

Article 88B – Department of State Police

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(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Civil child support warrant” means any of the following, when issued for the enforcement of a child support order:

- (i) An arrest warrant;
- (ii) A bench warrant;
- (iii) A body attachment issued by a circuit court; or
- (iv) A warrant for failure to appear.

(3) “CIVIL PROTECTIVE ORDER” MEANS:

(I) AN EX PARTE ORDER ISSUED UNDER § 4-505 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE; OR

(II) A PROTECTIVE ORDER ISSUED UNDER § 4-506 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE.

[(3)] (4) “System” means the Maryland Interagency Law Enforcement System.

(b) The Department shall:

(1) [cooperate] COOPERATE with local child support enforcement offices and law enforcement agencies to receive, accept, and incorporate civil child support warrants in the System; AND

(2) COOPERATE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND, AND THE CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS TO RECEIVE, ACCEPT, AND INCORPORATE CIVIL PROTECTIVE ORDERS IN THE SYSTEM.

(c) (1) Any JUDGE OR ANY law enforcement agency or officer may access the System to determine the status of any outstanding civil child support warrant issued by a court of the State.

(2) ANY JUDGE OR ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR OFFICER MAY ACCESS THE SYSTEM TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF ANY OUTSTANDING CIVIL PROTECTIVE ORDER ISSUED BY A COURT OF THE STATE.

(d) (1) Local child support enforcement offices and appropriate local law enforcement agencies shall be responsible for entry, maintenance, and prompt validation of civil child support warrants in the System in accordance with procedures adopted by the Department.