ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO. 0021

ENROLLED ACT NO. 34, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING 2002 SPECIAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to child support enforcement; amending notice and payor requirements as specified to comply with federal law; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 20-2-309 by creating a new subsection (c) and by renumbering (c) and (d) as (d) and (e) and 20-6-218 (b) are amended to read:

## 20-2-309. Contents of orders; change of address or employment; income withholding entered; payment.

(c) In any subsequent enforcement action brought under this chapter in which the parties were previously ordered to provide the clerk of the court with their current residential, mailing and employer's address, the court, upon sufficient showing to the satisfaction of the court that a diligent effort has been made to ascertain the location of a party, shall deem state due process requirements for notice and service of process to be met upon delivery of written notice to the most recent residential or employer address of that party filed with the clerk of the district court and the state case registry pursuant to the requirements of this section provided:

(i) An affidavit attesting to the diligent effort to locate the party is filed with the court at the time of filing the subsequent enforcement action; and

(ii) Delivery of the written notice to the most recent residential or employer address of the party is made by personal service or by certified mail.

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(c) (d) Upon entry of any order for the support of a child under this section the court shall also enter an income withholding order as provided by W.S. 20-6-204.

(d) (e) All child support payments shall be paid to the clerk of the district court.

## 20-6-218. Penalties.

Payors shall pay in compliance with the (b) instructions specified in the notice to payor and in accordance with the duties specified in W.S. 20-6-212. No payor shall use the existence of an income withholding order authorized by this act as grounds to discharge, discipline or otherwise penalize an obligor or as grounds to refuse to employ a person. Any payor who violates this subsection is subject to a civil penalty in an amount the court determines of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00). The penalty shall be collected from the violator and distributed by the court to the county public school fund. Before the court imposes a civil penalty, the payor accused of a violation shall be notified, in writing, of the specific nature of the alleged violation and the time and place, at least ten (10) days from the date of the notice, when a hearing of the matter shall be held. After hearing or upon failure of the accused to appear at the hearing, the court shall determine the amount of the civil penalty to be imposed in accordance with the limitation in this subsection.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2002.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk