

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 442****HOUSE BILL NO. 94****By Representatives Borchert, Fraley, Tidwell, John DeBerry****Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1705****By Senators Herron, Marrero**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-501, relative to child support.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-501(b), is amended by inserting the following as a new subdivision (6) thereto:

(6) If the obligor is self-employed, or if the obligor is a partner, member, owner or officer of a partnership, limited liability company, corporation or other association or business entity from which the obligor receives compensation in the form of wages, salary, commissions, bonuses or otherwise, then the court may order the obligor, or the business entity of which the obligor is a partner, member, owner or officer, if applicable, to establish a bank account for the sole purpose of complying with the order issued pursuant to subsection (a). The order issued pursuant to subsection (a) shall specify the amount of the obligor's compensation that is to be deposited into such account and the frequency by which such deposits are to be made, whether weekly, biweekly or monthly. Within ten (10) days of the issuance of the order pursuant to subsection (a), the obligor or business entity shall provide the department with written authorization for the department's central collection and disbursement unit to receive from such account, by automatic bank withdrawal, the amount ordered by the court to be deposited into such account. Failure to either deposit the required amount into the account or to authorize automatic withdrawal of the required amount by the department's central collection and disbursement unit is failure to comply with a child support order which shall be punishable as civil contempt. As used in this subdivision, "self-employed" means earning one's livelihood directly from one's own business, trade or profession rather than as a specified salary or wages from an employer.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: June 4, 2007**

  
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JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 18th day of June 2007**

  
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PHIL BREDEESEN, GOVERNOR