

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Salary and Annuity Withholding Act is
5 amended by changing Section 4 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 365/4) (from Ch. 127, par. 354)

7 Sec. 4. Authorization of withholding. An employee or
8 annuitant may authorize the withholding of a portion of his
9 salary, wages, or annuity for any one or more of the following
10 purposes:

11 (1) for purchase of United States Savings Bonds;

12 (2) for payment of premiums on life or accident and
13 health insurance as defined in Section 4 of the "Illinois
14 Insurance Code", approved June 29, 1937, as amended, and
15 for payment of premiums on policies of automobile insurance
16 as defined in Section 143.13 of the "Illinois Insurance
17 Code", as amended, and the personal multiperil coverages
18 commonly known as homeowner's insurance. However, no
19 portion of salaries, wages or annuities may be withheld to
20 pay premiums on automobile, homeowner's, life or accident
21 and health insurance policies issued by any one insurance
22 company or insurance service company unless a minimum of
23 100 employees or annuitants insured by that company

1 authorize the withholding by an Office within 6 months
2 after such withholding begins. If such minimum is not
3 satisfied the Office may discontinue withholding for such
4 company. For any insurance company or insurance service
5 company which has not previously had withholding, the
6 Office may allow withholding for premiums, where less than
7 100 policies have been written, to cover a probationary
8 period. An insurance company which has discontinued
9 withholding may reinstate it upon presentation of facts
10 indicating new management or re-organization satisfactory
11 to the Office;

12 (3) for payment to any labor organization designated by
13 the employee;

14 (4) for payment of dues to any association the
15 membership of which consists of State employees and former
16 State employees;

17 (5) for deposit in any credit union, in which State
18 employees are within the field of membership as a result of
19 their employment;

20 (6) for payment to or for the benefit of an institution
21 of higher education by an employee of that institution;

22 (7) for payment of parking fees at the parking
23 facilities located on the Urbana-Champaign campus of the
24 University of Illinois;

25 (8) for voluntary payment to the State of Illinois of
26 amounts then due and payable to the State;

1 (9) for investment purchases made as a participant or
2 contributor to qualified tuition programs in College
3 ~~Savings Programs~~ established pursuant to Section 529 of the
4 Internal Revenue Code or qualified ABLE programs
5 established pursuant to Section 529A of the Internal
6 Revenue Code ~~Section 30-15.8a of the School Code;~~

7 (10) for voluntary payment to the Illinois Department
8 of Revenue of amounts due or to become due under the
9 Illinois Income Tax Act;

10 (11) for payment of optional contributions to a
11 retirement system subject to the provisions of the Illinois
12 Pension Code;

13 (12) for contributions to organizations found
14 qualified by the State Comptroller under the requirements
15 set forth in the Voluntary Payroll Deductions Act of 1983;

16 (13) for payment of fringe benefit contributions to
17 employee benefit trust funds (whether such employee
18 benefit trust funds are governed by the Employee Retirement
19 Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, 29 U.S.C. §1001 et
20 seq. or not) for State contractual employees hired through
21 labor organizations and working pursuant to a signed
22 agreement between a labor organization and a State agency,
23 whether subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act or not;
24 this item (13) is not intended to limit employee benefit
25 trust funds and the contributions to be made thereto to be
26 limited to those which are encompassed for purposes of

1 computing the prevailing wage in any particular locale, but
2 rather such employee benefit trusts are intended to include
3 contributions to be made to such funds that are intended to
4 assist in training, building and maintenance, industry
5 advancement, and the like, including but not limited to
6 those benefit trust funds such as pension and welfare that
7 are normally computed in the prevailing wage rates and
8 which otherwise would be subject to contribution
9 obligations by private employers that are signatory to
10 agreements with labor organizations;

11 (14) for voluntary payment as part of the Illinois
12 Gives Initiative under Section 26 of the State Comptroller
13 Act; or

14 (15) for payment of parking fees at the underground
15 facility located south of the William G. Stratton State
16 Office Building in Springfield or the parking ramp located
17 at 401 South College Street, west of the William G.
18 Stratton State Office Building in Springfield.

19 (Source: P.A. 98-700, eff. 7-7-14; 99-166, eff. 7-28-15.)

20 Section 10. The State Comptroller Act is amended by
21 changing Sections 10.05, 10.05d, 16.1, and 27 as follows:

22 (15 ILCS 405/10.05) (from Ch. 15, par. 210.05)

23 Sec. 10.05. Deductions from warrants; statement of reason
24 for deduction. Whenever any person shall be entitled to a

1 warrant or other payment from the treasury or other funds held
2 by the State Treasurer, on any account, against whom there
3 shall be any then due and payable account or claim in favor of
4 the State, the United States upon certification by the
5 Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, or his or her
6 delegate, pursuant to a reciprocal offset agreement under
7 subsection (i-1) of Section 10 of the Illinois State Collection
8 Act of 1986, or a unit of local government, a school district,
9 a public institution of higher education, as defined in Section
10 1 of the Board of Higher Education Act, or the clerk of a
11 circuit court, upon certification by that entity, the
12 Comptroller, upon notification thereof, shall ascertain the
13 amount due and payable to the State, the United States, the
14 unit of local government, the school district, the public
15 institution of higher education, or the clerk of the circuit
16 court, as aforesaid, and draw a warrant on the treasury or on
17 other funds held by the State Treasurer, stating the amount for
18 which the party was entitled to a warrant or other payment, the
19 amount deducted therefrom, and on what account, and directing
20 the payment of the balance; which warrant or payment as so
21 drawn shall be entered on the books of the Treasurer, and such
22 balance only shall be paid. The Comptroller may deduct any one
23 or more of the following: (i) the entire amount due and payable
24 to the State or a portion of the amount due and payable to the
25 State in accordance with the request of the notifying agency;
26 (ii) the entire amount due and payable to the United States or

1 a portion of the amount due and payable to the United States in
2 accordance with a reciprocal offset agreement under subsection
3 (i-1) of Section 10 of the Illinois State Collection Act of
4 1986; or (iii) the entire amount due and payable to the unit of
5 local government, school district, public institution of
6 higher education, or clerk of the circuit court, or a portion
7 of the amount due and payable to that entity, in accordance
8 with an intergovernmental agreement authorized under this
9 Section and Section 10.05d. No request from a notifying agency,
10 the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, a unit of
11 local government, a school district, a public institution of
12 higher education, or the clerk of a circuit court for an amount
13 to be deducted under this Section from a wage or salary
14 payment, ~~or~~ from a contractual payment to an individual for
15 personal services, or from pension annuity payments made under
16 the Illinois Pension Code shall exceed 25% of the net amount of
17 such payment. "Net amount" means that part of the earnings of
18 an individual remaining after deduction of any amounts required
19 by law to be withheld. For purposes of this provision, wage,
20 salary or other payments for personal services shall not
21 include final compensation payments for the value of accrued
22 vacation, overtime or sick leave. Whenever the Comptroller
23 draws a warrant or makes a payment involving a deduction
24 ordered under this Section, the Comptroller shall notify the
25 payee and the State agency that submitted the voucher of the
26 reason for the deduction and he or she shall retain a record of

1 such statement in his or her records. As used in this Section,
2 an "account or claim in favor of the State" includes all
3 amounts owing to "State agencies" as defined in Section 7 of
4 this Act. However, the Comptroller shall not be required to
5 accept accounts or claims owing to funds not held by the State
6 Treasurer, where such accounts or claims do not exceed \$50, nor
7 shall the Comptroller deduct from funds held by the State
8 Treasurer under the Senior Citizens and Persons with
9 Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act or for payments to
10 institutions from the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund
11 (unless the Trust Fund moneys are used for child support). The
12 Comptroller shall not deduct from payments to be disbursed from
13 the Child Support Enforcement Trust Fund as provided for under
14 Section 12-10.2 of the Illinois Public Aid Code, except for
15 payments representing interest on child support obligations
16 under Section 10-16.5 of that Code. The Comptroller and the
17 Department of Revenue shall enter into an interagency agreement
18 to establish responsibilities, duties, and procedures relating
19 to deductions from lottery prizes awarded under Section 20.1 of
20 the Illinois Lottery Law. The Comptroller may enter into an
21 intergovernmental agreement with the Department of Revenue and
22 the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, or his or
23 her delegate, to establish responsibilities, duties, and
24 procedures relating to reciprocal offset of delinquent State
25 and federal obligations pursuant to subsection (i-1) of Section
26 10 of the Illinois State Collection Act of 1986. The

1 Comptroller may enter into intergovernmental agreements with
2 any unit of local government, school district, public
3 institution of higher education, or clerk of a circuit court to
4 establish responsibilities, duties, and procedures to provide
5 for the offset, by the Comptroller, of obligations owed to
6 those entities.

7 For the purposes of this Section, "clerk of a circuit
8 court" means the clerk of a circuit court in any county in the
9 State.

10 (Source: P.A. 98-463, eff. 8-16-13; 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

11 (15 ILCS 405/10.05d)

12 Sec. 10.05d. Deductions for delinquent obligations owed to
13 units of local government, school districts, public
14 institutions of higher education, and clerks of the circuit
15 courts. Pursuant to Section 10.05 and this Section, the
16 Comptroller may enter into intergovernmental agreements with a
17 unit of local government, a school district, a public
18 institution of higher education, or the clerk of a circuit
19 court, in order to provide for (i) the use of the Comptroller's
20 offset system to collect delinquent obligations owed to that
21 entity and (ii) the payment to the Comptroller of a processing
22 charge of up to \$15 per transaction for offsets processed
23 without the assistance of a third-party vendor and a processing
24 charge of up to \$20 per transaction for offsets processed with
25 the assistance of a third-party vendor. A third-party vendor

1 may be selected by the Comptroller, pursuant to lawful
2 procurement practices, in order to provide enhanced
3 identification services to the State. The Comptroller shall
4 deduct, from a warrant or other payment described in Section
5 10.05, in accordance with the procedures provided therein, its
6 processing charge and the amount certified as necessary to
7 satisfy, in whole or in part, the delinquent obligation owed to
8 the unit of local government, school district, public
9 institution of higher education, or clerk of the circuit court,
10 as applicable. The Comptroller shall provide the unit of local
11 government, school district, public institution of higher
12 education, or clerk of the circuit court, as applicable, with
13 the address to which the warrant or other payment was to be
14 mailed and any other information pertaining to each person from
15 whom a deduction is made pursuant to this Section. All
16 deductions ordered under this Section and processing charges
17 imposed under this Section shall be deposited into the
18 Comptroller Debt Recovery Trust Fund, a special fund that the
19 Comptroller shall use for the collection of deductions and
20 processing charges, as provided by law, and the payment of
21 deductions and administrative expenses, as provided by law.

22 Upon processing a deduction, the Comptroller shall give
23 written notice to the person subject to the offset. The notice
24 shall inform the person that he or she may make a written
25 protest to the Comptroller within 60 days after the Comptroller
26 has given notice. The protest shall include the reason for

1 contesting the deduction and any other information that will
2 enable the Comptroller to determine the amount due and payable.
3 The notice may inform the person that, in lieu of protest, he
4 or she may provide written authority to the Comptroller to
5 process the deduction immediately. Upon receiving the written
6 authority provided by the person subject to the offset to
7 process the deduction immediately, the Comptroller may process
8 the deduction immediately. The intergovernmental agreement
9 entered into under Section 10.05 and this Section shall
10 establish procedures through which the Comptroller shall
11 determine the validity of the protest and shall make a final
12 disposition concerning the deduction. If the person subject to
13 the offset has not made a written protest within 60 days after
14 the Comptroller has given notice or if a final disposition is
15 made concerning the deduction, the Comptroller shall pay the
16 deduction to the unit of local government, school district,
17 public institution of higher education, or clerk of the circuit
18 court, as applicable, from the Comptroller Debt Recovery Trust
19 Fund.

20 For the purposes of this Section, "clerk of a circuit
21 court" means a clerk of the circuit court in any county in the
22 State.

23 For purposes of this Section, "third-party vendor" means
24 the vendor selected by the Comptroller to provide enhanced
25 identification services to the State.

26 (Source: P.A. 97-632, eff. 12-16-11; 97-970, eff. 8-16-12;

1 98-272, eff. 8-9-13.)

2 (15 ILCS 405/16.1) (from Ch. 15, par. 216.1)

3 Sec. 16.1. All reports filed by local governmental units
4 with the Comptroller together with any accompanying comment or
5 explanation immediately becomes part of his or her public
6 records and shall be open to public inspection. The Comptroller
7 shall establish and maintain an online repository ~~designated as~~
8 ~~"The Warehouse"~~ that makes available to the public any and all
9 reports required by law to be filed with the Office of the
10 Comptroller by local governmental units. The Comptroller shall
11 make the information contained in such reports available to
12 State agencies and units of local government upon request.

13 (Source: P.A. 99-393, eff. 1-1-16.)

14 (15 ILCS 405/27)

15 Sec. 27. Comptroller's online ledger. The Comptroller
16 shall establish and maintain an online repository of the
17 State's financial transactions, ~~to be known as the~~
18 ~~Comptroller's "Online Ledger"~~. The Comptroller shall establish
19 rules and regulations pertaining to the establishment and
20 maintenance of the online ledger ~~"Online Ledger"~~. Any listing
21 of an immediately preceding year's amount of State employee
22 salaries on the online ledger ~~"Online Ledger"~~ shall list the
23 total amount paid to a State employee during that past calendar
24 year, or a monthly reporting of a State employee's salary from

1 that past calendar year, as rounded to the nearest hundred
2 dollar. Any monthly reporting of a State employee's salary for
3 the current year shall also be listed as rounded to the nearest
4 hundred dollar. The Comptroller, in his or her discretion, may
5 list the unadjusted total salary amount paid to a State
6 employee for any previous year other than the rounded salary
7 amount for the immediately preceding calendar year.

8 (Source: P.A. 99-393, eff. 1-1-16; 100-253, eff. 1-1-18.)

9 Section 15. The Comptroller Merit Employment Code is
10 amended by changing Section 10b.7 as follows:

11 (15 ILCS 410/10b.7) (from Ch. 15, par. 432)

12 Sec. 10b.7. For the granting of appropriate preference in
13 entrance examinations to qualified veterans or persons who have
14 been members of the armed forces of the United States or to
15 qualified persons who, while citizens of the United States,
16 were members of the armed forces of allies of the United States
17 in time of hostilities with a foreign country, and to certain
18 other persons as set forth in this Section.

19 (a) As used in this Section:

20 (1) "Time of hostilities with a foreign country" means
21 any period of time in the past, present, or future during
22 which a declaration of war by the United States Congress
23 has been or is in effect or during which an emergency
24 condition has been or is in effect that is recognized by

1 the issuance of a Presidential proclamation or a
2 Presidential executive order and in which the armed forces
3 expeditionary medal or other campaign service medals are
4 awarded according to Presidential executive order.

5 (2) "Armed forces of the United States" means the
6 United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast
7 Guard. Service in the Merchant Marine that constitutes
8 active duty under Section 401 of federal Public Law 95-202
9 shall also be considered service in the Armed Forces of the
10 United States for purposes of this Section.

11 (3) "Veteran" means a person who has served as a member of
12 the armed forces of the United States, the Illinois National
13 Guard, or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United
14 States.

15 (b) The preference granted under this Section shall be in
16 the form of points added to the final grades of the persons if
17 they otherwise qualify and are entitled to appear on the list
18 of those eligible for appointments.

19 (c) A veteran is qualified for a preference of 10 points if
20 the veteran currently holds proof of a service connected
21 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
22 Affairs or an allied country or if the veteran is a recipient
23 of the Purple Heart.

24 (d) A veteran who has served during a time of hostilities
25 with a foreign country is qualified for a preference of 5
26 points if the veteran served under one or more of the following

1 conditions:

2 (1) The veteran served a total of at least 6 months, or

3 (2) The veteran served for the duration of hostilities
4 regardless of the length of engagement, or

5 (3) The veteran was discharged on the basis of
6 hardship, or

7 (4) The veteran was released from active duty because
8 of a service connected disability and was discharged under
9 honorable conditions.

10 (e) A person not eligible for a preference under subsection
11 (c) or (d) is qualified for a preference of 3 points if the
12 person has served in the armed forces of the United States, the
13 Illinois National Guard, or any reserve component of the armed
14 forces of the United States and the person: (1) served for at
15 least 6 months and has been discharged under honorable
16 conditions; ~~or~~ (2) has been discharged on the ground of
17 hardship; ~~or~~ (3) was released from active duty because of a
18 service connected disability; or (4) served a minimum of 4
19 years in the Illinois National Guard or reserve component of
20 the armed forces of the United States regardless of whether or
21 not the person was mobilized to active duty. An active member
22 of the National Guard or a reserve component of the armed
23 forces of the United States is eligible for the preference if
24 the member meets the service requirements of this subsection
25 (e).

26 (f) The rank order of persons entitled to a preference on

1 eligible lists shall be determined on the basis of their
2 augmented ratings. When the Director establishes eligible
3 lists on the basis of category ratings such as "superior",
4 "excellent", "well-qualified", and "qualified", the veteran
5 eligibles in each such category shall be preferred for
6 appointment before the non-veteran eligibles in the same
7 category.

8 (g) Employees in positions covered by jurisdiction B who,
9 while in good standing, leave to engage in military service
10 during a period of hostility, shall be given credit for
11 seniority purposes for time served in the armed forces.

12 (h) A surviving unremarried spouse of a veteran who
13 suffered a service connected death or the spouse of a veteran
14 who suffered a service connected disability that prevents the
15 veteran from qualifying for civil service employment shall be
16 entitled to the same preference to which the veteran would have
17 been entitled under this Section.

18 (i) A preference shall also be given to the following
19 individuals: 10 points for one parent of an unmarried veteran
20 who suffered a service connected death or a service connected
21 disability that prevents the veteran from qualifying for civil
22 service employment. The first parent to receive a civil service
23 appointment shall be the parent entitled to the preference.

24 (Source: P.A. 87-796.)

25 Section 20. The Illinois State Collection Act of 1986 is

1 amended by changing Section 5 as follows:

2 (30 ILCS 210/5) (from Ch. 15, par. 155)

3 Sec. 5. Rules; payment plans; offsets.

4 (a) Until July 1, 2004 for the Department of Public Aid and
5 July 1, 2005 for Universities and all other State agencies,
6 State agencies shall adopt rules establishing formal due dates
7 for amounts owing to the State and for the referral of
8 seriously past due accounts to private collection agencies,
9 unless otherwise expressly provided by law or rule, except that
10 on and after July 1, 2005, the Department of Employment
11 Security may continue to refer to private collection agencies
12 past due amounts that are exempt from subsection (g). Such
13 procedures shall be established in accord with sound business
14 practices.

15 (b) Until July 1, 2004 for the Department of Public Aid and
16 July 1, 2005 for Universities and all other State agencies,
17 agencies may enter deferred payment plans for debtors of the
18 agency and documentation of this fact retained by the agency,
19 where the deferred payment plan is likely to increase the net
20 amount collected by the State, except that, on and after July
21 1, 2005, the Department of Employment Security may continue to
22 enter deferred payment plans for debts that are exempt from
23 subsection (g).

24 (c) Until July 1, 2004 for the Department of Public Aid and
25 July 1, 2005 for Universities and all other State agencies,

1 State agencies may use the Comptroller's Offset System provided
2 in Section 10.05 of the State Comptroller Act for the
3 collection of debts owed to the agency, except that, on and
4 after July 1, 2005, the Department of Employment Security may
5 continue to use the Comptroller's offset system to collect
6 amounts that are exempt from subsection (g).

7 (c-1) All debts that exceed \$250 and are more than 90 days
8 past due shall be placed in the Comptroller's Offset System,
9 unless (i) the State agency shall have entered into a deferred
10 payment plan or demonstrates to the Comptroller's satisfaction
11 that referral for offset is not cost effective; or (ii) the
12 State agency is a university that elects to place in the
13 Comptroller's Offset System only debts that exceed \$1,000 and
14 are more than 90 days past due. All debt, and maintenance of
15 that debt, that is placed in the Comptroller's Offset System
16 must be submitted electronically to the office of the
17 Comptroller. Any exception to this requirement must be approved
18 in writing by the Comptroller.

19 (c-2) Upon processing a deduction to satisfy a debt owed to
20 a university or a State agency and placed in the Comptroller's
21 Offset System in accordance with subsection (c-1), the
22 Comptroller shall give written notice to the person subject to
23 the offset. The notice shall inform the person that he or she
24 may make a written protest to the Comptroller within 60 days
25 after the Comptroller has given notice. The notice may inform
26 the person that, in lieu of protest, he or she may provide

1 written authority to the Comptroller to process the deduction
2 immediately. Upon receiving the written authority provided by
3 the person subject to the offset to process the deduction
4 immediately, the Comptroller may process the deduction
5 immediately. The protest shall include the reason for
6 contesting the deduction and any other information that will
7 enable the Comptroller to determine the amount due and payable.
8 If the person subject to the offset has not made a written
9 protest within 60 days after the Comptroller has given notice,
10 or if a final disposition is made concerning the deduction, the
11 Comptroller shall pay the deduction to the university or the
12 State agency.

13 (c-3) For a debt owed to a university or a State agency and
14 placed in the Comptroller's Offset System in accordance with
15 subsection (c-1), the Comptroller shall deduct, from a warrant
16 or other payment, its processing charge and the amount
17 certified as necessary to satisfy, in whole or in part, the
18 debt owed to the university or the State agency. The
19 Comptroller shall deduct a processing charge of up to \$15 per
20 transaction for each offset and such charges shall be deposited
21 into the Comptroller Debt Recovery Trust Fund.

22 (c-4) If a State university withholds moneys from a
23 university-funded payroll for a debt in accordance with this
24 Act, the university may also withhold the processing charge
25 identified in Section 10.05d of the State Comptroller Act and
26 subsection (c-3) of Section 5 of the Illinois State Collection

1 Act of 1986. Both amounts must be remitted to the Office of the
2 Comptroller in a timely manner.

3 (d) State agencies shall develop internal procedures
4 whereby agency initiated payments to its debtors may be offset
5 without referral to the Comptroller's Offset System.

6 (e) State agencies or the Comptroller may remove claims
7 from the Comptroller's Offset System, where such claims have
8 been inactive for more than one year.

9 (f) State agencies may use the Comptroller's Offset System
10 to determine if any State agency is attempting to collect debt
11 from a contractor, bidder, or other proposed contracting party.

12 (g) Beginning July 1, 2004 for the Departments of Public
13 Aid (now Healthcare and Family Services) and Employment
14 Security and July 1, 2005 for Universities and other State
15 agencies, State agencies shall refer to the Department of
16 Revenue Debt Collection Bureau (the Bureau) all debt to the
17 State, provided that the debt satisfies the requirements for
18 referral of delinquent debt as established by rule by the
19 Department of Revenue.

20 (h) The Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall
21 be exempt from the requirements of this Section with regard to
22 child support debts, the collection of which is governed by the
23 requirements of Title IV, Part D of the federal Social Security
24 Act. The Department of Healthcare and Family Services may refer
25 child support debts to the Bureau, provided that the debt
26 satisfies the requirements for referral of delinquent debt as

1 established by rule by the Department of Revenue. The Bureau
2 shall use all legal means available to collect child support
3 debt, including those authorizing the Department of Revenue to
4 collect debt and those authorizing the Department of Healthcare
5 and Family Services to collect debt. All such referred debt
6 shall remain an obligation under the Department of Healthcare
7 and Family Services' Child Support Enforcement Program subject
8 to the requirements of Title IV, Part D of the federal Social
9 Security Act, including the continued use of federally mandated
10 enforcement remedies and techniques by the Department of
11 Healthcare and Family Services.

12 (h-1) The Department of Employment Security is exempt from
13 subsection (g) with regard to debts to any federal account,
14 including but not limited to the Unemployment Trust Fund, and
15 penalties and interest assessed under the Unemployment
16 Insurance Act. The Department of Employment Security may refer
17 those debts to the Bureau, provided the debt satisfies the
18 requirements for referral of delinquent debt as established by
19 rule by the Department of Revenue. The Bureau shall use all
20 legal means available to collect the debts, including those
21 authorizing the Department of Revenue to collect debt and those
22 authorizing the Department of Employment Security to collect
23 debt. All referred debt shall remain an obligation to the
24 account to which it is owed.

25 (i) All debt referred to the Bureau for collection shall
26 remain the property of the referring agency. The Bureau shall

1 collect debt on behalf of the referring agency using all legal
2 means available, including those authorizing the Department of
3 Revenue to collect debt and those authorizing the referring
4 agency to collect debt.

5 (j) No debt secured by an interest in real property granted
6 by the debtor in exchange for the creation of the debt shall be
7 referred to the Bureau. The Bureau shall have no obligation to
8 collect debts secured by an interest in real property.

9 (k) Beginning July 1, 2003, each agency shall collect and
10 provide the Bureau information regarding the nature and details
11 of its debt in such form and manner as the Department of
12 Revenue shall require.

13 (l) For all debt accruing after July 1, 2003, each agency
14 shall collect and transmit such debtor identification
15 information as the Department of Revenue shall require.

16 (Source: P.A. 97-759, eff. 7-6-12; 98-1043, eff. 8-25-14.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law.