

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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**Research Analysis**

Engrossed SB486 makes numerous changes to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) which provides guidance on the enforcement of interstate and international child support orders. The measure brings the state into compliance with the 2008 UIFSA by:

- adding and modifying definitions;
- providing that the Child Support Services division of the Department of Human Services (DHS) is the support enforcement agency for Oklahoma;
- adding an exclusive remedies clause and prohibiting application of the act to affect the outcome of a child custody or visitation proceeding.
- requiring DHS to apply Articles 1 through 7 of UIFSA, as applicable, to a support proceeding involving a foreign support order, a foreign tribunal or an obligee, obligor or child residing in a foreign county. Article 7 only applies to support proceedings under the Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support (Convention);
- requiring an obligor to keep the tribunal informed of the obligor's email address;
- authorizing DHS to serve as a responding tribunal in a proceeding to determine parentage of a child brought under UIFSA.
- providing that DHS retains jurisdiction to modify an order by the department if one party reside in another state and the other party resides outside the United States.
- allowing parties seeking to modify a support order to register the order in the state and file a petition specifying the grounds for modification;
- expands Article 7 of UIFSA to provide guidance on application, enforcement and modification of a foreign support agreement under the Convention; and
- repealing 43 OS 601-100, which strikes the short title from UIFSA.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

SB 486 has no fiscal impact to the state. See "Other Considerations" for more details or existing statutes.

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**Other Considerations**

UIFSA is the uniform law adopted by states setting forth the rules applicable to enforcement of interstate and international child support orders. Passage of UIFSA 2008 will enhance enforcement of Oklahoma's child support orders wherever parents reside. UIFSA 2001 is currently in place in Oklahoma.

In 2014 14% of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services Child Support Services' (CSS) caseload had an interstate component. Of a caseload of 204,000, 120 are shared with other countries.

On Oklahoma courts, the procedures and remedies in Oklahoma law will be used to collect child support in both interstate and international child support cases covered by UIFSA. The new law includes a public policy option for our courts to decline to recognize foreign orders of reciprocating countries.

Passage and implementation of UIFSA 2008 is tied to maintenance of federal financial participation in Oklahoma's Child Support Services program. Annually, this is about \$50 million dollars.

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