Judge shall designate a place and time of conference.

- (2) Participation in conference. The Settlement Part Judge shall require that any attorney or other representative who is expected to try the case for each party be present. The Settlement Part Judge shall also require that the party's representative be accompanied by an official of the party having full settlement authority on behalf of the party. The parties and their representatives or attorneys are expected to be completely candid with the Settlement Judge so that he may properly guide settlement discussions. The failure to be present at a settlement conference or otherwise to comply with the orders of the Settlement Part Judge or the refusal to cooperate fully within the spirit of this rule may result in the imposition of sanctions under § 2200.41.
- (3) Confidentiality. All statements made, and all information presented, during the course of proceedings under this section shall be regarded as confidential and shall not be divulged outside of these proceedings except with the consent of the parties. The Settlement Part Judge shall if necessary issue appropriate orders in accordance with § 2200.11 to protect confidentiality. The Settlement Part Judge shall not divulge any statements or information presented during private negotiations with a party or his representative except with the consent of that party. No evidence of statements or conduct in proceedings under this section within the scope of Federal Rule of Evidence 408, no notes or other material prepared by or maintained by the Settlement Part Judge, and no communications between the Settlement Part Judge and the Chief Administrative Law Judge including the report of the Settlement Part Judge under paragraph (e) of this section, will be admissible in any subsequent hearing except by stipulation of the parties. Documents disclosed in the settlement process may not be used in litigation unless obtained through appropriate discovery or subpoena. The Settlement Part Judge shall not discuss the merits of the case with any other person, nor appear as a witness in any hearing of the
- (e) Record of proceedings. No material of any form required to be held confidential under paragraph (d)(3) of this section shall be considered part of the official case record required to be maintained under 29 U.S.C. § 661(g), nor shall any such material be open to public inspection as required by section 661(g), unless the parties otherwise stipulate. With the exception of an order approving the terms of any partial

- settlement agreed to between the parties as set forth in paragraph (f)(2) of this section, the Settlement Part Judge shall not file or cause to be filed in the official case record any material in his possession relating to these proceedings, including but not limited to communications with the Chief Administrative Law Judge and his report under paragraph (f) of this section, unless the parties otherwise stipulate.
- (f) Report of Settlement Part Judge. (1) The Settlement Part Judge may request from the Chief Administrative Law Judge one enlargement of the time of the settlement period not exceeding 30 days if the Settlement Part Judge finds that the additional time may be helpful in achieving a settlement of all or part of the issues in the case. This request, and any action of the Chief Administrative Law Judge in response thereto, may be written or oral.
- (2) The Settlement Part Judge, following the expiration of the settlement period or at such earlier date that he determines further negotiations would be fruitless, shall promptly notify the Chief Administrative Law Judge in writing of the status of the case. If the Settlement Judge has not approved a full settlement pursuant to § 2200.100, such report shall include copies of any written stipulations and orders embodying the terms of such partial settlement as has been achieved during the assignment.
- (3) At the termination of the settlement period without a full settlement, the Chief Administrative Law Judge shall promptly assign the case to an Administrative Law Judge other than the Settlement Part Judge or Chief Administrative Law Judge for appropriate action on the remaining issues.
- (g) Non-reviewability.

  Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2200.73 regarding interlocutory review, any decision concerning the assignment of a Settlement Part Judge or a particular Judge, any decision to request or to grant an enlargement of time under paragraph (e)(1) of this section, and any decision by the Settlement Part Judge to terminate proceedings under this section is not subject to review by, appeal to, or rehearing by any subsequent presiding officer, the Chief Administrative Law Judge, or the Commission.

Dated: February 24, 1998.

# Stuart E. Weisberg,

Chairman.

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# FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

#### 44 CFR Part 67

[Docket No. FEMA-7238]

#### Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Technical information or comments are requested on the proposed base (1% annual chance) flood elevations and proposed base flood elevation modifications for the communities listed below. The base flood elevations and modified base flood elevations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

**DATES:** The comment period is ninety (90) days following the second publication of this proposed rule in a newspaper of local circulation in each community.

**ADDRESSES:** The proposed base flood elevations for each community are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Executive Officer of each community. The respective addresses are listed in the following table.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frederick H. Sharrocks, Jr., Chief, Hazard Identification Branch, Mitigation Directorate, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2796.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency proposes to make determinations of base flood elevations and modified base flood elevations for each community listed below, in accordance with Section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed base flood and modified base flood elevations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These proposed elevations are used to

meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are also used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after these elevations are made final, and for the contents in these buildings.

## National Environmental Policy Act

This proposed rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR Part 10, Environmental Consideration. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

### Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Associate Director for Mitigation certifies that this proposed rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because proposed or modified base flood elevations are required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42

U.S.C. 4104, and are required to establish and maintain community eligibility in the NFIP. No regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared.

## **Regulatory Classification**

This proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of Section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

#### Executive Order 12612, Federalism

This proposed rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 12612, Federalism, dated October 26, 1987.

# **Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform**

This proposed rule meets the applicable standards of Section 2(b)(2) of Executive Order 12778.

### List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 67

Administrative practice and procedure, Flood insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, 44 CFR Part 67 is proposed to be amended as follows:

## PART 67—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 67 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 376.

#### § 67.4 [Amended]

2. The tables published under the authority of § 67.4 are proposed to be amended as follows:

State	City/town/county	Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground. *Elevation in feet. (NGVD)	
				Existing	Modified
Alaska	Emmonak (City) Unorganized Borough.	Yukon River	Over the entire corporate limits of the City.	None	Δ20

Maps are available for inspection at the City Office, Emmonak, Alaska.

Send comments to The Honorable Douglas Red Fox, Mayor, City of Emmonak, P.O. Box 9, Emmonak, Alaska 99581.  $\Delta$ —To indicate mean seal level (approximate).

Arkansas	Lakeview (Town) Phillips County.	White River	Luther King.	None	*173
			Approximately 1,500 feet east of the intersection of Martin Luther King and Maple.	None	*173

Maps are available for inspection at the Town of Lakeview Town Hall, 14264 Highway 44, Helena, Arkansas. Send comments to The Honorable Leon Phillips, Jr., Mayor, Town of Lakeview, 14264 Highway 44, Helena, Arkansas 72342.

Arkansas	Phillips County (Unincorporated Areas).	Crooked Creek	At confluence with Lick Creek Just downstream of Quarles Lane.	None None	*197 *252
	711000).	Crook Creek Lateral "A"	At confluence with Crooked Creek	None	*242
			Approximately 3,000 feet downstream of Hill Road.	None	#2
			Approximately 550 feet downstream of Hill Road.	None	*270
		Crooked Creek Lateral "B".	At confluence with Crooked Creek	None	*231
			Approximately 800 feet upstream of Kelsa Street.	None	*238
		Crooked Creek Lateral "C".	At confluence with Crooked Creek	None	*234
			Approximately 1,750 feet downstream from Sebastian Street.	None	*238
		Caney Creek	At confluence with Beaver Bayou Ditch	None	*183
		,	Approximately 4,250 feet upstream of Springdale Road.	None	*279
Arkansas		Caney Creek Lateral "A"	Approximately 200 feet upstream of confluence with Caney Creek.	None	*232
			Approximately 2,000 feet upstream of County Highway 242.	None	*246
		Caney Creek Lateral "C"	At confluence with Caney Creek	None	*205
			Just downstream of Little Rock Road	None	*210
		Caney Creek Lateral "D"	At confluence with Caney Creek	None	*198
		_	Just downstream of Little Rock Road	None	*210
		Beaver Bayou Ditch	At Missouri Pacific Railroad	None	*173

State	City/town/county	Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in for ground. *Elevation (NG\	ation in feet.
				Existing	Modified
		Lick Creek	Just south of Missouri Pacific Railroad At confluence with Big Creek	None None None	*182 *173 *199
		Freedonia Branch	Just downstream of U.S. Route 49 Approximately 2,200 feet upstream of Farm Road.	None None	*212 *230
		Main Outlet Ditch	Just upstream of Long Lake	None None	*179 *182
		Mississippi River	At U.S. Highway 49	None None	*197 *198
•	•	Cherry Street, Helena, Arkans	eas.		
Send comments to	The Honorable Donal	Talk. Gentry, Phillips County J	ludge, P.O. Box 391, Helena, Arkansas 7234	¥2.	
Arkansas	West Helena (City) Phillips County.	Crooked Crook Lateral	Just downstream of Airport Road	None	*228
		Crooked Creek Lateral "A".	Approximately 400 feet upstream of Mimosa Street.	None None	*258 *266
		Caney Creek	Approximately 1,300 feet upstream of Mimosa Street.  Approximately 300 feet downstream of	*201	*211
		Carlo, Crook	Little Rock Road.  Approximately 700 feet downstream of Highway 49.	None	*225
Arkansas			Approximately 200 feet upstream of Highway 49.	None	*232
		Caney Creek Lateral "A"	Approximately 100 feet upstream of confluence with Caney Creek.	None	*232
		Caney Creek Lateral "D"	Approximately 500 feet downstream of Little Rock Road. Approximately 100 feet upstream of Little	None *212	*207 *211
•	•	•	Rock Road. 98 East Plaza, West Helena, Arkansas.		
Send comments to	The Honorable Riley	P. Porter, Mayor, City of Wes	t Helena, 98 East Plaza, West Helena, Arkar	nsas 72390.	
California	Tulare County (Un- incorporated Areas).	Kaweah River Overflow	Just above State Highway 198	*292	*186
	,		Approximately 200 feet upstream of Persian Ditch.	*292	*293
			Approximately 1,150 feet upstream of Shirk Road.	N/A	*299
Maps are available	•	•	00 West Burrell, Room 10, Visalia, California Board of Supervisors, 2800 West Burrell, V		a 93291.
Send comments to	The nonorable bill ivia	ays, Chairman, Tulare County	board of Supervisors, 2000 West Burrell, V		
	Visalia (City) Tulare	Kaweah River Overflow	Just above State Highway 198	*292	*186
		T .	Just above State Highway 198 Approximately 200 feet upstream of Per-	*292 *292	
	Visalia (City) Tulare	T .	Just above State Highway 198		*186
California  Maps are available	Visalia (City) Tulare County.	Kaweah River Overflow  City of Visalia Planning and Br	Just above State Highway 198  Approximately 200 feet upstream of Persian Ditch.  Approximately 1,150 feet upstream of Shirk Road.  uilding Department, 707 West Acequia, Visal	*292 N/A lia, California.	*186
California  Maps are available Send comments to	Visalia (City) Tulare County.  for inspection at the County Mary	Kaweah River Overflow  City of Visalia Planning and Bull-ouise Vivier, Mayor, City of Vivier, City o	Just above State Highway 198	*292 N/A iia, California. 93291.	*186 *293 *299
California  Maps are available Send comments to	Visalia (City) Tulare County.	Kaweah River Overflow  City of Visalia Planning and Br	Just above State Highway 198  Approximately 200 feet upstream of Persian Ditch.  Approximately 1,150 feet upstream of Shirk Road.  uilding Department, 707 West Acequia, Visal/isalia, 707 West Acequia, Visalia, California  At confluence with Missouri River  Just upstream of 123rd Street	*292 N/A iia, California. 93291. None None	*186 *293 *299 *766 *839
California  Maps are available	Visalia (City) Tulare County.  for inspection at the County Management of the Honorable Mary Management (City)	Kaweah River Overflow  City of Visalia Planning and Bull-ouise Vivier, Mayor, City of Vivier, City o	Just above State Highway 198  Approximately 200 feet upstream of Persian Ditch.  Approximately 1,150 feet upstream of Shirk Road.  uilding Department, 707 West Acequia, Visalia, 707 West Acequia, Visalia, California	*292 N/A iia, California. 93291.	*186 *293 *299 *766

State	City/town/county	Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in fo ground. *Eleva (NG\	ation in feet.
				Existing	Modified
•	•	·	Floor, Room 421, Kansas City, Kansas. ansas City, Odie McDowell Plaza, Kansas Ci	ty, Kansas 6610	01.
Louisiana	Robeline (Village) Natchitoches Par-	Winn Creek	Approximately 1,200 feet downstream of abandoned railroad.	None	*141
	ish.		Approximately 1,500 feet upstream of Louisiana Highway 120.	None	*148
•	•	Depot Street, Robeline, Louis y O'Con, Mayor, Village of R	iana. obeline, P.O. Box 217, Robeline, Louisiana 7	71469.	
Louisiana	Ville Platte (Town) Evangeline Parish.	Tributary No. 1	Approximately 5,000 feet above confluence with Bayou Joe Marcel (at the downstream corporate limit).	None	*65
	1011.		Approximately 7,000 feet above confluence with Bayou Joe Marcel.	None	*67
		Tributary No. 2	Approximately 900 feet above confluence with Bayou Joe Marcel.	None	*64
		Tributory No. 2	Approximately 400 feet upstream of Reed Street.  Approximately 500 feet above confluence	None   N/A	*73 *65
		Tributary No. 3	with Bayou Joe Marcel.  Approximately 100 feet downstream of	N/A	*74
		Coulee de Manuel	Northeast Avenue.  Approximately 70 feet downstream of the	None	*68
			Louisiana Highway 10 bridge.  Approximately 170 feet upstream of the Louisiana Highway 10 bridge.	None	*68
•	•	West Main Street, Ville Platte tt Baquet, Mayor, Town of Vi		na 70586.	
Louisiana	Sulphur (City) Calcasieu Parish.	Sumpter Bayou	At confluence with Gilbert Lateral, approximately 1,800 feet downstream of Lightning Street.	*11	*11
			At western corporate limit, approximately 700 feet upstream of Drost Street.	*15	*12
•	•	'	Department, 500 North Huntington Street, Sulphur, P.O. Box 1309, Sulphur, Louisiana 70	•	a.
Montana	Ravalli County and Incorporated Areas.	Bitterroot River	At Ravalli-Missoula County boundary	*3,190	¹ <b>+</b> 3,194
	7 trodo.		Approximately 3,400 feet upstream of Stevensville cut-off.	*3,277	¹ <b>+</b> 3,279
			Approximately 4,600 feet upstream of stevensville cut-off.	*3,279	1+3,280
			Just upstream of U.S. Highway 93 Approximately 4,400 feet upstream of	*3,514 *3,558	<sup>2</sup> +3,517 <sup>2</sup> +3,558
			West Bridge Road. Approximately 1.2 miles upstream of	*3,565	<sup>2</sup> +3,563
			West Bridge Road. At U.S. Highway 93	*3,953	<sup>3</sup> +3,956
			Approximately 2.4 miles upstream of U.S. Highway 93.	None	<sup>3</sup> +4,002
		Left Branch of Bitterroot River.	At Ravalli-Missoula County boundary	None	<sup>1</sup> +3,194
			Approximately 1.5 miles upstream of Ravalli-Missoula County boundary.	None	1+3,203

State City/town/cou	City/town/county	Source of flooding	Location	ground. *Elev	#Depth in feet above ground. *Elevation in feet. (NGVD)	
				Existing	Modified	

Maps are available for inspection at the City of Hamilton Office of Building Development, 223 South Second Street, Hamilton, Montana.

Send comments to The Honorable Laurel Hegstad-Deschamps, Mayor, City of Hamilton, 223 South Second Street, Hamilton, Montana 59840.

Maps are available for inspection at the Ravalli County Planning Office, 205 Bedford, Hamilton, Montana.

Send comments to The Honorable Jack Atthowe, Chairman, Ravalli County Board of Commissioners, County Courthouse, 205 Bedford, Hamilton, Montana 59840.

Maps are available for inspection at the City of Stevensville City Hall, 219 College, Stevensville, Montana.

Send comments to The Honorable William H. Meisner, Mayor, City of Stevensville, P.O. Box 37, Stevensville, Montana 59870.

Maps are available for inspection at the Town of Darby Town Hall, 101 East Tanner, Darby, Montana.

Send comments to The Honorable Sharron Olson, Mayor, Town of Darby, P.O. Box 37, Darby, Montana 59829.

- <sup>1</sup> To convert from NAVD to NGVD, subtract 3.5 feet.
- <sup>2</sup>To convert from NAVD to NGVD, subtract 3.6 feet.
- <sup>3</sup>To convert from NAVD to NGVD, subtract 3.7 feet.

Nebraska	Columbus (City) Platte County.	Loup River	Approximately 1,000 feet upstream of City of Columbus eastern extraterritorial limit.	*1,426	*1,425
			At City of Columbus western extraterritorial limit.	*1,464	*1,466
•	•	, ,	4th Street, Columbus, Nebraska. olumbus, P.O. Box 1677, Columbus, Nebrask	a 68602.	
Nebraska	Platte Center (Village) Platte County.	Elm Creek	Approximately 1,700 feet downstream of Fourth Street.	None	*1,530
Nebraska	lage) Platte	Elm Creek	''	None None	*1,530 *1,546
Nebraska	lage) Platte	Elm Creek	Fourth Street.		,

Maps are available for inspection at the Village of Platte Center Auditorium, 315 Fourth Street, Platte Center, Nebraska.

Send comments to The Honorable John Wemhoff, Mayor, Village of Platte Center, 315 Fourth Street, Route 1, Box 44, Platte Center, Nebraska 68653.

Nebraska	Platte County (Un- incorporated Areas).	Elm Creek	Approximately 1,700 feet downstream of Fourth Street.	None	*1,530
	,		Approximately 1 mile upstream of Platte County Route 381.	None	*1,558
		Shell Creek	Approximately 1 mile downstream of the Union Pacific Railroad.	None	*1,522
			Approximately 3,000 feet upstream of the Union Pacific Railroad.	None	*1,533

Maps are available for inspection at the Platte County Highway Department, 2610 14th Street, Columbus, Nebraska.

Send comments to The Honorable Myron Frazen, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors, 2610 14th Street, Columbus, Nebraska 68601.

Oklahoma	Hartshorne (City)	Blue Creek	Approximately 650 feet downstream of	None	*673
	Pittsburg County.		Seneca Avenue.		
			Just upstream of Modoc Avenue	None	*691
Mans are available for inspection at the City of Hartsborne City Hall, 1101 Bonn Avenue, Hartsborne, Oklahoma					

Maps are available for inspection at the City of Hartshorne City Hall, 1101 Penn Avenue, Hartshorne, Oklahoma.

Send comments to The Honorable Tom Lordahl, Mayor, City of Hartshorne, City Hall, 1101 Penn Avenue, Hartshorne, Oklahoma 74547.

Wyoming	Cokeville (Town) Lincoln County.	South Fork	Approximately 1,100 feet downstream of Pacific Street at the northwestern border of the Town of Cokeville corporate limits.	None	*6,186
			Approximately 1,200 feet upstream of U.S. Highway 30N at the northeastern border of the Town of Cokeville corporate limits.	None	*6,208
		Spring Creek	Approximately 3,000 feet downstream of East Main Street at the northern boundary of the Town of Cokeville cor- porate limits.	None	*6,181
Wyoming			Approximately 2,000 feet upstream of private drive at the northeastern border of the Town of Cokeville corporate limits.	None	*6,213

State	City/town/county	Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground. *Elevation in feet. (NGVD)			
				Existing	Modified		
•	Maps are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, 110 Pine Street, Cokeville, Wyoming.  Send comments to The Honorable Allan Burton, Mayor, Town of Cokeville, P.O. Box 99, Cokeville, Wyoming 83114.						
Wyoming	Lincoln County (Un- incorporated Areas).	Smiths Fork	Approximately 2,600 feet downstream of Pacific Street.	None	*6,183		
	,		Approximately 2,350 feet upstream of U.S. Highway 30N.	None	*6,217		
		South Fork	Approximately 2,100 feet downstream of Union Pacific Railroad.	None	*6,183		
			Approximately 1,600 feet upstream of U.S. Highway 30N.	None	*6,215		
		Spring Creek	Approximately 2,800 feet upstream of U.S. Highway 30N.	None	*6,218		
			Approximately 1,000 feet upstream of Union Pacific Railroad.	None	*6,180		

Maps are available for inspection at the Lincoln County Planning Office, Beech Street and Topaz Avenue, Kemmerer, Wyoming.

Send comments to The Honorable Jerry Harmon, Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners, Lincoln County, 925 Sage Street, Kemmerer, Wyoming 83101.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.100, Flood Insurance)

Dated: February 19, 1998.

#### Michael J. Armstrong,

Associate Director for Mitigation. [FR Doc. 98–5262 Filed 2–27–98; 8:45 am]

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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

45 CFR Part 307

RIN 0970-AB71

## Automated Data Processing Funding Limitation for Child Support Enforcement Systems

**AGENCY:** Office of State Systems (OSS), OPS, ACF, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal share of funding available at an 80 percent matching rate for child support enforcement automated systems changes resulting from the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act is limited to a total of \$400,000,000 for fiscal years 1996 through 2001. This proposed rule responds to the requirement that the Secretary of Health and Human Services issue regulations which specify a formula for allocating this sum among the States, Territories and eligible systems.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to written comments received by May 1, 1998.

Address comments to: Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Washington, DC, 20447. Attention: Mark Ragan, Director, Office of State Systems.

Comments will be available for public inspection Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Department's offices at 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen H. Smith, (202) 690–6639.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act**

This proposed rule does not require information collection activities and, therefore, no approvals are necessary under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507(d)). In a separate transmittal, however, the Administration for Children and Families is submitting for approval the information collection activities under 45 CFR § 307.15 which is referenced in this proposed rule.

#### **Statutory Authority**

These proposed regulations are published under the authority of the Social Security Act (the Act), as amended by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA; Pub. L. 104–193) and section 5555 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105–33). Section 344(b) of Pub. L. 104–193 amends section 455(a) of the Act to provide enhanced Federal matching for approved development and implementation costs

of automated child support enforcement systems.

Section 344(b)(2) of PRWORA establishes a temporary limitation on payments under the special Federal matching rate of 80 percent. The Secretary of Health and Human Services may not pay more than \$400,000,000 in the aggregate for approved systems development and implementation costs in fiscal years 1996 through 2001. Under this section the Secretary is also required to prescribe in regulation a formula for allocating the available \$400,000,000 among the States. According to section 344(b)(2)(C) the formula for allocating the specified funds among the States shall take into account the relative size of State IV-D caseloads and the level of automation required to meet the IV-D automated data processing requirements. Section 5555 of The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 amends the requirements in this section of PRWORA to include certain systems in the allocation formula.

## **Regulatory Provisions**

#### Background

With the enactment of the Family Support Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100–485), States were required to have an operational child support enforcement system, certified by the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) as meeting the requirements specified in that statute and implementing regulations, no later than October 1, 1995. (Pub. L. 104–85 subsequently extended this deadline to October 1, 1997.) PRWORA specifies new requirements in section 454A of the Act which must be included in a State child support enforcement