

**UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 310 of 1996**

**ARTICLE I**

**552.1101 Short title.**

Sec. 101. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “uniform interstate family support act”.

**History:** 1996, Act 310, Eff. June 1, 1997.

**552.1102 Definitions; C to H.**

Sec. 102. As used in this act:

(a) “Child” means an individual, whether over or under the age of majority, who is or is alleged to be owed a duty of support by the individual's parent or who is or is alleged to be the beneficiary of a support order directed to the parent.

(b) “Child support order” means a support order for a child, including a child who has attained the age of majority under the law of the issuing state.

(c) “Duty of support” means an obligation imposed or imposable by law to provide support for a child, spouse, or former spouse, including an unsatisfied obligation to provide support.

(d) “Employer” means that term as defined in section 2 of the support and parenting time enforcement act, Act No. 295 of the Public Acts of 1982, being section 552.602 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(e) “Home state” means the state in which a child lived with a parent or a person acting as parent for at least 6 consecutive months immediately preceding the time of petitioning for support or, if a child is less than 6 months old, the state in which the child lived from birth with a parent or a person acting as parent. A period of temporary absence of any of them is counted as part of the 6-month period or other period.

**History:** 1996, Act 310, Eff. June 1, 1997.

**552.1103 Definitions; I to O.**

Sec. 103. As used in this act:

(a) “Income” includes earnings or other periodic entitlements to money from any source and any other property subject to withholding for support under this state's law.

(b) “Income withholding order” means legal process directed to an obligor's employer or other debtor to withhold support from the obligor's income.

(c) “Initiating state” means a state from which a proceeding is forwarded or in which a proceeding is filed for forwarding to a responding state under this act or a law or procedure substantially similar to this act, the uniform reciprocal enforcement of support act, or the revised uniform reciprocal enforcement of support act, 1952 PA 8, MCL 780.151 to 780.183.

(d) “Initiating tribunal” means the authorized tribunal in an initiating state.

(e) “Issuing state” means the state in which a tribunal issues a support order or renders a judgment determining parentage.

(f) “Issuing tribunal” means the tribunal that issues a support order or renders a judgment determining parentage.

(g) “Law” includes decisional and statutory law, and rules and regulations having the force of law.

(h) “L.E.I.N.” means the law enforcement information network administered under the L.E.I.N. policy council act of 1974, 1974 PA 163, MCL 28.211 to 28.216.

(i) “Obligee” means any of the following:

(i) An individual to whom a duty of support is or is alleged to be owed or in whose favor a support order has been issued or a judgment determining parentage has been rendered.

(ii) A state or political subdivision to which the rights under a duty of support or support order have been assigned or that has independent claims based on financial assistance provided to an individual obligee.

(iii) An individual seeking a judgment determining parentage of the individual's child.

(j) “Obligor” means an individual about whom 1 of the following is true, or the estate of a decedent about whom 1 of the following was true before the individual's death:

(i) The individual owes or is alleged to owe a duty of support.

(ii) The individual is alleged, but has not been adjudicated, to be a child's parent.

(iii) The individual is liable under a support order.

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**552.1104 Definitions; R to T.**

Sec. 104. As used in this act:

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- (a) "Register" means to file a support order or judgment determining parentage in the circuit court.
- (b) "Registering tribunal" means a tribunal in which a support order is registered.
- (c) "Responding state" means a state in which a proceeding is filed or to which a proceeding is forwarded for filing from an initiating state under this act or a law or procedure substantially similar to this act, the uniform reciprocal enforcement of support act, or the revised uniform reciprocal enforcement of support act, 1952 PA 8, MCL 780.151 to 780.183.
- (d) "Responding tribunal" means the authorized tribunal in a responding state.
- (e) "Spousal support order" means a support order for an obligor's spouse or former spouse.
- (f) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. State includes an Indian tribe and a foreign jurisdiction that has enacted a law or established procedures for issuance and enforcement of support orders that are substantially similar to the procedures under this act, the uniform reciprocal enforcement of support act, or the revised uniform reciprocal enforcement of support act, 1952 PA 8, MCL 780.151 to 780.183.
- (g) "Support enforcement act" means this act, the uniform reciprocal enforcement of support act, the revised uniform reciprocal enforcement of support act, 1952 PA 8, MCL 780.151 to 780.183, or another act substantially similar to 1 of those acts that is in effect in this or another state. Support enforcement act includes a former act substantially similar to an act described in this subdivision under which an order was issued or proceeding initiated, which order or proceeding remains operative.
- (h) "Support enforcement agency" means a public official or agency authorized to seek any of the following:
  - (i) Enforcement of support orders or laws relating to the duty of support.
  - (ii) Establishment or modification of child support.
  - (iii) Determination of parentage.
  - (iv) Location of obligors or their assets.
- (i) "Support order" means a judgment, decree, or order, whether temporary, final, or subject to modification, for the benefit of a child, spouse, or former spouse that provides for monetary support, health care, arrearages, or reimbursement and may include related costs and fees, interest, income withholding, attorney fees, and other relief.
- (j) "Tribunal" means a court, administrative agency, or quasi-judicial entity authorized to establish, enforce, or modify support orders or determine parentage.

**History:** 1996, Act 310, Eff. June 1, 1997;—Am. 1998, Act 65, Imd. Eff. Apr. 27, 1998.

## **552.1105 Remedies.**

Sec. 105. A remedy provided by this act is cumulative and does not affect the availability of a remedy under other law.

**History:** 1996, Act 310, Eff. June 1, 1997.

## **552.1107 Applicability and construction of act.**

Sec. 107. This act shall be applied and construed to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law with respect to the subject of this act among states enacting it.

**History:** 1996, Act 310, Eff. June 1, 1997.

## **552.1108 Circuit court as tribunal.**

Sec. 108. The circuit court is the tribunal for this state.

**History:** 1996, Act 310, Eff. June 1, 1997.