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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 3382

02/17/2020 Authored by Scott, Masin, Lucero, O'Neill and Noor
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to family law; adjusting child support guidelines every other year; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 518A.35, subdivision 2; 518A.42, subdivision
1.4 1.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 518A.35, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. Basic support; guideline. (a) Unless otherwise agreed to by the parents and
1.8 approved by the court, when establishing basic support, the court must order that basic
1.9 support be divided between the parents based on their proportionate share of the parents'
1.10 combined monthly parental income for determining child support (PICS). Basic support
1.11 must be computed using the following guideline:

Table with 8 columns: Combined Parental Income for Determining Child Support, and Number of Children (One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six). Rows show income brackets from \$0-\$799 to \$1,600-\$1,699.

2.1	1,700- 1,799	385	577	666	773	897	1,040
2.2	1,800- 1,899	436	657	758	880	1,021	1,183
2.3	1,900- 1,999	490	742	856	994	1,152	1,336
2.4	2,000- 2,099	516	832	960	1,114	1,292	1,498
2.5	2,100- 2,199	528	851	981	1,139	1,320	1,531
2.6	2,200- 2,299	538	867	1,000	1,160	1,346	1,561
2.7	2,300- 2,399	546	881	1,016	1,179	1,367	1,586
2.8	2,400- 2,499	554	893	1,029	1,195	1,385	1,608
2.9	2,500- 2,599	560	903	1,040	1,208	1,400	1,625
2.10	2,600- 2,699	570	920	1,060	1,230	1,426	1,655
2.11	2,700- 2,799	580	936	1,078	1,251	1,450	1,683
2.12	2,800- 2,899	589	950	1,094	1,270	1,472	1,707
2.13	2,900- 2,999	596	963	1,109	1,287	1,492	1,730
2.14	3,000- 3,099	603	975	1,122	1,302	1,509	1,749
2.15	3,100- 3,199	613	991	1,141	1,324	1,535	1,779
2.16	3,200- 3,299	623	1,007	1,158	1,344	1,558	1,807
2.17	3,300- 3,399	636	1,021	1,175	1,363	1,581	1,833
2.18	3,400- 3,499	650	1,034	1,190	1,380	1,601	1,857
2.19	3,500- 3,599	664	1,047	1,204	1,397	1,621	1,880
2.20	3,600- 3,699	677	1,062	1,223	1,418	1,646	1,909
2.21	3,700- 3,799	691	1,077	1,240	1,439	1,670	1,937
2.22	3,800- 3,899	705	1,081	1,257	1,459	1,693	1,963
2.23	3,900- 3,999	719	1,104	1,273	1,478	1,715	1,988
2.24	4,000- 4,099	732	1,116	1,288	1,496	1,736	2,012
2.25	4,100- 4,199	746	1,132	1,305	1,516	1,759	2,039
2.26	4,200- 4,299	760	1,147	1,322	1,536	1,781	2,064
2.27	4,300- 4,399	774	1,161	1,338	1,554	1,802	2,088
2.28	4,400- 4,499	787	1,175	1,353	1,572	1,822	2,111
2.29	4,500- 4,599	801	1,184	1,368	1,589	1,841	2,133
2.30	4,600- 4,699	808	1,200	1,386	1,608	1,864	2,160
2.31	4,700- 4,799	814	1,215	1,402	1,627	1,887	2,186
2.32	4,800- 4,899	820	1,231	1,419	1,645	1,908	2,212
2.33	4,900- 4,999	825	1,246	1,435	1,663	1,930	2,236
2.34	5,000- 5,099	831	1,260	1,450	1,680	1,950	2,260
2.35	5,100- 5,199	837	1,275	1,468	1,701	1,975	2,289
2.36	5,200- 5,299	843	1,290	1,485	1,722	1,999	2,317
2.37	5,300- 5,399	849	1,304	1,502	1,743	2,022	2,345
2.38	5,400- 5,499	854	1,318	1,518	1,763	2,046	2,372

3.1	5,500- 5,599	860	1,331	1,535	1,782	2,068	2,398
3.2	5,600- 5,699	866	1,346	1,551	1,801	2,090	2,424
3.3	5,700- 5,799	873	1,357	1,568	1,819	2,111	2,449
3.4	5,800- 5,899	881	1,376	1,583	1,837	2,132	2,473
3.5	5,900- 5,999	888	1,390	1,599	1,855	2,152	2,497
3.6	6,000- 6,099	895	1,404	1,604	1,872	2,172	2,520
3.7	6,100- 6,199	902	1,419	1,631	1,892	2,195	2,546
3.8	6,200- 6,299	909	1,433	1,645	1,912	2,217	2,572
3.9	6,300- 6,399	916	1,448	1,664	1,932	2,239	2,597
3.10	6,400- 6,499	923	1,462	1,682	1,951	2,260	2,621
3.11	6,500- 6,599	930	1,476	1,697	1,970	2,282	2,646
3.12	6,600- 6,699	936	1,490	1,713	1,989	2,305	2,673
3.13	6,700- 6,799	943	1,505	1,730	2,009	2,328	2,700
3.14	6,800- 6,899	950	1,519	1,746	2,028	2,350	2,727
3.15	6,900- 6,999	957	1,533	1,762	2,047	2,379	2,747
3.16	7,000- 7,099	963	1,547	1,778	2,065	2,394	2,753
3.17	7,100- 7,199	970	1,561	1,795	2,085	2,417	2,758
3.18	7,200- 7,299	974	1,574	1,812	2,104	2,439	2,764
3.19	7,300- 7,399	980	1,587	1,828	2,123	2,462	2,769
3.20	7,400- 7,499	989	1,600	1,844	2,142	2,483	2,775
3.21	7,500- 7,599	998	1,613	1,860	2,160	2,505	2,781
3.22	7,600- 7,699	1,006	1,628	1,877	2,180	2,528	2,803
3.23	7,700- 7,799	1,015	1,643	1,894	2,199	2,550	2,833
3.24	7,800- 7,899	1,023	1,658	1,911	2,218	2,572	2,864
3.25	7,900- 7,999	1,032	1,673	1,928	2,237	2,594	2,894
3.26	8,000- 8,099	1,040	1,688	1,944	2,256	2,616	2,925
3.27	8,100- 8,199	1,048	1,703	1,960	2,274	2,637	2,955
3.28	8,200- 8,299	1,056	1,717	1,976	2,293	2,658	2,985
3.29	8,300 -8,399	1,064	1,731	1,992	2,311	2,679	3,016
3.30	8,400- 8,499	1,072	1,746	2,008	2,328	2,700	3,046
3.31	8,500- 8,599	1,080	1,760	2,023	2,346	2,720	3,077
3.32	8,600- 8,699	1,092	1,780	2,047	2,374	2,752	3,107
3.33	8,700- 8,799	1,105	1,801	2,071	2,401	2,784	3,138
3.34	8,800- 8,899	1,118	1,822	2,094	2,429	2,816	3,168
3.35	8,900- 8,999	1,130	1,842	2,118	2,456	2,848	3,199
3.36	9,000- 9,099	1,143	1,863	2,142	2,484	2,880	3,223
3.37	9,100- 9,199	1,156	1,884	2,166	2,512	2,912	3,243
3.38	9,200- 9,299	1,168	1,904	2,190	2,539	2,944	3,263

4.1	9,300- 9,399	1,181	1,925	2,213	2,567	2,976	3,284
4.2	9,400- 9,499	1,194	1,946	2,237	2,594	3,008	3,304
4.3	9,500- 9,599	1,207	1,967	2,261	2,622	3,031	3,324
4.4	9,600- 9,699	1,219	1,987	2,285	2,650	3,050	3,345
4.5	9,700- 9,799	1,232	2,008	2,309	2,677	3,069	3,365
4.6	9,800- 9,899	1,245	2,029	2,332	2,705	3,087	3,385
4.7	9,900- 9,999	1,257	2,049	2,356	2,732	3,106	3,406
4.8	10,000-10,099	1,270	2,070	2,380	2,760	3,125	3,426
4.9	10,100-10,199	1,283	2,091	2,404	2,788	3,144	3,446
4.10	10,200-10,299	1,295	2,111	2,428	2,815	3,162	3,467
4.11	10,300-10,399	1,308	2,132	2,451	2,843	3,181	3,487
4.12	10,400-10,499	1,321	2,153	2,475	2,870	3,200	3,507
4.13	10,500-10,599	1,334	2,174	2,499	2,898	3,218	3,528
4.14	10,600-10,699	1,346	2,194	2,523	2,921	3,237	3,548
4.15	10,700-10,799	1,359	2,215	2,547	2,938	3,256	3,568
4.16	10,800-10,899	1,372	2,236	2,570	2,955	3,274	3,589
4.17	10,900-10,999	1,384	2,256	2,594	2,972	3,293	3,609
4.18	11,000-11,099	1,397	2,277	2,618	2,989	3,312	3,629
4.19	11,100-11,199	1,410	2,294	2,642	3,006	3,331	3,649
4.20	11,200-11,299	1,422	2,306	2,666	3,023	3,349	3,667
4.21	11,300-11,399	1,435	2,319	2,689	3,040	3,366	3,686
4.22	11,400-11,499	1,448	2,331	2,713	3,055	3,383	3,705
4.23	11,500-11,599	1,461	2,344	2,735	3,071	3,400	3,723
4.24	11,600-11,699	1,473	2,356	2,748	3,087	3,417	3,742
4.25	11,700-11,799	1,486	2,367	2,762	3,102	3,435	3,761
4.26	11,800-11,899	1,499	2,378	2,775	3,116	3,452	3,780
4.27	11,900-11,999	1,511	2,389	2,788	3,131	3,469	3,798
4.28	12,000-12,099	1,524	2,401	2,801	3,146	3,485	3,817
4.29	12,100-12,199	1,537	2,412	2,814	3,160	3,501	3,836
4.30	12,200-12,299	1,549	2,423	2,828	3,175	3,517	3,854
4.31	12,300-12,399	1,562	2,434	2,841	3,190	3,534	3,871
4.32	12,400-12,499	1,575	2,445	2,854	3,205	3,550	3,889
4.33	12,500-12,599	1,588	2,456	2,867	3,219	3,566	3,907
4.34	12,600-12,699	1,600	2,467	2,880	3,234	3,582	3,924
4.35	12,700-12,799	1,613	2,478	2,894	3,249	3,598	3,942
4.36	12,800-12,899	1,626	2,489	2,907	3,264	3,615	3,960
4.37	12,900-12,999	1,638	2,500	2,920	3,278	3,631	3,977
4.38	13,000-13,099	1,651	2,512	2,933	3,293	3,647	3,995

5.1	13,100-13,199	1,664	2,523	2,946	3,308	3,663	4,012
5.2	13,200-13,299	1,676	2,534	2,960	3,322	3,679	4,030
5.3	13,300-13,399	1,689	2,545	2,973	3,337	3,696	4,048
5.4	13,400-13,499	1,702	2,556	2,986	3,352	3,712	4,065
5.5	13,500-13,599	1,715	2,567	2,999	3,367	3,728	4,083
5.6	13,600-13,699	1,727	2,578	3,012	3,381	3,744	4,100
5.7	13,700-13,799	1,740	2,589	3,026	3,396	3,760	4,118
5.8	13,800-13,899	1,753	2,600	3,039	3,411	3,777	4,136
5.9	13,900-13,999	1,765	2,611	3,052	3,425	3,793	4,153
5.10	14,000-14,099	1,778	2,623	3,065	3,440	3,809	4,171
5.11	14,100-14,199	1,791	2,634	3,078	3,455	3,825	4,189
5.12	14,200-14,299	1,803	2,645	3,092	3,470	3,841	4,206
5.13	14,300-14,399	1,816	2,656	3,105	3,484	3,858	4,224
5.14	14,400-14,499	1,829	2,667	3,118	3,499	3,874	4,239
5.15	14,500-14,599	1,842	2,678	3,131	3,514	3,889	4,253
5.16	14,600-14,699	1,854	2,689	3,144	3,529	3,902	4,268
5.17	14,700-14,799	1,864	2,700	3,158	3,541	3,916	4,282
5.18	14,800-14,899	1,872	2,711	3,170	3,553	3,929	4,297
5.19	14,900-14,999	1,879	2,722	3,181	3,565	3,942	4,311
5.20	15,000, or the	1,883	2,727	3,186	3,571	3,949	4,319
5.21	amount in effect						
5.22	under subd. 4						

5.23 (b) The commissioner shall adjust the guidelines in paragraph (a) by June 30 of every  
5.24 odd year by adjusting the lowest income level from zero to the amount of a one-parent  
5.25 household at 140 percent of the federal poverty guideline. The child support amount at the  
5.26 lowest income level shall be the minimum ordered amount. The commissioner shall place  
5.27 the adjusted guidelines on the department's website.

5.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

5.29 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 518A.42, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

5.30 Subdivision 1. **Ability to pay.** (a) It is a rebuttable presumption that a child support  
5.31 order should not exceed the obligor's ability to pay. To determine the amount of child support  
5.32 the obligor has the ability to pay, the court shall follow the procedure set out in this section.

5.33 (b) The court shall calculate the obligor's income available for support by subtracting a  
5.34 monthly self-support reserve equal to ~~120~~ 140 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for  
5.35 one person from the obligor's gross income. If the obligor's income available for support

6.1 calculated under this paragraph is equal to or greater than the obligor's support obligation  
6.2 calculated under section 518A.34, the court shall order child support under section 518A.34.

6.3 (c) If the obligor's income available for support calculated under paragraph (b) is more  
6.4 than the minimum support amount under subdivision 2, but less than the guideline amount  
6.5 under section 518A.34, then the court shall apply a reduction to the child support obligation  
6.6 in the following order, until the support order is equal to the obligor's income available for  
6.7 support:

6.8 (1) medical support obligation;

6.9 (2) child care support obligation; and

6.10 (3) basic support obligation.

6.11 (d) If the obligor's income available for support calculated under paragraph (b) is equal  
6.12 to or less than the minimum support amount under subdivision 2 or if the obligor's gross  
6.13 income is less than ~~120~~ 140 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for one person, the  
6.14 minimum support amount under subdivision 2 applies.