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HOUSE BILL No. 1262

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Synopsis: Tax refund intercepts for debt owed to local units. Revises the procedures involved when a political subdivision seeks a set off of a tax refund from the department of state revenue for debts owed to the political subdivision by a debtor. Repeals a provision pertaining to hearings with debtors on disputed debts that are owed to political subdivisions that use the tax refund set off process.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-13-9-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.117-2007,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JANUARY 1, 2018 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 11. (a) ~~As used in The~~
4 **following definitions apply throughout** this section:
5 (1) **"Clearinghouse" refers to the clearinghouse registered**
6 **with the department of state revenue under IC 6-8.1-9.5-3.5.**
7 (2) "Investment pool" means the local government investment
8 pool established by subsection (b).
9 (b) The local government investment pool is established within the
10 office and custody of the treasurer of state.
11 (c) An officer designated in section 1 of this chapter may pay any
12 funds held by the officer into the investment pool for the purpose of
13 deposit, investment, and reinvestment of the funds by the treasurer of
14 state on behalf of the unit of government paying the funds into the
15 investment pool.
16 (d) The treasurer of state may pay state funds into the investment
17 pool for the purpose of deposit, investment, and reinvestment of the

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1 state funds.

2 **(e) The treasurer of state shall establish an account in the**
 3 **investment pool for the operator of the clearinghouse. The**
 4 **treasurer shall hold amounts paid by the department of state**
 5 **revenue for deposit in the clearinghouse operator's account in the**
 6 **investment pool and periodically distribute the money to the**
 7 **operator of the clearinghouse.**

8 ~~(e)~~ **(f)** The treasurer of state shall invest the funds in the investment
 9 pool in the same manner, in the same type of instruments, and subject
 10 to the same limitations provided for the deposit and investment of state
 11 funds by the treasurer of state under IC 5-13-10.5.

12 ~~(f)~~ **(g)** The treasurer of state:

13 (1) shall administer the investment pool; and

14 (2) may contract with accountants, attorneys, regulated
 15 investment advisors, money managers, and other finance and
 16 investment professionals to make investments and provide for the
 17 public accounting and legal compliance necessary to ensure and
 18 maintain the safety, liquidity, and yield of the investment pool.

19 ~~(g)~~ **(h)** The treasurer of state shall establish and make public the
 20 policies that the treasurer of state will follow to ensure the efficient
 21 administration of and accounting for the investment pool. The policies
 22 must provide the following:

23 (1) There is not a minimum time for which funds paid into the
 24 investment pool must be retained by the investment pool.

25 (2) The administrative expenses of the investment pool shall be
 26 accounted for by the treasurer of state and shall be paid from the
 27 earnings of the investment pool.

28 (3) The earnings of the investment pool in excess of the
 29 administrative expenses of the investment pool shall be credited
 30 to the state and each unit of government participating in the
 31 investment pool in a manner that equitably reflects the different
 32 amounts and terms of the state's investment and each unit's
 33 investment in the investment pool.

34 (4) There is not a limit on the number of accounts that the state or
 35 a unit of government participating in the investment pool may
 36 establish within the investment pool.

37 (5) The state and each unit of government participating in the
 38 investment pool shall receive electronic or paper reports,
 39 including:

40 (A) a daily transaction confirmation, reflecting any activity in
 41 the state's or unit's account; and

42 (B) a monthly report showing:



- 1 (i) the state's or unit's investment activity in the investment
 2 pool; and
 3 (ii) the performance and composition of the investment pool.
 4 (6) The investment pool shall be audited at least annually by an
 5 independent auditing firm, with an electronic or a paper copy of
 6 the audit provided to the state and each unit of government
 7 participating in the pool.
 8 (7) No less than fifty percent (50%) of funds available for
 9 investment shall be deposited in banks qualified to hold deposits
 10 of participating local government entities.
 11 ~~(h)~~ (i) A unit of government participating in the investment pool
 12 may elect to have any funds due from the state wired directly to the
 13 custodian bank of the investment pool for credit to the unit's investment
 14 pool account by submitting in writing a request to the auditor of state
 15 to wire the funds as directed. An election made by a unit of government
 16 under this subsection may be revoked at any time by the unit by
 17 submitting in writing a request to the auditor of state to cease wiring
 18 the funds as previously directed by the unit.
 19 SECTION 2. IC 6-8.1-9-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.239-2017,
 20 SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 21 JANUARY 1, 2018 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 14. (a) Except as
 22 provided in subsection (n), the department shall establish, administer,
 23 and make available a centralized debt collection program for use by
 24 state agencies to collect delinquent accounts, charges, fees, loans,
 25 taxes, or other indebtedness owed to or being collected by state
 26 agencies. The department's collection facilities shall be available for
 27 use by other state agencies only when resources are available to the
 28 department.
 29 (b) The commissioner shall prescribe the appropriate form and
 30 manner in which collection information is to be submitted to the
 31 department.
 32 (c) The debt must be delinquent and not subject to litigation, claim,
 33 appeal, or review under the appropriate remedies of a state agency.
 34 (d) The department has the authority to collect for the state or
 35 claimant agency (as defined in IC 6-8.1-9.5-1) delinquent accounts,
 36 charges, fees, loans, taxes, or other indebtedness due:
 37 (1) the state;
 38 (2) a claimant agency that has a formal agreement with the
 39 department for central debt collection; or
 40 (3) a claimant agency described in IC 6-8.1-9.5-1(1)(B) that has
 41 an ~~interlocal~~ agreement with a clearinghouse that:
 42 (A) is established under IC 6-8.1-9.5-3.5; and



- 1 (B) has a formal agreement with the department for central
2 debt collection.
- 3 (e) The formal agreement must provide that the information
4 provided to the department be sufficient to establish the obligation in
5 court and to render the agreement as a legal judgment on behalf of the
6 state. After transferring a file for collection to the department for
7 collection, the claimant agency shall terminate all collection procedures
8 and be available to provide assistance to the department. Upon receipt
9 of a file for collection, the department shall comply with all applicable
10 state and federal laws governing collection of the debt.
- 11 (f) The department may use a claimant agency's statutory authority
12 to collect the claimant agency's delinquent accounts, charges, fees,
13 loans, taxes, or other indebtedness owed to the claimant agency.
- 14 (g) The department's right to credit against taxes due may not be
15 impaired by any right granted the department or other state agency
16 under this section.
- 17 (h) The department of state revenue may charge a debtor a fee not
18 to exceed fifteen percent (15%) of any funds the department collects
19 for a claimant agency. Notwithstanding any law concerning delinquent
20 accounts, charges, fees, loans, taxes, or other indebtedness, the fifteen
21 percent (15%) fee shall be added to the amount due to the state or
22 claimant agency when the collection is made.
- 23 (i) Fees collected under subsection (h) shall be retained by the
24 department after the debt is collected for the claimant agency and are
25 appropriated to the department for use by the department in
26 administering this section.
- 27 (j) The department shall transfer any funds collected from a debtor
28 to the claimant agency **or clearinghouse, as applicable**, within thirty
29 (30) days after the end of the month in which the funds were collected.
- 30 (k) When a claimant agency requests collection by the department,
31 the claimant agency shall provide the department with:
- 32 (1) the full name;
33 (2) the Social Security number or federal identification number,
34 or both;
35 (3) the last known mailing address; and
36 (4) additional information that the department may request;
37 concerning the debtor.
- 38 (l) The department shall establish a minimum amount that the
39 department will attempt to collect for the claimant agency.
- 40 (m) The commissioner shall report, not later than March 1 for the
41 previous calendar year, to the governor, the budget director, and the
42 legislative council concerning the implementation of the centralized



1 debt collection program, the number of debts, the dollar amounts of
 2 debts collected, and an estimate of the future costs and benefits that
 3 may be associated with the collection program. A report to the
 4 legislative council under this subsection must be in an electronic
 5 format under IC 5-14-6.

6 (n) The department may not assess a fee to a state agency or a
 7 custodial parent for seeking a set off to a state or federal income tax
 8 refund for past due child support.

9 SECTION 3. IC 6-8.1-9.5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.239-2017,
 10 SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JANUARY 1, 2018 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 1. The following
 12 definitions apply throughout this chapter:

13 (1) "Claimant agency" means:

14 (A) any state department, institution, commission, committee,
 15 board, division, bureau, authority, officer, official, or clerk of
 16 a circuit court; or

17 (B) a ~~unit of local government~~ **political subdivision** that has
 18 an ~~interlocal~~ agreement with a clearinghouse established under
 19 section 3.5 of this chapter.

20 **(2) "Clearinghouse" refers to a clearinghouse registered with**
 21 **the department under section 3.5(c) of this chapter.**

22 ~~(2)~~ **(3) "Debtor" means any person or legal entity that is**
 23 **delinquent in paying a debt to a claimant agency that has not been**
 24 **adjudicated, satisfied by court order, set aside by court order, or**
 25 **discharged in bankruptcy.**

26 ~~(3)~~ **(4) "Debt" means any liquidated amount owed and due to a**
 27 **Title IV-D agency of another state, or to any claimant agency**
 28 **which has accrued through contract, subrogation, assignment for**
 29 **purposes of collection, tort, operation of law, or any other legal**
 30 **theory, regardless of whether there is an outstanding judgment for**
 31 **that sum.**

32 ~~(4)~~ **"Unit of local government" means a county, city, town,**
 33 **township, and any other political subdivision, commission, or**
 34 **agency created under Indiana law. The term includes a school**
 35 **corporation under IC 20.**

36 **(5) "Investment pool" has the meaning set forth in**
 37 **IC 5-13-9-11.**

38 **(6) "Political subdivision" has the meaning set forth in**
 39 **IC 36-1-2-13.**

40 SECTION 4. IC 6-8.1-9.5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.239-2017,
 41 SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 42 JANUARY 1, 2018 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 3. (a) To obtain a set off



1 by the department, a claimant agency **described in section 1(1)(A) of**
 2 **this chapter** must

3 (1) ~~in the case of a claimant agency described in section 1(1)(A)~~
 4 ~~of this chapter~~, file an application for the set off or

5 (2) ~~in the case of a claimant agency described in section 1(1)(B)~~
 6 ~~of this chapter~~, direct the clearinghouse with which the claimant
 7 agency has an interlocal agreement under section 3.5(d) of this
 8 chapter to file an application for the set off on behalf of the
 9 claimant agency;

10 with the department before November 30 of the year preceding the
 11 calendar year in which a tax refund is payable by the department.

12 **(b) To obtain a set off by the department, a claimant agency**
 13 **described in section 1(1)(B) of this chapter must direct the**
 14 **clearinghouse with which the claimant agency has an agreement to**
 15 **file an application for the set off on behalf of the claimant agency**
 16 **before a date determined by the department and published on the**
 17 **department's Internet web site.**

18 (c) The department shall prescribe the form of and the contents of
 19 the application.

20 ~~(b)~~ (d) An application filed pursuant to **under** this section is
 21 effective only for the purpose of set off of tax refunds that are payable
 22 ~~in for~~ the calendar year ~~that succeeds the calendar year in for~~ which an
 23 application is filed.

24 SECTION 5. IC 6-8.1-9.5-3.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.239-2017,
 25 SECTION 26, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 26 JANUARY 1, 2018 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 3.5. (a) As used in this
 27 section, "claimant agency" refers only to a claimant agency described
 28 in section 1(1)(B) of this chapter.

29 (b) The department may enter into a contract with a nonprofit entity
 30 organized in Indiana that represents ~~units of local government~~
 31 ~~exclusively in Indiana~~ **political subdivisions** to establish a
 32 clearinghouse for the following purposes:

33 (1) To compile and consolidate debts of claimant agencies in a
 34 format that is consistent with the department's requirements for
 35 the set off of tax refunds under this chapter.

36 (2) To act as an intermediary on behalf of a claimant agency with
 37 respect to the department for purposes of this chapter.

38 (3) To submit an application for the set off of tax refunds with the
 39 department on behalf of a claimant agency under section ~~3(a)(2)~~
 40 **3(b)** of this chapter.

41 (4) To provide any other assistance to a claimant agency or the
 42 department that the department considers appropriate. Assistance



1 under this subdivision may include authorization for the
 2 clearinghouse to establish and maintain a toll free telephone
 3 number that enables a debtor to make inquiries concerning a tax
 4 refund set off under this chapter.

5 (c) A clearinghouse ~~established under subsection (b)~~ must register
 6 with the department. **The department may recognize** only one (1)
 7 clearinghouse ~~may be registered~~ to represent ~~units of local government~~
 8 **political subdivisions** at any given time.

9 (d) A ~~unit of local government~~ **political subdivision** may enter into
 10 an ~~interlocal~~ agreement ~~under IC 36-1-7~~ with a clearinghouse
 11 ~~established~~ **registered** under subsection ~~(b)~~ **(c)** to carry out activities
 12 on behalf of the ~~unit of local government~~ **political subdivision** as
 13 authorized in a ~~contract under subsection (b): the agreement.~~

14 (e) The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that set forth
 15 the procedures and format requirements that must be included in an
 16 ~~interlocal~~ agreement entered into under subsection (d).

17 SECTION 6. IC 6-8.1-9.5-3.7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 18 JANUARY 1, 2018 (RETROACTIVE)]. ~~Sec. 3-7: (a) A unit of local~~
 19 ~~government may not submit a debt for a set off of a tax refund under~~
 20 ~~section 3(a)(2) of this chapter unless the unit of local government first~~
 21 ~~complies with the requirements of this section:~~

22 (b) ~~A unit of local government must send written notice to a debtor~~
 23 ~~that the unit of local government intends to submit the debt owed by~~
 24 ~~the debtor for the tax refund set off under this chapter. The notice must~~
 25 ~~state substantially the following:~~

26 (1) ~~The unit of local government's basis for the claim to the debt~~
 27 ~~and set off.~~

28 (2) ~~The unit of local government intends to submit the debt owed~~
 29 ~~by the debtor for the tax refund set off under this chapter.~~

30 (3) ~~The debtor has the right to contest the matter by filing a~~
 31 ~~protest and request for hearing with the fiscal officer of the unit~~
 32 ~~of local government.~~

33 (4) ~~The time limits and procedures for protesting and requesting~~
 34 ~~the hearing.~~

35 (5) ~~A statement that the failure to protest and request a hearing~~
 36 ~~within the required time will result in the debt being submitted for~~
 37 ~~the tax refund set off under this chapter.~~

38 (6) ~~A statement that in addition to the amount of the debt owed by~~
 39 ~~the debtor, the total amount of the set off of the debtor's tax refund~~
 40 ~~may include the following fees for processing the set off of the~~
 41 ~~debtor's tax refund; as applicable:~~

42 (A) ~~The collection fee described in section 10(a) of this~~



1 chapter.
 2 (B) One (1) or more local collection assistance fees described
 3 in section 10(b) of this chapter.
 4 The notice required under this subsection must be made in the same
 5 manner as set forth in IC 4-21.5-3-1 for adjudicative proceedings.
 6 (c) A debtor may protest a proposed tax refund set off by submitting
 7 a written objection to the fiscal officer of the unit of local government
 8 not later than thirty (30) days after the notice under subsection (b) was
 9 served on the debtor. The rules for computing a period of time under
 10 IC 4-21.5-3-2 apply.
 11 (d) The fiscal officer of the unit of local government shall hold a
 12 hearing on a debtor's protest that is timely filed under subsection (c).
 13 The hearing must be conducted in an informal manner without recourse
 14 to the technical, common law rules of evidence applicable to civil
 15 actions in the courts. The debtor must be afforded the opportunity to
 16 respond to the written notice provided under subsection (b), present
 17 evidence and argument, cross-examine witnesses, and submit rebuttal
 18 evidence. At the conclusion of a hearing, the fiscal officer of the unit
 19 of local government shall issue a written decision on the debtor's
 20 protest that includes findings of fact and conclusions of law for all
 21 aspects of the decision.
 22 (e) A debtor that disagrees with a written decision of the fiscal
 23 officer of a unit of local government may file an action in the circuit or
 24 superior court of the county in which the unit of local government is
 25 located to stay the submission of the debt owed by the debtor for the
 26 tax refund set off under this chapter. The court has jurisdiction in such
 27 an action and shall determine the matter de novo, with the burden of
 28 proof on the unit of local government to sustain its written decision.
 29 (f) A unit of local government that fails to comply with the
 30 requirements of this section before submitting a debt for a tax refund
 31 set off under this chapter is liable to the debtor for the amount of any
 32 tax refund set off applied by the department for the debt to the claimant
 33 agency, including any collection fee.
 34 SECTION 7. IC 6-8.1-9.5-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 35 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 (RETROACTIVE)]:
 36 Sec. 5. (a) After a claimant agency receives notice that a debtor is
 37 entitled to a tax refund from the department, the claimant agency **or the**
 38 **clearinghouse, as provided in subsection (b)**, must within fifteen (15)
 39 days of the receipt of the notice of a tax refund send written notice to
 40 the debtor and the department of its intent to have the tax refund set
 41 off. This notice must clearly set forth the basis for the claim to the debt
 42 and set off.



1 **(b) An agreement described in section 3.5(d) of this chapter may**
 2 **provide that the clearinghouse is responsible for sending written**
 3 **notice to the debtor described in subsection (a) on behalf of a**
 4 **claimant agency described in section 1(1)(B) of this chapter.**

5 SECTION 8. IC 6-8.1-9.5-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 (RETROACTIVE)]:
 7 Sec. 6. A debtor who receives written notice pursuant to section 5 of
 8 this chapter is entitled to contest the claimant agency's right to the debt
 9 and set off at a hearing only if the debtor within thirty (30) days of ~~his~~
 10 **the debtor's** receipt of notice mails to the claimant agency written
 11 notice that ~~he~~ **the debtor** intends to contest the claimant agency's right
 12 to the debt.

13 SECTION 9. IC 6-8.1-9.5-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.239-2017,
 14 SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 15 JANUARY 1, 2018 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 7. (a) This subsection
 16 applies to a claimant agency described in section 1(1)(A) of this
 17 chapter. If a claimant agency receives written notice that a debtor
 18 intends to contest its claim to a debt and set off, the claimant agency
 19 shall hold a hearing under IC 4-21.5-3.

20 (b) This subsection applies to a claimant agency **that is a political**
 21 **subdivision** described in section 1(1)(B) of this chapter. If a claimant
 22 agency receives written notice that a debtor intends to contest the claim
 23 to a debt and set off following the notice provided under section 5 of
 24 this chapter, the claimant agency shall **send written notice of and** hold
 25 a hearing ~~under section 3.7(d) of this chapter. If a hearing was~~
 26 ~~previously held on the debtor's protest under section 3.7(d) of this~~
 27 ~~chapter, the hearing under this subsection shall be conducted as a~~
 28 ~~rehearing of the unit of local government's written decision. as~~
 29 **provided in subsection (c).**

30 (c) A notice issued by a political subdivision under subsection
 31 **(b) must state substantially the following:**

32 (1) The political subdivision's basis for the claim to the debt
 33 and set off.

34 (2) The date on which the political subdivision submitted the
 35 debt owed by the debtor for a tax refund set off under this
 36 chapter.

37 (3) The date, time, and place at which the political subdivision
 38 will conduct the hearing.

39 (4) The procedures under which the hearing will be
 40 conducted.

41 (5) A statement that in addition to the amount of the debt
 42 owed by the debtor, the total amount of the set off of the



1 debtor's tax refund may include the following fees for
2 processing the set off of the debtor's tax refund, as applicable:

3 **(A) The collection fee described in section 10(a) of this**
4 **chapter.**

5 **(B) One (1) or more local collection assistance fees**
6 **described in section 10(b) of this chapter.**

7 SECTION 10. IC 6-8.1-9.5-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
8 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 (RETROACTIVE)]:
9 Sec. 8. After a final determination of the validity of a debt due a
10 claimant agency pursuant to sections 6 and 7 of this chapter, the
11 claimant agency shall certify to the department the amount owed by the
12 debtor to the claimant agency that is subject to set off. Upon receipt of
13 certification of a debt, the department shall set off the appropriate
14 amount and pay it to:

15 **(1) the appropriate claimant agency; or**

16 **(2) the clearinghouse for deposit in the clearinghouse's**
17 **account in the investment pool established under**
18 **IC 5-13-9-11(e).**

19 SECTION 11. IC 6-8.1-9.5-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.239-2017,
20 SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
21 JANUARY 1, 2018 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 10. (a) The department
22 of state revenue may charge a debtor a fee of fifteen percent (15%) of
23 any debts collected under this chapter as a collection fee for the
24 department's services, not including any local collection assistance fees
25 charged under subsection (b).

26 (b) This subsection applies to a debt collected for a claimant agency
27 **that is a political subdivision** described in section 1(1)(B) of this
28 chapter. A local collection assistance fee not to exceed twenty dollars
29 (\$20) shall be imposed on each debt submitted by the claimant agency
30 and collected through a set off under this chapter. The board of the
31 nonprofit organization that operates the clearinghouse registered under
32 section 3.5 of this chapter shall determine the amount of the fee by
33 resolution. Notwithstanding any law concerning delinquent accounts,
34 charges, fees, loans, taxes, or other indebtedness, the local collection
35 assistance fee shall be added to the amount due the claimant agency
36 when the collection is made, not including any fee charged by the
37 department of state revenue under subsection (a). A fee collected under
38 this subsection shall be distributed by the department to:

39 **(1) the nonprofit entity with which the department has entered**
40 **into a contract under section 3.5(b) of this chapter; or**

41 **(2) at the direction of the nonprofit entity, the nonprofit**
42 **entity's account held by the investment pool.**



1 SECTION 12. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018
2 (RETROACTIVE)] (a) Notices to debtors that were issued by a unit
3 of local government (before the elimination of the term by
4 IC 6-8.1-9.5-1, as amended by this act) before January 1, 2018, in
5 anticipation of the effective date of IC 6-8.1-9.5-3.7 (as added by
6 P.L.239-2017, SECTION 27, and repealed by this act) on January
7 1, 2018, are legalized and validated to the extent that the notices to
8 debtors conformed with the requirements of IC 6-8.1-9.5-3.7 (as
9 added by P.L.239-2017, SECTION 27, and repealed by this act).
10 (b) Notices to debtors that are legal and valid under subsection
11 (a) shall be construed as legal and valid notices to debtors under
12 IC 6-8.1-9.5-7, as amended by this act.
13 (c) This SECTION expires January 1, 2019.
14 SECTION 13. An emergency is declared for this act.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred House Bill 1262, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 5, delete lines 9 through 37, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 3. IC 6-8.1-9.5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.239-2017, SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:

(1) "Claimant agency" means:

(A) any state department, institution, commission, committee, board, division, bureau, authority, officer, official, or clerk of a circuit court; or

(B) a ~~unit of local government~~ **political subdivision** that has an ~~interlocal~~ agreement with a clearinghouse established under section 3.5 of this chapter.

(2) "Clearinghouse" refers to a clearinghouse registered with the department under section 3.5(c) of this chapter.

~~(2)~~ **(3) "Debtor"** means any person or legal entity that is delinquent in paying a debt to a claimant agency that has not been adjudicated, satisfied by court order, set aside by court order, or discharged in bankruptcy.

~~(3)~~ **(4) "Debt"** means any liquidated amount owed and due to a Title IV-D agency of another state, or to any claimant agency which has accrued through contract, subrogation, assignment for purposes of collection, tort, operation of law, or any other legal theory, regardless of whether there is an outstanding judgment for that sum.

~~(4)~~ **"Unit of local government"** means a county, city, town, township, and any other political subdivision, commission, or agency created under Indiana law. The term includes a school corporation under IC 20.

(5) "Investment pool" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-13-9-11.

(6) "Political subdivision" has the meaning set forth in IC 36-1-2-13."

Page 6, delete lines 22 through 42.

Page 7, delete lines 1 through 14, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 5. IC 6-8.1-9.5-3.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.239-2017, SECTION 26, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



JANUARY 1, 2018 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 3.5. (a) As used in this section, "claimant agency" refers only to a claimant agency described in section 1(1)(B) of this chapter.

(b) The department may enter into a contract with a nonprofit entity organized in Indiana that represents ~~units of local government exclusively in Indiana~~ **political subdivisions** to establish a clearinghouse for the following purposes:

(1) To compile and consolidate debts of claimant agencies in a format that is consistent with the department's requirements for the set off of tax refunds under this chapter.

(2) To act as an intermediary on behalf of a claimant agency with respect to the department for purposes of this chapter.

(3) To submit an application for the set off of tax refunds with the department on behalf of a claimant agency under section ~~3(a)(2)~~ **3(b)** of this chapter.

(4) To provide any other assistance to a claimant agency or the department that the department considers appropriate. Assistance under this subdivision may include authorization for the clearinghouse to establish and maintain a toll free telephone number that enables a debtor to make inquiries concerning a tax refund set off under this chapter.

(c) A clearinghouse ~~established under subsection (b)~~ must register with the department. **The department may recognize** only one (1) clearinghouse ~~may be registered~~ to represent ~~units of local government~~ **political subdivisions** at any given time.

(d) A ~~unit of local government~~ **political subdivision** may enter into an ~~interlocal agreement under IC 36-1-7~~ with a clearinghouse ~~established~~ **registered** under subsection ~~(b)~~ (c) to carry out activities on behalf of the ~~unit of local government~~ **political subdivision** as authorized in a ~~contract under subsection (b): the agreement.~~

(e) The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that set forth the procedures and format requirements that must be included in an ~~interlocal agreement entered into under subsection (d).~~

Page 10, delete lines 5 through 16, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 10. IC 6-8.1-9.5-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 8. After a final determination of the validity of a debt due a claimant agency pursuant to sections 6 and 7 of this chapter, the claimant agency shall certify to the department the amount owed by the debtor to the claimant agency that is subject to set off. Upon receipt of certification of a debt, the department shall set off the appropriate



amount and pay it to:

- (1) the appropriate claimant agency; or
- (2) the clearinghouse for deposit in the clearinghouse's account in the investment pool established under IC 5-13-9-11(e)."**

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1262 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 22, nays 0.

