(2)   maintain a central registry of records on absent parents as required under § 12–105 of this article;

(3)   locate absent parents;

(4)   determine the ability of an absent parent to pay child support;

(5)   accept assignment of right, title, or interest in child support made under Article 88A, § 50(b)(2) of the Code;

(6)   in any case in which an assignment is made under Article 88A, § 50(b)(2) of the Code, prosecute and maintain any legal or equitable action available to establish each absent parent's obligation to pay child support;

(7)   cooperate with other states in establishing and enforcing child support obligations;

(8)   collect and disburse support payments THROUGH THE STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10–108.5 OF THIS SUBTITLE; and

(9)   use established legal processes to enforce court orders to pay support.

(b)   Except in a county that has a local support enforcement office, the Administration is the agency that is responsible for support enforcement in all cases where a court orders an obligor to make support payments to a public agency:

(1)   as the payee; or

(2)   as collection agent for the payee.

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THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH A STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT FOR COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT OF SUPPORT PAYMENTS IN ANY CASE IN WHICH:

(1)   AN ASSIGNMENT IS MADE UNDER ARTICLE 88A, § 50(B)(2) OF THE CODE;

(2)   AN OBLIGEE FILES AN APPLICATION AND PAYS A FEE FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES AS REQUIRED BY THE ADMINISTRATION; OR

(3)   AN EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO SEND PAYMENTS TO A SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Executive Director of the Child Support Enforcement Administration shall report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 1997, in accordance with § 2–1312 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of Section 2 of this Act.

SECTION 2. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 5–1027 through 5–1028.1, respectively, of Article – Family Law of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 5–1026 through 5–1028, respectively.