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Overview

Under federal law, the United States can enter into reciprocal agreements with foreign countries for enforcement of child support orders. Federal law permits individual states to negotiate agreements with foreign countries that do not have a federal reciprocal agreement. The United States does not have a reciprocal agreement with Bermuda. A foreign country must have child support enforcement laws substantially similar to those in the United States before the United States, or an individual state, will enter into a reciprocal agreement.

- 1 Reciprocal agreement; child support enforcement.** Requires the commissioner of human services to initiate procedures to enter into a child support enforcement reciprocal agreement with Bermuda under authority granted by federal law.

Makes this section effective upon Bermuda's acceptance and agreement to enforce Minnesota child support orders. Provides an expiration date of December 31, 2012, if Bermuda declines to enforce Minnesota orders.