

(3) THE SECRETARY MAY ESTABLISH DEMONSTRATION SITES AT A RATE FASTER THAN REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BUDGET.

(4) WHEN ESTABLISHING DEMONSTRATION SITES UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(II) THROUGH (IV) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE SECRETARY SHALL CHOOSE JURISDICTIONS THAT ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY DIVERSE.

(C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE SECRETARY SHALL APPOINT A DIRECTOR OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES IN A 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 A 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 THE ADMINISTRATION IN~~ ACCORDANCE WITH § 10-115 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(8) ESTABLISHING CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTITIES TO PROVIDE CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES.

(E) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO SEVER CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH A STATE'S ATTORNEY AND HIRE PRIVATE COUNSEL TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

(F) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ALL EMPLOYEES HIRED IN A DEMONSTRATION SITE AFTER ITS DESIGNATION AS A DEMONSTRATION SITE SHALL BE IN THE MANAGEMENT SERVICE OR SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS IN THE STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

(2) IF A POSITION IN A DEMONSTRATION SITE IS HELD BY A CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEE PRIOR TO ITS DESIGNATION AS A DEMONSTRATION SITE, THE POSITION REMAINS A CLASSIFIED SERVICE POSITION OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN THE STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UNTIL THE POSITION BECOMES VACANT, AT WHICH TIME THE POSITION SHALL BECOME A MANAGEMENT SERVICE OR SPECIAL APPOINTMENT POSITION.