

**Proposals Affecting Child Support Enforcement and Collections—
CBO’s Estimate of the President’s Fiscal Year 2021 Budget**

The Child Support Enforcement (CSE) program is a joint federal, state, and local effort to secure financial support from noncustodial parents. People who receive benefits from certain other federal assistance programs automatically receive the CSE program’s services; others may apply for them. The federal government makes incentive payments to states to operate CSE programs efficiently, and it reimburses states for 66 percent of their programs’ operating expenses. There is no limit on federal spending to defray those state expenditures. The federal government also makes grants to states to support services for children and families under the program.

States also collect child support payments on behalf of families that receive cash assistance through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program. The receipts are used to reimburse those states and to return funds to the federal government for TANF payments to families.

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Millions of Dollars, by Fiscal Year

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2021- 2025	2021- 2030
Increases or Decreases (-) in Direct Spending Outlays												
Increase Repatriation Cap	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	10	20
Parenting Time	3	3	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	18	42
Getting Noncustodial Parents Back to Work	7	10	14	17	20	24	27	31	34	34	68	218
Strengthening State Child Support Enforcement ^a	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>-3</u>
Total	16	18	20	23	25	29	32	36	39	39	102	277

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a. The effects shown are for Child Support Enforcement and Collections only. The proposal also would have budgetary effects on the Supplemental Security Income program.