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## Memorandum

**To:** Legislative Regulation Review Committee  
**From:** Legislative Commissioners' Office  
**Committee Meeting Date:** February 24, 2026

<b>Regulation No:</b>	2026-5
<b>Agency:</b>	Commission for Child Support Guidelines
<b>Subject Matter:</b>	Child Support and Arrearage Guidelines
<b>Statutory Authority:</b> (copy attached)	46b-215a and 46b-215c

	Yes or No
<b>Mandatory</b>	Y
<b>Federal Requirement</b>	N
<b>Permissive</b>	N

### For the Committee's Information:

Subsection (a) of section 46b-215a of the general statutes provides in part, "[T]he Commission for Child Support Guidelines is established to issue child support and arrearage guidelines to ensure the appropriateness of criteria for the establishment of child support awards and to review and issue updated guidelines every four years." Prior to the submission of this regulation, the child support and arrearage guidelines were last updated on July 1, 2015.

### Substantive Concerns:

### **Technical Corrections:**

1. Throughout the proposed regulation, page numbers should be inserted, for proper form.
2. On page 1, in section 46b-215a-1(1)(D) and on page 6, in section 46b-215a-2c(c)(2)(F), "the HUSKY Plan" should be "[the HUSKY Plan] HUSKY Health", for accuracy and consistency with the general statutes.
3. On page 4, in section 46b-215a-1(14), ""Husky Plan" means the plan" should be "[Husky Plan" means the plan] "HUSKY Health" means the program", and "sections 17b-289 to 17b-307, inclusive," should be "[sections 17b-289 to 17b-307, inclusive,] sections 17b-290 to 17b-307a, inclusive,", for accuracy.
4. On page 4, in section 46b-215a-1(14)(A), "the "HUSKY Plan, Part A" should be "[the HUSKY Plan, Part A] HUSKY A", for accuracy.
5. On page 4, in section 46b-215a-1(14)(B), "the HUSKY Plan, Part B" should be "[the HUSKY Plan, Part B] HUSKY B", and "sections 17b-289 to 17b-307, inclusive," should be "[sections 17b-289 to 17b-307, inclusive,] sections 17b-290 to 17b-307a, inclusive,", for accuracy.
6. On page 11, insert an opening bracket near the top of the page before the start of the schedule, and delete the opening bracket at the bottom of the page, for accuracy.
7. On page 35, in section 46b-215a-2c(f)(1), "as defined in sections 17b-745, 46b-84, 46b-171 and 46b-215 of the Connecticut General Statutes" should be "[ as defined in sections 17b-745, 46b-84, 46b-171 and 46b-215 of the Connecticut General Statutes] as described in sections 17b-745, 46b-84, 46b-215 and 46b-569 of the Connecticut General Statutes", for accuracy.
8. On page 35, in section 46b-215a-2c(f)(1)(B), "the HUSKY Plan, Part B" should be "[the HUSKY Plan, Part B] HUSKY B", for accuracy.
9. On page 35, in section 46b-215-2c(f)(2), the two references to "HUSKY Plan, Part A or Part B" should be "[HUSKY Plan, Part A or Part B] HUSKY A or HUSKY B", for accuracy.
10. On page 35, in sections 46b-215a-2c(f)(3)(A) and (B), the two references to "net disposable income, as defined in section 46b-215a-1(16) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies" should be "[net disposable income, as defined in section 46b-215a-1(16) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies] net disposable income, as defined in section 46b-215a-1(17) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies", for accuracy.
11. On page 42, insert an opening bracket at the top of the page before the start of the worksheet, and delete the opening bracket at the bottom of the page, for accuracy.

12. On pages 43 and 44, delete "(NEW)" at the bottom of page 43, and insert "(NEW)" at the top of page 44 before the start of the worksheet, for proper form.

**Recommendation:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Approval in whole</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>with technical corrections</b>
	<b>with deletions</b>
	<b>with substitute pages</b>
	<b>Disapproval in whole or in part</b>
	<b>Rejection without prejudice</b>

**Reviewed by:** William F. O'Shea / Angela Rehm

**Date:** February 16, 2026

**Sec. 46b-215a. Commission for Child Support Guidelines. Duties. Members. Validity of actions taken during vacancy.** (a) The Commission for Child Support Guidelines is established to issue child support and arrearage guidelines to ensure the appropriateness of criteria for the establishment of child support awards and to review and issue updated guidelines every four years. Such guidelines shall ensure, subject to section 46b-215c, that current support, health care coverage, child care contribution and orders of payment on any arrearage and past due support shall be based on the income of both parents and the obligor's ability to pay. Such guidelines shall also ensure the appropriateness of periodic payment orders on arrearages when the obligor (1) is the child's legal guardian and resides with the child, or (2) is not the child's legal guardian but has resided with the child either for at least six months immediately preceding the order of payment on the arrearage or for at least six months of the twelve months immediately preceding such order. In such cases, the commission shall consider exemptions similar to those in the uniform contribution scale adopted pursuant to section 4a-12. Updated arrearage guidelines shall be issued at the same time as the child support guidelines.

(b) The commission shall consist of thirteen members as follows:

- (1) The Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief Court Administrator's designee;
- (2) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee;
- (3) The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;
- (4) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee on judiciary, or their designees;
- (5) The Child Advocate, or the Child Advocate's designee;
- (6) A representative of the Connecticut Bar Association, designated by the Connecticut Bar Association; and
- (7) Four members appointed by the Governor, one of whom represents an agency that delivers legal services to the poor, one of whom represents the financial concerns of child support obligors, one of whom represents the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity and one of whom represents the rights and best interests of children.

(c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall convene the commission whenever a review is required to issue updated guidelines pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and shall provide staffing for the administrative and regulatory responsibilities of the commission and, within available appropriations, funding for economic studies required by

the commission.

(d) The chairperson of the commission shall be elected by the members of the commission. A vacancy on the commission at any time shall not invalidate any actions taken by the commission during such vacancy, provided at least nine members of the commission are serving at the time of such action.

**Sec. 46b-215c. Guidelines to be approved by legislative regulation review committee.** (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 46b-215a and 46b-215b, updated child support and arrearage guidelines issued by the Commission for Child Support Guidelines pursuant to section 46b-215a shall be submitted by the commission to the standing legislative regulation review committee and adopted as regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

(b) Nothing in this section shall affect the validity of a child support order issued pursuant to any guidelines promulgated pursuant to section 46b-215a prior to the approval of such guidelines pursuant to the provisions of this section.