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HOUSE BILL NO. 1497

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 454.475, 536.100, and 536.110, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to the filing of petitions for review of certain decisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 454.475, 536.100, and 536.110, RSMo, are repealed and three
2 new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 454.475, 536.100, and 536.110,
3 to read as follows:

454.475. 1. Hearings provided for in this section shall be conducted pursuant to
2 chapter 536 by administrative hearing officers designated by the Missouri department of
3 social services. The hearing officer shall provide the parents, the person having custody of
4 the child, or other appropriate agencies or their attorneys with notice of any proceeding in
5 which support obligations may be established or modified. The department shall not be
6 stayed from enforcing and collecting upon the administrative order during the hearing process
7 and during any appeal to the courts of this state, unless specifically enjoined by court order.

8 2. If no factual issue has been raised by the application for hearing, or the issues
9 raised have been previously litigated or do not constitute a defense to the action, the director
10 may enter an order without an evidentiary hearing, which order shall be a final decision
11 entitled to judicial review as provided in sections 536.100 to 536.140.

12 3. After full and fair hearing, the hearing officer shall make specific findings
13 regarding the liability and responsibility, if any, of the alleged responsible parent for the
14 support of the dependent child, and for repayment of accrued state debt or arrearages, and the
15 costs of collection, and shall enter an order consistent therewith. In making the determination

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 of the amount the parent shall contribute toward the future support of a dependent child, the
17 hearing officer shall consider the factors set forth in section 452.340.

18 4. If the person who requests the hearing fails to appear at the time and place set for
19 the hearing, upon a showing of proper notice to that person, the hearing officer shall enter
20 findings and order in accordance with the provisions of the notice or motion unless the
21 hearing officer determines that no good cause therefor exists.

22 5. In contested cases, the findings and order of the hearing officer shall be the
23 decision of the director. Any parent or person having custody of the child adversely affected
24 by such decision may obtain judicial review pursuant to sections 536.100 to 536.140 by filing
25 a petition for review in the circuit court of proper venue within thirty days of mailing of the
26 decision. **Such thirty days shall be calculated as provided under Missouri supreme court**
27 **rule 44.01(e).** Copies of the decision or order of the hearing officer shall be mailed to any
28 parent, person having custody of the child and the division within fourteen days of issuance.

29 6. If a hearing has been requested, and upon request of a parent, a person having
30 custody of the child, the division or a IV-D agency, the director shall enter a temporary order
31 requiring the provision of child support pending the final decision or order pursuant to this
32 section if there is clear and convincing evidence establishing a presumption of paternity
33 pursuant to section 210.822. In determining the amount of child support, the director shall
34 consider the factors set forth in section 452.340. The temporary order, effective upon filing
35 pursuant to section 454.490, is not subject to a hearing pursuant to this section. The
36 temporary order may be stayed by a court of competent jurisdiction only after a hearing and a
37 finding by the court that the order fails to comply with rule 88.01.

38 7. (1) Any administrative decision or order issued under this section containing
39 clerical mistakes arising from oversight or omission, except proposed administrative
40 modifications of judicial orders, may be corrected by an agency administrative hearing officer
41 at any time upon ~~their~~ **his or her** own initiative or written motion filed by the division or
42 any party to the action provided the written motion is mailed to all parties. Any objection or
43 response to the written motion shall be made in writing and filed with the hearing officer
44 within fifteen days from the mailing date of the motion. Proposed administrative
45 modifications of judicial orders may be corrected by an agency administrative hearing
46 officer prior to the filing of the proposed administrative modification of a judicial order with
47 the court that entered the underlying judicial order as required in section 454.496, or upon
48 express order of the court that entered the underlying judicial order. No correction shall be
49 made during the court's review of the administrative decision, order, or proposed order as
50 authorized under sections 536.100 to 536.140, except in response to an express order from the
51 reviewing court.

52 (2) Any administrative decision or order or proposed administrative modification of
53 judicial order issued under this section containing errors arising from mistake, surprise, fraud,
54 misrepresentation, excusable neglect or inadvertence, may be corrected prior to being filed
55 with the court by an agency administrative hearing officer upon ~~[their]~~ **his or her** own
56 initiative or by written motion filed by the division or any party to the action provided the
57 written motion is mailed to all parties and filed within sixty days of the administrative
58 decision, order, or proposed decision and order. Any objection or response to the written
59 motion shall be made in writing and filed with the hearing officer within fifteen days from the
60 mailing date of the motion. No decision, order, or proposed administrative modification of
61 judicial order may be corrected after ninety days from the mailing of the administrative
62 decision, order, or proposed order or during the court's review of the administrative decision,
63 order, or proposed order as authorized under sections 536.100 to 536.140, except in response
64 to an express order from the reviewing court.

65 (3) Any administrative decision or order or proposed administrative modification of
66 judicial order issued under this section may be vacated by an agency administrative hearing
67 officer upon ~~[their]~~ **his or her** own initiative or by written motion filed by the division or any
68 party to the action provided the written motion is mailed to all parties, if the administrative
69 hearing officer determines that the decision or order was issued without subject matter
70 jurisdiction, without personal jurisdiction, or without affording the parties due process. Any
71 objection or response to the written motion shall be made in writing and filed with the hearing
72 officer within fifteen days from the mailing date of the motion. A proposed administrative
73 modification of a judicial order may only be vacated prior to being filed with the court. No
74 decision, order, or proposed administrative modification of a judicial order may be vacated
75 during the court's review of the administrative decision, order, or proposed order as
76 authorized under sections 536.100 to 536.140, except in response to an express order from the
77 reviewing court.

536.100. Any person who has exhausted all administrative remedies provided by law
2 and who is aggrieved by a final decision in a contested case, whether such decision is
3 affirmative or negative in form, shall be entitled to judicial review thereof, as provided in
4 sections 536.100 to 536.140, unless some other provision for judicial review is provided by
5 statute; provided, however, that nothing in this chapter contained shall prevent any person
6 from attacking any void order of an agency at any time or in any manner that would be proper
7 in the absence of this section. If the agency or any board, other than the administrative
8 hearing commission, established to provide independent review of the decisions of a
9 department or division that is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations under this
10 chapter fails to issue a final decision in a contested case within the earlier of:

11 (1) Sixty days after the conclusion of a hearing on the contested case; or

12 (2) One hundred eighty days after the receipt by the agency of a written request for
13 the issuance of a final decision,
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15 then the person shall be considered to have exhausted all administrative remedies and shall be
16 considered to have received a final decision in favor of the agency and shall be entitled to
17 immediate judicial review as provided in sections 536.100 to 536.140 or other provision for
18 judicial review provided by statute. In cases, whether contested or not, where the law
19 provides for an independent review of an agency's decision by a board other than the
20 administrative hearing commission and further provides for a de novo review of the board's
21 decision by the circuit court, a party aggrieved by the agency's decision may, within thirty
22 days after it receives notice of that decision, waive independent review by the board and
23 instead file a petition in the circuit court for the de novo review of the agency's decision.
24 **Such thirty days shall be calculated as provided under Missouri supreme court rule**
25 **44.01(e).** The party filing the petition under this section shall be considered to have
26 exhausted all administrative remedies.

536.110. 1. Proceedings for review may be instituted by filing a petition in the circuit
2 court of the county of proper venue within thirty days after the mailing or delivery of the
3 notice of the agency's final decision. **Such thirty days shall be calculated as provided**
4 **under Missouri supreme court rule 44.01(e).**

5 2. Such petition may be filed without first seeking a rehearing, but in cases where
6 agencies have authority to entertain motions for rehearing and such a motion is duly filed, the
7 thirty-day period aforesaid shall run from the date of the delivery or mailing of notice of the
8 agency's decision on such motion. No summons shall issue in such case, but copies of the
9 petition shall be delivered to the agency and to each party of record in the proceedings before
10 the agency or to his attorney of record, or shall be mailed to the agency and to such party or
11 his said attorney by registered mail, and proof of such delivery or mailing shall be filed in the
12 case.

13 3. The venue of such cases shall, at the option of the plaintiff, be in the circuit court of
14 Cole County or in the county of the plaintiff or of one of the plaintiff's residence or if any
15 plaintiff is a corporation, domestic or foreign, having a registered office or business office in
16 this state, in the county of such registered office or business office, except that, in cases
17 involving real property or improvements thereto, the venue shall be the circuit court of the
18 county where such real property is located. The court in its discretion may permit other
19 interested persons to intervene.

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