

Entering 2024:

Changes in Child Support Laws

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Today's Agenda

1. Enacted child support laws in 2024
2. Laws on the Horizon
3. Q&A



Enacted Child Support Laws

The Stable Parents, Stable Children Act

AB 1148, 2023

- 30 day deadline to 10 months for repayment of child support
- Does not incur debt over the 10 month period

Eliminating Foster Care Debt

AB 1686, 2022

- Starting in 2023, CA no longer collecting child support from parents for recoupment of their children's time in foster care
 - Doesn't affect current and past orders
- DCSS taking administrative action to provide relief to these families with child support orders prior to 2023 and to eliminate uncollectible debt.
 - CSSP Letter 23-02 (Foster Care Arrears) and CSSI Letter 23-11 (Foster Care Referrals Received Prior to January 1, 2023).

Debt Reduction Program

- Obligor can request debt reduction if:
 - Pay at least 5% of arrearages
 - Unable to pay off arrears within 12 months
 - Pay current child support for 12 month period
- Obligor files written application for debt reduction
- LCSA may request information, and will close request if no response
- No timeframe for response
- No right to complaint resolution if denied

Laws on the Horizon

Limiting use of Driver's License Suspension as Collection Tool

SB 1055 (2022): Adds Family Code Sec. 17520.5

- Ends the use of license suspension when a low-income non-custodial parent is behind in child support payments
- Applies when NCP income is below 70% of area median income
<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/sites/default/files/docs/grants-and-funding/income-limits-2023.pdf>
- Goes into effect **Jan. 1, 2025**
- Will not apply to commercial licenses starting Jan. 1, 2027

Federal Final Rule

SB 343, 2023

- Two parts:
 - Change the guideline formula effective September 1, 2024
 - Increases the low income adjustment
 - Changes the formula to lower orders for low income obligors
 - End of presumed orders
 - Requires LCSA to calculate income and earnings capacity based on evidence
 - Requires LCSA to plead income it is alleging in the complaint

100 Percent Pass-Through Advocacy

Budget, 2023

Ensure that 100 percent of parents' child support payments go to children, not the government for both current and former recipients of public assistance

Q&A

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