

PUBLIC ACTS

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Topic Public Act Number Bill Number Official Citation Effective Date	Summary	Comments
Child Abuse/Neglect – Reporting 2016 PA 35 SB 334 MCL 722.623(1)(a) 03-08-2016	Suspected child abuse or neglect can be reported through an on-line system. And an on-line report will qualify as a required written report.	The Child Protection Act requires “a person employed in a professional capacity in any office of the friend of the court” to report suspected abuse or neglect. MCL 722.623(1). IV-D Memorandum 2012-013 requires OCS employees to report suspected abuse or neglect.
Child Support – Enforcement 2015 PA 257 HB 4658 MCL 600.6096 03-22-2016	If an individual obtains a monetary judgment against the State or receives approval for a monetary claim against the State, proceeds shall first be applied to pay off a “known liability to the state” or “[a] support liability.” The “known liability to the state” has priority.	Query: Would assigned support arrearages, unpaid birth expense obligations, and genetic test fees constitute a “known liability to the state”?

<p>Child Support – UIFSA 2-15 PA 255 HB 4742 MCL 552.1101 et seq 01-01-2016</p>	<p>Michigan adopted the 2008 version of the UIFSA.</p>	<p>An extensive summary appears in IV-D Memorandum 2015-001.</p>
<p>Courts – Electronic Filing</p> <p>2015 PA 231 HB 5029 MCL 600.1986, MCL 600.1987</p> <p>2015 PA 232 HB 5030 MCL 600.1989</p> <p>2015 PA 233 SB 531 MCL 600.1991 – MCL 600.1993</p> <p>2015 PA 234 SB 532 MCL 600.176</p> <p>2015 PA 135 SB 533 MCL 600.1988</p> <p>01001-2016</p>	<p>Between 01-01-2016 and 02-28-2021, courts must collect an electronic filing system fee of between \$5.00 and \$25.00 in all civil actions.</p> <p>The fee does not apply to actions filed by a government entity.</p> <p>The fee proceeds shall be remitted to the State Treasurer and deposited into an electronic filing fund.</p> <p>The State Court Administrative Office administers the fund.</p> <p>“Money from the fund shall be expended to support the implementation, operation and maintenance of a statewide electronic filing system and supporting technology. . . .”</p> <p>Local courts may apply to the Supreme Court for access to the statewide electronic filing system.</p> <p>Parties will be allowed to file hard-copy documents even if the court is approved for e-filing.</p>	<p>This legislation renders moot a proposed court rule that would have authorized local courts to develop e-filing systems. See Michigan Supreme Court ADM 2013-18.</p>

<p>Crimes – Vulgar Language 2015 PA 210 Hb 4248 MCL 750.337 03-14-2016</p>	<p>This Act repeals MCL 750.337 which provided: “Any person who shall use an indecent, immoral, obscene, vulgar or insulting language in the presence of a woman or child shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.”</p>	
<p>Custodial Party 2015 PA 228 SB 530 MCL 712A.13a 12-17-2015</p>	<p>The list of persons who are eligible to become a relative placement in a child protective proceeding has been expanded to include “a stepparent, an ex-stepparent, or parent of a half sibling.”</p>	<p>Previously placement was allowed with a “grandparent, great-grandparent, great-great-grandparent, aunt or uncle, great-aunt or great-uncle, great-great aunt or great-great uncle, sibling, stepsibling, nephew or niece, first cousin or first cousin once removed, and the spouse of any of the above. . . .”</p>
<p>Employment – Wages 2014 PA 138 MCL 408.414 05-27-2014</p>	<p>On 01-01-2016 the minimum wage increased from \$8.15 per hour to \$8.50 per hour.</p>	<p>The minimum wage will increase⁴ to \$8.90 on 01-01-2017.</p>
<p>Public Assistance – Eligibility 2015 PA 56 HB 4041 MCL 400.57b 06-11-2015</p>	<p>Eligibility for public assistance is tied to school attendance by the grantee’s minor children.</p>	