

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Family Law

10-117.

(a) A county or circuit court with a local support enforcement office may request that the responsibility for support enforcement be transferred to the Administration.

(b) A request for transfer of responsibility under this section must be made to the Department of Human Resources by September 1 of the year preceding the fiscal year for which responsibility will be transferred.

(c) Any personnel of the local support enforcement office involved in a transfer under this section shall be in the State Personnel Management System and shall be placed in the position that is comparable to or most closely compares to their former position, without further examination or qualification. These employees shall be credited with the years of service with the jurisdiction for the purpose of determining leave accumulation and shall become members of the Employees' Pension System of the State of Maryland. All previous pension contributions shall be transferred in accordance with Title 37 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article. These employees shall receive no diminution in compensation or accumulated leave solely as a result of the transfer. Annual leave in excess of that which may be retained annually in the State Personnel Management System may be retained at the time of transfer if that accumulation was permitted by the former employer.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on July 1, 2000, all the functions, powers, and duties of the Paternity and Support Division of the Office of the State's Attorney for Howard County and the personnel indicated in Section 3 of this Act shall be transferred to the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Department of Human Resources.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(1) Except for the assistant State's Attorneys, all employees of the Paternity and Support Division of the Office of the State's Attorney for Howard County shall be transferred to the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Department of Human Resources in accordance with the provisions of § 10-117(c) of the Family Law Article.

(2) Except for the assistant State's Attorneys, a Position Identification Number (PIN) shall be created for each transferred employee in a State classification commensurate with the employee's salary grade at the time of the transfer. The salary grade shall be determined using a salary based on the same hourly rate of salary of the employee at the time of transfer. Each transferred employee shall be given credit with the State for years of County employment for purposes of seniority including the determination of leave accumulation and determination of layoff rights under § 9-504 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.