- (j-1) (Blank).
- (k) Habitual drunkenness or addiction to drugs, other than those prescribed by a physician, for at least one year immediately prior to the commencement of the unfitness proceeding.

There is a rebuttable presumption that a parent is unfit under this subsection with respect to any child to which that parent gives birth where there is a confirmed test result that at birth the child's blood, urine, or meconium contained any amount of a controlled substance as defined in subsection (f) of Section 102 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act or metabolites of such substances, the presence of which in the newborn infant was not the result of medical treatment administered to the mother or the newborn infant; and the biological mother of this child is the biological mother of at least one other child who was adjudicated a neglected minor under subsection (c) of Section 2-3 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

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new born child during the first 30 days after its birth.

(m) Failure by a parent (i) to make reasonable efforts to correct the conditions that were the basis for the removal of the child from the parent, or (ii) to make reasonable progress toward the return of the child to the parent within 9 months after an adjudication of neglected or abused minor under Section 2-3 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 or dependent minor under Section 2-4 of that Act, or (iii) to make reasonable progress toward the return of the child to the parent during any 9-month period after the end of the initial 9-month period following adjudication of neglected or abused minor under Section 2-3 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 or dependent minor under Section 2-4 of that Act. If a service plan has been established as required under Section 8.2 of the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act to correct the conditions that were the basis for the removal of the child from the parent and if those services were available, then, for purposes of this Act, "failure to make reasonable progress toward the return of the child to the parent" includes (I) the parent's failure to substantially fulfill his or her obligations under the service plan and correct the conditions that brought the child into care within 9 months after the adjudication under Section 2-3 or 2-4 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 and (II) the parent's failure to substantially fulfill his or her obligations under the service plan and correct the conditions that brought the child into care during any 9-month period after the end of initial 9-month period following the adjudication under Section 2-3 or 2-4 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

(m-1) Pursuant to the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, a child has been in foster care for 15 months out of any 22 month period which begins on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1998 unless the child's parent can prove by a preponderance of the evidence that it is more likely than not that it will be in the best interests of

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the child to be returned to the parent within 6 months of the date on which a petition for termination of parental rights is filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. The 15 month time limit is tolled during any period for which there is a court finding that the appointed custodian or guardian failed to make reasonable efforts to reunify the child with his or her family, provided that (i) the finding of no reasonable efforts is made within 60 days of the period when reasonable efforts were not made or (ii) the parent filed a motion requesting a finding of no reasonable efforts within 60 days of the period when reasonable efforts were not made. For purposes of this subdivision (m-1), the date of entering foster care is the earlier of: (i) the date of a judicial finding at an adjudicatory hearing that the child is an abused, neglected, dependent minor; or (ii) 60 days after the date on which the child is removed from his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian.

(n) Evidence of intent to forgo his or her parental rights, whether or not the child is a ward of the court, (1) as manifested by his or her failure for a period of 12 months: (i) to visit the child, (ii) to communicate with the child or agency, although able to do so and not prevented from doing so by an agency or by court order, or (iii) to maintain contact with or plan for the future of the child, although physically able to do so, or (2) as manifested by the father's failure, where he and the mother of the child were unmarried to each other at the time of the child's birth, (i) to commence legal proceedings to establish his paternity under the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, the Uniform Parentage Act (2000), or the law of the jurisdiction of the child's birth within 30 days of being informed, pursuant to Section 12a of this Act, that he is the father or the likely father of the child or, after being so informed where the child is not yet born, within 30 days of the child's birth, or (ii) to make a good faith

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effort to pay a reasonable amount of the expenses related to the birth of the child and to provide a reasonable amount for the financial support of the child, the court to consider in its determination all relevant circumstances, including the financial condition of both parents; provided that the ground for termination provided in this subparagraph (n) (2) (ii) shall only be available where the petition is brought by the mother or the husband of the mother.

Contact or communication by a parent with his or her child that does not demonstrate affection and concern does not constitute reasonable contact and planning under In the absence of evidence to the subdivision (n). contrary, the ability to visit, communicate, maintain contact, pay expenses and plan for the future shall be presumed. The subjective intent of the parent, whether expressed or otherwise, unsupported by evidence of the foregoing parental acts manifesting that intent, shall not preclude a determination that the parent has intended to his or her parental rights. In making this determination, the court may consider but shall not require a showing of diligent efforts by an authorized agency to encourage the parent to perform the acts specified in subdivision (n).

It shall be an affirmative defense to any allegation under paragraph (2) of this subsection that the father's failure was due to circumstances beyond his control or to impediments created by the mother or any other person having legal custody. Proof of that fact need only be by a preponderance of the evidence.

- (o) Repeated or continuous failure by the parents, although physically and financially able, to provide the child with adequate food, clothing, or shelter.
- (p) Inability to discharge parental responsibilities supported by competent evidence from a psychiatrist, licensed clinical social worker, or clinical psychologist

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of mental impairment, mental illness or mental retardation as defined in Section 1-116 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code, or developmental disability as defined in Section 1-106 of that Code, and there is sufficient justification to believe that the inability to discharge parental responsibilities shall extend beyond a reasonable time period. However, this subdivision (p) shall not be construed so as to permit a licensed clinical social worker to conduct any medical diagnosis to determine mental illness or impairment.

- (q) The parent has been criminally convicted of aggravated battery, heinous battery, or attempted murder of any child.
- (r) The child is in the temporary custody or guardianship of the Department of Children and Family Services, the parent is incarcerated as a result of criminal conviction at the time the petition or motion for termination of parental rights is filed, prior to incarceration the parent had little or no contact with the child or provided little or no support for the child, and the parent's incarceration will prevent the parent from discharging his or her parental responsibilities for the child for a period in excess of 2 years after the filing of the petition or motion for termination of parental rights.
- (s) The child is in the temporary custody or guardianship of the Department of Children and Family Services, the parent is incarcerated at the time the petition or motion for termination of parental rights is filed, the parent has been repeatedly incarcerated as a result of criminal convictions, and the parent's repeated incarceration has prevented the parent from discharging his or her parental responsibilities for the child.
- (t) A finding that at birth the child's blood, urine, or meconium contained any amount of a controlled substance as defined in subsection (f) of Section 102 of the Illinois

Controlled Substances Act, or a metabolite of a controlled substance, with the exception of controlled substances or metabolites of such substances, the presence of which in the newborn infant was the result of medical treatment administered to the mother or the newborn infant, and that the biological mother of this child is the biological mother of at least one other child who was adjudicated a neglected minor under subsection (c) of Section 2-3 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, after which the biological mother had the opportunity to enroll in and participate in a clinically appropriate substance abuse counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation program.

- E. "Parent" means the father or mother of a legitimate or illegitimate child. For the purpose of this Act, a person who has executed a final and irrevocable consent to adoption or a final and irrevocable surrender for purposes of adoption, or whose parental rights have been terminated by a court, is not a parent of the child who was the subject of the consent or surrender, unless the consent is void pursuant to subsection 0 of Section 10.
 - F. A person is available for adoption when the person is:
 - (a) a child who has been surrendered for adoption to an agency and to whose adoption the agency has thereafter consented;
 - (b) a child to whose adoption a person authorized by law, other than his parents, has consented, or to whose adoption no consent is required pursuant to Section 8 of this Act;
 - (c) a child who is in the custody of persons who intend to adopt him through placement made by his parents;
 - (c-1) a child for whom a parent has signed a specific consent pursuant to subsection 0 of Section 10;
 - (d) an adult who meets the conditions set forth in Section 3 of this Act; or
 - (e) a child who has been relinquished as defined in Section 10 of the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act.

- 1 A person who would otherwise be available for adoption
- 2 shall not be deemed unavailable for adoption solely by reason
- 3 of his or her death.
- 4 G. The singular includes the plural and the plural includes
- 5 the singular and the "male" includes the "female", as the
- 6 context of this Act may require.
- 7 H. "Adoption disruption" occurs when an adoptive placement
- 8 does not prove successful and it becomes necessary for the
- 9 child to be removed from placement before the adoption is
- 10 finalized.
- 11 I. "Foreign placing agency" is an agency or individual
- 12 operating in a country or territory outside the United States
- that is authorized by its country to place children for
- 14 adoption either directly with families in the United States or
- through United States based international agencies.
- J. "Immediate relatives" means the biological parents, the
- 17 parents of the biological parents and siblings of the
- 18 biological parents.
- 19 K. "Intercountry adoption" is a process by which a child
- from a country other than the United States is adopted.
- 21 L. "Intercountry Adoption Coordinator" is a staff person of
- the Department of Children and Family Services appointed by the
- 23 Director to coordinate the provision of services by the public
- 24 and private sector to prospective parents of foreign-born
- 25 children.
- M. "Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children" is a
- law enacted by most states for the purpose of establishing
- 28 uniform procedures for handling the interstate placement of
- 29 children in foster homes, adoptive homes, or other child care
- 30 facilities.
- N. "Non-Compact state" means a state that has not enacted
- 32 the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children.
- 0. "Preadoption requirements" are any conditions
- 34 established by the laws or regulations of the Federal
- 35 Government or of each state that must be met prior to the
- 36 placement of a child in an adoptive home.

- P. "Abused child" means a child whose parent or immediate family member, or any person responsible for the child's welfare, or any individual residing in the same home as the child, or a paramour of the child's parent:
 - (a) inflicts, causes to be inflicted, or allows to be inflicted upon the child physical injury, by other than accidental means, that causes death, disfigurement, impairment of physical or emotional health, or loss or impairment of any bodily function;
 - (b) creates a substantial risk of physical injury to the child by other than accidental means which would be likely to cause death, disfigurement, impairment of physical or emotional health, or loss or impairment of any bodily function;
 - (c) commits or allows to be committed any sex offense against the child, as sex offenses are defined in the Criminal Code of 1961 and extending those definitions of sex offenses to include children under 18 years of age;
 - (d) commits or allows to be committed an act or acts of torture upon the child; or
 - (e) inflicts excessive corporal punishment.
- Q. "Neglected child" means any child whose parent or other person responsible for the child's welfare withholds or denies nourishment or medically indicated treatment including food or care denied solely on the basis of the present or anticipated mental or physical impairment as determined by a physician acting alone or in consultation with other physicians or otherwise does not provide the proper or necessary support, education as required by law, or medical or other remedial care recognized under State law as necessary for a child's well-being, or other care necessary for his or her well-being, including adequate food, clothing and shelter; or who is abandoned by his or her parents or other person responsible for the child's welfare.

A child shall not be considered neglected or abused for the sole reason that the child's parent or other person responsible

- for his or her welfare depends upon spiritual means through
 prayer alone for the treatment or cure of disease or remedial
 care as provided under Section 4 of the Abused and Neglected
 Child Reporting Act. A child shall not be considered neglected
 or abused for the sole reason that the child's parent or other
 person responsible for the child's welfare failed to vaccinate,
 delayed vaccination, or refused vaccination for the child due
- 8 to a waiver on religious or medical grounds as permitted by
- 9 law.
- 10 R. "Putative father" means a man who may be a child's
 11 father, but who (1) is not married to the child's mother on or
 12 before the date that the child was or is to be born and (2) has
 13 not established paternity of the child in a court proceeding
 14 before the filing of a petition for the adoption of the child.
 15 The term includes a male who is less than 18 years of age.
 16 "Putative father" does not mean a man who is the child's father
- as a result of criminal sexual abuse or assault as defined under Article 12 of the Criminal Code of 1961.
- S. "Standby adoption" means an adoption in which a parent consents to custody and termination of parental rights to become effective upon the occurrence of a future event, which is either the death of the parent or the request of the parent for the entry of a final judgment of adoption.
- 24 T. (Blank).
- 25 (Source: P.A. 92-16, eff. 6-28-01; 92-375, eff. 1-1-02; 92-408,
- 26 eff. 8-17-01; 92-432, eff. 8-17-01; 92-651, eff. 7-11-02;
- 27 93-732, eff. 1-1-05.)
- 28 (750 ILCS 50/7) (from Ch. 40, par. 1509)
- Sec. 7. Process.
- 30 A. All persons named in the petition for adoption or 31 standby adoption, other than the petitioners and any party who 32 has previously either denied being a parent pursuant to Section 33 12a of this Act or pursuant to the Uniform Parentage Act (2002) 34 or whose rights have been terminated pursuant to Section 12a of 35 this Act or pursuant to the Uniform Parentage Act of (2002),

but including the person sought to be adopted, shall be made 1 2 parties defendant by name, and if the name or names of any such 3 persons are alleged in the petition to be unknown such persons shall be made parties defendant under the name and style of 4 5 "All whom it may concern". In all such actions petitioner or 6 his attorney shall file, at the office of the clerk of the court in which the action is pending, an affidavit showing that 7 8 the defendant resides or has gone out of this State, or on due 9 inquiry cannot be found, or is concealed within this State, so 10 that process cannot be served upon him, and stating the place of residence of the defendant, if known, or that upon diligent 11 12 inquiry his place of residence cannot be ascertained, the clerk 13 shall cause publication to be made in some newspaper published 14 in the county in which the action is pending. If there is no 15 newspaper published in that county, then the publication shall 16 be in a newspaper published in an adjoining county in this 17 State, having a circulation in the county in which such action is pending. In the event there is service on any of the parties 18 19 by publication, the publication shall contain notice of 20 pendency of the action, the name of the person to be adopted and the name of the parties to be served by publication, and 21 the date on or after which default may be entered against such 22 23 parties. Neither the name of petitioners nor the name of any party who has either surrendered said child, has given their 24 consent to the adoption of the child, or whose parental rights 25 26 have been terminated by a court of competent jurisdiction shall 27 be included in the notice of publication. The Clerk shall also, 28 within ten (10) days of the first publication of the notice, 29 send a copy thereof by mail, addressed to each defendant whose 30 place of residence is stated in such affidavit. The certificate 31 of the Clerk that he sent the copies pursuant to this section 32 is evidence that he has done so. Except as provided in this section pertaining to service by publication, all parties 33 defendant shall be notified of the proceedings in the same 34 35 manner as is now or may hereafter be required in other civil cases or proceedings. Any party defendant who is of age of 14 36

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- 1 years or upward may waive service of process by entering an 2 appearance in writing. The form to be used for publication shall be substantially as follows: "ADOPTION NOTICE - STATE OF 3 ILLINOIS, County of, ss. - Circuit Court of County. 4 5 In the matter of the Petition for the Adoption of ..., a ..male child. Adoption No. To-- (whom it may concern 6 or the named parent) Take notice that a petition was filed in 7 the Circuit Court of County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named Now, therefore, unless you, and all 9 10 whom it may concern, file your answer to the Petition in the 11 action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said 12 Circuit Court of, County, Room, in the City of, Illinois, on or before the day of, a default 13 may be entered against you at any time after that day and a 14 judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said 15 16 Petition. Dated, ..., Illinois, ..., Clerk. (Name and 17 address of attorney for petitioners.)
- B. A minor defendant who has been served in accordance with this Section may be defaulted in the same manner as any other defendant.
 - C. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this or any other law, and in addition to the notice requirements of any law pertaining to persons other than those specified in this subsection, the persons entitled to notice that a petition has been filed under Section 5 of this Act shall include:
 - (a) any person adjudicated by a court in this State to be the father of the child;
 - (b) any person adjudicated by a court of another state or territory of the United States to be the father of the child, when a certified copy of the court order has been filed with the Putative Father Registry under Section 12.1 of this Act or the Registry of Paternity under the Uniform Parentage Act (2000);
 - (c) any person who at the time of the filing of the petition is registered in the Putative Father Registry under Section 12.1 of this Act or the Registry of Paternity

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- (d) any person who is recorded on the child's birth certificate as the child's father;
- (e) any person who is openly living with the child or the child's mother at the time the proceeding is initiated and who is holding himself out to be the child's father;
- (f) any person who has been identified as the child's father by the mother in a written, sworn statement, including an Affidavit of Identification as specified under Section 11 of this Act;
- (g) any person who was married to the child's mother on the date of the child's birth or within 300 days prior to the child's birth.
- The sole purpose of notice under this Section shall be to enable the person receiving notice to appear in the adoption proceedings to present evidence to the court relevant to the best interests of the child.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 91-572, eff. 1-1-00.)
- 20 (750 ILCS 50/8) (from Ch. 40, par. 1510)
- Sec. 8. Consents to adoption and surrenders for purposes of adoption.
 - (a) Except as hereinafter provided in this Section consents or surrenders shall be required in all cases, unless the person whose consent or surrender would otherwise be required shall be found by the court:
 - (1) to be an unfit person as defined in Section 1 of this Act, by clear and convincing evidence; or
 - (2) not to be the biological or adoptive father of the child; or
 - (3) to have waived his parental rights to the child under Section 12a or 12.1 of this Act or under Article 4 of the Uniform Parentage Act (2000); or
- 34 (4) to be the parent of an adult sought to be adopted;
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1	(5) to be the father of the child as a result of
2	criminal sexual abuse or assault as defined under Article
3	12 of the Criminal Code of 1961; or
4	(6) to have been indicated for child sexual abuse as
5	defined in the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act
6	that involved sexual penetration of the mother; or
7	(7) to be at least 5 years older than the mother and
8	the mother was under the age 17 at the time of conception
9	of the child to be adopted.
10	(b) Where consents are required in the case of an adoption
11	of a minor child, the consents of the following persons shall
12	be sufficient:
13	(1) (A) The mother of the minor child; and
14	(B) The father of the minor child, if the father:
15	(i) was married to the mother on the date of
16	birth of the child or within 300 days before the
17	birth of the child, except for a husband or former
18	husband who has been found by a court of competent
19	jurisdiction not to be the biological father of the
20	child; or
21	(ii) is the father of the child under a
22	judgment for adoption, an order of parentage, or an
23	acknowledgment of parentage or paternity pursuant
24	to subsection (a) of Section 5 of the Illinois
25	Parentage Act of 1984 or pursuant to Article 3 of
26	the Uniform Parentage Act (2000); or
27	(iii) in the case of a child placed with the
28	adopting parents less than 6 months after birth,
29	openly lived with the child, the child's
30	biological mother, or both, and held himself out to
31	be the child's biological father during the first
32	30 days following the birth of the child; or
33	(iv) in the case of a child placed with the
34	adopting parents less than 6 months after birth,
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and to provide a reasonable amount for the financial support of the child before the expiration of 30 days following the birth of the child, provided that the court may consider in its determination all relevant circumstances, including the financial condition of both biological parents; or

(v) in the case of a child placed with the adopting parents more than 6 months after birth, maintained substantial and continuous or repeated contact with the child as manifested by: (I) the payment by the father toward the support of the child of a fair and reasonable sum, according to the father's means, and either (II) the father's visiting the child at least monthly when physically and financially able to do so and not prevented from doing so by the person or authorized agency having lawful custody of the child, or (III) the father's regular communication with the child or with the person or agency having the care or custody of the child, when physically and financially unable to visit the child or prevented from doing so by the person or authorized agency having lawful custody of the child. The subjective intent of the father, whether expressed or otherwise unsupported by evidence of acts specified in this sub-paragraph as manifesting such intent, shall not preclude a determination that the father failed to maintain substantial and continuous or repeated contact with the child; or

(vi) in the case of a child placed with the adopting parents more than six months after birth, openly lived with the child for a period of six months within the one year period immediately preceding the placement of the child for adoption and openly held himself out to be the father of the

child; or

- (vii) has timely registered with Putative Father Registry, as provided in Section 12.1 of this Act, or with the Registry of Paternity, as provided in Article 4 of the Uniform Parentage Act (2000), and prior to the expiration of 30 days from the date of such registration, commenced legal proceedings to establish paternity under the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, under the Uniform Parentage Act (2000), or under the law of the jurisdiction of the child's birth; or
- (2) The legal guardian of the person of the child, if there is no surviving parent; or
- (3) An agency, if the child has been surrendered for adoption to such agency; or
- (4) Any person or agency having legal custody of a child by court order if the parental rights of the parents have been judicially terminated, and the court having jurisdiction of the guardianship of the child has authorized the consent to the adoption; or
- (5) The execution and verification of the petition by any petitioner who is also a parent of the child sought to be adopted shall be sufficient evidence of such parent's consent to the adoption.
- (c) Where surrenders to an agency are required in the case of a placement for adoption of a minor child by an agency, the surrenders of the following persons shall be sufficient:
 - (1) (A) The mother of the minor child; and
 - (B) The father of the minor child, if the father:
 - (i) was married to the mother on the date of birth of the child or within 300 days before the birth of the child, except for a husband or former husband who has been found by a court of competent jurisdiction not to be the biological father of the child; or
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judgment for adoption, an order of parentage, or an acknowledgment of parentage or paternity pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 5 of the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984 or pursuant to Article 3 of the Uniform Parentage Act (2000); or

(iii) in the case of a child placed with the adopting parents less than 6 months after birth, openly lived with the child, the child's biological mother, or both, and held himself out to be the child's biological father during the first 30 days following the birth of a child; or

(iv) in the case of a child placed with the adopting parents less than 6 months after birth, made a good faith effort to pay a reasonable amount of the expenses related to the birth of the child and to provide a reasonable amount for the financial support of the child before the expiration of 30 days following the birth of the child, provided that the court may consider in its determination all relevant circumstances, financial condition of both including the biological parents; or

(v) in the case of a child placed with the adopting parents more than six months after birth, has maintained substantial and continuous or repeated contact with the child as manifested by: (I) the payment by the father toward the support of the child of a fair and reasonable sum, according to the father's means, and either (II) the father's visiting the child at least monthly when physically and financially able to do so and not prevented from doing so by the person or authorized agency having lawful custody of the child or (III) the father's regular communication with the child or with the person or agency having the care or custody of the child, when physically and

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financially unable to visit the child or prevented from doing so by the person or authorized agency having lawful custody of the child. The subjective intent of the father, whether expressed or otherwise, unsupported by evidence of acts specified in this sub-paragraph as manifesting such intent, shall not preclude a determination that the father failed to maintain substantial and continuous or repeated contact with the child; or

- (vi) in the case of a child placed with the adopting parents more than six months after birth, openly lived with the child for a period of six months within the one year period immediately preceding the placement of the child for adoption and openly held himself out to be the father of the child; or
- (vii) has timely registered with the Putative Father Registry, as provided in Section 12.1 of this Act, or with the Registry of Paternity, as provided in Article 4 of the Uniform Parentage Act (2000), and prior to the expiration of 30 days from the date of such registration, commenced legal proceedings to establish paternity under the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, or under the law of the jurisdiction of the child's birth.
- (d) In making a determination under subparagraphs (b)(1) and (c)(1), no showing shall be required of diligent efforts by a person or agency to encourage the father to perform the acts specified therein.
- 30 (e) In the case of the adoption of an adult, only the 31 consent of such adult shall be required.
- 32 (Source: P.A. 93-510, eff. 1-1-04.)
- 33 (750 ILCS 50/12.1)
- Sec. 12.1. Putative Father Registry; Registry of

 Paternity. On and after the effective date of this amendatory

1	Act of the 94th General Assembly, all information and records
2	in the Putative Father Registry are a part of the Registry of
3	Paternity created under the Uniform Parentage Act (2000), have
4	the same force and effect as other information and records in
5	the Registry of Paternity, and are subject to the laws and
6	rules governing the Registry of Paternity. The Department of
7	Children and Family Services shall take all actions necessary
8	to transfer the information and records. The Department of
9	Children and Family Services shall establish a Putative Father
10	Registry for the purpose of determining the identity and
11	location of a putative father of a minor child who is, or is
12	expected to be, the subject of an adoption proceeding, in order
13	to provide notice of such proceeding to the putative father.
14	The Department of Children and Family Services shall establish
15	rules and informational material necessary to implement the
16	provisions of this Section. The Department shall have the
17	authority to set reasonable fees for the use of the Registry.
18	(a) The Department shall maintain the following
19	information in the Registry:
20	(1) With respect to the putative father:
21	(i) Name, including any other names by which the
22	putative father may be known and that he may provide to
23	the Registry;
24	(ii) Address at which he may be served with notice
25	of a petition under this Act, including any change of
26	address;
27	(iii) Social Security Number;
28	(iv) Date of birth; and
29	(v) If applicable, a certified copy of an order by
30	a court of this State or of another state or territory
31	of the United States adjudicating the putative father
32	to be the father of the child.
33	(2) With respect to the mother of the child:
34	(i) Name, including all other names known to the
35	putative father by which the mother may be known;
36	(ii) If known to the putative father, her last

1	address;
2	(iii) Social Security Number; and
3	(iv) Date of birth.
4	(3) If known to the putative father, the name, gender,
5	place of birth, and date of birth or anticipated date of
6	birth of the child.
7	(4) The date that the Department received the putative
8	father's registration.
9	(5) Other information as the Department may by rule
10	determine necessary for the orderly administration of the
11	Registry.
12	(b) A putative father may register with the Department
13	before the birth of the child but shall register no later than
14	30 days after the birth of the child. All registrations shall
15	be in writing and signed by the putative father. No fee shall
16	be charged for the initial registration. The Department shall
17	have no independent obligation to gather the information to be
18	maintained.
19	(c) An interested party, including persons intending to
20	adopt a child, a child welfare agency with whom the mother has
21	placed or has given written notice of her intention to place a
22	child for adoption, the mother of the child, or an attorney
23	representing an interested party may request that the
24	Department search the Registry to determine whether a putative
25	father is registered in relation to a child who is or may be
26	the subject to an adoption petition.
27	(d) A search of the Registry may be proven by the
28	production of a certified copy of the registration form, or by
29	the certified statement of the administrator of the Registry
30	that after a search, no registration of a putative father in
31	relation to a child who is or may be the subject of an adoption
32	petition could be located.
33	(e) Except as otherwise provided, information contained
34	within the Registry is confidential and shall not be published
35	or open to public inspection.
36	(f) A person who knowingly or intentionally registers false

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information	under this S	ection commits	a Class B mis	demeanor. A
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(g) Except as provided in subsections (b) or (c) of Section 8 of this Act, a putative father who fails to register with the Putative Father Registry as provided in this Section is barred from thereafter bringing or maintaining any action to assert any interest in the child, unless he proves by clear and convincing evidence that:

(1) it was not possible for him to register within the period of time specified in subsection (b) of this Section;

(2) his failure to register was through no fault of his own; and

(3) he registered within 10 days after it became possible for him to file.

A lack of knowledge of the pregnancy or birth is not an acceptable reason for failure to register.

(h) Except as provided in subsection (b) or (c) of Section 8 of this Act, failure to timely register with the Putative Father Registry (i) shall be deemed to be a waiver and surrender of any right to notice of any hearing in any judicial proceeding for the adoption of the child, and the consent or surrender of that person to the adoption of the child is not required, and (ii) shall constitute an abandonment of the child and shall be prima facie evidence of sufficient grounds to support termination of such father's parental rights under this Act.

(i) In any adoption proceeding pertaining to a child born out of wedlock, if there is no showing that a putative father has executed a consent or surrender or waived his rights regarding the proposed adoption, certification as specified in subsection (d) shall be filed with the court prior to entry of a final judgment order of adoption.

(j) The Registry shall not be used to notify a putative

- 1 father who is the father of a child as a result of criminal
- 2 sexual abuse or assault as defined under Article 12 of the
- 3 Criminal Code of 1961.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 89-315, eff. 1-1-96; 90-15, eff. 6-13-97.)
- 5 (750 ILCS 50/18.06)
- 6 Sec. 18.06. Definitions. When used in Sections 18.05
- 7 through Section 18.6, for the purposes of the Registry:
- 8 "Adopted person" means a person who was adopted pursuant to
- 9 the laws in effect at the time of the adoption.
- "Adoptive parent" means a person who has become a parent
- 11 through the legal process of adoption.
- "Agency" means a public child welfare agency or a licensed
- 13 child welfare agency.
- "Birth father" means the biological father of an adopted or
- 15 surrendered person who is named on the original certificate of
- live birth or on a consent or surrender document, or a
- 17 biological father whose paternity has been established by a
- 18 judgment or order of the court, pursuant to the Illinois
- 19 Parentage Act of 1984 or the Uniform Parentage Act (2000).
- "Birth mother" means the biological mother of an adopted or
- 21 surrendered person.
- "Birth parent" means a birth mother or birth father of an
- 23 adopted or surrendered person.
- "Birth sibling" means the adult full or half sibling of an
- 25 adopted or surrendered person.
- "Denial of Information Exchange" means an affidavit
- 27 completed by a registrant with the Illinois Adoption Registry
- 28 and Medical Information Exchange denying the release of
- 29 identifying information.
- "Information Exchange Authorization" means an affidavit
- 31 completed by a registrant with the Illinois Adoption Registry
- 32 and Medical Information Exchange authorizing the release of
- 33 identifying information.
- 34 "Medical Information Exchange Questionnaire" means the
- 35 medical history questionnaire completed by a registrant of the

- 1 Illinois Adoption Registry and Medical Information Exchange.
- 2 "Proof of death" means a death certificate.
- 3 "Registrant" or "Registered Party" means a birth parent,
- 4 birth sibling, adopted or surrendered person over the age of
- 5 21, or adoptive parent or legal guardian of an adopted or
- 6 surrendered person under the age of 21 who has filed an
- 7 Illinois Adoption Registry Application or Registration
- 8 Identification Form with the Registry.
- 9 "Surrendered person" means a person whose parents' rights
- 10 have been surrendered or terminated but who has not been
- 11 adopted.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 91-417, eff. 1-1-00.)
- Section 905.19. The Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986
- is amended by changing Sections 202 and 214 as follows:
- 15 (750 ILCS 60/202) (from Ch. 40, par. 2312-2)
- 16 Sec. 202. Commencement of action; filing fees; dismissal.
- 17 (a) How to commence action. Actions for orders of protection are commenced:
- (1) Independently: By filing a petition for an order of protection in any civil court, unless specific courts are designated by local rule or order.
- (2) In conjunction with another civil proceeding: By 22 23 filing a petition for an order of protection under the same case number as another civil proceeding involving the 24 25 parties, including but not limited to: (i) any proceeding 26 under the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, <u>Uniform Parentage Act (2000)</u> Illinois Parentage Act of 27 28 1984, Nonsupport of Spouse and Children Act, Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act or an action 29 30 for nonsupport brought under Article 10 of the Illinois Public Aid Code, provided that a petitioner and the 31 32 respondent are a party to or the subject of that proceeding or (ii) a guardianship proceeding under the Probate Act of 33 34 1975, or a proceeding for involuntary commitment under the

Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code, or any proceeding, other than a delinquency petition, under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, provided that a petitioner or the respondent is a party to or the subject of such proceeding.

- (3) In conjunction with a delinquency petition or a criminal prosecution: By filing a petition for an order of protection, under the same case number as the delinquency petition or criminal prosecution, to be granted during pre-trial release of a defendant, with any dispositional order issued under Section 5-710 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 or as a condition of release, supervision, conditional discharge, probation, periodic imprisonment, parole or mandatory supervised release, or in conjunction with imprisonment or a bond forfeiture warrant; provided that:
 - (i) the violation is alleged in an information, complaint, indictment or delinquency petition on file, and the alleged offender and victim are family or household members or persons protected by this Act; and
 - (ii) the petition, which is filed by the State's Attorney, names a victim of the alleged crime as a petitioner.
- (b) Filing, certification, and service fees. No fee shall be charged by the clerk for filing, amending, vacating, certifying, or photocopying petitions or orders; or for issuing alias summons; or for any related filing service. No fee shall be charged by the sheriff for service by the sheriff of a petition, rule, motion, or order in an action commenced under this Section.
- (c) Dismissal and consolidation. Withdrawal or dismissal of any petition for an order of protection prior to adjudication where the petitioner is represented by the State shall operate as a dismissal without prejudice. No action for an order of protection shall be dismissed because the respondent is being prosecuted for a crime against the

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1 petitioner. An independent action may be consolidated with 2 another civil proceeding, as provided by paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Section. For any action commenced under 3 paragraph (2) or (3) of subsection (a) of this Section, 4 5 dismissal of the conjoined case (or a finding of not guilty) 6 shall not require dismissal of the action for the order of protection; instead, it may be treated as an independent action 7 and, if necessary and appropriate, transferred to a different 8 court or division. Dismissal of any conjoined case shall not 9 10 affect the validity of any previously issued order 11 protection, and thereafter subsections (b)(1) and (b)(2) of 12 Section 220 shall be inapplicable to such order.

- (d) Pro se petitions. The court shall provide, through the office of the clerk of the court, simplified forms and clerical assistance to help with the writing and filing of a petition under this Section by any person not represented by counsel. In addition, that assistance may be provided by the state's attorney.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 93-458, eff. 1-1-04.)
- 20 (750 ILCS 60/214) (from Ch. 40, par. 2312-14)
- 21 Sec. 214. Order of protection; remedies.
- (a) Issuance of order. If the court finds that petitioner 22 23 has been abused by a family or household member or that 24 petitioner is a high-risk adult who has been abused, neglected, 25 or exploited, as defined in this Act, an order of protection 26 prohibiting the abuse, neglect, or exploitation shall issue; 27 provided that petitioner must also satisfy the requirements of 28 one of the following Sections, as appropriate: Section 217 on 29 emergency orders, Section 218 on interim orders, or Section 219 30 on plenary orders. Petitioner shall not be denied an order of 31 protection because petitioner or respondent is a minor. The court, when determining whether or not to issue an order of 32 protection, shall not require physical manifestations of abuse 33 on the person of the victim. Modification and extension of 34 prior orders of protection shall be in accordance with this 35

1 Act.

- (b) Remedies and standards. The remedies to be included in an order of protection shall be determined in accordance with this Section and one of the following Sections, as appropriate: Section 217 on emergency orders, Section 218 on interim orders, and Section 219 on plenary orders. The remedies listed in this subsection shall be in addition to other civil or criminal remedies available to petitioner.
 - (1) Prohibition of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Prohibit respondent's harassment, interference with personal liberty, intimidation of a dependent, physical abuse, or willful deprivation, neglect or exploitation, as defined in this Act, or stalking of the petitioner, as defined in Section 12-7.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961, if such abuse, neglect, exploitation, or stalking has occurred or otherwise appears likely to occur if not prohibited.
 - (2) Grant of exclusive possession of residence. Prohibit respondent from entering or remaining in any residence or household of the petitioner, including one owned or leased by respondent, if petitioner has a right to occupancy thereof. The grant of exclusive possession of the residence shall not affect title to real property, nor shall the court be limited by the standard set forth in Section 701 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.
 - (A) Right to occupancy. A party has a right to occupancy of a residence or household if it is solely or jointly owned or leased by that party, that party's spouse, a person with a legal duty to support that party or a minor child in that party's care, or by any person or entity other than the opposing party that authorizes that party's occupancy (e.g., a domestic violence shelter). Standards set forth in subparagraph (B) shall not preclude equitable relief.
 - (B) Presumption of hardships. If petitioner and

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respondent each has the right to occupancy of a residence or household, the court shall balance (i) the hardships to respondent and any minor child or dependent adult in respondent's care resulting from entry of this remedy with (ii) the hardships to petitioner and any minor child or dependent adult in petitioner's care resulting from continued exposure to the risk of abuse (should petitioner remain at the residence or household) or from loss of possession of the residence or household (should petitioner leave to avoid the risk of abuse). When determining the balance of hardships, the court shall also take into account the accessibility of the residence or household. Hardships need not be balanced if respondent does not have a right to occupancy.

The balance of hardships is presumed to favor possession by petitioner unless the presumption is rebutted by a preponderance of the evidence, showing that the hardships to respondent substantially outweigh the hardships to petitioner and any minor child or dependent adult in petitioner's care. The court, on the request of petitioner or on its own motion, may order respondent to provide suitable, accessible, alternate housing for petitioner instead of excluding respondent from a mutual residence or household.

(3) Stay away order and additional prohibitions. Order respondent to stay away from petitioner or any other person protected by the order of protection, or prohibit respondent from entering or remaining present at petitioner's school, place of employment, or other specified places at times when petitioner is present, or both, if reasonable, given the balance of hardships. Hardships need not be balanced for the court to enter a stay away order or prohibit entry if respondent has no right to enter the premises.

If an order of protection grants petitioner exclusive possession of the residence, or prohibits respondent from entering the residence, or orders respondent to stay away from petitioner or other protected persons, then the court may allow respondent access to the residence to remove items of clothing and personal adornment used exclusively by respondent, medications, and other items as the court directs. The right to access shall be exercised on only one occasion as the court directs and in the presence of an agreed-upon adult third party or law enforcement officer.

- (4) Counseling. Require or recommend the respondent to undergo counseling for a specified duration with a social worker, psychologist, clinical psychologist, psychiatrist, family service agency, alcohol or substance abuse program, mental health center guidance counselor, agency providing services to elders, program designed for domestic violence abusers or any other guidance service the court deems appropriate.
- (5) Physical care and possession of the minor child. In order to protect the minor child from abuse, neglect, or unwarranted separation from the person who has been the minor child's primary caretaker, or to otherwise protect the well-being of the minor child, the court may do either or both of the following: (i) grant petitioner physical care or possession of the minor child, or both, or (ii) order respondent to return a minor child to, or not remove a minor child from, the physical care of a parent or person in loco parentis.

If a court finds, after a hearing, that respondent has committed abuse (as defined in Section 103) of a minor child, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that awarding physical care to respondent would not be in the minor child's best interest.

(6) Temporary legal custody. Award temporary legal custody to petitioner in accordance with this Section, the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, the

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<u>Uniform Parentage Act (2000)</u> the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, and this State's Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.

If a court finds, after a hearing, that respondent has committed abuse (as defined in Section 103) of a minor child, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that awarding temporary legal custody to respondent would not be in the child's best interest.

(7) Visitation. Determine the visitation rights, if any, of respondent in any case in which the court awards physical care or temporary legal custody of a minor child petitioner. The court shall restrict or deny respondent's visitation with a minor child if the court finds that respondent has done or is likely to do any of the following: (i) abuse or endanger the minor child during visitation; (ii) use the visitation as an opportunity to abuse or harass petitioner or petitioner's family or household members; (iii) improperly conceal or detain the minor child; or (iv) otherwise act in a manner that is not in the best interests of the minor child. The court shall not be limited by the standards set forth in Section 607.1 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. If the court grants visitation, the order shall specify dates and times for the visitation to take place or other specific parameters or conditions that are appropriate. No order for visitation shall refer merely to the term "reasonable visitation".

Petitioner may deny respondent access to the minor child if, when respondent arrives for visitation, respondent is under the influence of drugs or alcohol and constitutes a threat to the safety and well-being of petitioner or petitioner's minor children or is behaving in a violent or abusive manner.

If necessary to protect any member of petitioner's family or household from future abuse, respondent shall be prohibited from coming to petitioner's residence to meet

the minor child for visitation, and the parties shall submit to the court their recommendations for reasonable alternative arrangements for visitation. A person may be approved to supervise visitation only after filing an affidavit accepting that responsibility and acknowledging accountability to the court.

- (8) Removal or concealment of minor child. Prohibit respondent from removing a minor child from the State or concealing the child within the State.
- (9) Order to appear. Order the respondent to appear in court, alone or with a minor child, to prevent abuse, neglect, removal or concealment of the child, to return the child to the custody or care of the petitioner or to permit any court-ordered interview or examination of the child or the respondent.
- (10) Possession of personal property. Grant petitioner exclusive possession of personal property and, if respondent has possession or control, direct respondent to promptly make it available to petitioner, if:
 - (i) petitioner, but not respondent, owns the property; or
 - (ii) the parties own the property jointly; sharing it would risk abuse of petitioner by respondent or is impracticable; and the balance of hardships favors temporary possession by petitioner.

If petitioner's sole claim to ownership of the property is that it is marital property, the court may award petitioner temporary possession thereof under the standards of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph only if a proper proceeding has been filed under the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, as now or hereafter amended.

No order under this provision shall affect title to property.

(11) Protection of property. Forbid the respondent from taking, transferring, encumbering, concealing,

damaging or otherwise disposing of any real or personal property, except as explicitly authorized by the court, if:

- (i) petitioner, but not respondent, owns the property; or
- (ii) the parties own the property jointly, and the balance of hardships favors granting this remedy.

If petitioner's sole claim to ownership of the property is that it is marital property, the court may grant petitioner relief under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph only if a proper proceeding has been filed under the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, as now or hereafter amended.

The court may further prohibit respondent from improperly using the financial or other resources of an aged member of the family or household for the profit or advantage of respondent or of any other person.

- (12) Order for payment of support. Order respondent to pay temporary support for the petitioner or any child in the petitioner's care or custody, when the respondent has a legal obligation to support that person, in accordance with the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, which shall govern, among other matters, the amount of support, payment through the clerk and withholding of income to secure payment. An order for child support may be granted to a petitioner with lawful physical care or custody of a child, or an order or agreement for physical care or custody, prior to entry of an order for legal custody. Such a support order shall expire upon entry of a valid order granting legal custody to another, unless otherwise provided in the custody order.
- (13) Order for payment of losses. Order respondent to pay petitioner for losses suffered as a direct result of the abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Such losses shall include, but not be limited to, medical expenses, lost earnings or other support, repair or replacement of property damaged or taken, reasonable attorney's fees,

court costs and moving or other travel expenses, including additional reasonable expenses for temporary shelter and restaurant meals.

- (i) Losses affecting family needs. If a party is entitled to seek maintenance, child support or property distribution from the other party under the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, as now or hereafter amended, the court may order respondent to reimburse petitioner's actual losses, to the extent that such reimbursement would be "appropriate temporary relief", as authorized by subsection (a) (3) of Section 501 of that Act.
- (ii) Recovery of expenses. In the case of an improper concealment or removal of a minor child, the court may order respondent to pay the reasonable expenses incurred or to be incurred in the search for and recovery of the minor child, including but not limited to legal fees, court costs, private investigator fees, and travel costs.
- (14) Prohibition of entry. Prohibit the respondent from entering or remaining in the residence or household while the respondent is under the influence of alcohol or drugs and constitutes a threat to the safety and well-being of the petitioner or the petitioner's children.
 - (14.5) Prohibition of firearm possession.
 - (a) When a complaint is made under a request for an order of protection, that the respondent has threatened or is likely to use firearms illegally against the petitioner, and the respondent is present in court, or has failed to appear after receiving actual notice, the court shall examine on oath the petitioner, and any witnesses who may be produced. If the court is satisfied that there is any danger of the illegal use of firearms, it shall issue an order that any firearms in the possession of the respondent, except as provided in subsection (b), be turned over to

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the local law enforcement agency for safekeeping. If the respondent has failed to appear, the court shall issue a warrant for seizure of any firearm in the possession of the respondent. The period of safekeeping shall be for a stated period of time not to exceed 2 years. The firearm or firearms shall be returned to the respondent at the end of the stated period or at expiration of the order of protection, whichever is sooner.

- (b) If the respondent is a peace officer as defined in Section 2-13 of the Criminal Code of 1961, the court shall order that any firearms used by the respondent in the performance of his or her duties as a peace officer be surrendered to the chief law enforcement executive of the agency in which the respondent is employed, who shall retain the firearms for safekeeping for the stated period not to exceed 2 years as set forth in the court order.
- (15) Prohibition of access to records. If an order of protection prohibits respondent from having contact with the minor child, or if petitioner's address is omitted under subsection (b) of Section 203, or if necessary to prevent abuse or wrongful removal or concealment of a minor child, the order shall deny respondent access to, and prohibit respondent from inspecting, obtaining, or attempting to inspect or obtain, school or any other records of the minor child who is in the care of petitioner.
- (16) Order for payment of shelter services. Order respondent to reimburse a shelter providing temporary housing and counseling services to the petitioner for the cost of the services, as certified by the shelter and deemed reasonable by the court.
- (17) Order for injunctive relief. Enter injunctive relief necessary or appropriate to prevent further abuse of a family or household member or further abuse, neglect, or

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exploitation of a high-risk adult with disabilities or to effectuate one of the granted remedies, if supported by the balance of hardships. If the harm to be prevented by the injunction is abuse or any other harm that one of the remedies listed in paragraphs (1) through (16) of this subsection is designed to prevent, no further evidence is necessary that the harm is an irreparable injury.

(c) Relevant factors; findings.

- (1) In determining whether to grant a specific remedy, other than payment of support, the court shall consider relevant factors, including but not limited to the following:
 - (i) the nature, frequency, severity, pattern and consequences of the respondent's past abuse, neglect or exploitation of the petitioner or any family or household member, including the concealment of his or her location in order to evade service of process or notice, and the likelihood of danger of future abuse, neglect, or exploitation to petitioner or any member of petitioner's or respondent's family or household; and
 - (ii) the danger that any minor child will be abused or neglected or improperly removed from the jurisdiction, improperly concealed within the State or improperly separated from the child's primary caretaker.
- (2) In comparing relative hardships resulting to the parties from loss of possession of the family home, the court shall consider relevant factors, including but not limited to the following:
 - (i) availability, accessibility, cost, safety, adequacy, location and other characteristics of alternate housing for each party and any minor child or dependent adult in the party's care;
 - (ii) the effect on the party's employment; and
 - (iii) the effect on the relationship of the party, and any minor child or dependent adult in the party's

care, to family, school, church and community.

- (3) Subject to the exceptions set forth in paragraph (4) of this subsection, the court shall make its findings in an official record or in writing, and shall at a minimum set forth the following:
 - (i) That the court has considered the applicable relevant factors described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.
 - (ii) Whether the conduct or actions of respondent, unless prohibited, will likely cause irreparable harm or continued abuse.
 - (iii) Whether it is necessary to grant the requested relief in order to protect petitioner or other alleged abused persons.
- (4) For purposes of issuing an ex parte emergency order of protection, the court, as an alternative to or as a supplement to making the findings described in paragraphs (c)(3)(i) through (c)(3)(iii) of this subsection, may use the following procedure:

When a verified petition for an emergency order of protection in accordance with the requirements of Sections 203 and 217 is presented to the court, the court shall examine petitioner on oath or affirmation. An emergency order of protection shall be issued by the court if it appears from the contents of the petition and the examination of petitioner that the averments are sufficient to indicate abuse by respondent and to support the granting of relief under the issuance of the emergency order of protection.

(5) Never married parties. No rights or responsibilities for a minor child born outside of marriage attach to a putative father until a father and child relationship has been established under the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, the Uniform Parentage Act (2000), the Illinois Public Aid Code, Section 12 of the Vital Records Act, the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, the Probate

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Act of 1985, the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, the Expedited Child Support Act of 1990, any judicial, administrative, or other act of another state or territory, any other Illinois statute, or by any foreign nation establishing the father and child relationship, any other proceeding substantially in conformity with the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-193), or where both parties appeared in open court or at an administrative hearing acknowledging under oath or admitting by affirmation the existence of a father and child relationship. Absent such adjudication, finding, or acknowledgement, no putative father shall be granted temporary custody of the minor child, visitation with the minor child, or physical care and possession of the minor child, nor shall an order of payment for support of the minor child be entered.

- (d) Balance of hardships; findings. If the court finds that the balance of hardships does not support the granting of a remedy governed by paragraph (2), (3), (10), (11), or (16) of subsection (b) of this Section, which may require such balancing, the court's findings shall so indicate and shall include a finding as to whether granting the remedy will result in hardship to respondent that would substantially outweigh the hardship to petitioner from denial of the remedy. The findings shall be an official record or in writing.
- (e) Denial of remedies. Denial of any remedy shall not be based, in whole or in part, on evidence that:
 - (1) Respondent has cause for any use of force, unless that cause satisfies the standards for justifiable use of force provided by Article VII of the Criminal Code of 1961;
 - (2) Respondent was voluntarily intoxicated;
 - (3) Petitioner acted in self-defense or defense of another, provided that, if petitioner utilized force, such force was justifiable under Article VII of the Criminal Code of 1961;

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- 1 (4) Petitioner did not act in self-defense or defense of another; 2
 - (5) Petitioner left the residence or household to avoid further abuse, neglect, or exploitation by respondent;
 - (6) Petitioner did not leave the residence or household to avoid further abuse, neglect, or exploitation by respondent;
- (7) Conduct by any family or household member excused 9 the abuse, neglect, or exploitation by respondent, unless 10 that same conduct would have excused such abuse, neglect, or exploitation if the parties had not been family or 12 household members.
- (Source: P.A. 93-108, eff. 1-1-04.) 13
- 14 Section 905.20. The Business Corporation Act of 1983 is 15 amended by changing Section 1.25 as follows:
- (805 ILCS 5/1.25) (from Ch. 32, par. 1.25) 16
- 17 Sec. 1.25. List of corporations; exchange of information.
- 18 (a) The Secretary of State shall publish each year a list of corporations filing an annual report for the preceding year 19 in accordance with the provisions of this Act, which report 20 21 shall state the name of the corporation and the respective names and addresses of the president, secretary, and registered 22 23 agent thereof and the address of the registered office in this State of each such corporation. The Secretary of State shall 24 25 furnish without charge a copy of such report to each recorder 26 of this State, and to each member of the General Assembly and to each State agency or department requesting the same. The 27 28 Secretary of State shall, upon receipt of a written request and 29 a fee as determined by the Secretary, furnish such report to 30 anyone else.
 - (b) (1) The Secretary of State shall publish daily a list of all newly formed corporations, business and not for profit, chartered by him on that day issued after receipt of the application. The daily list shall contain the same information

as to each corporation as is provided for the corporation list published under subsection (a) of this Section. The daily list may be obtained at the Secretary's office by any person, newspaper, State department or agency, or local government for a reasonable charge to be determined by the Secretary. Inspection of the daily list may be made at the Secretary's office during normal business hours without charge by any person, newspaper, State department or agency, or local government.

- (2) The Secretary shall compile the daily list mentioned in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Section monthly, or more often at the Secretary's discretion. The compilation shall be immediately mailed free of charge to all local governments requesting in writing receipt of such publication, or shall be automatically mailed by the Secretary without charge to local governments as determined by the Secretary. The Secretary shall mail a copy of the compilations free of charge to all State departments or agencies making a written request. A request for a compilation of the daily list once made by a local government or State department or agency need not be renewed. However, the Secretary may request from time to time whether the local governments or State departments or agencies desire to continue receiving the compilation.
- (3) The compilations of the daily list mentioned in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Section shall be mailed to newspapers, or any other person not included as a recipient in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Section, upon receipt of a written application signed by the applicant and accompanied by the payment of a fee as determined by the Secretary.
- (c) If a domestic or foreign corporation has filed with the Secretary of State an annual report for the preceding year or has been newly formed or is otherwise and in any manner registered with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State shall exchange with the Illinois Department of Public Aid any information concerning that corporation that may be necessary

- 1 for the enforcement of child support orders entered pursuant to
- 2 the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Illinois Marriage and
- 3 Dissolution of Marriage Act, the Non-Support of Spouse and
- 4 Children Act, the Non-Support Punishment Act, the Revised
- 5 Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, the Uniform
- 6 Interstate Family Support Act, or the Illinois Parentage Act of
- 7 1984, or the Uniform Parentage Act (2000).
- 8 Notwithstanding any provisions in this Act to the contrary,
- 9 the Secretary of State shall not be liable to any person for
- 10 any disclosure of information to the Illinois Department of
- 11 Public Aid under this subsection or for any other action taken
- 12 in good faith to comply with the requirements of this
- 13 subsection.
- 14 (Source: P.A. 90-18, eff. 7-1-97; 91-613, eff. 10-1-99.)
- 15 Section 905.21. The Limited Liability Company Act is
- amended by changing Section 50-5 as follows:
- 17 (805 ILCS 180/50-5)
- 18 Sec. 50-5. List of limited liability companies; exchange of
- 19 information.
- 20 (a) The Secretary of State may publish a list or lists of
- 21 limited liability companies and foreign limited liability
- 22 companies, as often, in the format, and for the fees as the
- 23 Secretary of State may in his or her discretion provide by
- 24 rule. The Secretary of State may disseminate information
- 25 concerning limited liability companies and foreign limited
- liability companies by computer network in the format and for
- the fees as may be determined by rule.
- 28 (b) Upon written request, any list published under
- 29 subsection (a) shall be free to each member of the General
- 30 Assembly, to each State agency or department, and to each
- 31 recorder in this State. An appropriate fee established by rule
- 32 to cover the cost of producing the list shall be charged to all
- 33 others.
- 34 (c) If a domestic or foreign limited liability company has

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1 filed with the Secretary of State an annual report for the 2 preceding year or has been newly formed or is otherwise and in 3 any manner registered with the Secretary of State, the 4 Secretary of State shall exchange with the Illinois Department 5 of Public Aid any information concerning that limited liability company that may be necessary for the enforcement of child 6 7 support orders entered pursuant to the Illinois Public Aid 8 Code, the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, 9 the Non-Support of Spouse and Children Act, the Non-Support Punishment Act, the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of 10 11 Support Act, the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, or the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, or the Uniform Parentage Act 12 13 (2000).

Notwithstanding any provisions in this Act to the contrary, the Secretary of State shall not be liable to any person for any disclosure of information to the Illinois Department of Public Aid under this subsection or for any other action taken in good faith to comply with the requirements of this subsection.

20 (Source: P.A. 90-18, eff. 7-1-97; 91-613, eff. 10-1-99.)

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