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Rory L. Perry II, Clerk of Court
State Capitol Room E-317
1900 Kanawha Blvd., East
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RE: Prosed Amendments to Rule of Procedure for Child Abuse and Neglect

Dear Mr. Perry:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure for Child Abuse and Neglect Proceedings. The Bureau for Child Support Enforcement is hopeful that the new revisions to Chapter 49 will benefit all parties. We particularly appreciate that the revised statute clarifies that this agency is entitled to receive copies of support orders.

Reviewing the proposed Rules with my staff has prompted a suggestion. With the possibility that a circuit court may exert jurisdiction over a child support matter for many years after all other issues have been resolved, it may be helpful for the Court to promulgate official "self-help" forms for modifications, similar to the ones available for family court. It may not be necessary to issue a formal rule to implement this suggestion, but the comment period seemed like an opportune time to present it.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience. Thank you in advance your consideration of this suggestion.

Sincerely,

Garrett M. Jacobs
Commissioner

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