

(2) ADOPT STANDARDS FOR STAFFING, RECORDKEEPING, REPORTING, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION, AND OTHER MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO ASSURE PROPER AND EFFICIENT COLLECTION OF SUPPORT; AND

(3) DELEGATE ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT TO A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, FOR AS LONG AS:

(I) THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASKS THAT RESPONSIBILITY BE DELEGATED TO THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT;

(II) THE SECRETARY FINDS THAT THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT IS CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT THE RESPONSIBILITY; AND

(III) A DELEGATION OF THAT RESPONSIBILITY IS CONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the first sentence of former Article 88A, § 59(b)(5)(iv) and the second sentence of (d).

In the introductory language of this section, "Secretary of Human Resources" is substituted for "Department of Human Resources", for consistency.

The former reference to "January 1, 1979" is deleted as obsolete.

Defined term: "Support" §§ 1-101 and 10-101

#### 10-115. LEGAL REPRESENTATION.

(A) "LEGAL PROCEEDING" DEFINED.

IN THIS SECTION, "LEGAL PROCEEDING" MEANS:

- (1) A CIVIL ACTION FOR CHILD SUPPORT;
- (2) A PATERNITY PROCEEDING UNDER TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 10 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND
- (3) A PROCEEDING UNDER SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS TITLE.

(B) BY WHOM PROVIDED.

IN A LEGAL PROCEEDING, THE ADMINISTRATION OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM THE ADMINISTRATION APPROVES FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES SHALL BE REPRESENTED BY:

- (1) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL;
- (2) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY, IF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; OR