

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1820

By: Pope (Tim) of the House
and
Martin of the Senate

An Act relating to poor persons; amending 56 O.S.
1991, Section 240.7, which relates to release of
child support information; modifying requirements
for release of child support information; requiring
courts to make certain information available;
providing certain content of orders; deleting
certain fee requirements; and providing an
effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 1991, Section 240.7, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 240.7 A. The Department of Human Services shall
establish procedures for the release of ~~the amount of~~ information
regarding child support ~~arrears information~~ obligations and any
arrears to consumer reporting agencies. Such information shall
be released if:

~~1. The person obligated to pay child support pursuant to a
support order is in arrears for more than One Thousand Dollars
(\$1,000.00); and~~

~~2. The the information regarding the amount of the support in arrears child support obligations is requested by the consumer reporting agencies.~~

B. The person obligated for such support shall be notified prior to the release of such information pursuant to subsection A of this section and shall be given an opportunity to be heard as to the accuracy of the information to be released.

C. The district court in which a child support action is heard shall make available to any requesting consumer reporting agencies or agents thereof the information necessary to adequately identify the person obligated to pay child support and the amount of child support owed by such person. Any order of the court providing for payment of child support by the person obligated to pay such support shall contain a statement that the identity of the person obligated to pay and the amount of child support owed shall be made available to requesting consumer reporting agencies or agents thereof.

D. For purposes of this section the term consumer reporting agencies means any person who for a fee, dues or on a cooperative nonprofit basis regularly engages in whole or in part in the practice of assembling or evaluating consumer credit information or other information on consumers for the purpose of furnishing consumer reports to third parties and who uses any means or facility of interstate commerce for the purpose of preparing or furnishing consumer reports.

~~C. The Department may charge a reasonable fee based in actual costs of supplying such services.~~

~~D. The person obligated for such support shall be notified prior to the release of such information and shall be given an opportunity to be heard as to the accuracy of the information to be released.~~

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1995.

Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 1995.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1995.

President of the Senate