



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

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**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Multistate
Financial Institution Data Match with Federally Assisted
State Transmitted Levy**

AGENCY: Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), is requesting a 3-year extension of the Multistate Financial Institution Data Match (MSFIDM) with Federally Assisted State Transmitted (FAST) Levy (Office of Management and Budget #: 0970-0196, expiration January 31, 2027). OCSE revised the MSFIDM handbook and the FAST Levy record specifications. Burden estimates were reduced by 32.71 percent to reflect the expected estimated number of respondents and responses per respondent over the next 3 years.

DATES: *Comments due* [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, ACF is soliciting public comment

on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. You can obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: State child support agencies (CSAs) are statutorily required to enter into data matching agreements with financial institutions doing business in their state to locate obligors' accounts. OCSE operates the MSFIDM program through the Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS) and facilitates the required data match between state and multistate financial institutions (MSFIs). State CSAs use the data match outcomes to fulfill a statutory requirement to seize an obligor's assets to satisfy past-due child support.

OCSE also operates FAST Levy, which is an automated application within the FPLS to exchange electronic lien/levy information securely and efficiently. State CSAs and financial institutions use FAST Levy to exchange information to freeze and seize financial assets more quickly and efficiently.

On December 19, 2025, ACF published a notice in the Federal Register Volume 90, Number 242, Page 59525 to announce that the Office of Child Support Services (OCSS) is now the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE). Any reference

to OCSS is changed to OCSE in the collection materials. Further, OCSE revised the MSFIDM handbook to include additional guidance for connectivity, testing, and production. The FAST Levy specifications also underwent other revisions to remove obsolete text and to clarify file name requirements.

Respondents: MSFIs and State CSAs

Annual Burden Estimates

The burden estimates were updated to reflect current estimates for the respondents and responses over the next 3 years. The burden reduction is attributable to a reduction in the estimated number of financial institutions electing to join FAST Levy because they use programming on their end and not a transmitter to send their files. Over the last 3 years, only one financial institution has joined FAST Levy; therefore, we changed the projection from 2 to 1 for each year. Also, the number of financial transmitters using the Child Support Portal decreased from 263 to 160. Many of the transmitters switched to an automated process through Secure File Transfer Protocol while others no longer transmit at all. The prior burden was 5,029.3 hours, the current burden is 3,384.1 hours, and this amounts to a burden reduction of 1,645.2 hours, or 32.71 percent.

Information Collection Instrument	Total Annual Number of Respondents	Total Annual Number of Responses Per Respondent	Average Annual Burden Hours Per Response	Total Annual Burden Hours
Financial Data Match Record Specifications Match File	160	4	0.083	53.12

Upload/Download: Portal Users				
Election Form	10	1	0.5	5.00
FAST-Levy Response Withhold Record Specifications: Financial Institutions	1	1	1,716	1,716.00
FAST-Levy Request Withhold Record Specifications: State Child Support Agencies	1	1	1,610	1,610.0

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,384.12

Comments: The Department specifically requests comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 652(1); 42 U.S.C. 666(a)(2) and (c)(1)(G)(ii); 42 U.S.C. 666(a)(17)(A); 42 U.S.C. 652(a)(7); and 45 CFR 303.7(a)(5)

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