



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Text

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Joint resolution authorizing the execution and emergency appropriation of a Title IV-D Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (IDHFS) and the Lake County State's Attorney for the continuation of the State's Attorney's Child Support Enforcement Program for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, for a maximum reimbursement amount of \$610,000 for staff wages and benefits.

- Since 1985, the State's Attorney's Office has entered into an annual Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (IDHFS) to provide child support enforcement services.
- Pursuant to these annual agreements, the State's Attorney's Office reasonable costs for providing these services, as determined by IDHFS, are to be reimbursed.
- From 1999 to 2017, the State's Attorney's Child Support Enforcement (CSE) staff included three assistant state's attorneys, four secretaries, three paralegals and one investigator.
- Currently, the CSE staff includes two full-time assistant state's attorneys, a .5 full-time equivalent (FTE) assistant state's attorney/supervisor, three full-time legal assistants, and 2.75 FTE paralegals.
- The Child Support Enforcement Division handles approximately 12,000 active cases, including those to establish paternity, to set support upon voluntary acknowledgement, to establish medical support orders, and to enforce orders for payment of support.
- IDHFS has tendered a proposed State fiscal year (SFY) 2020 contract to reimburse personnel costs not to exceed \$610,000, 66 percent of which is federal funds.
- Funding for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020 Lake County contract remains the same as the SFY 2019's contract.
- Total FY 2019 Program cost is \$923,705 which includes: \$610,000 from the State of IDHFS, \$9,475 reimbursement from the State's Attorney's Environmental Fund, and \$304,230 in the State's Attorney's current operating budget.

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the IDHFS has notified the State's Attorney's Office that the Department desires to renew its Intergovernmental Agreements for the Child Support Enforcement Services; and

**WHEREAS**, IDHFS has tendered a proposed State FY 2020 contract for salary/fringe reimbursement not to exceed \$610,000; and

**WHEREAS**, revenue of \$610,000 for salary/fringe costs was originally appropriated in the County FY2019 budget for the Child Support Enforcement Division,

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize the program agreements attached hereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, IDHFS reimbursements be deposited in fund 101, management center 3306010, account 45140; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, offsetting revenue in the amount of \$9,475 shall be deposited in account 101-3306010-45970 from the State's Attorney's Environmental Fund; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a part-time paralegal position shall remain vacant resulting in offsetting expense savings in the amount of \$18,800; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a full-time legal assistant position shall remain vacant resulting in offsetting expense savings in the amount of \$61,725; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the intergovernmental agreement for the State's Attorney Child Support Enforcement Program, in the amount of \$610,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 is hereby accepted; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the State's Attorney shall serve as project director for the program, and accurate records of all necessary grant compliance requirements shall be kept by the State's Attorney Office; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Board, the Lake County State's Attorney, and the Lake County Treasurer are hereby authorized to execute the necessary documentation to approve the attached agreements.

**DATED**, at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, on this 14th day of May A.D., 2019.