

(2) THE REPORT SHALL ASSESS THE PILOT FOR ITS EFFECTIVENESS AND SUCCESS IN ENHANCING CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION THROUGH THE PRIVATIZATION OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT IN BALTIMORE CITY AND ONE QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY IN THE STATE.

(3) THE SECRETARY SHALL INCLUDE IN THE REPORT THE PLANS FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND SUCCESS OF THE PILOT IN ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE.

(F) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT ANY OTHER REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(G) BEFORE IMPLEMENTING THE PILOT PROGRAM, THE SECRETARY SHALL HIRE A CONSULTANT TO HELP DESIGN THE PILOT PROGRAM AND TO HELP DEVELOP A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER ALL ASPECTS OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.

(H) AN EMPLOYEE WHO DECLINES AN OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT WITH A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSIDERED LAID OFF AND SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ALL RIGHTS SPECIFIED UNDER TITLE 9, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE.

10-119.2.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "DEMONSTRATION SITE" MEANS THE JURISDICTION SELECTED BY THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO COMPETE AGAINST PRIVATIZED JURISDICTIONS IN PROVIDING CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.

(B) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH A CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DEMONSTRATION SITE IN ONE JURISDICTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPETING AGAINST A PRIVATIZED JURISDICTION AS ESTABLISHED IN § 10-119 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE SECRETARY SHALL APPOINT A DIRECTOR OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE DEMONSTRATION SITE WHO SHALL REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

(D) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE SECRETARY SHALL HAVE SOLE AUTHORITY OVER THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS IN THE DEMONSTRATION SITE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- (1) LOCATION OF PARENTS;
- (2) ESTABLISHING PATERNITIES;
- (3) ESTABLISHING CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS;
- (4) COLLECTING AND DISBURSING SUPPORT PAYMENTS;
- (5) REVIEWING AND MODIFYING CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS;
- (6) ENFORCING SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS;
- (7) PROVIDING LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO CLIENTS; AND