

(iv) In its name, prosecution and maintenance of any legal and equitable support actions, including paternity proceedings, available under State law to establish each absent parent's legal obligation for child support in all cases in which an assignment has been made pursuant to Section 48(2) of this article;

(v) Collection of support payments including but not limited to child support payments owed the State as the result of an assignment pursuant to Section 48(2) of this article;

(vi) Utilization of established legal processes to enforce support orders of the courts;

(vii) Disbursement of support payments in accordance with law;

(viii) Cooperation with other states in establishment and enforcement of child support obligations; and

(ix) Collection of fees, as appropriate, to defray the costs of providing services.

(3) If, in the judgment of the [bureau] ADMINISTRATION, compromise, settlement, or adjustment of a delinquent account or debt without suit would promote or serve the best interests of the State, the [bureau] ADMINISTRATION 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] ADMINISTRATION.

(4) To assist the [bureau] ADMINISTRATION in administering the programs so as to achieve optimum results, the [bureau] ADMINISTRATION 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] ADMINISTRATION 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