

December 30, 2025

Regulation Review Committee
Attn: Catherine M. Thomas, Administrator
Room 011, Capitol Building
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Child Support and Arrearage Guidelines, Tracking No. PR2025-021

Dear Senator Gadkar-Wilcox, Representative Carpino, and Committee members:

Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I am submitting for your approval a proposed regulation that updates Connecticut's Child Support and Arrearage Guidelines. This proposed regulation is the product of a review of the existing Guidelines completed by the Commission for Child Support Guidelines ("the Commission"), as required by section 46b-215a of the General Statutes and 42 U.S.C. § 667. As outlined in the Notice of Intent published on the eRegulations System on September 4, 2025, the proposed regulation:

- Revises the existing child support guidelines schedule based on updated economic data and extends that schedule to \$6,000 net weekly income;
- Provides instructions on how to calculate a support order for a child who has more than two legally recognized parents, as authorized by the Connecticut Parentage Act, Public Act 21-15, including through use of a new worksheet designed for these cases and by authorizing the court or family support magistrate to deviate from the presumptive support amount based on this circumstance;
- Describes how to handle a parent's contributions to the family and medical leave insurance program established pursuant to Public Act 19-25;
- Provides more detailed rules about how to calculate support and arrearage amounts when the custodial parent receives a dependency benefit based on Social Security Disability Insurance benefits granted to the noncustodial parent;
- Provides discretion to a judge or family support magistrate to set monthly payments on an arrearage at between twenty and one hundred percent of an imputed support order when there is no longer a present duty to provide support for the child for whom the arrearage is owed;
- Sets forth criteria that must, to the extent known, be considered by a judge or family support magistrate when imputing income to an obligor;
- Removes the requirement that union dues and fees must be mandatory in order to be deductible;
- Permits an obligor a deduction for court-ordered child support for another child (other than payments on an arrearage), regardless of whether the obligor is currently paying such amount; and
- Makes other technical changes, including to the existing worksheet used to calculate child support and arrearage payments.

Two public hearings were held on this proposed regulation in September and October 2025, and written public comments were also received by the Commission during the comment period. On

December 5, 2025, the Commission published on the eRegulations System a response to these comments and notice of its decision to take action on the proposed regulation. The response to comments, which summarizes the substance of the comments received and provides the Commission's explanation of why it made no changes based on these comments, can be reviewed on the eRegulations System at entry number 9 in the Regulation Making Record ("RMR"). On December 22, 2025, the Office of the Attorney General approved the proposed regulation as legally sufficient.

Upon approval by the Regulations Review Committee and filing with the Secretary of the State, the proposed regulation will become effective on August 1, 2026, as reflected in a corrected Agency Head Regulation Certification filed on December 17, 2025 (entry number 20 in the RMR). This delayed implementation is necessary so that the Connecticut Child Support Enforcement System (the computer system used in Connecticut as part of the Title IV-D child support enforcement program) can be updated in accordance with the changes made by this proposed regulation before it becomes effective. It is assumed that private companies that produce software used by family-law practitioners in Connecticut will also need time to complete such updates. This delayed effective date also ensures that members of the public, family law practitioners, and judges and family support magistrates will have ample time to review and become familiar with these changes prior to implementation.

If you or your staff require additional information concerning this proposed regulation, please contact me at (860) 424-5915.

Sincerely,

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