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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CORRECTING CROSS REFERENCES IN THE CHILD SUPPORT
102 GUIDELINES.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov/.)

Statutory Revision Committee. The bill corrects cross references in the child support guidelines.

1   *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

1   **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 14-10-115, **amend**
2   **as they will become effective March 1, 2026,** (7)(a)(V)(B), (7)(a)(V)(C),
3   (7)(a)(VI), (8)(a), and (8)(b) as follows:

4   **14-10-115. Child support guidelines - purpose - determination**
5   **of income - schedule of basic child support obligations - adjustments**
6   **to basic child support - additional guidelines - child support**
7   **commission - definitions.**

8   (7) **Schedule of basic child support obligations.**

9   (a) (V) (B)   If the resulting difference calculated pursuant to
10 subsection (7)(a)(V)(A) of this section is less than the reduced
11 low-income adjustment calculated pursuant to ~~subsection (7)(a)(III)(A)~~
12 SUBSECTION (7)(a)(III)(B) of this section, the obligor's basic child support
13 obligation is equal to the reduced low-income adjustment.

14   (C)   If the resulting difference calculated pursuant to subsection
15 (7)(a)(V)(A) of this section is more than the reduced low-income
16 adjustment calculated pursuant to ~~subsection (7)(a)(III)(A)~~ SUBSECTION
17 (7)(a)(III)(B) of this section but less than the schedule of basic child
18 support obligation, the obligor's basic child support obligation is equal to
19 the amount calculated pursuant to subsection (7)(a)(V)(A) of this section.

20   (VI)   In addition to the adjustments described in this subsection
21 (7)(a), the obligor's child support amount must be further adjusted for
22 work-related and education-related child care costs, health insurance,
23 extraordinary medical expenses, and other extraordinary adjustments as
24 described in subsections (9), (10), (11)(a), (11)(b), and ~~(11)(c)(II)~~
25 *(11)(c)(III)* of this section.

26   (8) **Computation of basic child support - shared overnight**
27 **parenting time - split physical care - stipulations - deviations - basis**

1   **for periodic updates.**

2   (a) A total child support obligation is determined by adding each

3   parent's respective basic child support obligation, as determined through

4   the child support guidelines and schedule of basic child support

5   obligations specified in subsection (7) of this section, education and

6   work-related net child care costs, extraordinary medical expenses, and

7   extraordinary adjustments to the schedule of basic child support

8   obligations, as described in subsections (9), (10), (11)(a), (11)(b), and

9   ~~(11)(c)(II)~~ *(11)(c)(III)* of this section. The parent receiving a child

10   support payment is presumed to spend the total child support obligation

11   directly on the children. The parent paying child support to the other

12   parent owes the total child support obligation as child support to the other

13   parent minus any ordered payments included in the calculations made

14   directly on behalf of the children for education and work-related net child

15   care costs, extraordinary medical expenses, or extraordinary adjustments

16   to the schedule of basic child support obligations, as described in

17   subsections (9), (10), (11)(a), (11)(b), and ~~(11)(c)(II)~~ *(11)(c)(III)* of this

18   section.

19   (b) Shared overnight parenting time presumes that certain basic

20   expenses for the children will be paid directly by the overnight parent;

21   therefore, expenses may be duplicated and an adjustment for shared

22   parenting time is necessary. The shared parenting time adjustment is

23   calculated by identifying the parenting time credit percentage listed in the

24   parenting time table in subsection (8)(h) of this section based upon the

25   number of overnights for each parent. The parenting time credit is the

26   total basic child support obligation multiplied by that parent's parenting

27   time credit percentage. The shared parenting adjustment is deducted from

1   each parent's share of the basic child support obligation, which is in

2   addition to each parent's proportionate share of education and

3   work-related net child care costs, extraordinary medical expenses, and

4   extraordinary adjustments to the schedule of basic child support

5   obligations, as described in subsections (9), (10), (11)(a), (11)(b), and

6   ~~(11)(c)(II)~~ *(11)(c)(III)* of this section. The parent owing the greater

7   amount of child support owes the difference between the two amounts as

8   a child support order minus any ordered direct payments made on behalf

9   of the children for education and work-related net child care costs,

10   extraordinary medical expenses, or extraordinary adjustments to the

11   schedule of basic child support obligations, as described in subsections

12   (9), (10), (11)(a), (11)(b), and ~~(11)(c)(II)~~ *(11)(c)(III)* of this section. The

13   amount of child support ordered to be paid must not exceed the amount

14   owed by that same parent if the parent had no overnights. For purposes

15   of calculating overnights when two or more children are included in the

16   child support worksheet calculation and the parties have a different

17   number of overnights with each of the two or more children, the number

18   of overnights is determined by adding the number of overnights for each

19   child and dividing the resulting number by the number of children

20   included in the child support worksheet calculation.

21   **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,

22   determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate

23   preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for

24   the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state

25   institutions.