

BUREAU, compromise, settlement, or adjustment of a delinquent account or debt without suit would promote or serve the best interests of the State, the [division] BUREAU may accept in full settlement of the account an amount less than full arrearages [.] AND SUCH MAY BE ORDERED BY A COURT UPON THE INITIATION OF THE BUREAU.

(4) [The division may enter into agreements for provisions of child support services with private and public agencies, including local law enforcement agencies, county solicitors, and court officials.] TO ASSIST THE BUREAU IN ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAMS SO AS TO ACHIEVE OPTIMUM RESULTS, THE BUREAU MAY ENTER INTO:

(I) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC AGENCIES, CIRCUIT COURTS, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, WITH RESPECT TO ESTABLISHING LIABILITY FOR SUPPORT, ESTABLISHING PATERNITY, OBTAINING AND ENFORCING ORDERS FOR SUPPORT, AND THE COLLECTION OF SUPPORT PAYMENTS; AND

(II) FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT BY THE BUREAU OF THOSE EXPENDITURES INCURRED BY THE PRIVATE OR PUBLIC AGENCY, CIRCUIT COURT, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL PURSUANT TO SUCH COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS IN THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM WHICH QUALIFY FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE WITH RESPECT TO FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION.

(5) THE RESPONSIBILITIES, RESOURCES AND AUTHORITIES OF THE DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION IN CERTAIN COUNTIES AND BALTIMORE CITY RELATING TO THE COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT OF SUPPORT PAYMENTS INCLUDING PERSONNEL REFERENCED IN SECTIONS 9-I AND 9J OF ARTICLE 64A, ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE BUREAU OF SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1979. ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION WHO ARE TRANSFERRED SHALL BECOME EMPLOYEES OF THE BUREAU OF SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT WITHOUT DIMINUTION IN SALARY OR BENEFITS. THE BUREAU IS THE PUBLIC AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT IN ALL CRIMINAL NON-SUPPORT CASES AND IN ALL CIVIL CASES WHEREIN PAYMENTS ARE ORDERED TO BE MADE TO A PUBLIC AGENCY OR DIRECTLY TO THE PAYEE, EXCEPT IN THOSE SUBDIVISIONS WHERE AN AGENCY OF OR THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SUBDIVISION HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.

(I) ANY SUBDIVISION OR CIRCUIT COURT HAVING RESPONSIBILITY FOR COLLECTION AND/OR SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT MAY REQUEST THAT RESPONSIBILITY BE TRANSFERRED TO THE BUREAU OF SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT. SUCH REQUEST MUST BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE YEAR PRECEDING THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE RESPONSIBILITY IS TO BE ASSUMED BY THE BUREAU. ANY PERSONNEL OF THE SUBDIVISION OR CIRCUIT COURT INVOLVED IN SUCH A TRANSFER SHALL BECOME CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM LAW AND BE PLACED IN THAT POSITION WHICH IS COMPARABLE OR