



EASTERN REGIONAL INTERSTATE CHILD SUPPORT ASSOCIATION

Officers

Patrick Quinn, President
Michael McGuire, President-Elect
Nick Palos, VP Conference Operations
Laura Bernacki Stafford, VP Exhibitors & Sponsors
Tommy Howard, VP Policy & Legislation
Loretta Everett, Secretary
Rob Velcoff, Treasurer
Tom Horan, Immediate Past President

Board of Directors

Raymond Civitella	Tammy Pearson
Robbie Endris	Sharon Pizzuti
Amy Gober	Diane Potts
Tangler Gray	Melissa Rossow
Cristol Jones	Lisa Skenandore
Amy Kownack	Zach Steed
Terry O'Halloran	Patti Wood

Honorary Board

Margot Bean
Elaine Poole
Patterson Poulson
Pam Sala
Carla West

Comments by the Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association on the Proposed Changes to the Intergovernmental Reference Guide (IRG) OMB #0970-0209

I. Introduction

The Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association (ERICSA) is a not-for-profit organization of child support professionals from government agencies, the private sector, the bench, and the bar. Its mission is to build a stronger intergovernmental child support community by developing and advocating effective policy, facilitating communication, and delivering innovative professional training to enhance the well-being of families.

Founded in 1963, ERICSA historically has drawn its membership from tribes and states that border on, or are east of, the Mississippi River. ERICSA holds an annual training conference and provides policy positions on key issues affecting child support.

The Federal Office of Child Support (OCSE) proposes changes to the Intergovernmental Reference Guide (IRG) posted to the Federal Register, on **page 65818, Volume 84, Number 230**. ERICSA provides comments herein to the proposed changes.

II. ERICSA'S Comments on the Proposed Changes to the Intergovernmental Reference Guide (IRG)

The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) is proposing to add a new section (Section O) with six questions pertaining to family violence in the state profile. This will help process intergovernmental cases with family violence and help ensure the safety of children and families. OCSE is also proposing to delete Sections A–L (140 questions) from the tribal profile and create new sections (Sections A–D) with 11 questions regarding case processing. This will assist in the efficient processing of paternity and support obligations. ERICSA fully supports the proposed changes.

Sincerely,

Patrick Quinn, President
www.ericosa.org