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DHHR appoints Commissioner to the Bureau for Child Support Enforcement

Garrett M. Jacobs has been appointed Commissioner for the Bureau for Child Support Enforcement, DHHR officials announced today. DHHR Cabinet Secretary Michael J. Lewis said, "I am pleased to welcome Mr. Jacobs to his new role. Garrett is professional, compassionate and dedicated to the mission of the BCSE. He works hard to serve the citizens of West Virginia."

Jacobs, a native West Virginian from Wheeling, is a 1988 graduate of West Virginia University where he earned a BS in Business Administration and a 1991 graduate of the WVU College of Law.

Jacobs, a licensed attorney since 1992, worked for two years as staff counsel with WV Department of Tax and Revenue then spent seven years with the WV Attorney General's Office as a senior assistant attorney general where he managed the Workers' Compensation litigation unit.

Jacobs began work with the WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Child Support Enforcement in 1999 as general counsel and was promoted to Deputy Commissioner in 2001. He has been the Bureau's interim commissioner since December 2009.

Jacobs currently resides in Charleston.