



Welfare Reform Act 2012

2012 CHAPTER 5

PART 6 **E+W+S**

MISCELLANEOUS

Child support maintenance

136 **Supporting maintenance agreements** **E+W+S**

- (1) In section 9 of the Child Support Act 1991 (maintenance agreements), after subsection (2) there is inserted—

“(2A) The [^{F1}Secretary of State] may, with a view to reducing the need for applications under sections 4 and 7—

- (a) take such steps as [^{F2}the Secretary of State] considers appropriate to encourage the making and keeping of maintenance agreements, and
- (b) in particular, before accepting an application under those sections, invite the applicant to consider with the [^{F3}Secretary of State] whether it is possible to make such an agreement.”

- (2) In Schedule 5 to the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 (maintenance calculations: transfer of cases to new rules), in paragraph 3, after sub-paragraph (2) there is inserted—

“(3) The [^{F4}Secretary of State] may before accepting an application required by provision under sub-paragraph (2)(b) invite the applicant to consider with the [^{F4}Secretary of State] whether it is possible to make a maintenance agreement (within the meaning of section 9 of the Child Support Act 1991).”

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 136(1) substituted (1.8.2012) by [The Public Bodies \(Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2007\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 105(2)(a)**
- F2** Words in s. 136(1) substituted (1.8.2012) by [The Public Bodies \(Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2007\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 105(2)(b)**
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- F4** Words in s. 136(2) substituted (1.8.2012) by [The Public Bodies \(Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2007\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 105(3)**
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Commencement Information

- I1** [S. 136](#) in force at 25.11.2013 by [S.I. 2013/2947](#), **art. 6**

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