

**THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CHILD SUPPORT PROTECTION ACT OF 2007  
(S. 803) OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION**

**WHEREAS**, The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 will significantly impact state child support enforcement programs by reducing the amount of child support collected for needy children and families at all income levels; and

**WHEREAS**, The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 undermines the Office of Child Support Enforcement's mission to "assure that assistance in obtaining support (both financial and medical) is available to children through locating parents, establishing paternity and support obligations, and enforcing those obligations."

**WHEREAS**, state child support programs collected nearly \$25 billion in support for over 17 million children in 2007;

**WHEREAS**, federal matching of state funds currently provides 66% of the operations costs states currently need to run their child support enforcement programs;

**WHEREAS**, child support helps families make ends meet, leave welfare, and avoid a return. Child support provides 31% of family income for lower-income single-mother families when received;

**WHEREAS**, many of the successful programs currently supported in large part by federal funds will be eliminated if the funding is not restored;

**WHEREAS**, if the funding is not restored, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that \$11 billion in support owed to children will go uncollected over the next ten years, even if states are capable of replacing even half of the lost federal funds;

**WHEREAS**, The Child Support Protection Act of 2007 and similar legislation would restore federal performance matching funds that were cut by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 and allow state child support agencies to maintain their level of performance to ensure that parents support their children;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that The Council of State Governments strongly urge Congress to restore funding to the child support enforcement program by passing The Child Support Protection Act of 2007 (S. 803) or similar legislation.

Adopted this 6th day of December, 2008 at the CSG 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting in Omaha, Nebraska.



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