

**Vermont Acts of the 2009-2010 Legislative Session
HB 470, Act 154
An act relating to restructuring of the judiciary
(CS PORTIONS)**

Sec. 126. 15 V.S.A. §658(d) and (e) are amended to read:
(d) The family superior court judge or magistrate may order a parent who is in default of a child support order, to participate in employment, educational, or training related activities if the court finds that participation in such activities would assist in addressing the causes of the default. The court may also order the parent to participate in substance abuse or other counseling if the court finds that such counseling may assist the parent to achieve stable employment. Activities ordered under this section shall not be inconsistent with any requirements of a state or federal program in which the parent is participating. For the purpose of this subsection, "employment, educational, or training related activities" shall mean:

(e) A consent to the adoption of a child or the relinquishment of a child, for the purpose of adoption, covered by a child support order shall terminate an obligor's duty to provide future support for the adopted child without further order of the family court. Unpaid support installments accrued prior to adoption are not discharged and are subject to the jurisdiction of the family court. In a case involving a child covered by a Vermont child support order, the probate division of the superior court shall file the consent or relinquishment with the family division of the superior court that issued in the case in which the support order was issued and shall notify the office of child support of any order terminating parental rights and of the final adoption decree. Upon receipt of the consent or relinquishment, the office of child support shall terminate the obligor's duty to provide further support.

Sec. 126a. 15 V.S.A. §658(e) is amended to read:

(e) A consent to the adoption of a child or the relinquishment of a child, for the purpose of adoption, covered by a child support order shall terminate an obligor's duty to provide future support for the adopted child without further order of the court. Unpaid support installments accrued prior to adoption are not discharged and are subject to the jurisdiction of the court. In a case involving a child covered by a Vermont child support order, the probate division of the superior court shall also file the consent or relinquishment with the family division of the superior court in the case in which the support order was issued and shall notify the office of child support of any order terminating parental rights and of the final adoption decree. Upon receipt of the consent or relinquishment, the office of child support shall terminate the obligor's duty to provide further support.