



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Bureau for Child Support Enforcement

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March 7, 2017



RE: FOIA Request dated February 27, 2017

Dear Ms. D'Andre:

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources received your Freedom of Information Act request on March 6, 2017. Pursuant to our FOIA statute (W.Va. Code §29B-1-1, *et seq.*), I am providing the following information:

Request 1: The number of open cases with the Child Support Program in the State.

Response 1: As of February 28, 2017, the West Virginia Bureau for Child Support Enforcement had a total of 117,170 open cases, of which 114,893 were classified as IV-D and the remainder were not IV-D (for example spousal support only, income withholding only, etc.).

Request 2: The top 100 cases with the highest balances due in the State. For example, #1 - \$1+million, #2- \$975k and so on.

Response 2: A list of the 100 highest arrears amounts owed in the IV-D caseload (as of February 28, 2017) is attached. Since your request did not specify inclusion of any Personally Identifying Information, I am assuming that you understand that such information would be confidential, and has not been included in this response.

Request 3: Clarification on the amount due. Does it represent support due or support plus interest (if in judgment)?

Response 3: West Virginia law provides for interest to be charged upon unpaid installments of support for West Virginia orders. Accordingly, many of our cases include unpaid interest in the arrears balances. Our data extract tool does not distinguish whether the arrears amount in any particular case contains interest.

Since the cost of providing the information in this letter is *de minimus*, there will be no fee. I trust that this letter fully answers your request. Therefore, I am stating to you that my duty to respond is at an end. The FOIA statute affords you the opportunity to seek injunctive or declaratory relief in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia.

Sincerely,



Heidi L. Talmage
General Counsel

cc: DHHR General Counsel

SUMM Arrears ▾
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397,799.58
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