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§48-18-119. Obtaining support from unemployment compensation benefits.

(a) The Commissioner shall enter into a written agreement with the Bureau of Employment Programs for the purpose of withholding unemployment compensation from individuals with unmet support obligations being enforced by the Bureau for Child Support Enforcement. The Commissioner shall, through direct contact with the Bureau of Employment Programs, process cases through the Bureau of Employment Programs in this state, and shall process cases through support enforcement agencies in other states. The Commissioner shall receive all amounts withheld by the Bureau of Employment Programs in this state, forwarding any amounts withheld on behalf of support enforcement agencies in other states to those agencies.

(b) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Legal process" means a writ, order, summons or other similar process in the nature of garnishment which is issued by a court of competent jurisdiction or by an authorized official pursuant to an order to such court or pursuant to state or local law.

(2) "Unemployment compensation" means any compensation under state unemployment compensation law (including amounts payable in accordance with agreements under any federal unemployment compensation law). It includes extended benefits, unemployment compensation for federal employees, unemployment compensation for ex-servicemen, trade readjustment allowances, disaster unemployment assistance, and payments under the Federal Redwood National Park Expansion Act.

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