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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I. BACKGROUND

The House Courts of Justice Committee tabled legislation in the 2003 session that amended Virginia's child support guideline in accordance with the recommendations of the 2001-2002 Triennial Review Panel. At session close, the Committee recommended creation of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee Studying the Child Support Guideline ("Ad Hoc Subcommittee") to provide a forum for examining that 2003 legislation in more detail.

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee's members were Delegates Terry G. Kilgore (Subcommittee Chairman), Joseph P. Johnson, Jr., Michele B. McQuigg, and Brian J. Moran; and Senators Harry B. Blevins and Henry L. Marsh, III. Delegate Vivian E. Watts and Senator Frederick M. Quayle were invited guests.

II. MEETINGS

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee held two meetings; summaries of both meetings are available on the Ad Hoc Subcommittee's website at www.dls.state.va.us/chld_support.htm. The October 21, 2003 meeting focused on policy issues; the November 18, 2003 meeting focused on the child support schedule.

Meeting attendees included several members of the 2001-2002 Triennial Panel (Joseph Crane, Assistant Director of Program Administration and Support, Division of Child Support Enforcement (Chairman of the 2001-2002 Panel), Murray Steinberg, Lawrence D. Diehl, Esq., the Honorable A. Ellen White, Judge, Campbell County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, the Honorable Patricia West, Virginia Beach Circuit Court); the economic adviser to the Triennial Panel (Dr. William Rodgers); Ray Hartz, Esq., Virginia Poverty Law Center; Richard J. Byrd, Esq., appearing for the Virginia Bar Association Coalition on Family Law Legislation; Uriel Johnson, National Partnership for Community Leadership; members of Fathers for Virginia (Ron Grignol, Archer Crebbs); an expert witness for Fathers for Virginia (Mark Rogers); and noncustodial fathers (Aubrey-Eel, Larry White, Rob Ingalls, Fred Hawkins and Craig Yohn).

III. KEY ISSUES

- 1. Virginia's guideline was established in 1988, and is based on data from the 1970s. Although the schedule "self-adjusts" for inflation (by increasing child support payments as income increases), the data may be inherently flawed due to cultural changes and improvements in data collection techniques.
- 2. No state or the federal government has reliable actual data on the costs of raising a child in a non-intact household. This necessitates the use of data from intact families for developing schedule amounts. The schedule in the 2003 legislation contained a "separate household discount" to reflect the expenditures non-custodial parents make during parenting time and the fixed cost of establishing a second home. Opponents argue that use of data from intact families does not accurately capture actual expenses of non-intact families.
- 3. The income shares model (which Virginia uses) takes as its basic premise that children should share in a parent's income as though the union still existed, hence the indexing of the child support amounts to income increases. The Melson model is a little-used modified version of the income shares approach. "Cost-sharing" allocates costs on an actual, real-time basis and "income equalization" combines both parents' incomes and divides them equally to assess child support. Neither of the latter two methods is used by any state.
- 4. From a practice perspective, it appears that most judges routinely use the deviation factor for imputing income. The deviation factors associated with tax issues are less frequently applied because they entail complicated calculations difficult to complete within limited time constraints. The additional deviation factors contained in the proposed legislation are unclear and might be difficult to apply.
- 5. Specific concerns about the 2003 legislation, as voiced at the Ad Hoc Subcommittee's meetings include:
 - > Deviations to accommodate local prevailing wages would be difficult to calculate;
 - > The retroactivity provision has potentially wide-ranging implications;
 - The statement regarding 60 90 days of visitation makes explicit an assumption and will create more conflict;
 - > The recitation of economic assumptions are inappropriate and will create more conflict;
 - The self-support reserve requires calculations to be conducted in accordance with federal not state law and should be eliminated; and
 - The child care benefits depend on an individual's tax status and phase out at higher incomes and should be revised to provide a court with the flexibility to take into consideration tax consequences of child care expenses.
 - The amounts in the revised schedule are too high at the lower income levels and too low at higher income levels.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

The Division of Child Support Enforcement, the VBA Coalition on Family Law Legislation, and a representative of the Triennial Panel reached a compromise on potential changes to the child support guideline. The compromise proposal contains the following components:

- ➤ Provides that "gross income" shall not include income received by the payor parent from a second job that was taken in order to pay off child support arrearages and that cessation of the income is not the basis for a material change in circumstances;
- Replaces the provision for "extraordinary medical and dental expenses" with a requirement that the parents pay in proportion to their incomes any reasonable and necessary unreimbursed medical or dental expenses in excess of \$250 per year per child;
- > Directs the court to consider actual tax savings a party derives from the child-care cost deductions or credits;
- ➤ Changes the guideline review period from being completed every three years to being completed every four years; and
- Modifies the schedule of child support so that transition between the increases in the support amounts is more gradual.

The Subcommittee recommended that staff prepare legislation based on the compromise proposal so that it would be available in the event someone wished to request legislation. The Subcommittee took no position relative to the model legislation.

In the 2004 General Assembly Session, Senator Quayle introduced legislation (Senate Bill 208) containing all provisions of the model legislation except for the changes to the schedule amounts. Delegate Marrs introduced House Bill 511, which made consistent the treatment of extraordinary medical expenses across all forms of child custody arrangements. The two bills eventually went into conference and were merged so that identical bills, each containing all provisions of the other, were sent to the Governor. Senate Bill 208 also contains some additional necessary conforming amendments offered by the Governor and accepted by the General Assembly. With this successful legislation, the Ad Hoc Subcommittee has completed its work and will not meet in 2004.

Report of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee Studying the Child Support Guideline

TO: The Honorable Mark Warner, Governor of Virginia and The General Assembly of Virginia

Richmond, Virginia May 2004

I. INTRODUCTION

The House Courts of Justice Committee tabled legislation in the 2003 Session of the General Assembly that sought to amend Virginia's child support guideline in accordance with recommendations made by the 2001-2002 Child Support Guideline Review Panel ("2001-2002 Panel"). At session close, the Committee recommended that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee Studying the Child Support Guideline ("Ad Hoc Subcommittee") be convened to examine the 2003 legislation in more detail. The Ad Hoc Subcommittee's members include Delegates Terry G. Kilgore (Chairman), Joseph P. Johnson, Jr., Michele B. McQuigg, and Brian J. Moran; and Senators Harry B. Blevins and Henry L. Marsh, III. Delegate Vivian E. Watts and Senator Frederick M. Quayle sponsored the 2003 legislation and were invited to participate in the Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

A. THE CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINE REVIEW PANEL

The Child Support Guideline Review Panel is charged under federal and Virginia law to examine Virginia's child support guideline and develop recommendations for presentation to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and to the General Assembly.

The Panel shall determine the adequacy of the guideline for the determination of appropriate awards for the support of children by considering current research and data on the cost of and expenditures necessary for rearing children, and any other resources it deems relevant to such review. *Va. Code Ann.* § 20-108.2 H.

By statute, the Guideline Review Panel is newly appointed every three years (the 2001-2002 Panel ceased operations after issuing its October 2002 report), and consists of four members from the General Assembly (who serve terms coincident with their offices) and 11 non-legislative members (including representatives of the judiciary, custodial parents and non-custodial parents) recommended by the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and appointed by the Governor.¹

¹ Legislative members appointed to the 2003-2004 Panel are Delegates McQuigg, Barlow and Athey, and Senator Quayle. Non-legislative members had not been appointed at the date this report was completed.

B. LEGISLATION IN THE 2003 SESSION

At the conclusion of its public hearings and debate, the 2001-2002 Panel recommended several changes to the child support guideline. Those changes were incorporated into identical Senate and House bills that were introduced in the 2003 Session by Delegate Watts and Senator Quayle, both of whom served on the 2001-2002 Panel: House Bill 2261/Senate Bill 1313, House Bill 2262/Senate Bill 1314, and House Bill 2263/Senate Bill 1312.

Content of Legislation. House Bill 2263 (Appendix A) and Senate Bill 1312 (Appendix B) are omnibus bills that propose comprehensive policy and schedule changes to the guideline. The remaining bills each contain different portions of the omnibus legislation.

House Bill 2261/Senate Bill 1313 and House Bill 2262/Senate Bill 1314 each contain a portion of House Bill 2263/Senate Bill 1312. House Bill 2261/Senate Bill 1313 incorporated the changes to the schedule and some policy changes contained in the omnibus bill. House Bill 2262/Senate Bill 1314 contained four policy changes excluded from House Bill 2261/Senate Bill 1313.

Both House Bill 2263/Senate Bill 1312 and House Bill 2261/Senate Bill 1313 contained a complete revision of the child support schedule. The child support schedule now in force is based on data dating to the early 1970s. The 2001-2002 Panel engaged an economist from the College of William & Mary, Dr. William Rodgers, to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the child support schedule. Dr. Rodgers found that expenditures related to raising children are substantially higher than those reflected in the current schedule. Dr. Rodgers used information on the costs in Virginia of raising children in non-intact families (*Technical Report: The Cost of Raising Children*, Report of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, Senate Document No. 9 (2001)) and data from the 2001 United States Department of Agriculture Consumer Expenditures Survey to adjust the schedule amounts.

For various reasons, including a recognition of the costs to the noncustodial parent in maintaining a separate household, a belief that the baseline figures for intact families used to help develop the schedule amounts may have been underestimated, and the substantial impact the increase indicated by the data would have on existing child support cases, the 2001-2002 Panel decided not to apply the full percentage increase indicated by the data:

For example, for parents with a combined monthly gross income of \$3550 with one child, a new schedule would require 24% of that combined income. The current schedule requires 14% of the combined income. Thus, basing a new schedule on the estimated current costs would consume an additional ten percent (10%) of the combined monthly income. The Panel deemed such an increase not feasible.

Report to the Secretary and General Assembly, Review of Child Support Guideline, Secretary's Triennial Child Support Guideline Review Panel, October 31, 2002, page 8.

House Action. The Civil Law Subcommittee ("Subcommittee") to the House Courts of Justice Committee was scheduled to hear House Bill 2261, House Bill 2262 and House Bill 2263 on January 22, 2003. The Subcommittee discussed only House Bill 2263 and agreed to retain the bill for further consideration. Subsequent to that meeting, a substitute bill incorporating several amendments discussed by the Subcommittee was prepared (Appendix C).

On January 29, 2003, the Subcommittee voted unanimously to pass by indefinitely the substitute for House Bill 2263. On January 31, 2003, the House Courts of Justice Committee voted 14-7 to table the substitute for House Bill 2263. The Subcommittee never heard testimony on House Bill 2261 or House Bill 2262. On January 31, 2003, the House Courts of Justice Committee struck House Bill 2261 at the patron's request and tabled House Bill 2262.

Senate Action. On February 2, 2003, the Senate Courts of Justice Committee struck Senate Bill 1313 and Senate Bill 1314 at the patron's request, and unanimously reported a substitute to Senate Bill 1312. On February 4, 2003, the Senate voted unanimously to pass the substitute, with three additional amendments (Appendix D). On February 5, 2003, the bill was placed on the House Calendar, read for the first time, and referred to the House Courts of Justice Committee.

The Subcommittee heard Senate Bill 1312 on February 12, 2003, voted to amend the bill, and then voted unanimously to table it.² In tabling Senate Bill 1312, the Subcommittee noted that it had tabled House Bill 2263, and that it did not have sufficient time to consider Senate Bill 1312. It recommended establishing the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to consider the legislation in more detail. On February 17, 2003, the House Courts of Justice Committee voted unanimously to table Senate Bill 1312 and the Committee Chairman announced the proposed formation of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

II. ACTIVITIES OF THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee held two meetings: the October 21, 2003 meeting focused on policy issues; the November 18, 2003 meeting focused on the child support schedule. Meeting agendas, witness testimony, and complete meeting summaries may be accessed on the Ad Hoc Subcommittee's website (dls.state.va.us/chld_support.htm).

A. MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2003

Testimony by Invited Speakers. Joseph Crane, Assistant Director of Program Administration and Support, Division of Child Support Enforcement, and Chairman of the 2001-2002 Panel, provided an overview of issues related to child support and noted that a pivotal question is the nature and extent of a parent's responsibilities. The income shares model takes as its basic premise that children should share in a parent's income as though the union still existed; hence the indexing of the child support amounts to income increases. The Melson model is a little-used modified version of the income shares approach. "Cost-sharing" allocates costs on an

² The amendment struck a provision requiring that a child support obligation shall not reduce the residual income of noncustodial parent to less than 150 percent of the poverty level and also directing that recalculation would not reduce or create a support obligation that would seriously impair economically either party.

actual, real-time basis and "income equalization" combines both parents' incomes and divides them equally to assess child support. Neither of the latter two methods is used by any state.

No state or the federal government has reliable actual data on the costs of raising a child in a single parent household, thus necessitating analysis of data on intact families. Virginia's guideline was last revised in 1987, and is based on data from the 1970s. The 2001-2002 Panel followed the recommendations of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission in hiring an economist and retaining the income shares approach. Virginia's actual child support amounts are close to the overall national average. The Panel's economist, Dr. William Rodgers of the College of William & Mary, used data from the consumer expenditure surveys to prepare the revised schedule, then applied a 70 percent discount to provide for a more graduated increase in the schedule amounts.

Any failure by Virginia to review the guideline in accordance with federal law could result in financial consequences. The review could be simplified by returning to a quadrennial review of the child support guideline, with the report due in the last full year of an administration. If this change were to be implemented, a new Panel would prepare its report for publication in 2006, which would be in accordance with the basic federal requirements (that a report be issued at least every four years).

Murray Steinberg (Member, 2001-2002 Review Panel) stated that Virginia's basic framework for child support is decent if applied properly. The problem is that courts rarely apply the 18 factors they may use to deviate from the presumptive amounts. The amount of child support calculated solely by application of the schedule is not a presumptive amount but is the only amount. For example, the courts do not consider the expenses that noncustodial parents incur, including housing, food, clothing and transportation. Nor do courts consider tax consequences. There are no breakdowns for the specific costs associated with child-rearing, and no data on any child care costs where the children are being raised in two separate households, making it impossible for a judge to estimate accurately the costs and expenses on either side. It will be impossible to make any changes to Virginia's child support guideline until those data are available. Change is unnecessary in any event because the schedule is self-regulating: as gross income increases, schedule amounts increase. From a policy perspective, although the system is designed to establish each parent's obligation, in reality the system only tracks and accounts for the non-custodial parent's income. The system demands the non-custodial parent's payment but does not demand the custodial parent's payment. If changes proposed to the schedule by the 2003 legislation were made, Virginia would move into a position in the top three most expensive states for child support.

Senator Frederick Quayle (Member, 2001-2002 Review Panel) observed that there was not complete accord between the noncustodial and custodial parents, but that the Panel attempted to treat both sets of parents, and their children, as fairly as possible. There were no cost data in 1988 either, yet the schedule was amended to its current status. There are inherent difficulties in developing a set of data as a basis for a child support schedule upon which everyone would agree, but the schedule developed by Dr. Rodgers was formed in an open and fair process.

Delegate Vivian Watts (Member, 2001-2002 Review Panel) noted that the process used by the Panel was fair and fully participatory, but that regardless of the process used, given the subject, there would always be issues raised by different groups. With respect to Dr. Rodgers's report: one reason for the 70 percent discount was in part to adjust for the lack of specific data on two-parent households, and it may be necessary to adjust the schedule to make a better fit at lower income levels. Of value in that respect is the minimal base set for child support (at \$65) and the self-support reserve. Remaining equity issues include accommodating the fact that costs increase as children age and accurately accounting for increased parental incomes.

Lawrence D. Diehl, Esq. (Member, 2001-2002 Review Panel) summarized the way in which child support costs originally were calculated: they were established based on a 1971 - 1972 study of the costs of raising children in low-income households in Kansas that were receiving some form of social services assistance. Neither the federal government nor any other state has conducted a survey of the actual costs of two-household families, nor have they attempted what Virginia has done in terms of updating the underlying household data upon which the child support guideline is based, and applying economic analysis to make that data reflect actual costs as accurately as possible. It is only because other states have not attempted such an overhaul that Virginia's revised schedule amounts might be high relative to other states.

Use of gross income as opposed to net income precludes the necessity for potentially complicated tax computations. The overarching goal is to have both parents spend time with their children. Since passage of the 90-day statute (which reduced the "cliff effect" associated with the amount of child support payable based on the number of days the child stayed with the non-custodial parent), there have been only two appellate cases regarding that issue. Most judges routinely use the deviation factor for imputing income and consider it a mandatory factor to apply. The factors associated with tax issues are not used as much. There are some "bumps" in the proposed revised schedule at different income levels and the Virginia Bar Association Coalition on Family Law Legislation has recommended smoothing the transitions among support levels.

The Honorable A. Ellen White, Judge, Campbell County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court (Member, 2001-2002 Review Panel) testified that she served on the last two Triennial Panels, and that both panels shared a concern to be fair. Although the Panel was concerned about the lack of data on non-intact families, the revised guideline offers several benefits, including increased accuracy of the data, a new presumption of 60 to 90 days visitation with the non-custodial parent, and the streamlined approach to "extraordinary" medical expenses.

There is some concern in the judiciary regarding the addition in the proposed legislation of deviation factor in subdivision B 18 of § 20-108.1 of the Code of Virginia that provides for consideration of income received from a second job or from overtime: would a person lose the flexibility to discontinue the second job or decrease his work hours if the income associated with those were factored into the child support payment? This was seen as having a potentially detrimental effect on a person trying to decrease his work hours in order to spend more time with his children or other family members. The factor in subdivision B 19 of § 20-108.1 of the 2003 legislation, which would authorize deviations necessary to accommodate local

prevailing wages and costs, also was seen as problematic given the potential for inconsistent application of such deviations. The provisions for imputation of income in the 2003 legislation also are seen as vague and therefore problematic.

Other Testimony. Ray Hartz, Esq., Virginia Poverty Law Center, testified that it is vital that the guideline be updated. The main principle underlying the guideline is that children should live at the same level as the parents and that child support is for the protection of the child. The debate has centered on the parents, however, including, for example, the new provisions for a self-support reserve. Mr. Hartz agreed with the Chairman that it is important that the noncustodial parent have incentives and the ability to remain involved with his children. But when there is only so much money to go around, the focus should be on the children. Given wage withholding, lower payment amounts will have no impact on collection of child support. The lower income custodial parent should receive more in support than the revised schedule provides.

The Chairman clarified, in response to a comment by Mr. Hartz, that the changes to the schedule as proposed in the legislation would not be retroactive; that a person would not be able to obtain an order from the court lowering child support payments based solely on enactment of a revised schedule. A further modification was proposed that would provide that where reconsideration under the new schedule resulted in a reduction of the child support amount, the former amount would be retained.

Richard J. Byrd, Esq., appearing for the Virginia Bar Association Coalition on Family Law Legislation, testified that deviations to accommodate local prevailing wages would be difficult to calculate; the retroactivity provision should be removed; the statement regarding 60 - 90 days of visitation makes explicit an assumption that will lead to more conflict and debate; the recitation of economic assumptions is inappropriate and will lead to more conflict and debate; the self-support reserve requires calculations to be conducted in accordance with federal not state law and should be eliminated; and the child care benefits depend on an individual's tax status and phase out at higher incomes and should be revised to provide a court with the flexibility to take into consideration tax consequences of child care expenses. Mr. Byrd supported the modification to extraordinary medical expenses and supported excluding secondary employment income obtained to pay off child support arrearages.

The amounts in the revised schedule are too high at the lower income levels and too low at higher income levels. The Coalition has prepared a revised schedule that smoothes the transition between the increases in the support amounts. There is no problem with the old data being out of date due to inflation because the table automatically adjusts at higher incomes because of higher support amounts. This is a problem, however, at the lower income levels because there is no indexing below gross income of \$599 month. Most cases are settled and so do not involve court-established deviations from the schedule amounts. In cases that are tried, the courts apply the deviations for imputed income where those are justified. The courts are less comfortable with deviations requiring complicated calculations and are generally less likely to apply deviations involving tax consequences.

Ron Grignol, Fathers for Virginia, claimed that child support pushes things in marginal situations, creating disincentives where child support is hard to meet. The application of the child support guideline should not be affected by the sex of the parents. There is a move toward shared parenting, under which each parent is awarded one-third custody of the children. Changes to the child support guideline would increase incentives for family breakup.

Uriel Johnson, National Partnership for Community Leadership, testified about his efforts to assist low-income fathers. Collection of child support payments increases where the father is involved in the child's life. The base child support amount of \$83 is not a problem, but after that, the amounts increase sharply. He noted the importance of realistic child support orders that accurately reflect the payor's income, the importance of establishing paternity, the link between arrearages and incarceration, and development of the expanded opportunity project.

Fred Hawkins, a noncustodial father, testified that wage inflation is greater than cost inflation and that the schedule is erroneous. Modifying the schedule would encourage people from outside of Virginia to come to Virginia to get child support. The data upon which the revised schedule is based is from 1988 and only adjusted, not newly collected. It is impossible to adjust the costs for an intact household to reflect the actual costs borne by two separate households. Craig Yohn, a noncustodial father, testified regarding the personal circumstances of his divorce and custody proceedings. The answer to the current problems with the system is shared custody. Mr. Yohn stated that he is a Christian father, that God made man head of the household, that the child support guideline is having a negative impact on man's status as head of the household, and that his lawyer did not argue for any deviations. Rob Ingalls, a noncustodial father, discussed shared custody child support. Larry White, a noncustodial father, testified regarding the deficiencies in the child support guideline. Aubrey-Eel claimed that a systemic overhaul of child support and domestic relations law is necessary, that the Division of Child Support Enforcement is taking money from individuals, and that the law is being unconstitutionally applied.

B. MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2003

Testimony by Invited Speakers. Dr. William Rodgers, economic adviser to the Triennial Panel, appeared before the Ad Hoc Subcommittee via telephone. Dr. Rodgers emphasized that (i) the "separate household discount" acknowledges that non-custodial parents make expenditures during parenting time and have as a fixed cost the cost of establishing a second home; (ii) the current Virginia schedule of child support is based on data from the 1970s, Virginia is one of 11 states whose schedules are tied to 1970s data, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics has made significant improvements in its data collection techniques; (iii) one of the rationales for utilizing costs associated with two-parent households is to ensure the child is no worse off after the family is no longer intact; (iv) one challenge in calculating the figures for the revised schedule of child support was to determine which expenditures went entirely to children and which had to be prorated among family members; and (v) the schedule reflects significant relief for payor parents at lower income levels.

In response to questions from the Chairman, Dr. Rodgers noted that (i) the Consumer Expenditure Survey data are appropriate for use in the schedule despite some

problems in the sample size; and (ii) with respect to the issue of whether the schedule is "self-adjusting," the problem is that the data are inherently flawed due to cultural changes and improvements in data collection techniques. In response to questions from Delegate McQuigg, Dr. Rodgers explained that the 70 percent discount corresponds to the share of the fixed cost items (i.e., 70 percent of the expenditures made correspond to fixed cost items). Dr. Rodgers also stated that he is open to modifications to the schedule to smooth some of the sharper transitions among support amounts as identified by the Virginia Bar Association Coalition on Family Law Legislation.

The Honorable Patricia L. West, Judge, Virginia Beach Circuit Court (member, 2001-2002 Triennial Panel) identified issues of concern in the proposed legislation: the adjustment for local prevailing wages, the provisions for secondary employment, and assessing tax consequences. The issue of assessing tax consequences as is currently required by Virginia law also poses concerns to judges. Judge West noted that these concerns had been expressed by only a few judges and could not be assumed to be a comprehensive statement.

Other Testimony. Joseph Crane, Division of Child Support Enforcement, Chairman, 2001-2002 Triennial Panel, testified that several interested parties had reached tentative agreement regarding modifications to the child support guideline (*see* Part IV, *infra*).

Mark Rogers testified on behalf of Fathers of Virginia in opposition to changes to the child support guideline. Mr. Rogers claimed that if the schedule amounts are not adjusted for the 70 percent discount, the guideline would be subject to challenge; in typical cases a custodial parent has a higher standard of living than a noncustodial parent; economically the guidelines are too high; the standards of living are compared by examining the after-tax income of each parent in relation to the poverty threshold; 18 states specifically mention tax consequences; and he could not remember how other states approach self-support reserves.

Ray Hartz, Virginia Poverty Law Center, reiterated his position relative to the importance of placing the children first. He noted that some had suggested that the custodial parents were not complaining about the guideline and child support amounts. That is due in many cases to the fact that they are in poverty and struggling to get by. Current support is too low for low-income people. The focus is on the noncustodial parent. There are unintended costs to the Commonwealth when people are forced onto the welfare rolls; lowering the incomes of families increases welfare dependency.

Subcommittee Discussion. Delegate McQuigg questioned whether inaction might be preferable to action. Delegate Moran noted that Richard Byrd's comments are compelling, as are Ray Hartz's data on the impact on the very poor. He is not convinced of the need to change anything in the existing guideline and questioned whether changes would result in benefits to children. Senator Quayle noted that the Panel had spent a lot of time considering issues, that Dr. Rodgers's figures were high, that he put stock in what the VBA stated, but that nevertheless the schedule might be inadequate (given the age of the data upon which it is based).

Senator Blevins noted that Dick Byrd's presentation was more in line with needed changes and that he is concerned that if the guideline were revised as proposed, Virginia would

move into the top three states vis-à-vis its child support schedule. Chairman Kilgore noted that at lower levels of income, there was injury to children in the decrease in child support. Delegate Moran stated that patrons were free to submit their bills again. Senator Blevins noted the addition of the change to a quadrennial review and Chairman Kilgore noted the addition of the policy changes, including those addressing extraordinary medical expenses.

III. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 1. Virginia's guideline was established in 1987 and is based on data from the 1970s. Although the schedule "self-adjusts" for inflation (by increasing child support payments as income increases), the data may be inherently flawed due to cultural changes and improvements in data collection techniques.
- 2. No state or the federal government has reliable actual data on the costs of raising a child in a household that is not intact. This necessitates the use of data from intact families for developing schedule amounts. The schedule in the 2003 legislation contained a "separate household discount" to reflect the expenditures noncustodial parents make during parenting time and the fixed cost of establishing a second home. Opponents argue that data from intact households do not accurately capture actual expenses of households that are not intact, and cannot be modified to reflect those expenses.
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The amounts in the revised schedule are too high at the lower income levels and too low at higher income levels.

IV. RECOMMENDATION OF THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE

At the Ad Hoc Subcommittee's second meeting, the Division of Child Support Enforcement, the VBA Coalition on Family Law Legislation, and a representative of the 2001-2002 Panel struck a compromise. The text of the proposed compromise (Appendix E) and a chart mapping iterations of the child support schedule, are available on the Ad Hoc Subcommittee's webpage. The compromise proposal contains the following components:

- > Provides that "gross income" shall not include income received by the payor parent from a second job that was taken in order to pay off child support arrearages and that cessation of the income is not the basis for a material change in circumstances;
- ➤ Replaces the provision for "extraordinary medical and dental expenses" with a requirement that the parents pay in proportion to their incomes any reasonable and necessary unreimbursed medical or dental expenses in excess of \$250 per year per child;
- > Directs the court to consider actual tax savings a party derives from the child-care cost deductions or credits;
- > Changes the guideline review period from being completed every three years to being completed every four years; and
- Modifies the schedule of child support so that the transitions among child support levels are more gradual.

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommended that staff prepare legislation based on the compromise proposal but took no position relative to the legislation.

V. LEGISLATION IN THE 2004 SESSION

In the 2004 General Assembly Session, Senator Quayle introduced legislation (Senate Bill 208) containing all provisions of the model legislation except for the changes to the schedule amounts (Appendix F). Delegate Marrs introduced House Bill 511, which made consistent the treatment of extraordinary medical expenses across all forms of child custody arrangements (Appendix G). The two bills eventually went into conference, and the final bills that emerged were identical to one another: both bills contain all the changes recommended by Senate Bill 208 along with the provisions in House Bill 511 that made consistent the treatment of medical expenses, now referred to as "unreimbursed" medical expenses, and limited to \$250 per child per year, across all forms of custody arrangements. Senate Bill 208 also contains some additional necessary conforming amendments offered by the Governor and accepted by the General Assembly. Because it was signed after House Bill 511, Senate Bill 208 is the governing law. A copy of House Bill 511 as enacted is contained in Appendix H. A copy of Senate Bill 208 as enacted is contained in Appendix I.

VI. CONCLUSION

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee was convened to examine failed child support guideline legislation from the 2003 Session in greater detail, and to facilitate informed debate on potential needed revisions to the child support guideline. To educate stakeholders in the issues, a website was established, two public meetings were held, and an executive summary of findings was published before the start of the 2004 Session. The Ad Hoc Subcommittee's sole recommendation, the preparation of model legislation, ultimately resulted in General Assembly passage of two bills, both containing all but one of the provisions in that model legislation. Both were enacted into law, and will significantly strengthen and streamline Virginia's child support program in accordance with principles surfaced during the Ad Hoc Subcommittee's proceedings.

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee has completed its work and will not meet in 2004. The Ad Hoc Subcommittee thanks the meeting participants, speakers and other interested parties for their hard work in crafting a successful compromise on this complicated issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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2003 SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2263 Offered January 8, 2003

Prefiled January 8, 2003

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 20-108.1 and 20-108.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to child support.

Patrons—Watts and Petersen

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

- 1. That §§ 20-108.1 and 20-108.2 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows: § 20-108.1. Determination of child or spousal support.
- A. In any proceeding on the issue of determining spousal support, the court shall consider all evidence presented relevant to any issues joined in that proceeding. The court's decision shall be rendered based upon the evidence relevant to each individual case.
- B. In any proceeding on the issue of determining child support under this title or Title 16.1 or Title 63.2, the court shall consider all evidence presented relevant to any issues joined in that proceeding. The court's decision in any such proceeding shall be rendered upon the evidence relevant to each individual case. However, there shall be a rebuttable presumption in any judicial or administrative proceeding for child support, including cases involving split custody or shared custody, that the amount of the award which would result from the application of the guidelines guideline set out in § 20-108.2 is the correct amount of child support to be awarded. Liability for support shall be determined retroactively for the period measured from the date that the proceeding was commenced by the filing of an action with the court provided the complainant exercised due diligence in the service of the respondent or, if earlier, the date an order of the Department of Social Services entered pursuant to Title 63.2 and directing payment of support was delivered to the sheriff or process server for service on the obligor.

In order to rebut the presumption, the court shall make written findings in the order, which findings may be incorporated by reference, that the application of such guidelines guideline would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case. The finding that rebuts the guidelines guideline shall state the amount of support that would have been required under the guidelines guideline, shall give a justification of why the order varies from the guidelines guideline, and shall be determined by relevant evidence pertaining to the following factors affecting the obligation, the ability of each party to provide child support, and the best interests of the child:

- 1. Actual monetary support for other family members or former family members;
- 2. Arrangements regarding custody of the children;
- 3. Imputed income to a party who is voluntarily unemployed or voluntarily under-employed; provided that income may not be imputed to the custodial parent when a child is not in school, child care services are not available and the cost of such child care services are not included in the computation:
 - 4. Debts of either party arising during the marriage for the benefit of the child;
 - 5. Debts incurred for production of income;
- 6. Direct payments ordered by the court for health care coverage, maintaining life insurance coverage pursuant to subsection D, education expenses, or other court-ordered direct payments for the benefit of the child and costs related to the provision of health care coverage pursuant to subdivision 7 of § 20-60.3;
 - 7. Extraordinary capital gains such as capital gains resulting from the sale of the marital abode;
- 8. Age, physical and mental condition of the child or children, including extraordinary medical or dental expenses, and child-care expenses;
 - 9. Independent financial resources, if any, of the child or children;
 - 10. Standard of living for the family established during the marriage;
 - 11. Earning capacity, obligations and needs, and financial resources of each parent;
- 12. Education and training of the parties and the ability and opportunity of the parties to secure

4 such education and training;

- 13. Contributions, monetary and nonmonetary, of each party to the well-being of the family;
- 14. Provisions made with regard to the marital property under § 20-107.3;
- 15. Tax consequences to the parties regarding claims for dependent children and child care expenses;
 - 16. A written agreement between the parties which includes the amount of child support;
- 17. A pendente lite decree, which includes the amount of child support, agreed to by both parties or by counsel for the parties; and
- 18. Such other factors, including tax consequences to each party, as are necessary to consider the equities for the parents and children: and
- 19. Income of the parties obtained from overtime employment or a second job, which income may be considered for inclusion or noninclusion based on the history of receipt of that income, the purpose of that income, and any agreement of the parties related to that income.
- B1. In considering the imputation of income to either party pursuant to subdivision B 3, the court shall consider (i) the earning capacity, including the skills, education and training of the party; (ii) the current employment opportunities for persons possessing such earning capacity; (iii) the extent to which the age, physical or mental condition, or special circumstances of any child of the parties makes it appropriate that a party not seek employment outside of the home; and (iv) the decisions regarding employment, career, economics, education, and parenting arrangements made by the parties, and their effect on present and future earning potential, including the length of time 1 or both of the parties have been absent from the job market.
- C. In any proceeding under this title or Title 16.1 or Title 63.2 on the issue of determining child support, the court shall have the authority to order a party to provide health care coverage, as defined in § 63.1-250 63.2-1900, for dependent children if reasonable under all the circumstances and health care coverage for a spouse or former spouse.
- D. In any proceeding under this title, Title 16.1 or Title 63.2 on the issue of determining child support, the court shall have the authority to order a party to (i) maintain any existing life insurance policy on the life of either party provided the party so ordered has the right to designate a beneficiary and (ii) designate a child or children of the parties as the beneficiary of all or a portion of such life insurance for so long as the party so ordered has a statutory obligation to pay child support for the child or children.
- E. Except when the parties have otherwise agreed, in any proceeding under this title, Title 16.1 or Title 63.2 on the issue of determining child support, the court shall have the authority to and may, in its discretion, order one party to execute all appropriate tax forms or waivers to grant to the other party the right to take the income tax dependency exemption for any tax year or future years, for any child or children of the parties for federal and state income tax purposes.
- F. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any modifications to this section shall not be retroactive to a date before enactment, and shall not be the basis for a material change in circumstances upon which a modification of child support may be based.
 - § 20-108.2. Guideline for determination of child support.
- A. The Schedule of Monthly Basic Child Support Obligations ("Schedule") is based on (i) the rationale that there are fixed housing and utility costs and variable transportation costs, and (ii) the assumption of "exercised" visitation by the noncustodial parent of 60 to 90 days annually. There shall be a rebuttable presumption in any judicial or administrative proceeding for child support under this title or Title 16.1 or 63.2, including cases involving split custody or shared custody, that the amount of the award which would result from the application of the guidelines guideline set forth in this section is the correct amount of child support to be awarded. In order to rebut the presumption, the court shall make written findings in the order as set out in § 20-108.1, which findings may be incorporated by reference, that the application of the guidelines guideline would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case as determined by relevant evidence pertaining to the factors set out in §§ 20-107.2 and 20-108.1. The Department of Social Services shall set child support at the amount resulting from computations using the guidelines guideline set out in this section pursuant to the authority granted to it in Chapter 19 (§ 63.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 63.2 and subject to the provisions of § 63.2-1918.

- A1. Economic Assumptions. The Schedule in this section should be applied in individual cases with consideration of the following economic assumptions:
- 1. The guideline, including the Schedule amounts, is designed to establish child support levels as a specified proportion of an obligor's gross monthly income. The Schedule is in gross income for 3 reasons:
- a. Use of gross income simplifies the use of the child support guideline because it avoids use of a complex gross to net calculation in individual cases;
 - b. Use of gross income is more equitable because it avoids noncomparable deductions; and
- c. Use of gross income avoids an increase in child support when an obligor acquires additional dependents, claims more exemptions, and therefore has a higher net income for a given level of gross income.
- 2. The Schedule incorporates a "self-support reserve" for obligors. The reserve allows low-income obligors to retain enough income after payment of taxes and child support to maintain at least a subsistence level of living.
- 3. The Schedule is based on economic data that represent estimates of total expenditures on child-rearing costs up to age 18. The major categories of expenditures include food, housing, home furnishings, utilities, transportation, clothing, education, and recreation. The Schedule amounts do not include average expenditures for childcare, children's extraordinary medical care, and the children's share of health insurance. These costs are deducted from the base amounts used to establish the Schedule because they are added to child support obligations as actually incurred in individual cases. Deducting these expenditures from the base amounts avoids counting them twice in the child support calculation.
- 4. The Schedule amounts include expenditures on ordinary medical care of \$250 per child per year. This amount is based on the assumption that parents will make expenditures on behalf of the children's medical care that is not covered by insurance.
- 5. The Schedule is based on modified versions of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee's (i) average use applied to fixed transportation costs for 1 and 2 children, and (ii) per capita approach for 3 or more children. These analytic approaches are described in "Technical Report: The Costs of Raising Children" (Senate Document No. 9, 2001). Child expenditures for households with 4, 5, and 6 children are constructed by multiplying the obligations of households with 3 children by 1.1274, 1.2293, and 1.3142.
- 6. A "separate household discount" serves 2 purposes. First, it reserves income for the noncustodial parent to spend directly on his children during the 60 to 90 days of visitation. Second, it provides the noncustodial parent income to cover the "fixed cost" of operating a second household. Fixed cost is defined as expenditures on shelter, household equipment and fixed transportation (net outlays on new and used cars and trucks, vehicle insurance and vehicle finance charges).
- 7. Gross monthly income excludes Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and income from Temporary Assistance to Needy Families. This maintains consistency with the Commonwealth's practice of excluding these components of income.
- B. For purposes of application of the guideline, a basic child support obligation shall be computed using the schedule set out below. For combined monthly gross income amounts falling between amounts shown in the schedule, basic child support obligation amounts shall be extrapolated. However, unless one of the following exemptions applies where the sole custody child support obligation as computed pursuant to subdivision G. 1. is less than \$65 per month, there shall be a presumptive minimum child support obligation of \$65 per month payable by the payor parent. Exemptions from this presumptive minimum monthly child support obligation shall include: parents unable to pay child support because they lack sufficient assets from which to pay child support and who, in addition, are institutionalized in a psychiatric facility; are imprisoned with no chance of parole; are medically verified to be totally and permanently disabled with no evidence of potential for paying child support, including recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI); or are otherwise involuntarily unable to produce income. "Number of children" means the number of children for whom the parents share joint legal responsibility and for whom support is being sought.

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS

161 COMBINED

162	-MONTHLY						
163	CROSS	ONE		THREE	FOUR	FIVE -	SIX
164	-INCOME	CHILD-	CHILDREN	- CHILDREN-	CHILDREN-	- CHILDREN	- CHILDREN
165	- 0 599 -	65	65	65	65	65	65
166	600	110	111	- 113	114	115	116
167	650	138-	140	142	143	145	146
168	700	153	169	170	172	174	176
169	750	160	197-	199	202	204	-206
170	800	168	226	228	231	233	236
171	850	175	254-	257	260	263	266
172	900	182	281	286	289	292-	295
173	950	189	292	315	318	322	325
174	- 1000	196	304	344	348	351	355
175	1050	203	315	373	377	381	385
176	1100	210	326	403	406	410	415
177	1150	217	327	422	435	440	445
178	- 1200	225	348	436	465	470	475
179	1250	232	360	451	497	502	507
180			373	467	526	536 536	542
	- 1300 -	241					
181	- 1350	249	386	483		570	
182	1400	- 257 -	398 —	499	563	605	611
183	1450	265	411			633	645
184	- 1500 -	274	426	533		656	680
185	1550	282	436	547	617	672 -	714
186	1600	289 -	447	560		689	737
187	- 1650 -	295	458	 573	647	705	754
188	1700	302	468	587	662	721 -	772
189	- 1750 -	309	479	600	676	738 -	789
190	1800	315	488	612		752	805
191	1850	321	497	623	702	766	819
192	- 1900 -	326	506	634	714	779 -	834
193	- 1950 -	332		645	727	- 793	848
194	2000	338		655	739	806	862
195	2050	343	532	666	-751	819	877
196	- 2100	349	540	677	763	833	891
197	2150	355	549	688	776	846	905
198	2200	360	558	699	788	860	920
199	2250	366	- 567	710	800	873	934
200	2300	371	575	721	812	886	948
201	- 2350	377	584	732	825	900	963
	2400		593	743	837		
203			601			927-	991
204	- 2500	- 394 -		765	862	940	
205	- 2550		619	776	874	954	- 1020
206			627		886		1024
207	- 2650		635	797	897	979	1048
208	- 2700			806	908		- 1060
209	2750		651	816			- 1050 - 1073
210	2750	420	658			1015	
210 211				826	930		1085
		- 430	667	836	941	 1027	1098
212	- 2900 -	435	675	846	953	1039	1112
213	- 2950 -	440	683	856	964	1052	1125
214	- 3000-	445		866	975	1064	1138
215	3050	- 450	699	876	987	1076	 1152

216	3100	456	707	886	998	1089	1165
217	3150	461	715	896	1010	1101	1178
218	- 3200	466	723	906	1021	1114	1191
219	- 3250	471	732	917	1032	1126	1205
220	3300	476	740	927	1044	1139	1218
221	- 3350	481	748	937	1055	1151	1231
222	- 3400 -	486	756	947	1067	1164	1245
223	3450	492 -	764	957	1078	1176-	1258
224	3500	497	772	967	1089	1189	1271
225	3550	502	780	977	1101	1201	1285
226	- 3600 -	507	788	987	1112	1213	1298
227	3650	- 512	797	997	1124	1226	1311
228	- 3700	- 518 -	806	1009	1137	1240	1326
229	- 3750 -	524	815	1020	1150	1254	1342
230	- 3800	530	824	1032	1163	1268	1357
231	3850	 536	834	1043	1176	1283	1372
232	- 3900	542	843-	1055	1189	1297	1387
233	3950	547	852	1066	-1202	1311	1402
234	4000		861	1078	1214	1325	1417
235	4050	559	871	1089	1227	1339-	1432
236	- 4100	565	880	1101	1240	1353	1448
237	4150	571	889	1112	1253	1367	1463
238	4200	577	898	1124	1266	1382	1478
239	- 4250	583	907	1135	1279	1396	1493
240	4300	589	917	1147	1292	1410-	1508
241	- 4350 -		926	1158	1305	1424	1523
242	4400	600	935	1170	1318	1438	1538
243	4450	606-	944	1181	1331	1452	1553
244	4500	612	954	1193	1344	1467-	1569
245	4550	618	963	1204	1357	1481	1584
246	4600	624	972	1216	- 1370 -	1495	1599
247	4650	630	981	1227	1383	1509-	1614
248	4700	635	989	1237	1395	1522	1627
249	4750	641	997	1247	1406	1534	1641
250	4800	646	1005	1257	1417	1546	1654
251	4850	651	1013	1267	1428	1558	1667
252	4900	656	1021	1277	1439	1570	1679
253	- 4950 -	661	1028	1286	1450	1582	1693
254	5000	- 666	1036	1295	-1460	1593	1704
255	5050	671—	1043	1305	1471	1605	1716
256	5100	675	1051	1314	-1481	1616	1728
257		680	1058	1323	1492	1628	1741
258	5200	685	1066	1333	1502 -	1640	1753
259	5250	690 -	1073	1342	1513	1651	1765
260	5300	695—	1081	1351	1524	1663	1778
261	5350	700	1088	- 1361	1534	1674	1790
262	5400	705	1096	1370	1545	1686	1802
263	5450	710	1103	1379	- 1555 -	1697	1815
264	5500	714	- 1111	1389	1566	1709	1827
265	5550	719	1118	1398	1576	1720	- 1839
266	5600	724		1407	1587	1732	1851
267	5650	729	1133	1417	1598	1743	1864
268	5700	734	- 1141	1426	1608	- 1755	1876
269	5750	739	1148	1435	1619	1766	1888

270	5800	744	1156	1445	1629	1778	1901
271		749	1150	1454	1640	1790	1913
272	5900	753	1171	1463	1650	1801	1925
273		758	1178	1473	1661	1813	1937
274	6000	763	1186	1482	1672	1824	1950
275	6050	768	1103	1491	1682	1836	1962
276	6100	773	1201	1501	1693	1847	1974
277	6150	778	1208	1510 1510	1703	1859	1987
278	6200	783	1216	1510	1714	1870	1999
279	6250	788 -	1223	1529	1724	1882	2011
280	6300	792	1223	1538	1735	1893	2023
281	6350	797	1238	1547	1745	1905	2036
282	6400	802	1246	1557	1756	1916	2048
283	- 6450	807	1253	1566	1767	1928	2060
284	6500	812	1261	1575	1777	1940	2073
285	6550	816 -	1267	1583	1786	1949	2083
286	6600	- 820 -	1272	1590	1794	1957	2092
287	6650	- 823 -	1277	1597	1801	1965	2100
288	- 6700 -	827	1283	1604	1809	1974	2109
289	- 6750	830 -	1288	1610	1817	1982	2118
290	6800	834	1293	1617	1824	1990	2127
291	6850	837	1299	1624	1832	1999	2136
292	6900	841	1304	1631	 1839	2007	2145
293	6950	845	1309	1637	1847	2016	2154
294	7000	848	1315	1644	1855	2024	2163
295	7050	852	1320	1651	1862	2032	2172
296	- 7100 -	855	1325	1658	1870	2041	2181
297	- 7150		1331	1665	1878	2049	2190
298	7200	862	1336	1671	1885	2057	2199
299	- 7250 	866	1341	1678	1893	2066	2207
300	7300	870	1347	1685	1900	2074	2216
301	7350	873	1352	1692	1908	2082	2225
302	 7400	877 - -	- 1358	1698 -	1916	2091	2234
303	- 7450 -	880 -	1363	1705	1923	2099—	2243
304	7500	884	1368	1712	-1931	2108	2252
305	7550 -	887 —	1374	1719	· 1938	2116	2261
306	 7600	- 891 -	1379	1725	1946	2124	2270
307	7650	895	1384	1732	1954	2133	2279
308	7700	898 -	1390	1739	1961	2141	2288
309	7750	902	1395	1746	1969	2149	2297
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	7900				1989		
	- 7950			1770	1995	2178	2328
				1776	2001		2335
	8050		1423			2192	
	- 8100		1428			2198	
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324	8500	943	1464	1833	2063	-2253	2410
325	- 8550	945	1468	1839	2069	2260	2417
326	8600	948	1473	1845	2076	 2266	2425
327	8650	951	1478	1850		2273	2432
328	- 8700	954	1482	1856 -	2088		2440
329	- 8750 	956	1487	- 1862 -	2094	2287	2447
330	8800	959	1491	- 1868 -	-2100 -	2294-	- 2455
331	- 8850	962	1496	- 1873 -	2107	- 2300 -	-2462
332	8900	964	- 1500	- 1879 -	2113	2307	2470
333	8950	967	1505	1885	2119	 2314	2477
334	9000	970	1509	1891-	2125	2321	2484
335	9050- -	973	1514	1896	2131	2328	2492
336	- 9100	975	1517	-1901 -	2137	2334	2498
337	9150	977	1521	- 1905 -	2141	2339	2503
338	9200	979	1524	1909	2146	2344	2509
339	9250	982	1527	1914	2151	2349	2514
340	9300	984	- 1531 -	1918	2156	2354	2520
341	 9350	986	1534	1922	2160	2359	 2525
342	9400	988	1537	1926	2165	2365	2531
343	9450	990	1541	1930	2170	2370-	2536
344	9500	993	1544	1935 -	2175 —	2375	2541
345	9550	995	1547	1939	2179	2380	2547
346	9600	997	1551	- 1943	2184	2385	2552
347	9650	999	1554	1947	2189	2390	2558
348	9700	1001	1557	1951	2194	2396	2563
349	- 9750 -	- 1003	1561	1956	2198	2401	2569
350	 9800	1006	 1564	1960	2203	2406	2574
351	9850	1008	- 1567 -	1964	2208	2411	2580
352	 9900	1010	- 1571	1968	2213	- 2416 -	2585
353	9950	1012	- 1574	1972	2218	2421-	2590
354	-10000	1014	1577	1977	2222	2427	2596
355	For gros	s monthly in	come between	\$10,000 and	\$20,000, add 1	the amount o	f child sup

For gross monthly income between \$10,000 and \$20,000, add the amount of child support for \$10,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$10,000:

-ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	PTUP	CTY
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For gross monthly income between \$20,000 and \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$20,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$20,000:

-ONE			FOUR	PTVP	CTY
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CHILD	-CHILDREN-	- CHILDREN -	CUTI DREM	CUTTODEN	CULLDREN
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For gross monthly income over \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$50,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$50,000:

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SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS

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373	GROSS	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
374	INCOME	CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
375	1200	83	84	85	96	104	112
376	1250	111	113	114	129	140	150
377	1300	139	142	143	161	176	188

378	1350	167	171	172	194	211	226
379	1400	195	200	201	227	247	264
380	1450	223	229	230	259	283	302
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391	2000	371	548	549	619	675	721
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493	7100	929	1382	1746	1968	2146	2294
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506	7750	961	1431	1812	2043	2228	2382
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526	8750	1009	1504	1909	2152	2346	2508
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For gross monthly income between \$10,000 and \$20,000, add the amount of child support for \$10,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$10,000:

ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
3.18	5.1%	6.8₩	7.88	8.88	9.5%

For gross monthly income between \$20,000 and \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$20,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$20,000:

ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
28	3.5%	5₩	68	6.98	7.88

For gross monthly income over \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$50,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$50,000:

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ONE
           TWO
                       THREE
                                     FOUR
                                                  FIVE
                                                                 SIX
CHILD
         CHILDREN
                     CHILDREN
                                   CHILDREN
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 18
            28
                        38
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C. For purposes of this section, "gross income" means all income from all sources, and shall include, but not be limited to, income from salaries, wages, commissions, royalties, bonuses, dividends, severance pay, pensions, interest, trust income, annuities, capital gains, social security benefits except as listed below, workers' compensation benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, disability insurance benefits, veterans' benefits, spousal support, rental income, gifts, prizes or awards.

If a parent's gross income includes disability insurance benefits, it shall also include any amounts paid to or for the child who is the subject of the order and derived by the child from the parent's entitlement to disability insurance benefits. To the extent that such derivative benefits are included in a parent's gross income, that parent shall be entitled to a credit against his or her ongoing basic child support obligation for any such amounts, and, if the amount of the credit exceeds the parent's basic child support obligations, the credit may be used to reduce arrearages.

Gross income shall be subject to deduction of reasonable business expenses for persons with income from self-employment, a partnership, or a closely held business. "Gross income" shall not include:

benefits 1. Benefits from public assistance and social services programs as defined in § 63.2-100; federal 2. Federal supplemental security income benefits;

or child 3. Child support received; or

4. Income received by the payor from secondary employment income, whether from an additional job, from self-employment, or from overtime income not previously included in "gross income," where such income has been obtained in a good faith effort by the payor to discharge a child-support arrearage established by a court or administrative order relating to the child or children who are subject to the proceeding, and such parent is paying the arrearage pursuant to the order. Such secondary income, or the cessation of such income upon the payment of the arrearage, shall not be the basis for a material change in circumstances upon which a modification of child support may be based.

For purposes of this subsection: (i) spousal support received shall be included in gross income and spousal support paid shall be deducted from gross income when paid pursuant to an order or written

agreement and (ii) one-half of any self-employment tax paid shall be deducted from gross income.

Where there is an existing court or administrative order or written agreement relating to the child or children of a party to the proceeding, who are not the child or children who are the subject of the present proceeding, then there is a presumption that there shall be deducted from the gross income of the party subject to such order or written agreement, the amount that the party is actually paying for the support of a child or children pursuant to such order or agreement.

Where a party to the proceeding has a natural or adopted child or children in the party's household or primary physical custody, and the child or children are not the subject of the present proceeding, there is a presumption that there shall be deducted from the gross income of that party the amount as shown on the Schedule of Monthly Basic Child Support Obligations contained in subsection B that represents that party's support obligation based solely on that party's income as being the total income available for the natural or adopted child or children in the party's household or primary physical custody, who are not the subject of the present proceeding. Provided, however, that the existence of a party's financial responsibility for such a child or children shall not of itself constitute a material change in circumstances for modifying a previous order of child support in any modification proceeding. Any adjustment to gross income under this subsection shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount which seriously impairs the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child, as determined by the court.

In cases in which retroactive liability for support is being determined, the court or administrative agency may use the gross monthly income of the parties averaged over the period of retroactivity.

An obligation of child support under this title shall not reduce the residual income of the noncustodial parent to an amount less than 150 percent of the federal poverty level as established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. However, any calculation under this subsection shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount which seriously impairs either party's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing for himself and provide other basic necessities for the child.

- D. Any extraordinary medical and dental expenses for treatment of the child or children shall be added to the basic child support obligation. For purposes of this section, extraordinary medical and dental expenses are uninsured expenses in excess of \$100 for a single illness or condition and shall include but not be limited to eyeglasses, prescription medication, prostheses, and mental health services whether provided by a social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, or counselor Except for good cause shown or the agreement of the parties, in addition to any other child support obligations made pursuant to this section, any child support order shall provide that the parents pay in proportion to their gross incomes, as used for calculating the monthly support obligation, any reasonable and necessary uninsured medical or dental expenses which are in excess of the sum of \$250 for any calendar year for each child who is the subject of the obligation. For the purposes of this section, medical or dental expenses shall include but not be limited to eyeglasses, prescription medication, prosthetics, orthodontics, and mental health or developmental disabilities services, including but not limited to services provided by a social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, counselor, or therapist
- E. Any costs for health care coverage as defined in § 63.2-1900 and dental care coverage, when actually being paid by a parent, to the extent such costs are directly allocable to the child or children, and which are the extra costs of covering the child or children beyond whatever coverage the parent providing the coverage would otherwise have, shall be added to the basic child support obligation.
- F. Any child-care costs incurred on behalf of the child or children due to employment of the custodial parent shall be added to the basic child support obligation as follows:
- 1. When the monthly gross income of the custodial parent paying such costs falls below (i) \$1,100 for 1 child; (ii) \$1,500 for 2 children; (iii) \$1,700 for 3 children; (iv) \$1,900 for 4 children; (v) \$2,100 for 5 children; or (vi) \$2,300 for 6 children, 100 percent of the child-care costs shall be added to the basic child support obligations.
- 2. When the monthly gross income of the custodial parent paying such costs exceeds the level set forth in subdivision F 1, 75 percent of the child-care costs shall be added to the basic child support obligation. The sum of 100 percent of the child-care costs exceeding the amount allowed the custodial parent as a child-care tax credit shall be added to the basic child support obligation. The court or administrative agency shall consider tax returns or any other relevant evidence presented in order to

rebut the presumption of the percentage of child-care costs to be used.

3. Child-care costs shall not exceed the amount required to provide quality care from a licensed source. When requested by the noncustodial parent, the court may require the custodial parent to present documentation to verify the costs incurred for child care under this subsection. Where appropriate, the court shall consider the willingness and availability of the noncustodial parent to provide child care personally in determining whether child-care costs are necessary or excessive.

G. 1. Sole custody support. The sole custody total monthly child support obligation shall be established by adding (i) the monthly basic child support obligation, as determined from the schedule contained in subsection B, (ii) all extraordinary medical expenses, (iii) costs for health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E, and (iv) work-related child-care costs and taking into consideration all the factors set forth in subsection B of § 20-108.1. The total monthly child support obligation shall be divided between the parents in the same proportion as their monthly gross incomes bear to their monthly combined gross income. The monthly obligation of each parent shall be computed by multiplying each parent's percentage of the parents' monthly combined gross income by the total monthly child support obligation.

However, the monthly obligation of the noncustodial parent shall be reduced by the cost for health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E when paid directly by the noncustodial parent.

2. Split custody support. In cases involving split custody, the amount of child support to be paid shall be the difference between the amounts owed by each parent as a noncustodial parent, computed in accordance with subdivision 1, with the noncustodial parent owing the larger amount paying the difference to the other parent.

For the purpose of this section and § 20-108.1, split custody shall be limited to those situations where each parent has physical custody of a child or children born of the parents, born of either parent and adopted by the other parent or adopted by both parents. For the purposes of calculating a child support obligation where split custody exists, a separate family unit exists for each parent, and child support for that family unit shall be calculated upon the number of children in that family unit who are born of the parents, born of either parent and adopted by the other parent or adopted by both parents. Where split custody exists, a parent is a custodial parent to the children in that parent's family unit and is a noncustodial parent to the children in the other parent's family unit.

- 3. Shared custody support.
- (a) Where a party has custody or visitation of a child or children for more than ninety days of the year, as such days are defined in subdivision G 3 (c), a shared custody child support amount based on the ratio in which the parents share the custody and visitation of any child or children shall be calculated in accordance with this subdivision. The presumptive support to be paid shall be the shared custody support amount, unless a party affirmatively shows that the sole custody support amount calculated as provided in subdivision G 1 is less than the shared custody support amount. If so, the lesser amount shall be the support to be paid. For the purposes of this subsection, the following shall apply:
- (i) Income share. "Income share" means a parent's percentage of the combined monthly gross income of both parents. The income share of a parent is that parent's gross income divided by the combined gross incomes of the parties.
- (ii) Custody share. "Custody share" means the number of days that a parent has physical custody, whether by sole custody, joint legal or joint residential custody, or visitation, of a shared child per year divided by the number of days in the year. The actual or anticipated "custody share" of the parent who has or will have fewer days of physical custody shall be calculated for a one-year period. The "custody share" of the other parent shall be presumed to be the number of days in the year less the number of days calculated as the first parent's "custody share." For purposes of this calculation, the year may begin on such date as is determined in the discretion of the court, and the day may begin at such time as is determined in the discretion of the court. For purposes of this calculation, a day shall be as defined in subdivision G 3 (c).
- (iii) Shared support need. "Shared support need" means the presumptive guideline amount of needed support for the shared child or children calculated pursuant to subsection B of this section, for the combined gross income of the parties and the number of shared children, multiplied by 1.4.
 - (iv) Sole custody support. "Sole custody support" means the support amount determined in

accordance with subdivision G 1.

- (b) Support to be paid. The shared support need of the shared child or children shall be calculated pursuant to subdivision G 3 (a) (iii). This amount shall then be multiplied by the other parent's custody share. To that sum for each parent shall be added the other parent's cost of health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E, plus the other parent's work-related child-care costs to the extent allowable by subsection F. This total for each parent shall be multiplied by that parent's income share. The support amounts thereby calculated that each parent owes the other shall be subtracted one from the other and the difference shall be the shared custody support one parent owes to the other, with the payor parent being the one whose shared support is the larger. Any extraordinary medical and dental expenses, to the extent allowable by subsection D, shall be shared directly by the parents in accordance with their income shares, and shall not be adjusted by the custody share. The parents shall pay their respective shares of these extraordinary medical expenses as they are incurred, and they are not added to each party's shared custody support owed to the other party. The method of payment of said allowable expenses shall be contained in the support order. When the shared support is compared to the sole custody support to determine which is the lesser support, pursuant to subdivision G 3 (a), the extraordinary medical expenses shall not enter into either calculation.
- (c) Definition of a day. For the purposes of this section, "day" means a period of twenty-four hours; however, where the parent who has the fewer number of overnight periods during the year has an overnight period with a child, but has physical custody of the shared child for less than twenty-four hours during such overnight period, there is a presumption that each parent shall be allocated one-half of a day of custody for that period.
- (d) Minimum standards. Any calculation under this subdivision shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount which seriously impairs the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child. If the gross income of either party is equal to or less than 150 percent of the federal poverty level promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from time to time, then the shared custody support calculated pursuant to this subsection shall not be the presumptively correct support and the court may consider whether the sole custody support or the shared custody support is more just and appropriate.
- (e) Support modification. When there has been an award of child support based on the shared custody formula and one parent consistently fails to exercise custody or visitation in accordance with the parent's custody share upon which the award was based, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the support award should be modified.
- (f) In the event that the shared custody support calculation indicates that the net support is to be paid to the parent who would not be the parent receiving support pursuant to the sole custody calculation, then the shared support shall be deemed to be the lesser support.
- H. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall ensure that the guideline set out in this section is reviewed by October 31, 2001, and every three years thereafter, by a panel that includes a representative of a juvenile and domestic relations court and a circuit court, a representative of the executive branch, a member of the House of Delegates, a member of the Senate to be appointed by the chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice, members of the bar, two custodial and two noncustodial parents and a child advocate. The panel shall determine the adequacy of the guideline for the determination of appropriate awards for the support of children by considering current research and data on the cost of and expenditures necessary for rearing children, and any other resources it deems relevant to such review. The panel shall report its findings to the General Assembly before it next convenes following such review.
- I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any modifications to this section shall not be retroactive to a date before enactment, and shall not be the basis for a material change in circumstances upon which a modification of child support may be based.

SENATE BILL NO. 1312

Offered January 17, 2003

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 20-108.1 and 20-108.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to child support.

Patron—Quayle

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 20-108.1 and 20-108.2 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows: § 20-108.1. Determination of child or spousal support.

A. In any proceeding on the issue of determining spousal support, the court shall consider all evidence presented relevant to any issues joined in that proceeding. The court's decision shall be rendered based upon the evidence relevant to each individual case.

B. In any proceeding on the issue of determining child support under this title or Title 16.1 or Title 63.2, the court shall consider all evidence presented relevant to any issues joined in that proceeding. The court's decision in any such proceeding shall be rendered upon the evidence relevant to each individual case. However, there shall be a rebuttable presumption in any judicial or administrative proceeding for child support, including cases involving split custody or shared custody, that the amount of the award which would result from the application of the guidelines guideline set out in § 20-108.2 is the correct amount of child support to be awarded. Liability for support shall be determined retroactively for the period measured from the date that the proceeding was commenced by the filing of an action with the court provided the complainant exercised due diligence in the service of the respondent or, if earlier, the date an order of the Department of Social Services entered pursuant to Title 63.2 and directing payment of support was delivered to the sheriff or process server for service on the obligor.

In order to rebut the presumption, the court shall make written findings in the order, which findings may be incorporated by reference, that the application of such guidelines guideline would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case. The finding that rebuts the guidelines guideline shall state the amount of support that would have been required under the guidelines guideline, shall give a justification of why the order varies from the guidelines guideline, and shall be determined by relevant evidence pertaining to the following factors affecting the obligation, the ability of each party to provide child support, and the best interests of the child:

- 1. Actual monetary support for other family members or former family members;
- 2. Arrangements regarding custody of the children;
- 3. Imputed income to a party who is voluntarily unemployed or voluntarily under-employed; provided that income may not be imputed to the custodial parent when a child is not in school, child care services are not available and the cost of such child care services are not included in the computation;
 - 4. Debts of either party arising during the marriage for the benefit of the child;
 - 5. Debts incurred for production of income;
- 6. Direct payments ordered by the court for health care coverage, maintaining life insurance coverage pursuant to subsection D, education expenses, or other court-ordered direct payments for the benefit of the child and costs related to the provision of health care coverage pursuant to subdivision 7 of § 20-60.3;
 - 7. Extraordinary capital gains such as capital gains resulting from the sale of the marital abode;
- 8. Age, physical and mental condition of the child or children, including extraordinary medical or dental expenses, and child-care expenses;
 - 9. Independent financial resources, if any, of the child or children;
 - 10. Standard of living for the family established during the marriage;
 - 11. Earning capacity, obligations and needs, and financial resources of each parent;
- 12. Education and training of the parties and the ability and opportunity of the parties to secure such education and training;

- 13. Contributions, monetary and nonmonetary, of each party to the well-being of the family;
- 14. Provisions made with regard to the marital property under § 20-107.3;

- 56 15. Tax consequences to the parties regarding claims for dependent children and child care 57 expenses;
 - 16. A written agreement between the parties which includes the amount of child support;
 - 17. A pendente lite decree, which includes the amount of child support, agreed to by both parties or by counsel for the parties; and
 - 18. Such other factors, including tax consequences to each party, as are necessary to consider the equities for the parents and children-; and
 - 19. Income of the parties obtained from overtime employment or a second job, which income may be considered for inclusion or noninclusion based on the history of receipt of that income, the purpose of that income, and any agreement of the parties related to that income.
 - BI. In considering the imputation of income to either party pursuant to subdivision B 3, the court shall consider (i) the earning capacity, including the skills, education and training of the party; (ii) the current employment opportunities for persons possessing such earning capacity; (iii) the extent to which the age, physical or mental condition, or special circumstances of any child of the parties makes it appropriate that a party not seek employment outside of the home; and (iv) the decisions regarding employment, career, economics, education, and parenting arrangements made by the parties, and their effect on present and future earning potential, including the length of time 1 or both of the parties have been absent from the job market.
 - C. In any proceeding under this title or Title 16.1 or Title 63.2 on the issue of determining child support, the court shall have the authority to order a party to provide health care coverage, as defined in § 63.1-250 63.2-1900, for dependent children if reasonable under all the circumstances and health care coverage for a spouse or former spouse.
 - D. In any proceeding under this title, Title 16.1 or Title 63.2 on the issue of determining child support, the court shall have the authority to order a party to (i) maintain any existing life insurance policy on the life of either party provided the party so ordered has the right to designate a beneficiary and (ii) designate a child or children of the parties as the beneficiary of all or a portion of such life insurance for so long as the party so ordered has a statutory obligation to pay child support for the child or children.
 - E. Except when the parties have otherwise agreed, in any proceeding under this title, Title 16.1 or Title 63.2 on the issue of determining child support, the court shall have the authority to and may, in its discretion, order one party to execute all appropriate tax forms or waivers to grant to the other party the right to take the income tax dependency exemption for any tax year or future years, for any child or children of the parties for federal and state income tax purposes.
 - F. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any modifications to this section shall not be retroactive to a date before enactment, and shall not be the basis for a material change in circumstances upon which a modification of child support may be based.
 - § 20-108.2. Guideline for determination of child support.
 - A. The Schedule of Monthly Basic Child Support Obligations ("Schedule") is based on (i) the rationale that there are fixed housing and utility costs and variable transportation costs, and (ii) the assumption of "exercised" visitation by the noncustodial parent of 60 to 90 days annually. There shall be a rebuttable presumption in any judicial or administrative proceeding for child support under this title or Title 16.1 or 63.2, including cases involving split custody or shared custody, that the amount of the award which would result from the application of the guidelines guideline set forth in this section is the correct amount of child support to be awarded. In order to rebut the presumption, the court shall make written findings in the order as set out in § 20-108.1, which findings may be incorporated by reference, that the application of the guidelines guideline would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case as determined by relevant evidence pertaining to the factors set out in §§ 20-107.2 and 20-108.1. The Department of Social Services shall set child support at the amount resulting from computations using the guidelines guideline set out in this section pursuant to the authority granted to it in Chapter 19 (§ 63.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 63.2 and subject to the provisions of § 63.2-1918.
 - Al. Economic Assumptions. The Schedule in this section should be applied in individual cases with

108 consideration of the following economic assumptions:

- 1. The guideline, including the Schedule amounts, is designed to establish child support levels as a specified proportion of an obligor's gross monthly income. The Schedule is in gross income for 3 reasons:
- a. Use of gross income simplifies the use of the child support guideline because it avoids use of a complex gross to net calculation in individual cases;
 - b. Use of gross income is more equitable because it avoids noncomparable deductions; and
- c. Use of gross income avoids an increase in child support when an obligor acquires additional dependents, claims more exemptions, and therefore has a higher net income for a given level of gross income.
- 2. The Schedule incorporates a "self-support reserve" for obligors. The reserve allows low-income obligors to retain enough income after payment of taxes and child support to maintain at least a subsistence level of living.
- 3. The Schedule is based on economic data that represent estimates of total expenditures on child-rearing costs up to age 18. The major categories of expenditures include food, housing, home furnishings, utilities, transportation, clothing, education, and recreation. The Schedule amounts do not include average expenditures for childcare, children's extraordinary medical care, and the children's share of health insurance. These costs are deducted from the base amounts used to establish the Schedule because they are added to child support obligations as actually incurred in individual cases. Deducting these expenditures from the base amounts avoids counting them twice in the child support calculation.
- 4. The Schedule amounts include expenditures on ordinary medical care of \$250 per child per year. This amount is based on the assumption that parents will make expenditures on behalf of the children's medical care that is not covered by insurance.
- 5. The Schedule is based on modified versions of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee's (i) average use applied to fixed transportation costs for 1 and 2 children, and (ii) per capita approach for 3 or more children. These analytic approaches are described in "Technical Report: The Costs of Raising Children" (Senate Document No. 9, 2001). Child expenditures for households with 4, 5, and 6 children are constructed by multiplying the obligations of households with 3 children by 1.1274, 1.2293, and 1.3142.
- 6. A "separate household discount" serves 2 purposes. First, it reserves income for the noncustodial parent to spend directly on his children during the 60 to 90 days of visitation. Second, it provides the noncustodial parent income to cover the "fixed cost" of operating a second household. Fixed cost is defined as expenditures on shelter, household equipment and fixed transportation (net outlays on new and used cars and trucks, vehicle insurance and vehicle finance charges).
- 7. Gross monthly income excludes Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and income from Temporary Assistance to Needy Families. This maintains consistency with the Commonwealth's practice of excluding these components of income.
- B. For purposes of application of the guideline, a basic child support obligation shall be computed using the schedule set out below. For combined monthly gross income amounts falling between amounts shown in the schedule, basic child support obligation amounts shall be extrapolated. However, unless one of the following exemptions applies where the sole custody child support obligation as computed pursuant to subdivision G. 1. is less than \$65 per month, there shall be a presumptive minimum child support obligation of \$65 per month payable by the payor parent. Exemptions from this presumptive minimum monthly child support obligation shall include: parents unable to pay child support because they lack sufficient assets from which to pay child support and who, in addition, are institutionalized in a psychiatric facility; are imprisoned with no chance of parole; are medically verified to be totally and permanently disabled with no evidence of potential for paying child support, including recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI); or are otherwise involuntarily unable to produce income. "Number of children" means the number of children for whom the parents share joint legal responsibility and for whom support is being sought.

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS

160 COMBINED

161 -MONTHLY

162	CROSS	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
163	-INCOME	CHILD -	CHILDREN-	-CHILDREN-	CHILDREN -	CHILDREN-	CHILDREN
164	0-599	65 -		65	65	65	65
165	600	110	111 -	113	114-	115	116
166	650		140	142	143	145	- 146
167	700		169	170	172	174	176
168	750	160	197 -	199	202	204	206
169	800	168	226	228 -	231	233	236
170	850	175	254	257-	260	263	266
171	900	182	281	286 —	289	292	295
172	950		292	315	318	322	325
173	- 1000 -	- 196 -	304	344	348	351	355
174	- 1050 -	203	315	373	377 -	381	385
175	1100	210	326	402	406	410	415
176	1150	217	337	422	435	440	445
177	-1200	225	348	436	465	470	475
178	-1250	232	360	451	497	502	507
179	- 1300	241	373	467	526	536	542
180	- 1350	249	386	483	545	570	576
181	- 1400	257	398	499	563 —	605	611
182	- 1450	265	411	515	581	633	645
183	1500	274	426	533	602	656	680
184	- 1550 -	282	436	547	617	672	714
185	- 1600	- 289	447	560	632-	689	737
186	- 1650	205	458	573	647	705	754
187	- 1700	303	468	587	662	721	772
188	1750	309	479		676	738	789
189	- 1800-	315	488	612	690	752	805
190	1850	321	497	623	702	766	819
191	- 1900	326	506	634	714	779	834
192	1950	332	514	645	727	793	848
193	2000	338	523	655	739 —	806	862
194	2050	343	532	666	751	819	977
195	- 2100	349	540	677	763	833	891
196	2150	355	549	688	776	846	905
197		360-	558	699	788	860	920
198		366	567	710	800	873	934
199	2300	371	575	721	812	886	948
200	- 2350	377	584	732	825	900	963
201	- 2400	377	504	7/12	837	900	903
202		505	593	, 43	•••	713	991
202		394				927	
203 204	2500	-394 399	610 619	765	862	940 954	1006
204 205				776	874	• • •	1020
205 206	- 2600 -	405	627	787	886	967	
20 0 207	 2650	410	635	797	897	979	1048
207 208	2700	415 420	643	806	908		1060
	- 2750			816	919	1003	
209	- 2800 -	425	658	826	930	1015	1085
210	 2850	430	667	836	941	1027	1098
211	- 2900 -	435	675	846	953		- 1112
212	- 2950 -		683	856	964		1125
213	3000		691	866			1138
214	3050		699	876 -			1152
215	3100	456	707	-886	998	1089	- 1165

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216	3150	461	715	896	-1010	1101	1178
217	- 3200 -	466	723	906	1021	- 1114	1191
218	3250	471	732	917	1032-	1126	1205
219	3300	476	740	927	-1044		1218
220	3350	481	748	937	1055	- 1151 -	1231
221	3400	486	756	947	1067	-1164 -	1245
222	3450	492	764	- 957 -	1078	1176	1258
223	3500	497	772	967	1089	-1189	1271
224	3550	502	 780	977	1101	1201	- 1285
225	3600	507	788	987	1112	1213	1298
226	3650	512	797	997	1124	1226	1311
227	3700-	518	806	1009	-1137	1240	- 1326
228	3750	524	815	1020	1150	1254	1342
229	3800	530	824	1032	1163	1268	- 1357
230	3850	536	834	1043	1176	1283	1372
231	3900	542	843	1055	1189	1297	-1387
232	3950 	547	852	1066	1202	1311	1402
233	4000	553	861	-1078	1214	1325	1417
234	4050	559	871	1089	1227	1339	1432
235	4100	565	880 -	1101	1240	1353	- 1448
236	4150 	571 —	889	1112	1253	- 1367 -	1463
237	- 4200	-577	898	1124	1266	1382-	- 1478
238	- 4250 -		907	1135	1279	1396	1493
239	- 4300 -	589	917	1147	1292	1410	1508
240	4350	594	926 -	-1158 -	1305 -	1424	1523
241	4400	600-	935	1170	-1318	- 1438	1538
242	4450	606	944	1181	1331	1452	- 1553
243	- 4500 -	612	954	1193	1344	1467	1569
244	4550	618	963 963 963 963 963 963 963 963 963 963 	1204	1357	-1481	1584
245	- 4600 -	624	972	1216	1370	1495	 1599
246	- 4650 -	630-	981	1227-	1383		- 1614
247	4700	635	989 —	1237	1395	1522	 1627
248	4750	641	997	1247	1406		1641
249	4800	646	1005	1257	- 1417 -	1546	1654
250	4850	- 651 -	1013	1267	1428		1667
251	4900 —	656	1021 -	1277	1439	-1570	1679
252	- 4950 -	661	1028	1286	1450		- 1692
253	5000	666	1036 -	1295 	1460	1593	1704
254	5050	- 671 - 	- 1043 -	1305	1471		1716
255	5100	675	1051	-1314 -	1481	1616	1728
256	5150	680	1058	1323	1492	1628	- 1741
257	- 5200 -	685	1066 -			1640-	1753
258	- 5250 -		1073	1342	- 1513	1651	1765
259	 5300		1081	1351	- 1524	-1663	- 1778
260	5350	700 -	1088-	1361 -	- 1534	1674	1790
261	5400 -	705	- 1096 -	1370	1545	-1686	- 1802
262	5450	710 —	- 1103	1379	- 1555 -	- 1697 - 	1815
263	5500	714	1111	1389		1709	1827
264	- 5550 	719	1118	1398	- 1576 -	1720	1839
265	5600	724		1407	1587 -	1732	1851
266	5650	- 729 -	- 1133 -	- 1417	 1598	1743	- 1864
267	5700		1141	1426	1608	1755	1876
268	575 0	739	1148		- 1619		1888
269	- 5800 -	744	- 1156 -	1445	 1629	1778	1901

270	- 5850-	749	1163	1454	1640	1790	1913
271	5900	753 -	1171	1463	- 1650 -	 1801	1925
272	5950	 758	1178	1473	1661	1813	1937
273	6000	763	- 1186	1482	1672	1824	1950
274	6050	 768	1193	1491	1682	1836	1962
275	6100	773	1201	1501	1693	1847	1974
276	6150	778	1208	1510	1703	1859	-1987
277	6200	783	1216	- 1519	1714	1870	- 1999
278	 6250	788 —	1223	1529	1724	1882	2011
279	6300	- 792	-1231	1538	1735	1893	2023
280	- 6350-	797	1238	1547	1745	1905	2036
281	6400	802	1246	1557	1756	1916	2048
282	6450	807	1253	- 1566 -	1767	1928	2060
283	6500	- 812 -	1261	1575 -	1777	1940	2073
284	6550	816	1267	1583		1949	2083
285	6600	820	- 1272	- 1590 -	1794	1957	2092
286	6650	823-	-1277	1597-	- 1801 -	1965	2100
287	6700	827	- 1283	1604	1809	1974	2109
288	6750	-830 -	-1288 -	1610	- 1817 - 	-1982 -	2118
289	6800	834	- 1293 - -	1617	1824	1990 -	2127
290	6850	837	1299	1624	-1832	- 1999 -	2136
291	- 6900 -	841-	1304	- 1631 -	- 1839 -	2007	2145
292	6950	845		-1637		- 2016 -	 2154
293	7000	848	1315	1644	1855	2024	 2163
294	7050	852	1320	1651	- 1862	2032	2172
295	7100	- 855 -	1325 -	1658	1870 -	2041	2181
296	7150	859	1331 -	 1665	 1878	2049	- 2190
297	7200	862	1336 -	 1671	1885	2057 —	2199
298	7250	866 -	1341	1678	- 1893	2066	2207
299	7300	870	1347	1685	- 1900	2074	2216
300	- 7350 -	- 873 -	1352	1692	1908		2225
301 302	7400	877 -		1698	 1916	2091	2234
303	- 7450 -		1363	1705	1923	- 2099 -	2243
304	 7500	884	- 1368 - 	 1712	- 1931 -	2108	2252
305	7550	- 887	1374			2116 -	2261
306	7650	- 891 - 		- 1725 -		2124	- 2270 - 2279
307	7700	898	- 1384 - 	1732 -		2133	:-
308	7750	-902	1395	1746	1961	2141	2288 2297
309	7800	905	1400	1752	1977	2158	2305
		908			1983		
311	7900	910	1409	1764	1989	2171	2320
312	 7950	- 913	1414	1770	1995	2178	2328
	8000	916	 1418	1776	2001	2185	2325
	8050	- 918 -	-1423 -	1781	2007	 2192	2343
	- 8100 -	921	1428	1787	2014	2198	2350
	- 8150	924	1432	1793 -	2020 -	2205	2357
317	- 8200 -	927	1437		2026	- 2212 -	2365
318	8250	929	1441	1804	2032	2219	2372
319	8300	932	1446	1810	2038 -		2380
	8350	935	1450	1816			2387
321	8400	937	1455	- 1822	2051	2239	2395
	8450	940	1459	1827	2057	2246	2402
323	8500 -	943	1464	1833	2063	2253	2410

324 -	- 8550	945	1468	1839	2069	2260	2417
325 -	8600	948	1473	1845	2076	2266	2425
326	8650	951	1478	1850	2082	2273	2432
327 -	8700	954	1482	1856	2088	2280	2440
328 -	8750	956	1487	1862	2094	2287	2447
329 -	8800	959 —	1491	1868	2100	2294	2455
330 -	- 8850	962	1496	1873	2107	2300	2462
331 .	8900	964	1500	1879	2113	2307	2470
332 -	8950	967	1505	1885	2119	2314	2477
333 -	9000	970 —	1509	1891	2125	2321	2484
334 -	9050	973	1514	1896	 2131 -	2328 -	2492
335 -	9100	975—	1517	1901	2137	2334	2498
336 -	9150	977	1521	1905	2141	2339	2503
337 -		979	1524	1909	2146	2344	2509
338 -	9250	982	1527-	1914	2151	2349	2514
339 -	9300	984	1531	1918	2156	2354	2520
340 -	9350	986	1534	1922	2160	2359	2525
341 -	9400	988	1537	1926		2365	2531
342 -	9450	990	1541	1930	2170 -	2370	2536
343 -	9500	993	1544	1935		2375	2541
344 -	9550	995	1547	1939	2179	2380	2547
345 -	9600	997	1551	1943	2184	2385	2552
346 -	9650	999	1554	1947	- 2189 -	2390	2558
347 -	9700	1001	1557 1557	1951		2396	2563
348 -	9750	1001	1561	1956	2198	2401	2569
349 -	- 9800 -	1005	1564	1960	2203	2406	2574
350 -	9850	1008	1567	1964		2411	2580
351 -	9900	1010	1571	1968	2213	2416	2585
352 -	9950	1013	1574	1972	2218	2421	2590
353 -	-10000	1014	1577	1977	2222	2427	2596
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For gross monthly income between \$10,000 and \$20,000; add the amount of child support for \$10,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$10,000:

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ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX
CHILD CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN
3.1% 5.1% 6.8% 7.8% 8.8% 9.5%
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For gross monthly income between \$20,000 and \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$20,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$20,000:

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- CNE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX
CHILD CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN
- 2% 3.5% 5% 6% 6.9% 7.8%
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For gross monthly income over \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$50,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$50,000:

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SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS

370 COMBINED

371 MONTHLY

372	GROSS	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
373	INCOME	CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
374	1200	83	84	85	96	104	112
375	1250	111	113	114	129	140	150
376	1300	139	142	143	161	176	188
377	1350	167	171	172	194	211	226

378	1400	195	200	201	227	247	264
379	1450	223	229	230	259	283	<i>302</i>
380	1500	251	258	259	292	318	340
381	1 550	279	287	288	325	354	378
382	1600	293	<i>316</i>	317	357	390	417
383	1650	307	345	346	390	425	455
384	1700	321	374	375	423	461	493
385	1750	329	403	404	455	497	531
386	1800	338	423	433	488	<i>523</i>	569
387	1850	346	461	462	5 <i>2</i> 1	<i>568</i>	607
388	1900	35 5	490	491	554	604	645
389	1950	<i>363</i>	<i>519</i>	520	586	<i>639</i>	683
390	2000	371	548	549	619	675	721
391	2050	380	577	578	<i>652</i>	711	760
392	2100	388	606	607	684	746	798
393	2150	<i>396</i>	623	636	717	782	83 <i>6</i>
394	2200	404	<i>636</i>	665	750	817	874
395	2250	412	648	694	782	<i>853</i>	912
396	2300	420	660	723	815	889	950
397	2350	428	672	75 <i>2</i>	848	924	988
398	2400	436	684	781	880	960	1026
399	2450	444	696	810	913	996	1065
400	2500	452	707	83 <i>9</i>	946	1031	1103
401	2550	459	719	868	979	1067	1141
402	2600	467	731	897	1011	1103	1179
403	2650	475	742	926	1044	1138	1217
404	2700	482	753	955	1077	1174	1255
405	2750	490	764	972	1095	1194	1277
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412	3100	541	840	1069	1205	1314	1405
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416	3300	570	881	1122	1265	1380	1475
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418	3400	584	901	1148	1294	1411	1509
419	3450	590	911	1161	1309	1427	1526
420	3500	<i>597</i>	920	1173	<i>1323</i>	1443	1542
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431	4050	664	1004	1270	1431	1561	1669

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458	5400	804	1193	1497	1688	1841	1968
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494	7200	935	1390	1757	1981	2160	2309
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For gross monthly income between \$10,000 and \$20,000, add the amount of child support for \$10,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$10,000:

ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
3.18	5.18	6.88	7.8%	8.88	9.5€

For gross monthly income between \$20,000 and \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$20,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$20,000:

ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
28	3 58	58	68	6.98	7.88

For gross monthly income over \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$50,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$50,000:

ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
10	26	29	12	5.9-	68

C. For purposes of this section, "gross income" means all income from all sources, and shall include, but not be limited to, income from salaries, wages, commissions, royalties, bonuses, dividends, severance pay, pensions, interest, trust income, annuities, capital gains, social security benefits except as listed below, workers' compensation benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, disability insurance benefits, veterans' benefits, spousal support, rental income, gifts, prizes or awards.

If a parent's gross income includes disability insurance benefits, it shall also include any amounts paid to or for the child who is the subject of the order and derived by the child from the parent's entitlement to disability insurance benefits. To the extent that such derivative benefits are included in a parent's gross income, that parent shall be entitled to a credit against his or her ongoing basic child support obligation for any such amounts, and, if the amount of the credit exceeds the parent's basic child support obligations, the credit may be used to reduce arrearages.

Gross income shall be subject to deduction of reasonable business expenses for persons with income from self-employment, a partnership, or a closely held business. "Gross income" shall not include:

benefits 1. Benefits from public assistance and social services programs as defined in § 63.2-100; federal 2. Federal supplemental security income benefits;

or ehild 3. Child support received; or

4. Income received by the payor from secondary employment income, whether from an additional job, from self-employment, or from overtime income not previously included in "gross income," where such income has been obtained in a good faith effort by the payor to discharge a child-support arrearage established by a court or administrative order relating to the child or children who are subject to the proceeding, and such parent is paying the arrearage pursuant to the order. Such secondary income, or the cessation of such income upon the payment of the arrearage, shall not be the basis for a material change in circumstances upon which a modification of child support may be based.

For purposes of this subsection: (i) spousal support received shall be included in gross income and spousal support paid shall be deducted from gross income when paid pursuant to an order or written agreement and (ii) one-half of any self-employment tax paid shall be deducted from gross income.

Where there is an existing court or administrative order or written agreement relating to the child or children of a party to the proceeding, who are not the child or children who are the subject of the present proceeding, then there is a presumption that there shall be deducted from the gross income of the party subject to such order or written agreement, the amount that the party is actually paying for the support of a child or children pursuant to such order or agreement.

Where a party to the proceeding has a natural or adopted child or children in the party's household or primary physical custody, and the child or children are not the subject of the present proceeding, there is a presumption that there shall be deducted from the gross income of that party the amount as shown on the Schedule of Monthly Basic Child Support Obligations contained in subsection B that represents that party's support obligation based solely on that party's income as being the total income available for the natural or adopted child or children in the party's household or primary physical custody, who are not the subject of the present proceeding. Provided, however, that the existence of a party's financial responsibility for such a child or children shall not of itself constitute a material change in circumstances for modifying a previous order of child support in any modification proceeding. Any adjustment to gross income under this subsection shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount which seriously impairs the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child, as determined by the court.

In cases in which retroactive liability for support is being determined, the court or administrative agency may use the gross monthly income of the parties averaged over the period of retroactivity.

An obligation of child support under this title shall not reduce the residual income of the noncustodial parent to an amount less than 150 percent of the federal poverty level as established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. However, any calculation under this subsection shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount which seriously impairs either party's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing for himself and provide other basic necessities for the child.

- D. Any extraordinary medical and dental expenses for treatment of the child or children shall be added to the basic child support obligation. For purposes of this section, extraordinary medical and dental expenses are uninsured expenses in excess of \$100 for a single illness or condition and shall include but not be limited to eyeglasses, prescription medication, prostheses, and mental health services whether provided by a social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, or counselor Except for good cause shown or the agreement of the parties, in addition to any other child support obligations made pursuant to this section, any child support order shall provide that the parents pay in proportion to their gross incomes, as used for calculating the monthly support obligation, any reasonable and necessary uninsured medical or dental expenses which are in excess of the sum of \$250 for any calendar year for each child who is the subject of the obligation. For the purposes of this section, medical or dental expenses shall include but not be limited to eyeglasses, prescription medication, prosthetics, orthodontics, and mental health or developmental disabilities services, including but not limited to services provided by a social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, counselor, or therapist
- E. Any costs for health care coverage as defined in § 63.2-1900 and dental care coverage, when actually being paid by a parent, to the extent such costs are directly allocable to the child or children, and which are the extra costs of covering the child or children beyond whatever coverage the parent providing the coverage would otherwise have, shall be added to the basic child support obligation.
- F. Any child-care costs incurred on behalf of the child or children due to employment of the custodial parent shall be added to the basic child support obligation. as follows:
- 1. When the monthly gross income of the custodial parent paying such costs falls below (i) \$1,100 for 1 child; (ii) \$1,500 for 2 children; (iii) \$1,700 for 3 children; (iv) \$1,900 for 4 children; (v) \$2,100 for 5 children; or (vi) \$2,300 for 6 children, 100 percent of the child-care costs shall be added to the basic child support obligations.
- 2. When the monthly gross income of the custodial parent paying such costs exceeds the level set forth in subdivision F 1, 75 percent of the child-care costs shall be added to the basic child support obligation. The sum of 100 percent of the child-care costs exceeding the amount allowed the custodial parent as a child-care tax credit shall be added to the basic child support obligation. The court or administrative agency shall consider tax returns or any other relevant evidence presented in order to rebut the presumption of the percentage of child-care costs to be used.

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3. Child-care costs shall not exceed the amount required to provide quality care from a licensed source. When requested by the noncustodial parent, the court may require the custodial parent to present documentation to verify the costs incurred for child care under this subsection. Where appropriate, the court shall consider the willingness and availability of the noncustodial parent to provide child care personally in determining whether child-care costs are necessary or excessive.

G. 1. Sole custody support. The sole custody total monthly child support obligation shall be established by adding (i) the monthly basic child support obligation, as determined from the schedule contained in subsection B, (ii) all extraordinary medical expenses, (iii) costs for health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E, and (iv) work-related child-care costs and taking into consideration all the factors set forth in subsection B of § 20-108.1. The total monthly child support obligation shall be divided between the parents in the same proportion as their monthly gross incomes bear to their monthly combined gross income. The monthly obligation of each parent shall be computed by multiplying each parent's percentage of the parents' monthly combined gross income by the total monthly child support obligation.

However, the monthly obligation of the noncustodial parent shall be reduced by the cost for health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E when paid directly by the noncustodial parent.

2. Split custody support. In cases involving split custody, the amount of child support to be paid shall be the difference between the amounts owed by each parent as a noncustodial parent, computed in accordance with subdivision 1, with the noncustodial parent owing the larger amount paying the difference to the other parent.

For the purpose of this section and § 20-108.1, split custody shall be limited to those situations where each parent has physical custody of a child or children born of the parents, born of either parent and adopted by the other parent or adopted by both parents. For the purposes of calculating a child support obligation where split custody exists, a separate family unit exists for each parent, and child support for that family unit shall be calculated upon the number of children in that family unit who are born of the parents, born of either parent and adopted by the other parent or adopted by both parents. Where split custody exists, a parent is a custodial parent to the children in that parent's family unit and is a noncustodial parent to the children in the other parent's family unit.

- 3. Shared custody support.
- (a) Where a party has custody or visitation of a child or children for more than ninety days of the year, as such days are defined in subdivision G 3 (c), a shared custody child support amount based on the ratio in which the parents share the custody and visitation of any child or children shall be calculated in accordance with this subdivision. The presumptive support to be paid shall be the shared custody support amount, unless a party affirmatively shows that the sole custody support amount calculated as provided in subdivision G 1 is less than the shared custody support amount. If so, the lesser amount shall be the support to be paid. For the purposes of this subsection, the following shall apply:
- (i) Income share. "Income share" means a parent's percentage of the combined monthly gross income of both parents. The income share of a parent is that parent's gross income divided by the combined gross incomes of the parties.
- (ii) Custody share. "Custody share" means the number of days that a parent has physical custody. whether by sole custody, joint legal or joint residential custody, or visitation, of a shared child per year divided by the number of days in the year. The actual or anticipated "custody share" of the parent who has or will have fewer days of physical custody shall be calculated for a one-year period. The "custody share" of the other parent shall be presumed to be the number of days in the year less the number of days calculated as the first parent's "custody share." For purposes of this calculation, the year may begin on such date as is determined in the discretion of the court, and the day may begin at such time as is determined in the discretion of the court. For purposes of this calculation, a day shall be as defined in subdivision G 3 (c).
- (iii) Shared support need. "Shared support need" means the presumptive guideline amount of needed support for the shared child or children calculated pursuant to subsection B of this section, for the combined gross income of the parties and the number of shared children, multiplied by 1.4.
- (iv) Sole custody support. "Sole custody support" means the support amount determined in accordance with subdivision G 1.

- (b) Support to be paid. The shared support need of the shared child or children shall be calculated 703 pursuant to subdivision G 3 (a) (iii). This amount shall then be multiplied by the other parent's custody share. To that sum for each parent shall be added the other parent's cost of health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E, plus the other parent's work-related child-care costs to the extent allowable by subsection F. This total for each parent shall be multiplied by that parent's income share. The support amounts thereby calculated that each parent owes the other shall be subtracted one from the other and the difference shall be the shared custody support one parent owes to the other, with the payor parent being the one whose shared support is the larger. Any 710 extraordinary medical and dental expenses, to the extent allowable by subsection D, shall be shared 711 directly by the parents in accordance with their income shares, and shall not be adjusted by the custody share. The parents shall pay their respective shares of these extraordinary medical expenses as they are incurred, and they are not added to each party's shared custody support owed to the other party. The method of payment of said allowable expenses shall be contained in the support order. When the shared support is compared to the sole custody support to determine which is the lesser support, pursuant to subdivision G 3 (a), the extraordinary medical expenses shall not enter into either calculation.
 - (c) Definition of a day. For the purposes of this section, "day" means a period of twenty-four hours; however, where the parent who has the fewer number of overnight periods during the year has an overnight period with a child, but has physical custody of the shared child for less than twenty-four hours during such overnight period, there is a presumption that each parent shall be allocated one-half of a day of custody for that period.
 - (d) Minimum standards. Any calculation under this subdivision shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount which seriously impairs the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child. If the gross income of either party is equal to or less than 150 percent of the federal poverty level promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from time to time, then the shared custody support calculated pursuant to this subsection shall not be the presumptively correct support and the court may consider whether the sole custody support or the shared custody support is more just and appropriate.
 - (e) Support modification. When there has been an award of child support based on the shared custody formula and one parent consistently fails to exercise custody or visitation in accordance with the parent's custody share upon which the award was based, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the support award should be modified.
 - (f) In the event that the shared custody support calculation indicates that the net support is to be paid to the parent who would not be the parent receiving support pursuant to the sole custody calculation, then the shared support shall be deemed to be the lesser support.
 - H. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall ensure that the guideline set out in this section is reviewed by October 31, 2001, and every three years thereafter, by a panel that includes a representative of a juvenile and domestic relations court and a circuit court, a representative of the executive branch, a member of the House of Delegates, a member of the Senate to be appointed by the chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice, members of the bar, two custodial and two noncustodial parents and a child advocate. The panel shall determine the adequacy of the guideline for the determination of appropriate awards for the support of children by considering current research and data on the cost of and expenditures necessary for rearing children, and any other resources it deems relevant to such review. The panel shall report its findings to the General Assembly before it next convenes following such review.
 - I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any modifications to this section shall not be retroactive to a date before enactment, and shall not be the basis for a material change in circumstances upon which a modification of child support may be based.

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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 2263
2	AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
3	(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice
4	on)
5	(Patrons Prior to SubstituteDelegate Watts; Delegate Petersen)
6	A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 20-108.1 and 20-108.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to
7	child support.
8	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:
9	1. That §§ 20-108.1 and 20-108.2 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as
10	follows:
11	§ 20-108.1. Determination of child or spousal support.
12	A. In any proceeding on the issue of determining spousal support, the court shall
13	consider all evidence presented relevant to any issues joined in that proceeding. The court's
14	decision shall be rendered based upon the evidence relevant to each individual case.
15	B. In any proceeding on the issue of determining child support under this title or Title
16	16.1 or Title 63.2, the court shall consider all evidence presented relevant to any issues joined
17	in that proceeding. The court's decision in any such proceeding shall be rendered upon the
18	evidence relevant to each individual case. However, there shall be a rebuttable presumption in
19	any judicial or administrative proceeding for child support, including cases involving split
20	custody or shared custody, that the amount of the award which would result from the
21	application of the guidelines guideline set out in § 20-108.2 is the correct amount of child
22	support to be awarded. Liability for support shall be determined retroactively for the period
23	measured from the date that the proceeding was commenced by the filing of an action with the
24	court provided the complainant exercised due diligence in the service of the respondent or, if
25	earlier, the date an order of the Department of Social Services entered pursuant to Title 63.2

and directing payment of support was delivered to the sheriff or process server for service on the obligor.

In order to rebut the presumption, the court shall make written findings in the order, which findings may be incorporated by reference, that the application of such guidelines guideline would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case. The finding that rebuts the guidelines guideline shall state the amount of support that would have been required under the guidelines guideline, shall give a justification of why the order varies from the guidelines guideline, and shall be determined by relevant evidence pertaining to the following factors affecting the obligation, the ability of each party to provide child support, and the best interests of the child:

- 1. Actual monetary support for other family members or former family members;
- 2. Arrangements regarding custody of the children;

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- 3. Imputed income to a party who is voluntarily unemployed or voluntarily underemployed; provided that income may not be imputed to the custodial parent when a child is not in school, child care services are not available and the cost of such child care services are not included in the computation:
 - 4. Debts of either party arising during the marriage for the benefit of the child;
 - 5. Debts incurred for production of income:
- 6. Direct payments ordered by the court for health care coverage, maintaining life insurance coverage pursuant to subsection D, education expenses, or other court-ordered direct payments for the benefit of the child and costs related to the provision of health care coverage pursuant to subdivision 7 of § 20-60.3;
- 7. Extraordinary capital gains such as capital gains resulting from the sale of the marital abode;
- 8. Age, physical and mental condition of the child or children, including extraordinary medical or dental expenses, and child-care expenses;
 - 9. Independent financial resources, if any, of the child or children;

- 1 10. Standard of living for the family established during the marriage;
- 2 11. Earning capacity, obligations and needs, and financial resources of each parent;
- 12. Education and training of the parties and the ability and opportunity of the parties to
 secure such education and training;
- 5 13. Contributions, monetary and nonmonetary, of each party to the well-being of the6 family;
 - 14. Provisions made with regard to the marital property under § 20-107.3;

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- 15. Tax consequences to the parties regarding claims for dependent children and child care expenses;
- 16. A written agreement between the parties which includes the amount of child11 support;
 - 17. A pendente lite decree, which includes the amount of child support, agreed to by both parties or by counsel for the parties; and
 - 18. Income of the parties obtained from overtime employment or a second job, which income may be considered for inclusion or noninclusion based on the history of receipt of that income, the purpose of that income, and any agreement of the parties related to that income; and
 - 19. Such other factors, including tax consequences to each party, <u>and such deviations</u> necessary to accommodate local prevailing wages and costs, as are necessary to consider the equities for the parents and children.
 - B1. In considering the imputation of income to either party pursuant to subdivision B 3, the court shall consider (i) the earning capacity, including the skills, education and training of the party; (ii) the current employment opportunities for persons possessing such earning capacity; (iii) the extent to which the age, physical or mental condition, or special circumstances of any child of the parties makes it appropriate that a party not seek employment outside of the home; and (iv) the decisions regarding employment, career, economics, education, and parenting arrangements made by the parties, and their effect on

present and future earning potential, including the length of time 1 or both of the parties have been absent from the job market.

C. In any proceeding under this title or Title 16.1 or Title 63.2 on the issue of determining child support, the court shall have the authority to order a party to provide health care coverage, as defined in § 63.1-250 63.2-1900, for dependent children if reasonable under all the circumstances and health care coverage for a spouse or former spouse.

D. In any proceeding under this title, Title 16.1 or Title 63.2 on the issue of determining child support, the court shall have the authority to order a party to (i) maintain any existing life insurance policy on the life of either party provided the party so ordered has the right to designate a beneficiary and (ii) designate a child or children of the parties as the beneficiary of all or a portion of such life insurance for so long as the party so ordered has a statutory obligation to pay child support for the child or children.

E. Except when the parties have otherwise agreed, in any proceeding under this title, Title 16.1 or Title 63.2 on the issue of determining child support, the court shall have the authority to and may, in its discretion, order one party to execute all appropriate tax forms or waivers to grant to the other party the right to take the income tax dependency exemption for any tax year or future years, for any child or children of the parties for federal and state income tax purposes.

F. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any modifications to this section shall not be retroactive to a date before enactment, and shall not be the basis for a material change in circumstances upon which a modification of child support may be based.

§ 20-108.2. Guideline for determination of child support.

A. The Schedule of Monthly Basic Child Support Obligations ("Schedule") is based on (i) the rationale that there are fixed housing and utility costs and variable transportation costs, and (ii) the assumption of "exercised" visitation by the noncustodial parent of 60 to 90 days annually. There shall be a rebuttable presumption in any judicial or administrative proceeding for child support under this title or Title 16.1 or 63.2, including cases involving split custody or

shared custody, that the amount of the award which would result from the application of the guidelines guideline set forth in this section is the correct amount of child support to be awarded. In order to rebut the presumption, the court shall make written findings in the order as set out in § 20-108.1, which findings may be incorporated by reference, that the application of the guidelines guideline would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case as determined by relevant evidence pertaining to the factors set out in §§ 20-107.2 and 20-108.1. The Department of Social Services shall set child support at the amount resulting from computations using the guidelines guideline set out in this section pursuant to the authority granted to it in Chapter 19 (§ 63.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 63.2 and subject to the provisions of § 63.2-1918.

- A1. Economic Assumptions. The Schedule in this section should be applied in individual cases with consideration of the following economic assumptions:
- 1. The Schedule uses gross monthly income to avoid (a) non-comparable deductions;
 (b) use of complex gross to net calculations in individual cases; and (c) an increase in child support when an obligor acquires additional dependents.
- 2. The Schedule uses a minimum level of support below \$1,200 to allow low-income obligors to maintain at least a subsistence level of living after payment of taxes and child support.
- 3. The Schedule is based on the 2000 United States Department of Agriculture Consumer Expenditure Survey for average expenditures on child-rearing up to age 18 in 2-parent households, discounted to recognize expenditures made by the non-custodial household during 60 to 90 days of visitation. Costs borne by the non-custodial parent are assumed to include direct expenditures during visitation, as well as additional expenditures required to accommodate children in the household for shelter, household equipment and purchasing and insuring a vehicle.
- 4. The Schedule amounts include estimated monthly expenditures on food, housing, home furnishings, utilities, transportation, clothing, education and recreation. Child-rearing

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expenditures for households with 4, 5, and 6 children are constructed by multiplying the obligations of households with 3 children by 1.1274, 1.2293, and 1.3142, respectively.

- 5. The Schedule does not include expenditures for child care, children's extraordinary medical care, or the children's share of health insurance because these expenditures are added to child support obligations as actually incurred in individual cases.
- 6. The Schedule expenditures include expenditures on ordinary medical care of \$250 per child per year.
- B. For purposes of application of the guideline, a basic child support obligation shall be computed using the schedule set out below. For combined monthly gross income amounts falling between amounts shown in the schedule, basic child support obligation amounts shall be extrapolated. However, unless one of the following exemptions applies where the sole custody child support obligation as computed pursuant to subdivision G. 1. is less than \$65 per month, there shall be a presumptive minimum child support obligation of \$65 per month payable by the payor parent. Exemptions from this presumptive minimum monthly child support obligation shall include: parents unable to pay child support because they lack sufficient assets from which to pay child support and who, in addition, are institutionalized in a psychiatric facility; are imprisoned with no chance of parole; are medically verified to be totally and permanently disabled with no evidence of potential for paying child support, including recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI); or are otherwise involuntarily unable to produce income. "Number of children" means the number of children for whom the parents share joint legal responsibility and for whom support is being sought.

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS COMBINED

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- 1900		506	634	714	779-	834
- 1950	332	514	645	727	793	848
2000	338	- 523	655	739	806	862
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	300	984	- 1531 -	- 1918 -	2156	2354	2520
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For gross-monthly income between \$10,000 and \$20,000, add the amount of child

support for \$10,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$10,000:

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5.10	3.10		7.00		

For gross monthly-income between \$20,000 and \$50,000, add the amount of child

support for \$20,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$20,000:

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CUIDD	CHIDDICEN	CHIEDREN	CITTODICEIA	CHITDDICTIA	CHITHDIGHA
20-	2 5 6	E&	6&	6 08	7.09
-20	3.30	70	00	0.50	7.00

For gross monthly income over \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$50,000 to

the following percentages of gross income above \$50,000:

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SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS

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GROSS	ONE	TWO	THREE	_FOUR	FIVE	SIX
INCOME	CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
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\$0-1199	_65	65	65	65	65	<u>65</u>
1200	83	84	85	96	104	112
1250	111	113	114	129	140	150
1300	139	142	143	161	176	188
1350	167	171	172	194	211	226
1400	195	200	201	227	247	264
1450	223	229	230	259	283	302
1500	251	258	259	292	318	340
1550	279	287	288	325	354	378
1600	293	316	317	357	390	417
1650	307	345	346	390	425	455
1700	321	374	375	423	461	493
<u> 1750</u>	329	403	404	455	497	531
1800	338	423	433	488	523	569
1850	346	461	462	521	568	607
1900	355	490	491	554	604	645
1950	363	519	520	586	639	683

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	2050	380	577	578	652	711	760
2 3 4	2100	388	606	607	684	746	798
4	2150	396	623	636	717	782	836
5	2200	404	636	665	750	817	874
5 6 7 8 9	2250	412	648	694	782	853	912
7	2300	420	660	723	815	889	950
8	2350	428	672	752	848	924	988
9	2400	436	684	781	880	960	1026
10	2450	444	696	810	913	996	1065
11	2500	452	707_	839	946	1031	1103
12	2550	459	719	868	979	1067	1141
13	2600	467	731	897	1011	1103	1179
14	2650	475	742	926	1044	1138	1217
15	2700	482	753	955	1077	1174	1255
16	2750	490	764	972	1095	1194	1277
17 18	2800	497	776	986	1111	1212	1296
19	2850 2900	<u>505</u>	787 797	1000	1127	1229 1247	1314 1333
20	2900	512 520	808_	1014 1028	1143 1159	1264	1351
21	3000	520 527	808 819	1042	1175	1281	1369
22	3050	534	830	1056	1190	1298	1387
23	3100	541	840	1069	1205	1314	1405
24	3150	549	850	1083	1221	1331	1423
25	3200	556	861	1096	1236	1347	1440
26	3250	563	871	1109	1250	1364	1458
27	3300	570	881	1122	1265	1380	1475
28	3350	577	891	1135	1280	1396	1492
29	3400	584	901	1148	1294	1411	1509
30	3450	590	911	1161	1309	1427	1526
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For gross monthly income between \$10,000 and \$20,000, add the amount of child

support for \$10,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$10,000:

ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
3.1%	5.1%	6.8%	7.8%	8.8%	9.5%

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support for \$20,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$20,000:

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C. For purposes of this section, "gross income" means all income from all sources, and shall include, but not be limited to, income from salaries, wages, commissions, royalties, bonuses, dividends, severance pay, pensions, interest, trust income, annuities, capital gains, social security benefits except as listed below, workers' compensation benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, disability insurance benefits, veterans' benefits, spousal support, rental income, gifts, prizes or awards.

If a parent's gross income includes disability insurance benefits, it shall also include any amounts paid to or for the child who is the subject of the order and derived by the child from the parent's entitlement to disability insurance benefits. To the extent that such derivative benefits are included in a parent's gross income, that parent shall be entitled to a credit against his or her ongoing basic child support obligation for any such amounts, and, if the amount of the credit exceeds the parent's basic child support obligations, the credit may be used to reduce arrearages.

Gross income shall be subject to deduction of reasonable business expenses for persons with income from self-employment, a partnership, or a closely held business. "Gross income" shall not include:

benefits 1. Benefits from public assistance and social services programs as defined in § 63.2-100;

federal 2. Federal supplemental security income benefits;

-or child 3. Child support received; or

4. Income received by the payor from secondary employment income, whether from an additional job, from self-employment, or from overtime income not previously included in "gross"

income," where such income has been obtained in a good faith effort by the payor to discharge a child-support arrearage established by a court or administrative order relating to the child or children who are subject to the proceeding, and such parent is paying the arrearage pursuant to the order. Such secondary income, or the cessation of such income upon the payment of the arrearage, shall not be the basis for a material change in circumstances upon which a modification of child support may be based.

For purposes of this subsection: (i) spousal support received shall be included in gross income and spousal support paid shall be deducted from gross income when paid pursuant to an order or written agreement and (ii) one-half of any self-employment tax paid shall be deducted from gross income.

Where there is an existing court or administrative order or written agreement relating to the child or children of a party to the proceeding, who are not the child or children who are the subject of the present proceeding, then there is a presumption that there shall be deducted from the gross income of the party subject to such order or written agreement, the amount that the party is actually paying for the support of a child or children pursuant to such order or agreement.

Where a party to the proceeding has a natural or adopted child or children in the party's household or primary physical custody, and the child or children are not the subject of the present proceeding, there is a presumption that there shall be deducted from the gross income of that party the amount as shown on the Schedule of Monthly Basic Child Support Obligations contained in subsection B that represents that party's support obligation based solely on that party's income as being the total income available for the natural or adopted child or children in the party's household or primary physical custody, who are not the subject of the present proceeding. Provided, however, that the existence of a party's financial responsibility for such a child or children shall not of itself constitute a material change in circumstances for modifying a previous order of child support in any modification proceeding. Any adjustment to gross income under this subsection shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount

which seriously impairs the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child, as determined by the court.

In cases in which retroactive liability for support is being determined, the court or administrative agency may use the gross monthly income of the parties averaged over the period of retroactivity.

D.-Any extraordinary medical and dental expenses for treatment of the child or children shall be added to the basic child support obligation. For purposes of this section, extraordinary medical and dental expenses are uninsured expenses in excess of \$100 for a single illness or condition and shall include but not be limited to eyeglasses, prescription medication, prestheses, and mental health services whether provided by a social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, or counselor. Except for good cause shown or the agreement of the parties, in addition to any other child support obligations made pursuant to this section, any child support order shall provide that the parents pay in proportion to their gross incomes, as used for calculating the monthly support obligation, any reasonable and necessary unreimbursed medical or dental expenses which are in excess of the sum of \$250 for any calendar year for each child who is the subject of the obligation. For the purposes of this section, medical or dental expenses shall include but not be limited to eyeglasses, prescription medication, prosthetics, orthodontics, and mental health or developmental disabilities services, including but not limited to services provided by a social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, counselor, or therapist.

E. Any costs for health care coverage as defined in § 63.2-1900 and dental care coverage, when actually being paid by a parent, to the extent such costs are directly allocable to the child or children, and which are the extra costs of covering the child or children beyond whatever coverage the parent providing the coverage would otherwise have, shall be added to the basic child support obligation.

F. Any child-care costs incurred on behalf of the child or children due to employment of the custodial parent shall be added to the basic child support obligation. as follows:

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1. When the monthly gross income of the custodial parent paying such costs falls below (i) \$1,100 for 1 child; (ii) \$1,500 for 2 children; (iii) \$1,700 for 3 children; (iv) \$1,900 for 4 children; (v) \$2,100 for 5 children; or (vi) \$2,300 for 6 children, 100 percent of the child-care costs shall be added to the basic child support obligations. When the monthly gross income of the custodial parent paying such costs exceeds the level set forth in subdivision F 1, 75 percent of the child-care costs shall be added to the basic child support obligation. The court shall consider tax returns or any other relevant evidence presented in order to rebut the presumption of the percentage of child-care costs to be used.

- 2. The amount of any child-care tax credit shall be added to the gross income of the parent who receives the credit.
- 3. Child-care costs shall not exceed the amount required to provide quality care from a licensed source. When requested by the noncustodial parent, the court may require the custodial parent to present documentation to verify the costs incurred for child care under this subsection. Where appropriate, the court shall consider the willingness and availability of the noncustodial parent to provide child care personally in determining whether child-care costs are necessary or excessive.
- G. 1. Sole custody support. The sole custody total monthly child support obligation shall be established by adding (i) the monthly basic child support obligation, as determined from the schedule contained in subsection B, (ii) all extraordinary medical expenses, (iii)/-costs for health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E, and (iv) work-related child-care costs and taking into consideration all the factors set forth in subsection B of § 20-108.1. The total monthly child support obligation shall be divided between the parents in the same proportion as their monthly gross incomes bear to their monthly combined gross income. The monthly obligation of each parent shall be computed by multiplying each parent's percentage of the parents' monthly combined gross income by the total monthly child support obligation.

However, the monthly obligation of the noncustodial parent shall be reduced by the cost for health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E when paid directly by the noncustodial parent.

2. Split custody support. In cases involving split custody, the amount of child support to be paid shall be the difference between the amounts owed by each parent as a noncustodial parent, computed in accordance with subdivision 1, with the noncustodial parent owing the larger amount paying the difference to the other parent.

For the purpose of this section and § 20-108.1, split custody shall be limited to those situations where each parent has physical custody of a child or children born of the parents, born of either parent and adopted by the other parent or adopted by both parents. For the purposes of calculating a child support obligation where split custody exists, a separate family unit exists for each parent, and child support for that family unit shall be calculated upon the number of children in that family unit who are born of the parents, born of either parent and adopted by the other parent or adopted by both parents. Where split custody exists, a parent is a custodial parent to the children in that parent's family unit and is a noncustodial parent to the children in the other parent's family unit.

3. Shared custody support.

(a) Where a party has custody or visitation of a child or children for more than ninety days of the year, as such days are defined in subdivision G 3 (c), a shared custody child support amount based on the ratio in which the parents share the custody and visitation of any child or children shall be calculated in accordance with this subdivision. The presumptive support to be paid shall be the shared custody support amount, unless a party affirmatively shows that the sole custody support amount calculated as provided in subdivision G 1 is less than the shared custody support amount. If so, the lesser amount shall be the support to be paid. For the purposes of this subsection, the following shall apply:

(i) Income share. "Income share" means a parent's percentage of the combined monthly gross income of both parents. The income share of a parent is that parent's gross income divided by the combined gross incomes of the parties.

- (ii) Custody share. "Custody share" means the number of days that a parent has physical custody, whether by sole custody, joint legal or joint residential custody, or visitation, of a shared child per year divided by the number of days in the year. The actual or anticipated "custody share" of the parent who has or will have fewer days of physical custody shall be calculated for a one-year period. The "custody share" of the other parent shall be presumed to be the number of days in the year less the number of days calculated as the first parent's "custody share." For purposes of this calculation, the year may begin on such date as is determined in the discretion of the court, and the day may begin at such time as is determined in the discretion of the court. For purposes of this calculation, a day shall be as defined in subdivision G 3 (c).
- (iii) Shared support need. "Shared support need" means the presumptive guideline amount of needed support for the shared child or children calculated pursuant to subsection B of this section, for the combined gross income of the parties and the number of shared children, multiplied by 1.4.
- (iv) Sole custody support. "Sole custody support" means the support amount determined in accordance with subdivision G 1.
- (b) Support to be paid. The shared support need of the shared child or children shall be calculated pursuant to subdivision G 3 (a) (iii). This amount shall then be multiplied by the other parent's custody share. To that sum for each parent shall be added the other parent's cost of health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E, plus the other parent's work-related child-care costs to the extent allowable by subsection F. This total for each parent shall be multiplied by that parent's income share. The support amounts thereby calculated that each parent owes the other shall be subtracted one from the other and the difference shall be the shared custody support one parent owes to the other, with the payor parent being the one

whose shared support is the larger. Any extraordinary medical and dental expenses, to the extent allowable by subsection D, shall be shared directly by the parents in accordance with their income shares, and shall not be adjusted by the custody share. The parents shall pay their respective shares of these extraordinary medical expenses as they are incurred, and they are not added to each party's shared custody support owed to the other party. The method of payment of said allowable expenses shall be contained in the support order. When the shared support is compared to the sole custody support to determine which is the lesser support, pursuant to subdivision G 3 (a), the extraordinary medical expenses shall not enter into either calculation.

- (c) Definition of a day. For the purposes of this section, "day" means a period of twenty-four hours; however, where the parent who has the fewer number of overnight periods during the year has an overnight period with a child, but has physical custody of the shared child for less than twenty-four hours during such overnight period, there is a presumption that each parent shall be allocated one-half of a day of custody for that period.
- (d) Minimum standards. Any calculation under this subdivision shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount which seriously impairs the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child. If the gross income of either party is equal to or less than 150 percent of the federal poverty level promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from time to time, then the shared custody support calculated pursuant to this subsection shall not be the presumptively correct support and the court may consider whether the sole custody support or the shared custody support is more just and appropriate.
- (e) Support modification. When there has been an award of child support based on the shared custody formula and one parent consistently fails to exercise custody or visitation in accordance with the parent's custody share upon which the award was based, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the support award should be modified.

(f) In the event that the shared custody support calculation indicates that the net support is to be paid to the parent who would not be the parent receiving support pursuant to the sole custody calculation, then the shared support shall be deemed to be the lesser support.

H. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall ensure that the guideline set out in this section is reviewed by October 31, 2001, and every three years thereafter, by a panel that includes a representative of a juvenile and domestic relations court and a circuit court, a representative of the executive branch, a member of the House of Delegates, a member of the Senate to be appointed by the chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice, members of the bar, two custodial and two noncustodial parents and a child advocate. The panel shall determine the adequacy of the guideline for the determination of appropriate awards for the support of children by considering current research and data on the cost of and expenditures necessary for rearing children, and any other resources it deems relevant to such review. The panel shall report its findings to the General Assembly before it next convenes following such review.

2. That the provisions of this act shall not be the basis for a material change in circumstances upon which a modification of child support may be based unless the application of the provisions would increase or decrease the monthly support obligation by \$75 or more.

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2003 SESSION ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 1312

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Quayle) Senate Amendments in [1 — February 4, 2003

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 20-108.1 and 20-108.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to child support.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

- 1. That §§ 20-108.1 and 20-108.2 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows: § 20-108.1. Determination of child or spousal support.
- A. In any proceeding on the issue of determining spousal support, the court shall consider all evidence presented relevant to any issues joined in that proceeding. The court's decision shall be rendered based upon the evidence relevant to each individual case.
- B. In any proceeding on the issue of determining child support under this title or Title 16.1 or Title 63.2, the court shall consider all evidence presented relevant to any issues joined in that proceeding. The court's decision in any such proceeding shall be rendered upon the evidence relevant to each individual case. However, there shall be a rebuttable presumption in any judicial or administrative proceeding for child support, including cases involving split custody or shared custody, that the amount of the award which would result from the application of the guidelines guideline set out in § 20-108.2 is the correct amount of child support to be awarded. Liability for support shall be determined retroactively for the period measured from the date that the proceeding was commenced by the filing of an action with the court provided the complainant exercised due diligence in the service of the respondent or, if earlier, the date an order of the Department of Social Services entered pursuant to Title 63.2 and directing payment of support was delivered to the sheriff or process server for service on the obligor.

In order to rebut the presumption, the court shall make written findings in the order, which findings may be incorporated by reference, that the application of such guidelines guideline would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case. The finding that rebuts the guidelines guideline shall state the amount of support that would have been required under the guidelines guideline, shall give a justification of why the order varies from the guidelines guideline, and shall be determined by relevant evidence pertaining to the following factors affecting the obligation, the ability of each party to provide child support, and the best interests of the child:

- 1. Actual monetary support for other family members or former family members;
- 2. Arrangements regarding custody of the children;
- 3. Imputed income to a party who is voluntarily unemployed or voluntarily under-employed; provided that income may not be imputed to the custodial parent when a child is not in school, child care services are not available and the cost of such child care services are not included in the computation;
 - 4. Debts of either party arising during the marriage for the benefit of the child;
 - 5. Debts incurred for production of income;
- 6. Direct payments ordered by the court for health care coverage, maintaining life insurance coverage pursuant to subsection D, education expenses, or other court-ordered direct payments for the benefit of the child and costs related to the provision of health care coverage pursuant to subdivision 7 of § 20-60.3;
 - 7. Extraordinary capital gains such as capital gains resulting from the sale of the marital abode;
- 8. Age, physical and mental condition of the child or children, including extraordinary medical or dental expenses, and child-care expenses;
 - 9. Independent financial resources, if any, of the child or children;
 - 10. Standard of living for the family established during the marriage;
 - 11. Earning capacity, obligations and needs, and financial resources of each parent;
- 12. Education and training of the parties and the ability and opportunity of the parties to secure such education and training;
 - 13. Contributions, monetary and nonmonetary, of each party to the well-being of the family;
 - 14. Provisions made with regard to the marital property under § 20-107.3;

- 15. Tax consequences to the parties regarding claims for dependent children and child care **56** expenses;
 - 16. A written agreement between the parties which includes the amount of child support;

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- 17. A pendente lite decree, which includes the amount of child support, agreed to by both parties or by counsel for the parties; and
- 18. Income of the parties obtained from overtime employment or a second job, which income may be considered for inclusion or noninclusion based on the history of receipt of that income, the purpose of that income, and any agreement of the parties related to that income; and
- 19. Such other factors, including tax consequences to each party, and such deviations necessary to accommodate local prevailing wages and costs, as are necessary to consider the equities for the parents and children.
- B1. In considering the imputation of income to either party pursuant to subdivision B 3, the court shall consider (i) the earning capacity, including the skills, education and training of the party; (ii) the current employment opportunities for persons possessing such earning capacity; (iii) the extent to which the age, physical or mental condition, or special circumstances of any child of the parties makes it appropriate that a party not seek employment outside of the home; and (iv) the decisions regarding employment, career, economics, education, and parenting arrangements made by the parties, and their effect on present and future earning potential, including the length of time 1 or both of the parties have been absent from the job market.
- C. In any proceeding under this title or Title 16.1 or Title 63.2 on the issue of determining child support, the court shall have the authority to order a party to provide health care coverage, as defined in § 63.1 250 63.2-1900, for dependent children if reasonable under all the circumstances and health care coverage for a spouse or former spouse.
- D. In any proceeding under this title, Title 16.1 or Title 63.2 on the issue of determining child support, the court shall have the authority to order a party to (i) maintain any existing life insurance policy on the life of either party provided the party so ordered has the right to designate a beneficiary and (ii) designate a child or children of the parties as the beneficiary of all or a portion of such life insurance for so long as the party so ordered has a statutory obligation to pay child support for the child or children.
- E. Except when the parties have otherwise agreed, in any proceeding under this title, Title 16.1 or Title 63.2 on the issue of determining child support, the court shall have the authority to and may, in its discretion, order one party to execute all appropriate tax forms or waivers to grant to the other party the right to take the income tax dependency exemption for any tax year or future years, for any child or children of the parties for federal and state income tax purposes.
- F. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any modifications to this section shall not be retroactive to a date before enactment, and shall not be the basis for a material change in circumstances upon which a modification of child support may be based.
 - § 20-108.2. Guideline for determination of child support.
- A. The Schedule of Monthly Basic Child Support Obligations ("Schedule") is based on (i) the rationale that there are fixed housing and utility costs and variable transportation costs, and (ii) the assumption of "exercised" visitation by the noncustodial parent of 60 to 90 days annually. There shall be a rebuttable presumption in any judicial or administrative proceeding for child support under this title or Title 16.1 or 63.2, including cases involving split custody or shared custody, that the amount of the award which would result from the application of the guidelines guideline set forth in this section is the correct amount of child support to be awarded. In order to rebut the presumption, the court shall make written findings in the order as set out in § 20-108.1, which findings may be incorporated by reference, that the application of the guidelines guideline would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case as determined by relevant evidence pertaining to the factors set out in §§ 20-107.2 and 20-108.1. The Department of Social Services shall set child support at the amount resulting from computations using the guidelines guideline set out in this section pursuant to the authority granted to it in Chapter 19 (§ 63.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 63.2 and subject to the provisions of § 63.2-1918.
- A1. Economic Assumptions. The Schedule in this section should be applied in individual cases with consideration of the following economic assumptions:

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 1. The Schedule uses gross monthly income to avoid (a) non-comparable deductions; (b) use of complex gross to net calculations in individual cases; and (c) an increase in child support when an obligor acquires additional dependents.
 - 2. The Schedule uses a minimum level of support below \$1,200 to allow low-income obligors to maintain at least a subsistence level of living after payment of taxes and child support.
 - 3. The Schedule is based on the 2000 United States Department of Agriculture Consumer Expenditure Survey for average expenditures on child-rearing up to age 18 in 2-parent households, discounted to recognize expenditures made by the non-custodial household during 60 to 90 days of visitation. Costs borne by the non-custodial parent are assumed to include direct expenditures during visitation, as well as additional expenditures required to accommodate children in the household for shelter, household equipment and purchasing and insuring a vehicle.
 - 4. The Schedule amounts include estimated monthly expenditures on food, housing, home furnishings, utilities, transportation, clothing, education and recreation. Child-rearing expenditures for households with 4, 5, and 6 children are constructed by multiplying the obligations of households with 3 children by 1.1274, 1.2293, and 1.3142, respectively.
 - 5. The Schedule does not include expenditures for child care, children's extraordinary medical care, or the children's share of health insurance because these expenditures are added to child support obligations as actually incurred in individual cases.
 - 6. The Schedule expenditures include expenditures on ordinary medical care of \$250 per child per year.
 - B. For purposes of application of the guideline, a basic child support obligation shall be computed using the schedule set out below. For combined monthly gross income amounts falling between amounts shown in the schedule, basic child support obligation amounts shall be extrapolated. However, unless one of the following exemptions applies where the sole custody child support obligation as computed pursuant to subdivision G. 1. is less than \$65 per month, there shall be a presumptive minimum child support obligation of \$65 per month payable by the payor parent. Exemptions from this presumptive minimum monthly child support obligation shall include: parents unable to pay child support because they lack sufficient assets from which to pay child support and who, in addition, are institutionalized in a psychiatric facility; are imprisoned with no chance of parole; are medically verified to be totally and permanently disabled with no evidence of potential for paying child support, including recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI); or are otherwise involuntarily unable to produce income. "Number of children" means the number of children for whom the parents share joint legal responsibility and for whom support is being sought.

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS

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156	1000	196	304	344	348	351	355
157	1050	203	-315	373	377	381	385
158	-1100	210	326	402 -	406	410	415
159	- 1150-	217	337	422		440	445
160	 1200	225	348	436	-465	470	475
161	- 1250 -	- 232	360	451	497	502	507
162	1200	241		167	F26	536	E 4 0
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163	1350	249	386	483	545	570	576
164	1400	257	398	499	563	605	611
165	1450	265 —	411	515	581	633	645
166	1500-	274	426	533	602	656	680
167	1550	282	436	547	617	672	714
168	1600	289 -	447	560	632	689	737
169	1650	295	458	573	647	705	754
170	1700	302	468-	587	662	721	772
171 ·	1750	309	479	600	676	738	789
172 -	1800	315	488	612	690	752	805
173 ·	- 1850 -	321	497	623	702	766	819
174 -	1900	326	506	634	714	779	834
175 ·	1950	332	514	645	727	793	848
176	2000	338	 523	655	739	806	862
177 ·	2050	343	532	666	751	819	877
178 ·	2100	349	540	677	763	833	891
179 ·	2150	355	- 549	688	776	846	905
180 -	2200-	360	558	699	788	860	920
181 ·	2250	366	567	710	800-	873	934
182 ·	2300	371	575	721	812	886	948
183	2350	377	584	732	825	900	963
184	2400	383	593	743	837	913	977
185	2450	388	601	754	849	927	991
186	2500	394	610	765	862	940	1006
187	2550	399	619	776	874	954	1020
188 -	2600	405	627	787	886	967	1034
189	2650	410	635	797	897	979	1048
190	2700	415	643	806	908	991	1060
191 -	2750	420	651	816	919	1003	1073
192	2800	425	658	826	930	1015	1085
193	2850	430	667	836	941	1027	1098
194 - 195 -	2900	435	675	846	953	1039	1112
196	2950	440	683	856	964	1052	1125
190 -	3000	445 450 450 450 450 450 450 450 450 450 	691	866	975	1064	1138
198 -	3050		699		987	1076	1152
199	3100 3150 3150	456 461	707	896	1010	1089 1101	1165 1178
200	3200	466	723	906	1021	1111	
201	3250 3250	471	732	917	1032	1126	1191 1205
202	3300	476	740	927	1032	1139	1218
203	3350	481	748	937	1055	1151	1231
204	3400	486	756	947	1067	1164	1245
205	3450	492	764	957	1078	1176	1258
206 -	3500	497	772	967	1070	1189	1271
207 -	3550	502	780	977	1101	1201	1285
208 -	3600	507	788	987	1112	1213	1298
209 -	3650	512	797	99 7	1124	1226	1311
210 -	3700	518	806	1009	1137	1240	1326
211 -	3750	524	815	1020	1150	1254 1254	1342
212 -	3800	530	824	1032	1163	1268	1357
213 -	3850	- 536	834	1043	1176	1283	1372
214 -	3900	542	843	1055	1189	1297	1387
215 -	3950	547	852	1066	1202	1311	1402
216 -	4000	553	861	1078	1214	1325	1417

217 -	4050	559	871	1089	1227	1339	1432
218 -	4100	565	880	1101	1240-	1353	1448
219 -	4150	571	889	1112	1253	1367	1463
220 -	4200	577	898	1124	1266	1382	1478
221 -	4250	 583	907	1135	1279—	1396	1493
222 -	4300	589	917	1147	1292	1410	1508
223 -	4350	594	926	1158	- 1305	1424	1523
224 -	4400	600	935	1170	1318	1438	1538
225	4450	606	944	1181	1331	1452	1553
226 -	4500	612	954	1193	1344	1467	1569
227 -	4550 -	618	963	1204-	1357	1481	1584
228 -	4600	624	972	1216	1370	1495	1599
229 .	4650	630	981	1227	1383	1509	1614
230	4700	635	989	1237	1395	1522	1627
231	4750	641	997	1247	1406	1534	1641
232 -	4800	646	1005	1257	1417	1546	1654
233	4850	651	1013	1267	1428	1558	1667
234	4900	656	1021	1277-	1439	 1570	1679
235	4950	661	1028	1286	1450	1582	1692
236 -	5000	666	1036	1295	1460	1593	1704
237 -	5050-	671	1043	1305	1471	1605	1716
238 -	5100	675	1051	1314	1481	1616	1728
239 -	5150	680	1058	1323	1492	1628	1741
240 -	- 5200	685	1066	1333	 1502	1640	1753
241 -	5250	690	1073	1342	1513	1651	1765
242	5300	695	1081	1351	1524	1663	1778
243 -	5350-	700-	1088	1361	1534	1674	1790
244	5400	705	1096	1370	1545	1686	1802
245 ·	5450	710	1103	1379		1697	1815
246 -	5500	714	1111	1389	1566	1709	1827
247 -	5550	719	1118	1398	1576	1720	1839
248	- 5600 -	724-	1126	1407	1587	1732	1851
249 ·	5650	729	1133	1417	1598	1743	1864
250	5700 —	734	1141	1426	1608	- 1755	 1876
251 -	5750	739	1148	1435	- 1619 - 	1766	1888
252 -	5800	744	1156	1445	1629	1778 —	1901
253 -	5850	749	-1163	1454	1640	1790	1913
254	5900	753	1171	- 1463 -	1650	1801	1925
255	- 5950	758-	1178	1473	1661	1813	1937
256	6000	763		1482 –	1672	- 1824 - 	1950
257 ·	6050	768	1193	1491	1682	1836	1962
258 ·	6100	773	1201	1501	1693	1847	1974
259 ·	- 6150	778		1510	1703	1859	1987
260	6200	783	1216	-1519	1714	1870	1999
261	6250	788	1223	1529	1724	 1882	2011
262 ·	6300	792	1231		1735	1893	2023
263	6350	797 —	1238	- 1547	1745	1905	2036
264 ·	6400	802	1246	1557	- 1756 -	- 1916	2048
265 -	6450	807-	1253 -	- 1566	1767	1928	2060
266 · 267 ·	- 6500 -	812	- 1261 -	-1575-	- 1777 -	1940	2073
268	- 6550 -	816	1267	1583	1786	1949	2083
269 ·	6600	820	- 1272 -	1590	1794	1957	2092
270	-6650 -	823	1277	1597	1801	1965	2100
410 -	6700	827-	1283 -	1604	1809	1974	2109

271	6750	830	1288	1610	1817	1982	2118
272	6800	834 834	1293	1617	1824	1990	2127
273	6850	837	1200	1624	1832	1999	2136
274	6900	841	1304	1631	1839	2007	2145
275	6950	845	1309	1637	1847	2016	- 2154
276	7000	848	1315	1644	1855	2024	2153
277	7050	852	1320	1651	1862	2032	2172
278	7100	855	1325	1658	1870	2041	- 2181
279	7150	859	1323	1665	1878	2049	- 2190
280	7200	862	1336	1671	1885	2057	2199
281	7250	866	1341	1678	1893	2066	- 2207
282	7300	870	1347	1685	1900	2074	- 2216
283	7350	873	1352	1692	1908	2082	2225
284	7400	877	1358	1698	1916	2091	2234
285	7450	880	1363	1705	1923	2099	2243
286	7500	884	1368	1712	1931	2108	2252
287	- 7550	887	1374	1719	1938	2116	2261
288	- 7600-	891	1379	1725	1946	2124	2270
289	7650	895	1384	1732	1954	 2133	- 2279
290	- 7700-	898—	1390	1739		2141	2288
291	7750	902	1395	1746	1969	2149	2297
292	7800	905	1400	1753	1977	2158-	2305
293	7850	908	1405	1758-	1983	2164	2313
294	7900	910	1409	1764	1989	2171	2320
295	-7950	913	1414	- 1770	1995	2178	2328
296	8000	916	1418	1776	2001	2185	2335
297	- 805 0	918	1423	1781	2007	2192	2343
298	8100	921	1428	1787	2014	2198	2350
299	8150	924	1432	1793	2020	2205	2357
300	8200	927	1437	1799	- 2026 - 	2212	2365
301	8250	929	1441	1804	2032	2219	- 2372
302	8300 	932	1446	1810	2038	2226	- 2380
303	8350	935	1450	1816	2045	-2232	2387
304	8400	937	1455	1822	2051		2395
305	8450	940	1459	1827	2057	2246	2402
306	8500	943	1464	- 1833	2063	2253	2410
307	- 8550	945	1468 —	1839	2069	2260	2417
308	- 8600	948	1473	1845	2076	2266	2425
309		951 954	1478	1850	2082	2273	2432
310	- 8700		1482	1856-	2088	2280	2440
311 312			1487		2094		
313			1491				
314		964	1496 1500				
315	8900	967	1500 1505		2113	2307	2470
316	- 9000		1505		2119	2314 2321	2477 2484
317	9050		1514		2125		
318	- 9100		1517		- 2131 - 2137	2328 2334	2492 2498
	9150		1521				
320	9200		1524				
321	9250		1527		2140 2151		2514
322			1531	1918	2156		- 2520
323	9350	986	1534	1922	2160	2359	2525
324			1537				
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337	For gross	monthly	income between	\$10,000 and	\$20,000, add	the amount of	ehild sup
336 –	10000	1014	1577	- 1977 -	2222	2427	- 2596
335 –	9950-	1012	1574	1972	2218	2421	2590
334 –	9900	1010	1571	1968	2213	2416	2585
333 -	9850	1008	1567	1964	2208	2411	2580
332 –	9800	1006	1564	1960	2203	2406	2574
331 -	9750	1003	1561	1956	2198	2401	2569
330 –	9700-	1001	-1557	- 1951	2194	2396	2563
329 –	9650	999	1554	1947	2189	2390	2558
328 -	9600	997		1943	2184	2385	2552
327 –	9550	995	1547	1939 -	2179	2380	2547
326 –	9500	993 -	1544	 1935	2175	2375	2541
325 –	9450	990	1541	1930 -	2170	2370	2536
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For gross monthly income between \$10,000 and \$20,000, add the amount of child support for \$10,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$10,000:

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ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX
CHILD CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN
3.1% 5.1% 6.8% 7.8% 8.8% 9.5%
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For gross monthly income between \$20,000 and \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$20,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$20,000:

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ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX
CHILD CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN
2% 3.5% 5% 6% 6.9% 7.8%
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For gross monthly income over \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$50,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$50,000:

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SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS

COMBINED MONTHLY

355	GROSS	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
356	INCOME	CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
357	\$0-1199	65	65	65	65	65	65
358	1200	83	84	85	96	104	112
359	1250	111	113	114	129	140	150
360	1300	139	142	143	161	176	188
361	1350	167	171	172	194	211	226
362	1400	195	200	201	227	247	264
363	1450	223	229	230	259	283	302
364	1500	251	258	259	292	318	340
365	1550	<i>279</i>	287	288	325	354	378
366	1600	293	316	317	357	390	417
367	1650	307	345	346	390	425	455
368	1700	321	374	375	423	461	493
369	1750	329	403	404	455	497	531
370	1800	338	423	433	488	523	5 <i>69</i>
371	1850	346	461	462	521	568	607
372	1900	355	490	491	55 4	604	645
373	1950	363	519	520	58 6	639	683
374	2000	371	548	549	619	675	721
375	2050	380	577	578	652	711	760
376	2100	388	606	607	684	74 <i>6</i>	798
377	2150	<i>396</i>	623	636	717	782	83 <i>6</i>
378	2200	404	636	665	75 <i>0</i>	817	874

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379	2250	412	648	694	7 <i>82</i>	853	912
380	2300	420	660	723	815	889	950
381	2350	428	672	75 <i>2</i>	848	924	988
382	2400	436	684	781	880	960	1026
383	2450	444	696	810	913	996	1065
384	2500	452	707	839	946	1031	1103
385	2550	459	719	868	979	1067	1141
386	2600	467	731	897	1011	1103	1179
387	2650	475	742	926	1044	1138	1217
388	2700	482	753	955	1077	1174	1255
389	2750	490	76 4	972	1095	1194	1277
390	2800	497	776	986	1111	1212	1296
391	2850	505	787	1000	1127	1229	1314
392	2900	<i>512</i>	797	1014	1143	1247	1333
393	2950	520	808	1028	1159	1264	1351
394	3000	527	819	1042	1175	1281	1369
395	3050	53 4	830	1056	1190	1298	1387
396	3100	541	840	1069	1205	1314	1405
397	3150	549	<i>850</i>	1083	1221	1331	1423
398	3200	556	861	1096	1236	1347	1440
399	3250	<i>563</i>	871	1109	1250	1364	1458
400	3300	570	881	1122	1265	1380	1475
401	3350	577	891	1135	1280	1396	1492
402	3400	584	901	1148	1294	1411	1509
403	3450	590	911	1161	1309	1427	1526
404	3500	597	920	1173	1323	1443	1542
405	3550	604	930	1186	1337	1458	1559
406	3600	610	938	1195	1347	1469	1570
407	3650	616	946	1204	1358	1480	1582
408	3700	622	<i>954</i>	1213	1368	1491	1594
409	3750	629	962	1222	1377	1502	1606
410	3800	635	969	1230	1387	1512	1617
411	3850	641	976	1239	1396	1523	1628
412	3900	647	984	1247	1405	1532	1638
413 414	3950	653	991	1255	1414	1542	1649
	4000	658	998	1262	1423	1552	1659
415 416	4050	664	1004	1270	1431	1561	1669
417	4100	670	1011	1277	1440	1570 1570	1678
418	4150	676	1018	1284	1448	1578 1507	1687 1696
419	4200	681 687	1024	1291	1455	1587 1505	1705
420	4250 4300	687 692	1030 1036	1298 1304	1463 1470	1595 1603	1714
421	4350	698	1042	1304	1477	1611	1722
422	4400	703	1048	1316	1484	1611	1722
423	4450	708	1054	1322	1491	1625	1737
424	4500	714	1059	1328	1497	1632	1745
425	4550	719	1065	1333	1503	1639	1752
426	4600	724	1073	1344	1515	1652	1766
427	4650	730	1073	1354	1526	1664	1779
428	4700	73 <i>5</i>	1089	1364	1538	1677	1793
429	4750	740	1097	1374	1549	1689	1806
430	4800	746	1105	1384	1561	1702	1819
431	4850	751	1112	1394	1572	1714	1832
432	4900	756	1120	1404	1583	1726	1845
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487	7650	<i>957</i>	1424	1803	2033	2217	2370	
488	7700		1427	1808	2038	2222	2376	
489	7750	961	1431	1812	2043	2228	2382	
490	7800		1434	1817	2048	2234	2388	
491	7850		1437	1821	2053	2239	2394	
492	7900	967	1440	1826	2058	2244	2399	
493	7950		1443	1830	2063	2249	2405	
494	8000		1446	1834	2068	2254	2410	
495	8050		1449	1838	2072	2259	2415	
496	8100		1451	1842	2077	2264	2421	
497	8150		1454	1846	2081	2269	2426	
498	8200		1457	1849	2085	2274	2431	
499	8250		1459	1853	2089	2278	2435	
500	8300		1462	1857	2093	2282	2440	
501	8350		1464	1860	2097	2287	2445	
502	8400		1466	1864	2101	2291	2449	
503	8450		1468	1867	2105	2295	2453	
504	8500		1470	1870	2103	2299	2458	
505	8550		1479	1878	2117		2458	
506	8600			1886	2126	2318	2478	
507	8650		1485 1492	1893	2126 2134	2327	2478	
508							2498	
509	8700		1498	1901	2143	2337		
510	8750		1504	1909	2152	2346	2508	
511	8800	_	1511	1916	2160	2355	2518	
512	8850		1517	1924	2169	2365	2528	
	8900	_	1523	1931	2177		2538	
513 514	8950		1529	1939	2186	2383	2548	
	9000		1535	1946	2194	2392	2558	
515	9050		1541	1953	2202	2401	2567	
516	9100		1547	1961	2211	2410	2577	
517	9150		1553	1968	2219	2419	2587	
518	9200		1559	1975	2227		2596	
519 520	9250	=	1565	1983	2235	2437	2606	
520 521	9300		1571	1990	2243	2446	2615	
521	9350		1577	1997	2252	2455	2625	
522	9400		1583	2004	2260	2464	2634	
523	9450		1589	2011	2268	2473	2643	
524	9500		1595	2018	2276	2481	2653	
525	9550		1601	2025	2283	2490	2662	
526 527	9600		1607	2032	2291	2498	2671	
527	9650		1612	2039	2299	2507	2680	
528	9700		1618	2046	2307		2689	
529	9750		1624	2053	2315	2524	2698	
530	9800		1629	2060	2322	2532	2707	
531	9850		1635	2067	2330	2541	2716	
532	9900		1641	2074	2338	2549	2725	
533	9950		1646	2080	2345	2557	2734	
534	10000		1652	2087	2353	2565	2743	
535	For	gross monthly	income between	\$10,000	and \$20,000,	add the amount	of child	suppor

For gross monthly income between \$10,000 and \$20,000, add the amount of child support for \$10,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$10,000:

537 ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX538 CHILDREN CHILDCHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN 539 3.18 5.1% 6.8% 7.8% 8.8% 9.58

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For gross monthly income between \$20,000 and \$50,000, add the amount of child support for

\$20,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$20,000:

ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
28	3.5%	5₩	68	6.98	7.88

For gross monthly income over \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$50,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$50,000:

ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
18	28	38	48	5%	68

C. For purposes of this section, "gross income" means all income from all sources, and shall include, but not be limited to, income from salaries, wages, commissions, royalties, bonuses, dividends, severance pay, pensions, interest, trust income, annuities, capital gains, social security benefits except as listed below, workers' compensation benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, disability insurance benefits, veterans' benefits, spousal support, rental income, gifts, prizes or awards.

If a parent's gross income includes disability insurance benefits, it shall also include any amounts paid to or for the child who is the subject of the order and derived by the child from the parent's entitlement to disability insurance benefits. To the extent that such derivative benefits are included in a parent's gross income, that parent shall be entitled to a credit against his or her ongoing basic child support obligation for any such amounts, and, if the amount of the credit exceeds the parent's basic child support obligations, the credit may be used to reduce arrearages.

Gross income shall be subject to deduction of reasonable business expenses for persons with income from self-employment, a partnership, or a closely held business. "Gross income" shall not include:

benefits1. Benefits from public assistance and social services programs as defined in § 63.2-100; federal 2. Federal supplemental security income benefits; or child 3. Child support received; or

4. Income received by the payor from secondary employment income, whether from an additional job, from self-employment, or from overtime income not previously included in "gross income," where such income has been obtained in a good faith effort by the payor to discharge a child-support arrearage established by a court or administrative order relating to the child or children who are subject to the proceeding, and such parent is paying the arrearage pursuant to the order. Such secondary income, or the cessation of such income upon the payment of the arrearage, shall not be the basis for a material change in circumstances upon which a modification of child support may be based

For purposes of this subsection: (i) spousal support received shall be included in gross income and spousal support paid shall be deducted from gross income when paid pursuant to an order or written agreement and (ii) one-half of any self-employment tax paid shall be deducted from gross income.

Where there is an existing court or administrative order or written agreement relating to the child or children of a party to the proceeding, who are not the child or children who are the subject of the present proceeding, then there is a presumption that there shall be deducted from the gross income of the party subject to such order or written agreement, the amount that the party is actually paying for the support of a child or children pursuant to such order or agreement.

Where a party to the proceeding has a natural or adopted child or children in the party's household or primary physical custody, and the child or children are not the subject of the present proceeding, there is a presumption that there shall be deducted from the gross income of that party the amount as shown on the Schedule of Monthly Basic Child Support Obligations contained in subsection B that represents that party's support obligation based solely on that party's income as being the total income available for the natural or adopted child or children in the party's household or primary physical custody, who are not the subject of the present proceeding. Provided, however, that the existence of a party's financial responsibility for such a child or children shall not of itself constitute a material change in circumstances for modifying a previous order of child support in any modification proceeding. Any adjustment to gross income under this subsection shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount which seriously impairs the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child, as determined by the court.

In cases in which retroactive liability for support is being determined, the court or administrative agency may use the gross monthly income of the parties averaged over the period of retroactivity.

- [An obligation of child support under this title shall not reduce the residual income of the noncustodial parent to an amount less than 150 percent of the federal poverty level as established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. However, any calculation under this subsection shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount which seriously impairs either party's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing for himself and provide other basic necessities for the child.]
- D. Any extraordinary medical and dental expenses for treatment of the child or children shall be added to the basic child support obligation. For purposes of this section, extraordinary medical and dental expenses are uninsured expenses in excess of \$100 for a single illness or condition and shall include but not be limited to eyeglasses, prescription medication, prostheses, and mental health services whether provided by a social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, or counselor Except for good cause shown or the agreement of the parties, in addition to any other child support obligations made pursuant to this section, any child support order shall provide that the parents pay in proportion to their gross incomes, as used for calculating the monthly support obligation, any reasonable and necessary unreimbursed medical or dental expenses which are in excess of the sum of \$250 for any calendar year for each child who is the subject of the obligation. For the purposes of this section, medical or dental expenses shall include but not be limited to eyeglasses, prescription medication, prosthetics, orthodontics, and mental health or developmental disabilities services, including but not limited to services provided by a social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, counselor, or therapist.
- E. Any costs for health care coverage as defined in § 63.2-1900 and dental care coverage, when actually being paid by a parent, to the extent such costs are directly allocable to the child or children, and which are the extra costs of covering the child or children beyond whatever coverage the parent providing the coverage would otherwise have, shall be added to the basic child support obligation.
- F. Any child-care costs incurred on behalf of the child or children due to employment of the custodial parent shall be added to the basic child support obligation, as follows:
- 1. When the monthly gross income of the custodial parent paying such costs falls below (i) \$1,100 for 1 child; (ii) \$1,500 for 2 children; (iii) \$1,700 for 3 children; (iv) \$1,900 for 4 children; (v) \$2,100 for 5 children; or (vi) \$2,300 for 6 children, 100 percent of the child-care costs shall be added to the basic child support obligations. When the monthly gross income of the custodial parent paying such costs exceeds the level set forth in subdivision F 1, 75 percent of the child-care costs shall be added to the basic child support obligation. The court shall consider tax returns or any other relevant evidence presented in order to rebut the presumption of the percentage of child-care costs to be used.
- [2. The amount of any child-care tax credit shall be added to the gross income of the parent who receives the credit.]
- 3. Child-care costs shall not exceed the amount required to provide quality care from a licensed source. When requested by the noncustodial parent, the court may require the custodial parent to present documentation to verify the costs incurred for child care under this subsection. Where appropriate, the court shall consider the willingness and availability of the noncustodial parent to provide child care personally in determining whether child-care costs are necessary or excessive.
- G. 1. Sole custody support. The sole custody total monthly child support obligation shall be established by adding (i) the monthly basic child support obligation, as determined from the schedule contained in subsection B, (ii) all extraordinary medical expenses, (iii) costs for health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E, and (iv) work-related child-care costs and taking into consideration all the factors set forth in subsection B of § 20-108.1. The total monthly child support obligation shall be divided between the parents in the same proportion as their monthly gross incomes bear to their monthly combined gross income. The monthly obligation of each parent shall be computed by multiplying each parent's percentage of the parents' monthly combined gross income by the total monthly child support obligation.

However, the monthly obligation of the noncustodial parent shall be reduced by the cost for health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E when paid directly by the noncustodial parent.

2. Split custody support. In cases involving split custody, the amount of child support to be paid

 shall be the difference between the amounts owed by each parent as a noncustodial parent, computed in accordance with subdivision 1, with the noncustodial parent owing the larger amount paying the difference to the other parent.

For the purpose of this section and § 20-108.1, split custody shall be limited to those situations where each parent has physical custody of a child or children born of the parents, born of either parent and adopted by the other parent or adopted by both parents. For the purposes of calculating a child support obligation where split custody exists, a separate family unit exists for each parent, and child support for that family unit shall be calculated upon the number of children in that family unit who are born of the parents, born of either parent and adopted by the other parent or adopted by both parents. Where split custody exists, a parent is a custodial parent to the children in that parent's family unit and is a noncustodial parent to the children in the other parent's family unit.

3. Shared custody support.

- (a) Where a party has custody or visitation of a child or children for more than ninety days of the year, as such days are defined in subdivision G 3 (c), a shared custody child support amount based on the ratio in which the parents share the custody and visitation of any child or children shall be calculated in accordance with this subdivision. The presumptive support to be paid shall be the shared custody support amount, unless a party affirmatively shows that the sole custody support amount calculated as provided in subdivision G 1 is less than the shared custody support amount. If so, the lesser amount shall be the support to be paid. For the purposes of this subsection, the following shall apply:
- (i) Income share. "Income share" means a parent's percentage of the combined monthly gross income of both parents. The income share of a parent is that parent's gross income divided by the combined gross incomes of the parties.
- (ii) Custody share. "Custody share" means the number of days that a parent has physical custody, whether by sole custody, joint legal or joint residential custody, or visitation, of a shared child per year divided by the number of days in the year. The actual or anticipated "custody share" of the parent who has or will have fewer days of physical custody shall be calculated for a one-year period. The "custody share" of the other parent shall be presumed to be the number of days in the year less the number of days calculated as the first parent's "custody share." For purposes of this calculation, the year may begin on such date as is determined in the discretion of the court, and the day may begin at such time as is determined in the discretion of the court. For purposes of this calculation, a day shall be as defined in subdivision G 3 (c).
- (iii) Shared support need. "Shared support need" means the presumptive guideline amount of needed support for the shared child or children calculated pursuant to subsection B of this section, for the combined gross income of the parties and the number of shared children, multiplied by 1.4.
- (iv) Sole custody support. "Sole custody support" means the support amount determined in accordance with subdivision G 1.
- (b) Support to be paid. The shared support need of the shared child or children shall be calculated pursuant to subdivision G 3 (a) (iii). This amount shall then be multiplied by the other parent's custody share. To that sum for each parent shall be added the other parent's cost of health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E, plus the other parent's work-related child-care costs to the extent allowable by subsection F. This total for each parent shall be multiplied by that parent's income share. The support amounts thereby calculated that each parent owes the other shall be subtracted one from the other and the difference shall be the shared custody support one parent owes to the other, with the payor parent being the one whose shared support is the larger. Any extraordinary medical and dental expenses, to the extent allowable by subsection D, shall be shared directly by the parents in accordance with their income shares, and shall not be adjusted by the custody share. The parents shall pay their respective shares of these extraordinary medical expenses as they are incurred, and they are not added to each party's shared custody support owed to the other party. The method of payment of said allowable expenses shall be contained in the support order. When the shared support is compared to the sole custody support to determine which is the lesser support, pursuant to subdivision G 3 (a), the extraordinary medical expenses shall not enter into either calculation.
 - (c) Definition of a day. For the purposes of this section, "day" means a period of twenty-four

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hours; however, where the parent who has the fewer number of overnight periods during the year has an overnight period with a child, but has physical custody of the shared child for less than twenty-four hours during such overnight period, there is a presumption that each parent shall be allocated one-half of a day of custody for that period.

- (d) Minimum standards. Any calculation under this subdivision shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount which seriously impairs the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child. If the gross income of either party is equal to or less than 150 percent of the federal poverty level promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from time to time, then the shared custody support calculated pursuant to this subsection shall not be the presumptively correct support and the court may consider whether the sole custody support or the shared custody support is more just and appropriate.
- (e) Support modification. When there has been an award of child support based on the shared custody formula and one parent consistently fails to exercise custody or visitation in accordance with the parent's custody share upon which the award was based, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the support award should be modified.
- (f) In the event that the shared custody support calculation indicates that the net support is to be paid to the parent who would not be the parent receiving support pursuant to the sole custody calculation, then the shared support shall be deemed to be the lesser support.
- H. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall ensure that the guideline set out in this section is reviewed by October 31, 2001, and every three years thereafter, by a panel that includes a representative of a juvenile and domestic relations court and a circuit court, a representative of the executive branch, a member of the House of Delegates, a member of the Senate to be appointed by the chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice, members of the bar, two custodial and two noncustodial parents and a child advocate. The panel shall determine the adequacy of the guideline for the determination of appropriate awards for the support of children by considering current research and data on the cost of and expenditures necessary for rearing children, and any other resources it deems relevant to such review. The panel shall report its findings to the General Assembly before it next convenes following such review.
- [2. That the provisions of this act shall not be the basis for a material change in circumstances upon which a modification of child support may be based unless the application of the provisions would increase or decrease the monthly support obligation by \$75 or more.

PROPOSAL of the VBA COALITION ON FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION

SENATE BILL NO. 1312 (2003)

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice) (Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Quayle)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 20-108.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to child support.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 20-108.2 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 20-108.2. Guideline for determination of child support; triennial review by Child Support Guidelines Review Panel; executive summary.

A. There shall be a rebuttable presumption in any judicial or administrative proceeding for child support under this title or Title 16.1 or 63.2, including cases involving split custody or shared custody, that the amount of the award which would result from the application of the guidelines set forth in this section is the correct amount of child support to be awarded. In order to rebut the presumption, the court shall make written findings in the order as set out in § 20-108.1, which findings may be incorporated by reference, that the application of the guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case as determined by relevant evidence pertaining to the factors set out in §§ 20-107.2 and 20-108.1. The Department of Social Services shall set child support at the amount resulting from computations using the guidelines set out in this section pursuant to the authority granted to it in Chapter 19 (§ 63.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 63.2 and subject to the provisions of § 63.2-1918.

B. For purposes of application of the guideline, a basic child support obligation shall be computed using the schedule set out below. For combined monthly gross income amounts falling between amounts shown in the schedule, basic child support obligation amounts shall be extrapolated. However, unless one of the following exemptions applies where the sole custody child support obligation as computed pursuant to subdivision G. 1. is less than \$65 per month, there shall be a presumptive minimum child support obligation of \$65 per month payable by the payor parent. Exemptions from this presumptive minimum monthly child support obligation shall include: parents unable to pay child support because they lack sufficient assets from which to pay child support and who, in addition, are institutionalized in a psychiatric facility; are imprisoned with no chance of parole; are medically verified to be totally and permanently disabled with no evidence of potential for paying child support, including recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI); or are otherwise involuntarily unable to produce income. "Number of children" means the number of children for whom the parents share joint legal responsibility and for whom support is being sought.

The changes in the table of Basic Child Support Obligation set forth below, effective July 1, 2004, shall not of themselves constitute a material change in circumstances for modifying a previous order of child support in any modification proceeding.

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS

MONTHLY						A
-GROSS	ONE			FOUR		
	- CHILD -	-		- CHILDREN		
-0-599	- 65		65			———65 ———116
600		111	113	114	115	
650 —	- 138	140	142-	143	145	
700	153	169	- 170			176
- 750 -	160	10,		202	204	206
800	168	226	228	231	233	236
850	- 175 -		257	260	263	266
900	182	281	286	289	292	295
950	189	292	315	318	322	325
- 1000	196	304	344	348	351	355
- 1050 -	203	315	373		381	
-1100	210	326	402	406		
- 1150 -	217	337	422	435	440	445
1200-	225	348		465	470	475
1250	- 232 -	360		497		
- 1300	241	373		526		542
-1350	249-	386	483	545		 576
1400	257	398		563		
- 1450	265		515		633	645
-1500	274	426		602		680
1550	282	436-	547	617	672	714
- 1600	- 289	447	560			737
1650 -	295	458	573	• • •	705	
-1700	302		587	662	721	772
1750	309 -	479	600	676	 738	
1800 —	315	488		690	752	805
- 1850	321	497-	623	702	 766	819
- 1900	326	506	634	714	 779	
- 1950 -	332	514	645	727	793	848
2000	338	523	655	739	806	862
2050	343		666	751	819	877
- 2100	349	540	677-	763	833	891
2150 -	355	549	688	776	846	905
2200	360	558	699	788	860	920
-2250	366 —		710	800		934
2300	371		721		886	948
2350	377	- 584	732	825	900	963
2400	383	 593	743	837	913	977
2450	388	601	754	849	927	991
2500	394	610	765	862	940	
2550	399		776	874	954	1020
2600	405	627	787	886	967	- 1034
2650 —	410	635	797	897	979	1048
2700	415	643	806	908	991	1060
2750	420	651	816	919	1003	1073
2800	425	658	826	930		1085
2850	430	667	836	941	1027	1098
2900	435	675	846	953	1039	
2950	440	683		964		
3000-	445		866	975		

3050	450	699	876	987	1076	1152
3100	456	707	886	998-	1089	
3150	461	715	896	1010	1101	1178
3200	466	723	906	1021	1114	1191
- 3250 -	471-	732	917	1032	1126	
3300	476	740	927	1044	1139	1218
3350	481	748	937	1055	1151	1231
3400	486	756	947	1067	1164	1245
3450	492	764	957	1078	1176	1258
3500	497	772	967	1089	1189	- 1271
3550	502	780	977	1101	1201	1285
3600	507	788	987	1112	1213	1298
3650	512	797	997	1124	1226	1311
3700	518	806	1009	1137	1240	
3750	524	815	1020	1150	1254	
3800	530	824	1032	1163 1163	1268	1357
3850	536	834	1032	1176	1283	1372
3900	542-	843	1015	1189	1297	1387
3950	547	852	1066	1202	1311	1402
4000	553	861	1078	1214	1325	1417
4050	559	871	1089	1227	1339	1432
4100	565	880	1101	1240-	1353	1448
4150	571	889	1112	1253	1367	1463
4200	577	898	1124	1266	1382	1478
4250	583	907	1135	1279	1396	1493
4300	589	917	1147	1292	1410	1508
4350	594	926	1158	1305	1424	1523
4400	600	926	1170	1318	1438	1538
- 445 0	606	933	11.81	1331	1458	1553
4500	612	954	1101	1331		1569
- 4550	•	954	1130	1357	1467	1584
	618	972	-1204	100.	1481	1599
4600	630-	2 · -	1216	1370	1495 1509	
- 4650 -	000	981	1227	1383		 1614
	635	989		1395	1522	1627
4750	641	997	1247	1406-	1534	1641
	646	1005	1257	1417	1546	1654
- 4850	651	1013	1267	1428	1558	1667
4900	656	1021		1439	1570	1679
	661	1028	1286	1450	1582	1692
- 5000 -	666	1036	1295	1460	1593	1704
	671	1043	1305	1471	1605	1716
				1481		
5150	***			1492		
5200	685			1502	1640	1753
- 5250 -	690	1073	1342	1513	1651 	1765
5300		1081	1351	1524		1778
5350	700	1088	1361	1534	1674	1790
5400				1545		
5450				1555		
5500	714	1111	1389	1566 —	1709	1827
- 5550 -	719			1576		
5600	724			1587		1851
				1598-		
				1608		
5750	739			1619		1888
5800	744		1445	1629		
- 5850	749	1163	1454	1640	1790	1913

5900	753	1171	1463	1650	1801	1925
5950	758	1178	1473	1661	1813	1937
6000 -	763	1186	1482	1672	1824	1950
6050	768	1193	1491	1682	- 1836 -	1962
- 6100	773	1201	1501	1693	1847	1974
6150	778	1208	1510	1703	1859	1987
6200	783	1216	1519	1714	1870	1999
6250	788	1223	1529	1724	1882	2011
6300	792	1231	1538	1735	1893	2023
- 6350 -	797	1238	1547	1745	1905	- 2036
6400	802	1246		1756	1916	2048
6450	807	1253	1566	1767	1928	2060
6500	812	1261	1575	1777	1940	2073
6550	816	1267	1583	1786	1949	2083
6600	820	1272		1794	1957	2092
6650	823	1277	- 1597	1801	1965	2100
- 6700	827	1283	1604	1809	1974	2109
6750	830	1288	1610	1817	1982	2118
6800	834	1293	1617	1824	- 1990 -	2127
6850	837	1299	1624	1832	- 1999	2136
6900	841	1304	1631	1839	2007	2145
- 6950	845	1309	1637	1847	2016	2154
7000	848-	1315	1644	1855	2024	2163
7050 —	852	1320	1651	1862	2032	2172
- 7100 -	855	1325	1658	1870	2041	2181
7150	859	1331	1665	1878	2049	2190
7200	862	1336	1671	1885	2057	2199
7250	866	1341	1678	1893	2066	2207
7300 -	870	1347	1685	1900	2074	2216
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7450	880	- 1363 -	1705	1923	2099	2243
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7600	891	1379	1725	1946	2124	2270
7650	895	1384	1732	1954	2133	2279
7700	898	1390	1739	1961	2141	2288
	902	1395		1969	2149	2297
7800	905	1400		1977	2158	2305
7850	908	1405	1758	1983	2164	2313
7900	910-	1409	1764	1989	2171	2320
7950	913	1414	1770	1995	2178	2328
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	924	1432	-1793	2020	2205	2357
	927	1437	1799	2026 —	2212	2365
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	932	1446	1810	2038	2226	2380
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- 8750 -	956	1487		2094	2287	2447
8800	959	1491	1868	2100	2294	2455
- 8850 -	962	1496	1873	2107	2300	2462
- 8900 -	964	1500	1879 —	2113	2307	2470
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	970	1509	1891	2125	2321	2484
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9150	977	1521 —	1905	2141	2339	2503
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- 9250	982	1527	1914	2151	2349	2514
9300	984	1531	1918	2156	2354	2520
- 9350 -	986	1534	1922	- 2160	2359	2525
9400	988	1537	1926 —	2165	2365	2531
9450	990	1.541	1930	2170	2370	2536
 9500	993	1544		2175	2375	2541
9550 -	995	- 15 47	1939	2179	 2380	2547
- 9600 -	997	1551	1943	2184	2385	2552
9650	999	1554	- 1947	2189	2390	2558
9700	1001	1557	1951	2194	- 2396 -	2563
9750	1003	1561	1956	2198 —	2401	2569
9800	1006		1960	2203	2406	2574
9850	1008	1567	1964	2208	2411	 2580
9900	1010	1571	1968	2213	2416	2585
9950	1012	1574	1972	2218	2421	2590
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COMBINED MONTHLY GROSS INCOME	ONE CHILD	TWO CHILDREN	THREE CHILDREN	FOUR CHILDREN	FIVE CHILDREN	SIX CHILDREN
0-599	75	75	75	75	75	75
600	75	75	75	75	75	75
650	75	75	75	75	75	75
700	75	75	75	75	75	75
750	75	75	75	75	75	75
800	75	75	75	75	75	75
850	83	85	86	87	88	89
900	93	95	96	97	99	101
950	104	106	107	110	116	119
1000	116	118	121	126	131	135
1050	129	132	137	142	149	155
1100	142	148	155	162	170	176
1150	156	165	174	181	190	198
1200	171	183	193	200	210	219
1250	186	202	216	227	234	247
1300	200	222	237	248	260	270
1350	213	243	260	271	287	300
1400	226	265	284	298	315	334
1450	238	288	310	325	344	366

1500	250	312	334	350	374	396
1550	261	336	360	378	405	430
1600	272	359	385	404	438	466
1650	282	381	411	430	471	501
1700	291	402	434	454	503	535
1750	300	422	456	478	535	568
1800	309	441	478	504	566	600
1850	318	459	500	536	597	631
1900	327	476	522	556	627	661
1950	336	493	543	581	657	691
2000	344	509	564	606	687	721
2050	352	525	585	631	716	750
2100	360	540	606	656	745	778
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5300	740	1130	1426	1605	1751	1875
5350	745	1137	1435	1615	1761	1887
5400	750	1144	1444	1625	1771	1899
5450	755	1151	1452	1635	1781	1911
5500	760	1158	1460	1645	1791	1923
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6400	834	1268	1604	1809	1977	2126
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6550	846	1286	1625	1835	2004	2155
6600	850	1292	1632	1843	2013	2164
6650	854	1298	1639	1851	2021	2173
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6750	862	1309	1653	1867	2037	2191
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7050	883	1341	1695	1915	2085	2242
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7550	913	1394	1764	1989	2164	2322
7600	916	1399	1770	1996	2171	2330
7650	919	1404	1776	2003	2178	2337
7700	922	1409	1782	2010	2185	2344
7750	925	1414	1788	2017	2192	2351
7800	928	1419	1794	2024	2199	2358
7850	931	1424	1800	2031	2206	2365
7900	934	1429	1806	2038	2213	2372

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8000	940	1439	1818	2052	2227	2386
8050	943	1444	1824	2059	2234	2393
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8900	986	1516	1909	2156	2340	2503
8950	988	1520	1914	2161	2346	2509
9000	990	1524	1919	2166	2351	2515
9050	992	1528	1924	2171	2356	2521
9100	994	1532	1929	2176	2361	2527
9150	996	1536	1934	2181	2366	2533
9200	998	1540	1939	2186	2371	2539
9250	1000	1544	1944	2190	2376	2545
9300	1002	1547	1949	2194	2381	2551
9350	1004	1550	1954	2198	2386	2557
9400	1006	1553	1959	2202	2391	2563
9450	1008	1556	1963	2206	2396	2569
9500	1010	1559	1967	2210	2401	2574
9550	1012	1562	1971	2214	2406	2579
9600	1014	1565	1975	2218	2411	2584
9650	1016	1568	1979	2222	2415	2589
9700	1018	1571	1983	2226	2419	2594
9750	1020	1574	1986	2230	2423	2599
9800	1022	1577	1989	2233	2427	2604
9850	1024	1580	1992	2236	2430	2609
9900	1026	1583	1995	2239	2433	2614
9950	1028	1586	1998	2242	2436	2619
10000	1030	1589	2001	2245	2439	2624

For gross monthly income between \$10,000 and \$20,000, add the amount of child support for \$10,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$10,000:

ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
3.1%	5.1%	6.8%	7.8%	8.8%	9.5%

For gross monthly income between \$20,000 and \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$20,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$20,000:

ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
2%	3.5%	5%	6%	6.9%	7.8%

For gross monthly income over \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$50,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$50,000:

ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
1%	28	3%	4%	5%	6%

C. For purposes of this section, "gross income" means all income from all sources, and shall include, but not be limited to, income from salaries, wages, commissions, royalties, bonuses, dividends, severance pay, pensions, interest, trust income, annuities, capital gains, social security benefits except as listed below, workers' compensation benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, disability insurance benefits, veterans' benefits, spousal support, rental income, gifts, prizes or awards.

If a parent's gross income includes disability insurance benefits, it shall also include any amounts paid to or for the child who is the subject of the order and derived by the child from the parent's entitlement to disability insurance benefits. To the extent that such derivative benefits are included in a parent's gross income, that parent shall be entitled to a credit against his or her ongoing basic child support obligation for any such amounts, and, if the amount of the credit exceeds the parent's basic child support obligations, the credit may be used to reduce arrearages.

Gross income shall be subject to deduction of reasonable business expenses for persons with income from self-employment, a partnership, or a closely held business. "Gross income" shall not include benefits from public assistance and social services programs as defined in § 63.2-100, federal supplemental security income benefits, or child support received. For purposes of this subsection: (i) spousal support received shall be included in gross income and spousal support paid shall be deducted from gross income when paid pursuant to an order or written agreement and (ii) one-half of any self-employment tax paid shall be deducted from gross income.

Income received by the payor from secondary employment income, whether from an additional job, from self-employment, or from overtime income not previously included in "gross income," where such income has been obtained in a good faith effort by the payor to discharge a child-support arrearage established by a court or administrative order and such parent is paying the arrearage pursuant to the order. The cessation of such income upon the payment of the arrearage, shall not be the basis for a material change in circumstances upon which a modification of child support may be based.

Where there is an existing court or administrative order or written agreement relating to the child or children of a party to the proceeding, who are not the child or children who are the subject of the present proceeding, then there is a presumption that there shall be deducted from the gross income of the party subject to such order or written agreement, the amount that the party is actually paying for the support of a child or children pursuant to such order or agreement.

Where a party to the proceeding has a natural or adopted child or children in the party's household or primary physical custody, and the child or children are not the subject of the present proceeding, there is a presumption that there shall be deducted from the gross income of that party the amount as shown on the Schedule of Monthly Basic Child Support Obligations contained in subsection B that represents that party's support obligation based solely on that party's income as being the total income available for the natural or adopted child or children in the party's household or primary physical custody, who are not the subject of the present proceeding. Provided, however, that the existence of a party's financial responsibility for such a child or children shall not of itself constitute a material change in circumstances for modifying a previous order of child support in any modification proceeding. Any adjustment to gross income under this subsection shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount which seriously impairs the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child, as determined by the court.

In cases in which retroactive liability for support is being determined, the court or administrative agency may use the gross monthly income of the parties averaged over the period of retroactivity.

D. Any extraordinary medical and dental expenses for treatment of the child or children shall be added to the basic child support obligation. For purposes of this section, extraordinary medical and dental expenses are uninsured expenses in excess of \$100 for a single illness or condition and shall include but not be limited to eyeglasses, prescription medication, prostheses, and mental health services whether provided by a social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, or counselor Except for good cause shown or the agreement of the parties, in addition to any other child support obligations made pursuant to this section, any child support order shall provide that the parents pay in proportion to their gross incomes, as used for calculating the monthly support obligation, any reasonable and necessary unreimbursed medical or dental expenses which are in excess of the sum of \$250 for any calendar year for each child who is the subject of the obligation. For the purposes of this section, medical or dental expenses shall include but not be limited to eyeglasses,

prescription medication, prosthetics, orthodontics, and mental health or developmental disabilities services, including but not limited to services provided by a social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, counselor, or therapist.

- E. Any costs for health care coverage as defined in § 63.2-1900 and dental care coverage, when actually being paid by a parent, to the extent such costs are directly allocable to the child or children, and which are the extra costs of covering the child or children beyond whatever coverage the parent providing the coverage would otherwise have, shall be added to the basic child support obligation.
- F. Any child-care costs incurred on behalf of the child or children due to employment of the custodial parent shall be added to the basic child support obligation. Child-care costs shall not exceed the amount required to provide quality care from a licensed source. When requested by the noncustodial parent, the court may require the custodial parent to present documentation to verify the costs incurred for child care under this subsection. Where appropriate, the court shall consider the willingness and availability of the noncustodial parent to provide child care personally in determining whether child-care costs are necessary or excessive. Upon the request of either party, and upon a showing of the tax savings a party derives from child-care cost deductions or credits, the court shall consider such actual tax consequences in determining the amount to be added to the basic child support obligation.
- G. 1. Sole custody support. The sole custody total monthly child support obligation shall be established by adding (i) the monthly basic child support obligation, as determined from the schedule contained in subsection B, (ii) all extraordinary medical expenses, (iii) costs for health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E, and (iv) work-related child-care costs and taking into consideration all the factors set forth in subsection B of § 20-108.1. The total monthly child support obligation shall be divided between the parents in the same proportion as their monthly gross incomes bear to their monthly combined gross income. The monthly obligation of each parent shall be computed by multiplying each parent's percentage of the parents' monthly combined gross income by the total monthly child support obligation.

However, the monthly obligation of the noncustodial parent shall be reduced by the cost for health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E when paid directly by the noncustodial parent.

2. Split custody support. In cases involving split custody, the amount of child support to be paid shall be the difference between the amounts owed by each parent as a noncustodial parent, computed in accordance with subdivision 1, with the noncustodial parent owing the larger amount paying the difference to the other parent.

For the purpose of this section and § 20-108.1, split custody shall be limited to those situations where each parent has physical custody of a child or children born of the parents, born of either parent and adopted by the other parent or adopted by both parents. For the purposes of calculating a child support obligation where split custody exists, a separate family unit exists for each parent, and child support for that family unit shall be calculated upon the number of children in that family unit who are born of the parents, born of either

parent and adopted by the other parent or adopted by both parents. Where split custody exists, a parent is a custodial parent to the children in that parent's family unit and is a noncustodial parent to the children in the other parent's family unit.

3. Shared custody support.

- (a) Where a party has custody or visitation of a child or children for more than 90 days of the year, as such days are defined in subdivision G 3 (c), a shared custody child support amount based on the ratio in which the parents share the custody and visitation of any child or children shall be calculated in accordance with this subdivision. The presumptive support to be paid shall be the shared custody support amount, unless a party affirmatively shows that the sole custody support amount calculated as provided in subdivision G 1 is less than the shared custody support amount. If so, the lesser amount shall be the support to be paid. For the purposes of this subsection, the following shall apply:
- (i) Income share. "Income share" means a parent's percentage of the combined monthly gross income of both parents. The income share of a parent is that parent's gross income divided by the combined gross incomes of the parties.
- (ii) Custody share. "Custody share" means the number of days that a parent has physical custody, whether by sole custody, joint legal or joint residential custody, or visitation, of a shared child per year divided by the number of days in the year. The actual or anticipated "custody share" of the parent who has or will have fewer days of physical custody shall be calculated for a one-year period. The "custody share" of the other parent shall be presumed to be the number of days in the year less the number of days calculated as the first parent's "custody share." For purposes of this calculation, the year may begin on such date as is determined in the discretion of the court, and the day may begin at such time as is determined in the discretion of the court. For purposes of this calculation, a day shall be as defined in subdivision G 3 (c).
- (iii) Shared support need. "Shared support need" means the presumptive guideline amount of needed support for the shared child or children calculated pursuant to subsection B of this section, for the combined gross income of the parties and the number of shared children, multiplied by 1.4.
- (iv) Sole custody support. "Sole custody support" means the support amount determined in accordance with subdivision G 1.
- (b) Support to be paid. The shared support need of the shared child or children shall be calculated pursuant to subdivision G 3 (a) (iii). This amount shall then be multiplied by the other parent's custody share. To that sum for each parent shall be added the other parent's cost of health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E, plus the other parent's work-related child-care costs to the extent allowable by subsection F. This total for each parent shall be multiplied by that parent's income share. The support amounts thereby calculated that each parent owes the other shall be subtracted one from the other and the difference shall be the shared custody support one parent owes to the other, with the payor

parent being the one whose shared support is the larger. Any extraordinary medical and dental expenses, to the extent allowable by subsection D, shall be shared directly by the parents in accordance with their income shares, and shall not be adjusted by the custody share. The parents shall pay their respective shares of these extraordinary medical expenses as they are incurred, and they are not added to each party's shared custody support owed to the other party. The method of payment of said allowable expenses shall be contained in the support order. When the shared support is compared to the sole custody support to determine which is the lesser support, pursuant to subdivision G 3 (a), the extraordinary medical expenses shall not enter into either calculation.

- (c) Definition of a day. For the purposes of this section, "day" means a period of 24 hours; however, where the parent who has the fewer number of overnight periods during the year has an overnight period with a child, but has physical custody of the shared child for less than 24 hours during such overnight period, there is a presumption that each parent shall be allocated one-half of a day of custody for that period.
- (d) Minimum standards. Any calculation under this subdivision shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount which seriously impairs the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child. If the gross income of either party is equal to or less than 150 percent of the federal poverty level promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from time to time, then the shared custody support calculated pursuant to this subsection shall not be the presumptively correct support and the court may consider whether the sole custody support or the shared custody support is more just and appropriate.
- (e) Support modification. When there has been an award of child support based on the shared custody formula and one parent consistently fails to exercise custody or visitation in accordance with the parent's custody share upon which the award was based, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the support award should be modified.
- (f) In the event that the shared custody support calculation indicates that the net support is to be paid to the parent who would not be the parent receiving support pursuant to the sole custody calculation, then the shared support shall be deemed to be the lesser support.
- H. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall ensure that the guideline set out in this section is reviewed by October 31, 20015, and every three four years thereafter, by the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel, consisting of 15 members that include four legislative members and 11 nonlegislative citizen members. Members shall be appointed as follows: three members of the House Committee for Courts of Justice, upon the recommendation of the chairman of such committee, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; one member of the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice, upon the recommendation of the chairman of such committee, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections; and one representative of a juvenile and domestic relations district court, one representative of the Department of Social Services' Division of Child Support Enforcement,

three members of the Virginia State Bar, two custodial parents, two noncustodial parents, and one child advocate, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, to be appointed by the Governor. The Panel shall determine the adequacy of the guideline for the determination of appropriate awards for the support of children by considering current research and data on the cost of and expenditures necessary for rearing children, and any other resources it deems relevant to such review. The Panel shall report its findings to the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports before the General Assembly next convenes following such review.

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Nonlegislative citizen members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. All members may be reappointed. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be made for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

Legislative members shall receive such compensation as provided in § 30-19.12, and nonlegislative citizen members shall receive such compensation for the performance of their duties as provided in § 2.2-2813. All members shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of the members shall be provided by the Department of Social Services.

The Department of Social Services shall provide staff support to the Panel. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Panel, upon request.

The chairman of the Panel shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a triennial quadrennial executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Panel no later than the first day of 2005 regular session of the General Assembly and every three four years thereafter. The executive summary shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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1 2 3 SENATE BILL NO. 208 Offered January 14, 2004 Prefiled January 13, 2004

A BILL to amend and reenact § 20-108.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to child support.

Patron—Quayle

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 20-108.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 20-108.2. Guideline for determination of child support; quadrennial review by Child Support Guidelines Review Panel; executive summary.

A. There shall be a rebuttable presumption in any judicial or administrative proceeding for child support under this title or Title 16.1 or 63.2, including cases involving split custody or shared custody, that the amount of the award which would result from the application of the guidelines set forth in this section is the correct amount of child support to be awarded. In order to rebut the presumption, the court shall make written findings in the order as set out in § 20-108.1, which findings may be incorporated by reference, that the application of the guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case as determined by relevant evidence pertaining to the factors set out in §§ 20-107.2 and 20-108.1. The Department of Social Services shall set child support at the amount resulting from computations using the guidelines set out in this section pursuant to the authority granted to it in Chapter 19 (§ 63.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 63.2 and subject to the provisions of § 63.2-1918.

B. For purposes of application of the guideline, a basic child support obligation shall be computed using the schedule set out below. For combined monthly gross income amounts falling between amounts shown in the schedule, basic child support obligation amounts shall be extrapolated. However, unless one of the following exemptions applies where the sole custody child support obligation as computed pursuant to subdivision G. 1. is less than \$65 per month, there shall be a presumptive minimum child support obligation of \$65 per month payable by the payor parent. Exemptions from this presumptive minimum monthly child support obligation shall include: parents unable to pay child support because they lack sufficient assets from which to pay child support and who, in addition, are institutionalized in a psychiatric facility; are imprisoned with no chance of parole; are medically verified to be totally and permanently disabled with no evidence of potential for paying child support, including recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI); or are otherwise involuntarily unable to produce income. "Number of children" means the number of children for whom the parents share joint legal responsibility and for whom support is being sought.

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS

COMBINED

38	MONTHLY						
39	GROSS	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
40	INCOME	CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
41	0-599	65	65	65	65	65	65
42	600	110	111	113	114	115	116
43	650	138	140	142	143	145	146
44	700	153	169	170	172	174	176
45	750	160	197	199	202	204	206
46	800	168	226	228	231	233	236
47	850	175	254	257	260	263	266
48	900	182	281	286	289	292	295
49	950	189	292	315	318	322	325
50	1000	196	304	344	348	351	355
51	1050	203	315	373	377	381	385
52	1100	210	326	402	406	410	415
53	1150	217	337	422	435	440	445
54	1200	225	348	436	465	470	475
55	1250	232	360	451	497	502	507
56	1300	241	373	467	526	536	542

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95	3250	471	732	917	1032	1126	1205
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For gross monthly income between \$10,000 and \$20,000, add the amount of child support for \$10,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$10,000:

ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
3.1%	5.1%	6.8%	7.8%	8.8%	9.5%

For gross monthly income between \$20,000 and \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$20,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$20,000:

ONE THREE FOUR FIVE SIX CHILD CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN 3.5% 28 6.9% 7.8% 5% 6%

For gross monthly income over \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$50,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$50,000:

TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX CHILD CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN 3% 5% 1% 2% 48 68

C. For purposes of this section, "gross income" means all income from all sources, and shall include, but not be limited to, income from salaries, wages, commissions, royalties, bonuses, dividends, severance pay, pensions, interest, trust income, annuities, capital gains, social security benefits except as listed below, workers' compensation benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, disability insurance benefits, veterans' benefits, spousal support, rental income, gifts, prizes or awards.

If a parent's gross income includes disability insurance benefits, it shall also include any amounts paid to or for the child who is the subject of the order and derived by the child from the parent's entitlement to disability insurance benefits. To the extent that such derivative benefits are included in a parent's gross income, that parent shall be entitled to a credit against his or her ongoing basic child support obligation for any such amounts, and, if the amount of the credit exceeds the parent's basic child support obligations, the credit may be used to reduce arrearages.

Gross income shall be subject to deduction of reasonable business expenses for persons with income from self-employment, a partnership, or a closely held business. "Gross income" shall not include

benefits: 1. Benefits from public assistance and social services programs as defined in § 63.2-100, federal; 2. Federal supplemental security income benefits, or

ehild; 3. Child support received; or

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4. Income received by the payor from secondary employment income not previously included in "gross income," where the payor obtained the income to discharge a child support arrearage established by a court or administrative order and the payor is paying the arrearage pursuant to the order. "Secondary employment income" includes but is not limited to income from an additional job, from self-employment, or from overtime employment. The cessation of such secondary income upon the payment of the arrearage shall not be the basis for a material change in circumstances upon which a modification of child support may be based.

For purposes of this subsection: (i) spousal support received shall be included in gross income and spousal support paid shall be deducted from gross income when paid pursuant to an order or written agreement and (ii) one-half of any self-employment tax paid shall be deducted from gross income.

Where there is an existing court or administrative order or written agreement relating to the child or children of a party to the proceeding, who are not the child or children who are the subject of the present proceeding, then there is a presumption that there shall be deducted from the gross income of the party subject to such order or written agreement, the amount that the party is actually paying for the

support of a child or children pursuant to such order or agreement.

Where a party to the proceeding has a natural or adopted child or children in the party's household or primary physical custody, and the child or children are not the subject of the present proceeding, there is a presumption that there shall be deducted from the gross income of that party the amount as shown on the Schedule of Monthly Basic Child Support Obligations contained in subsection B that represents that party's support obligation based solely on that party's income as being the total income available for the natural or adopted child or children in the party's household or primary physical custody, who are not the subject of the present proceeding. Provided, however, that the existence of a party's financial responsibility for such a child or children shall not of itself constitute a material change in circumstances for modifying a previous order of child support in any modification proceeding. Any adjustment to gross income under this subsection shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an

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amount which seriously impairs the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child, as determined by the court.

In cases in which retroactive liability for support is being determined, the court or administrative agency may use the gross monthly income of the parties averaged over the period of retroactivity.

D. Any extraordinary medical and dental expenses for treatment of the child or children shall be added to the basic child support obligation. For purposes of this section, extraordinary medical and dental expenses are uninsured expenses in excess of \$100 for a single illness or condition and shall include but not be limited to eyeglasses, prescription medication, prostheses, and mental health services whether provided by a social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, or counselor Except for good cause shown or the agreement of the parties, in addition to any other child support obligations established pursuant to this section, any child support order shall provide that the parents pay in proportion to their gross incomes, as used for calculating the monthly support obligation, any reasonable and necessary unreimbursed medical or dental expenses that are in excess of \$250 for any calendar year for each child who is the subject of the obligation. For the purposes of this section, medical or dental expenses shall include but not be limited to eyeglasses, prescription medication, prosthetics, orthodontics, and mental health or developmental disabilities services, including but not limited to services provided by a social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, counselor, or therapist.

E. Any costs for health care coverage as defined in § 63.2-1900 and dental care coverage, when actually being paid by a parent, to the extent such costs are directly allocable to the child or children, and which are the extra costs of covering the child or children beyond whatever coverage the parent providing the coverage would otherwise have, shall be added to the basic child support obligation.

F. Any child-care costs incurred on behalf of the child or children due to employment of the custodial parent shall be added to the basic child support obligation. Child-care costs shall not exceed the amount required to provide quality care from a licensed source. When requested by the noncustodial parent, the court may require the custodial parent to present documentation to verify the costs incurred for child care under this subsection. Where appropriate, the court shall consider the willingness and availability of the noncustodial parent to provide child care personally in determining whether child-care costs are necessary or excessive. Upon the request of either party, and upon a showing of the tax savings a party derives from child-care cost deductions or credits, the court shall factor actual tax consequences into its calculation of the child-care costs to be added to the basic child support obligation.

G. 1. Sole custody support. The sole custody total monthly child support obligation shall be established by adding (i) the monthly basic child support obligation, as determined from the schedule contained in subsection B, (ii) all extraordinary medical expenses, (iii) costs for health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E, and (iv) work-related child-care costs and taking into consideration all the factors set forth in subsection B of § 20-108.1. The total monthly child support obligation shall be divided between the parents in the same proportion as their monthly gross incomes bear to their monthly combined gross income. The monthly obligation of each parent shall be computed by multiplying each parent's percentage of the parents' monthly combined gross income by the total monthly child support obligation.

However, the monthly obligation of the noncustodial parent shall be reduced by the cost for health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E when paid directly by the noncustodial parent.

2. Split custody support. In cases involving split custody, the amount of child support to be paid shall be the difference between the amounts owed by each parent as a noncustodial parent, computed in accordance with subdivision 1, with the noncustodial parent owing the larger amount paying the difference to the other parent.

For the purpose of this section and § 20-108.1, split custody shall be limited to those situations where each parent has physical custody of a child or children born of the parents, born of either parent and adopted by the other parent or adopted by both parents. For the purposes of calculating a child support obligation where split custody exists, a separate family unit exists for each parent, and child support for that family unit shall be calculated upon the number of children in that family unit who are born of the parents, born of either parent and adopted by the other parent or adopted by both parents. Where split custody exists, a parent is a custodial parent to the children in that parent's family unit and is a noncustodial parent to the children in the other parent's family unit.

3. Shared custody support.

(a) Where a party has custody or visitation of a child or children for more than 90 days of the year, as such days are defined in subdivision G 3 (c), a shared custody child support amount based on the ratio in which the parents share the custody and visitation of any child or children shall be calculated in accordance with this subdivision. The presumptive support to be paid shall be the shared custody support amount, unless a party affirmatively shows that the sole custody support amount calculated as provided in subdivision G 1 is less than the shared custody support amount. If so, the lesser amount shall be the support to be paid. For the purposes of this subsection, the following shall apply:

(i) Income share. "Income share" means a parent's percentage of the combined monthly gross income of both parents. The income share of a parent is that parent's gross income divided by the combined gross incomes of the parties.

(ii) Custody share. "Custody share" means the number of days that a parent has physical custody, whether by sole custody, joint legal or joint residential custody, or visitation, of a shared child per year divided by the number of days in the year. The actual or anticipated "custody share" of the parent who has or will have fewer days of physical custody shall be calculated for a one-year period. The "custody share" of the other parent shall be presumed to be the number of days in the year less the number of days calculated as the first parent's "custody share." For purposes of this calculation, the year may begin on such date as is determined in the discretion of the court, and the day may begin at such time as is determined in the discretion of the court. For purposes of this calculation, a day shall be as defined in subdivision G 3 (c).

(iii) Shared support need. "Shared support need" means the presumptive guideline amount of needed support for the shared child or children calculated pursuant to subsection B of this section, for the combined gross income of the parties and the number of shared children, multiplied by 1.4.

(iv) Sole custody support. "Sole custody support" means the support amount determined in accordance with subdivision G 1.

- (b) Support to be paid. The shared support need of the shared child or children shall be calculated pursuant to subdivision G 3 (a) (iii). This amount shall then be multiplied by the other parent's custody share. To that sum for each parent shall be added the other parent's cost of health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E, plus the other parent's work-related child-care costs to the extent allowable by subsection F. This total for each parent shall be multiplied by that parent's income share. The support amounts thereby calculated that each parent owes the other shall be subtracted one from the other and the difference shall be the shared custody support one parent owes to the other, with the payor parent being the one whose shared support is the larger. Any extraordinary medical and dental expenses, to the extent allowable by subsection D, shall be shared directly by the parents in accordance with their income shares, and shall not be adjusted by the custody share. The parents shall pay their respective shares of these extraordinary medical expenses as they are incurred, and they are not added to each party's shared custody support owed to the other party. The method of payment of said allowable expenses shall be contained in the support order. When the shared support is compared to the sole custody support to determine which is the lesser support, pursuant to subdivision G 3 (a), the extraordinary medical expenses shall not enter into either calculation.
- (c) Definition of a day. For the purposes of this section, "day" means a period of 24 hours; however, where the parent who has the fewer number of overnight periods during the year has an overnight period with a child, but has physical custody of the shared child for less than 24 hours during such overnight period, there is a presumption that each parent shall be allocated one-half of a day of custody for that period.
- (d) Minimum standards. Any calculation under this subdivision shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount which seriously impairs the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child. If the gross income of either party is equal to or less than 150 percent of the federal poverty level promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from time to time, then the shared custody support calculated pursuant to this subsection shall not be the presumptively correct support and the court may consider whether the sole custody support or the shared custody support is more just and appropriate.
- (e) Support modification. When there has been an award of child support based on the shared custody formula and one parent consistently fails to exercise custody or visitation in accordance with the parent's custody share upon which the award was based, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the support award should be modified.
- (f) In the event that the shared custody support calculation indicates that the net support is to be paid to the parent who would not be the parent receiving support pursuant to the sole custody calculation, then the shared support shall be deemed to be the lesser support.
- H. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall ensure that the guideline set out in this section is reviewed by October 31, 2001, and every three four years thereafter, by the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel, consisting of 15 members that include four legislative members and 11 nonlegislative citizen members. Members shall be appointed as follows: three members of the House Committee for Courts of Justice, upon the recommendation of the chairman of such committee, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; one member of the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice, upon the recommendation of the chairman of such committee, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections; and one representative of a juvenile and domestic relations district court, one representative of a circuit court, one representative of the Department of

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410 Social Services' Division of Child Support Enforcement, three members of the Virginia State Bar, two 411 custodial parents, two noncustodial parents, and one child advocate, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, to be appointed by the Governor. The Panel shall determine 412 the adequacy of the guideline for the determination of appropriate awards for the support of children by 413 414 considering current research and data on the cost of and expenditures necessary for rearing children, and 415 any other resources it deems relevant to such review. The Panel shall report its findings to the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the 416 417 processing of legislative documents and reports before the General Assembly next convenes following 418 such review.

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Nonlegislative citizen members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. All members may be reappointed. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be made for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall

be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

Legislative members shall receive such compensation as provided in § 30-19.12, and nonlegislative citizen members shall receive such compensation for the performance of their duties as provided in § 2.2-2813. All members shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of the members shall be provided by the Department of Social Services.

The Department of Social Services shall provide staff support to the Panel. All agencies of the

Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Panel, upon request.

The chairman of the Panel shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a triennial quadrennial executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Panel no later than the first day of 2005 regular session of the General Assembly and every three four years thereafter. The executive summary shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 511 Offered January 14, 2004 Prefiled January 13, 2004

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 20-60.3 and 20-108.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to child support; extraordinary medical expenses.

Patron—Marrs

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 20-108.2 and 20-60.3 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 20-108.2. Guideline for determination of child support; triennial review by Child Support Guidelines Review Panel; executive summary.

A. There shall be a rebuttable presumption in any judicial or administrative proceeding for child support under this title or Title 16.1 or 63.2, including cases involving split custody or shared custody, that the amount of the award which would result from the application of the guidelines set forth in this section is the correct amount of child support to be awarded. In order to rebut the presumption, the court shall make written findings in the order as set out in § 20-108.1, which findings may be incorporated by reference, that the application of the guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case as determined by relevant evidence pertaining to the factors set out in §§ 20-107.2 and 20-108.1. The Department of Social Services shall set child support at the amount resulting from computations using the guidelines set out in this section pursuant to the authority granted to it in Chapter 19 (§ 63.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 63.2 and subject to the provisions of § 63.2-1918.

B. For purposes of application of the guideline, a basic child support obligation shall be computed using the schedule set out below. For combined monthly gross income amounts falling between amounts shown in the schedule, basic child support obligation amounts shall be extrapolated. However, unless one of the following exemptions applies where the sole custody child support obligation as computed pursuant to subdivision G. 1. is less than \$65 per month, there shall be a presumptive minimum child support obligation of \$65 per month payable by the payor parent. Exemptions from this presumptive minimum monthly child support obligation shall include: parents unable to pay child support because they lack sufficient assets from which to pay child support and who, in addition, are institutionalized in a psychiatric facility; are imprisoned with no chance of parole; are medically verified to be totally and permanently disabled with no evidence of potential for paying child support, including recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI); or are otherwise involuntarily unable to produce income. "Number of children" means the number of children for whom the parents share joint legal responsibility and for whom support is being sought.

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS

COMBINED MONTHLY GROSS ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX INCOME CHILD CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN 0-599

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58	1350	249	386	483	545	570	576
59	1400	257	398	499	563	605	611
60	1450	265	411	515	581	633	645
61	1500	274	426	533	602	656	680
62	1550	282	436	547	617	672	714
63	1600	289	447	560	632	689	737
64	1650	295	458	573	647	705	754
65	1700	302	468	587	662	721	772
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67	1800	315	488	612	690	752	805
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	1850	321	497		702 714	700 779	834
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70	1950	332	514	645	727	793	
71	2000	338	523	655	739	806	862
72	2050	343	532	666	751	819	877
73	2100	349	540	677	763	833	891
74	2150	355	549	688	776	846	905
75	2200	360	558	699	788	860	920
76	2250	366	567	710	800	873	934
77	2300	371	575	721	812	886	948
78	2350	377	584	732	825	900	963
79	2400	383	593	743	837	913	977
80	2450	388	601	754	849	927	991
81	2500	394	610	765	862	940	1006
82	2550	399	619	776	874	954	1020
83	2600	405	627	787	886	967	1034
84	2650	410	635	797	897	979	1048
85	2700	415	643	806	908	991	1060
86	2750	420	651	816	919	1003	1073
87	2800	425	658	826	930	1015	1085
88	2850	430	667	836	941	1027	1098
89	2900	435	675	846	953	1039	1112
90	2950	440	683	856	964	1052	1125
91	3000	445	691	866	975	1064	1138
92	3050	450	699	876	987	1076	1152
93	3100	456	707	886	998	1089	1165
94	3150	461	715	896	1010	1101	1178
95	3200	466	723	906	1021	1114	1191
96	3250	471	732	917	1032	1126	1205
97	3300	476	740	927	1044	1139	1218
98	3350	481	748	937	1055	1151	1231
99	3400	486	756	947	1067	1164	1245
100	3450	492	764	957	1078	1176	1258
101	3500	497	772	967	1089	1189	1271
102	3550	502	780	977	1101	1201	1285
103	3600	507	788	987	1112	1213	1298
104	3650	512	797	997	1124	1226	1311
105	3700	518	806	1009	1137	1240	1326
106	3750	524	815	1020	1150	1254	1342
107	3800	530	824	1032	1163	1268	1357
108	3850	536	834	1043	1176	1283	1372
109	3900	542	843	1055	1189	1297	1387
110	3950	547	852	1066	1202	1311	1402
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112	4050	559	871	1089	1227	1339	1432
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114	4150	571	889	1112	1253	1367	1463
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116	4250	583	907	1135	1279	1396	1493
117	4300	589	917	1147	1292	1410	1508
118	4350	594	926	1158	1305	1424	1523
119	4400	600	935	1170	1318	1438	1538
120	4450	606	944	1181	1331	1452	1553
121	4500	612	954	1193	1344	1467	1569
122	4550	618	963	1204	1357	1481	1584
123	4600	624	972	1216	1370	1495	1599
124	4650	630	981	1227	1383	1509	1614
125	4700	635	989	1237	1395	1522	1627
126	4750	641	997	1247	1406	1534	1641
127	4800	646	1005	1257	1417	1546	1654
128	4850	651	1013	1267	1428	1558	1667
129	4900	656	1021	1277	1439	1570	1679
130	4950	661	1028	1286	1450	1582	1692
131	5000	666	1036	1295	1460	1593	1704
132	5050	671	1043	1305	1471	1605	1716
133	5100	675	1051	1314	1481	1616	1728
134	5150	680	1058	1323	1492	1628	1741
135	5200	685	1066	1333	1502	1640	1753
136	5250	690	1073	1342	1513	1651	1765
137	5300	695	1081	1351	1524	1663	1778
138	5350	700	1088	1361	1534	1674	1790
139	5400	705	1096	1370	1545	1686	1802
140	5450	710	1103	1379	1555	1697	1815
141	5500	714	1111	1389	1566	1709	1827
142	5550	719	1118	1398	1576	1720	1839
143	5600	724	1126	1407	1587	1732	1851
144	5650	729	1133	1417	1598	1743	1864
145	5700	734	1141	1426	1608	1755	1876
146	5750	739	1148	1435	1619	1766	1888
147	5800	744	1156	1445	1629	1778	1901
148	5850	749	1163	1454	1640	1790	1913
149	5900	753	1171	1463	1650	1801	1925
150	5950	758	1178	1473	1661	1813	1937
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152	6050	768	1193	1491	1682	1836	1962
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169	6900	841	1304	1631	1839	2007	2145
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170	6950	845	1309	1637	1847	2016	2154
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178	7350	873	1352	1692	1908	2082	2225
179	7400	877	1358	1698	1916	2091	2234
180	7450	880	1363	1705	1923	2099	2243
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182	7550	887	1374	1719	1938	2116	2261
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184	7650	895	1384	1732	1954	2133	2279
185	7700	898	1390	1739	1961	2141	2288
186	7750	902	1395	1746	1969	2149	2297
187	7800	905	1400	1753	1977	2158	2305
188	7850	908	1405	1758	1983	2164	2313
189	7900	910	1409	1764	1989	2171	2320
190	7950	913	1414	1770	1995	2178	2328
191	8000	916	1418	1776	2001	2185	2335
192	8050	918	1423	1781	2007	2192	2343
193	8100	921	1428	1787	2014	2198	2350
194	8150	924	1432	1793	2020	2205	2357
195	8200	927	1437	1799	2026	2212	2365
196	8250	929	1441	1804	2032	2212	2372
197	8300	932	1446	1810	2038	2226	2372
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199	8400	937	1455				
200				1822	2051	2239	2395
201	8450	940	1459	1827	2057	2246	2402
202	8500	943	1464	1833	2063	2253	2410
202	8550	945	1468	1839	2069	2260	2417
	8600	948	1473	1845	2076	2266	2425
204	8650	951	1478	1850	2082	2273	2432
205	8700	954	1482	1856	2088	2280	2440
206	8750	956	1487	1862	2094	2287	2447
207	8800	959	1491	1868	2100	2294	2455
208	8850	962	1496	1873	2107	2300	2462
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210	8950	967	1505	1885	2119	2314	2477
211	9000	970	1509	1891	2125	2321	2484
212	9050	973	1514	1896	2131	2328	2492
213	9100	975	1517	1901	2137	2334	2498
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215	9200	979	1524	1909	2146	2344	2509
216	9250	982	1527	1914	2151	2349	2514
217	9300	984	1531	1918	2156	2354	2520
218	9350	986	1534	1922	2160	2359	2525
219	9400	988	1537	1926	2165	2365	2531
220	9450	990	1541	1930	2170	2370	2536
221	9500	993	1544	1935	2175	2375	2541
222	9550	995	1547	1939	2179	2380	2547
223	9600	997	1551	1943	2184	2385	2552
224	9650	999	1554	1947	2189	2390	2558
225	9700	1001	1557	1951	2194	2396	2563
226	9750	1003	1561	1956	2198	2401	2569

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231	10000	1014	1577	1977	2222	2427	2596
230	9950	1012	1574	1972	2218	2421	2590
229	9900	1010	1571	1968	2213	2416	2585
228	9850	1008	1567	1964	2208	2411	2580
227	9800	1006	1564	1960	2203	2406	2574

For gross monthly income between \$10,000 and \$20,000, add the amount of child support for \$10,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$10,000:

ONE	OWT	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
3.1%	5.1%	6.8%	7.8%	8.8%	9.5%

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For gross monthly income between \$20,000 and \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$20,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$20,000:

ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
2%	3.5%	5%	6%	6.9%	7.8%

For gross monthly income over \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$50,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$50,000:

244	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
245	CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
246	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%

C. For purposes of this section, "gross income" means all income from all sources, and shall include, but not be limited to, income from salaries, wages, commissions, royalties, bonuses, dividends, severance pay, pensions, interest, trust income, annuities, capital gains, social security benefits except as listed below, workers' compensation benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, disability insurance benefits, veterans' benefits, spousal support, rental income, gifts, prizes or awards.

If a parent's gross income includes disability insurance benefits, it shall also include any amounts paid to or for the child who is the subject of the order and derived by the child from the parent's entitlement to disability insurance benefits. To the extent that such derivative benefits are included in a parent's gross income, that parent shall be entitled to a credit against his or her ongoing basic child support obligation for any such amounts, and, if the amount of the credit exceeds the parent's basic child support obligations, the credit may be used to reduce arrearages.

Gross income shall be subject to deduction of reasonable business expenses for persons with income from self-employment, a partnership, or a closely held business. "Gross income" shall not include benefits from public assistance and social services programs as defined in § 63.2-100, federal supplemental security income benefits, or child support received. For purposes of this subsection: (i) spousal support received shall be included in gross income and spousal support paid shall be deducted from gross income when paid pursuant to an order or written agreement and (ii) one-half of any self-employment tax paid shall be deducted from gross income.

Where there is an existing court or administrative order or written agreement relating to the child or children of a party to the proceeding, who are not the child or children who are the subject of the present proceeding, then there is a presumption that there shall be deducted from the gross income of the party subject to such order or written agreement, the amount that the party is actually paying for the support of a child or children pursuant to such order or agreement.

Where a party to the proceeding has a natural or adopted child or children in the party's household or primary physical custody, and the child or children are not the subject of the present proceeding, there is a presumption that there shall be deducted from the gross income of that party the amount as shown on the Schedule of Monthly Basic Child Support Obligations contained in subsection B that represents that party's support obligation based solely on that party's income as being the total income available for the natural or adopted child or children in the party's household or primary physical custody, who are not the subject of the present proceeding. Provided, however, that the existence of a party's financial responsibility for such a child or children shall not of itself constitute a material change in circumstances for modifying a previous order of child support in any modification proceeding. Any adjustment to gross income under this subsection shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount which seriously impairs the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child, as determined by the court.

In cases in which retroactive liability for support is being determined, the court or administrative agency may use the gross monthly income of the parties averaged over the period of retroactivity.

D. Any future extraordinary medical and dental expenses for treatment of the child or children shall be added to the basic child support obligation shared by the parents in accordance with their income shares, and shall not be adjusted by the custody share computed under subsection G. The parents shall HB511 6 of 9

 pay their respective shares of the extraordinary medical expenses as they are incurred. Extraordinary medical expenses shall not be added to the child support either party owes the other. The method of payment of allowable extraordinary medical expenses shall be contained in the support order. When the support amount calculated for shared custody arrangements is compared to the sole custody support to determine which is the lesser support, pursuant to subdivision G 3 (a), extraordinary medical expenses shall not enter into either calculation. For purposes of this section, extraordinary medical and dental expenses are uninsured expenses in excess of \$100 for a single illness or condition and shall include but not be limited to eyeglasses, prescription medication, prostheses, and mental health services whether provided by a social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, or counselor.

E. Any costs for health care coverage as defined in § 63.2-1900 and dental care coverage, when actually being paid by a parent, to the extent such costs are directly allocable to the child or children, and which are the extra costs of covering the child or children beyond whatever coverage the parent providing the coverage would otherwise have, shall be added to the basic child support obligation.

- F. Any child-care costs incurred on behalf of the child or children due to employment of the custodial parent shall be added to the basic child support obligation. Child-care costs shall not exceed the amount required to provide quality care from a licensed source. When requested by the noncustodial parent, the court may require the custodial parent to present documentation to verify the costs incurred for child care under this subsection. Where appropriate, the court shall consider the willingness and availability of the noncustodial parent to provide child care personally in determining whether child-care costs are necessary or excessive.
- G. 1. Sole custody support. The sole custody total monthly child support obligation shall be established by adding (i) the monthly basic child support obligation, as determined from the schedule contained in subsection B, (ii) all extraordinary medical expenses, (iii) costs for health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E, and (iv)(iii) work-related child-care costs and taking into consideration all the factors set forth in subsection B of § 20-108.1. The total monthly child support obligation shall be divided between the parents in the same proportion as their monthly gross incomes bear to their monthly combined gross income. The monthly obligation of each parent shall be computed by multiplying each parent's percentage of the parents' monthly combined gross income by the total monthly child support obligation.

However, the monthly obligation of the noncustodial parent shall be reduced by the cost for health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E when paid directly by the noncustodial parent. Extraordinary medical expenses shall be calculated and allocated in accordance with subsection D.

2. Split custody support. In cases involving split custody, the amount of child support to be paid shall be the difference between the amounts owed by each parent as a noncustodial parent, computed in accordance with subdivision 1, with the noncustodial parent owing the larger amount paying the difference to the other parent. Extraordinary medical expenses shall be calculated and allocated in accordance with subsection D.

For the purpose of this section and § 20-108.1, split custody shall be limited to those situations where each parent has physical custody of a child or children born of the parents, born of either parent and adopted by the other parent or adopted by both parents. For the purposes of calculating a child support obligation where split custody exists, a separate family unit exists for each parent, and child support for that family unit shall be calculated upon the number of children in that family unit who are born of the parents, born of either parent and adopted by the other parent or adopted by both parents. Where split custody exists, a parent is a custodial parent to the children in that parent's family unit and is a noncustodial parent to the children in the other parent's family unit.

3. Shared custody support.

(a) Where a party has custody or visitation of a child or children for more than 90 days of the year, as such days are defined in subdivision G 3 (c), a shared custody child support amount based on the ratio in which the parents share the custody and visitation of any child or children shall be calculated in accordance with this subdivision. The presumptive support to be paid shall be the shared custody support amount, unless a party affirmatively shows that the sole custody support amount calculated as provided in subdivision G 1 is less than the shared custody support amount. If so, the lesser amount shall be the support to be paid. For the purposes of this subsection, the following shall apply:

(i) Income share. "Income share" means a parent's percentage of the combined monthly gross income of both parents. The income share of a parent is that parent's gross income divided by the combined

gross incomes of the parties.

(ii) Custody share. "Custody share" means the number of days that a parent has physical custody, whether by sole custody, joint legal or joint residential custody, or visitation, of a shared child per year divided by the number of days in the year. The actual or anticipated "custody share" of the parent who has or will have fewer days of physical custody shall be calculated for a one-year period. The "custody share" of the other parent shall be presumed to be the number of days in the year less the number of days calculated as the first parent's "custody share." For purposes of this calculation, the year may begin

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on such date as is determined in the discretion of the court, and the day may begin at such time as is determined in the discretion of the court. For purposes of this calculation, a day shall be as defined in subdivision G 3 (c).

- (iii) Shared support need. "Shared support need" means the presumptive guideline amount of needed support for the shared child or children calculated pursuant to subsection B of this section, for the combined gross income of the parties and the number of shared children, multiplied by 1.4.
- (iv) Sole custody support. "Sole custody support" means the support amount determined in accordance with subdivision G 1.
- (b) Support to be paid. The shared support need of the shared child or children shall be calculated pursuant to subdivision G 3 (a) (iii). This amount shall then be multiplied by the other parent's custody share. To that sum for each parent shall be added the other parent's cost of health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E, plus the other parent's work-related child-care costs to the extent allowable by subsection F. This total for each parent shall be multiplied by that parent's income share. The support amounts thereby calculated that each parent owes the other shall be subtracted one from the other and the difference shall be the shared custody support one parent owes to the other, with the payor parent being the one whose shared support is the larger. Any extraordinary medical and dental expenses, to the extent allowable by subsection D, shall be shared directly by the parents in accordance with their income shares; and shall not be adjusted by the custody share. The parents shall pay their respective shares of these extraordinary medical expenses as they are incurred, and they are not added to each party's shared custody support owed to the other party. The method of payment of said allowable expenses shall be contained in the support order. When the shared support is compared to the sole custody support to determine which is the lesser support, pursuant to subdivision G 3 (a), the extraordinary medical expenses shall not enter into either calculation Extraordinary medical expenses shall be calculated and allocated in accordance with subsection D.
- (c) Definition of a day. For the purposes of this section, "day" means a period of 24 hours; however, where the parent who has the fewer number of overnight periods during the year has an overnight period with a child, but has physical custody of the shared child for less than 24 hours during such overnight period, there is a presumption that each parent shall be allocated one-half of a day of custody for that period.
- (d) Minimum standards. Any calculation under this subdivision shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount which seriously impairs the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child. If the gross income of either party is equal to or less than 150 percent of the federal poverty level promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from time to time, then the shared custody support calculated pursuant to this subsection shall not be the presumptively correct support and the court may consider whether the sole custody support or the shared custody support is more just and appropriate.
- (e) Support modification. When there has been an award of child support based on the shared custody formula and one parent consistently fails to exercise custody or visitation in accordance with the parent's custody share upon which the award was based, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the support award should be modified.
- (f) In the event that the shared custody support calculation indicates that the net support is to be paid to the parent who would not be the parent receiving support pursuant to the sole custody calculation, then the shared support shall be deemed to be the lesser support.
- H. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall ensure that the guideline set out in this section is reviewed by October 31, 2001, and every three years thereafter, by the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel, consisting of 15 members that include four legislative members and 11 nonlegislative citizen members. Members shall be appointed as follows: three members of the House Committee for Courts of Justice, upon the recommendation of the chairman of such committee, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; one member of the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice, upon the recommendation of the chairman of such committee, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections; and one representative of a juvenile and domestic relations district court, one representative of a circuit court, one representative of the Department of Social Services' Division of Child Support Enforcement, three members of the Virginia State Bar, two custodial parents, two noncustodial parents, and one child advocate, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, to be appointed by the Governor. The Panel shall determine the adequacy of the guideline for the determination of appropriate awards for the support of children by considering current research and data on the cost of and expenditures necessary for rearing children, and any other resources it deems relevant to such review. The Panel shall report its findings to the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports before the General Assembly next convenes following

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Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Nonlegislative citizen members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. All members may be reappointed. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be made for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

Legislative members shall receive such compensation as provided in § 30-19.12, and nonlegislative citizen members shall receive such compensation for the performance of their duties as provided in § 2.2-2813. All members shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of the members shall be provided by the Department of Social Services.

The Department of Social Services shall provide staff support to the Panel. All agencies of the

Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Panel, upon request.

The chairman of the Panel shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a triennial executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Panel no later than the first day of 2005 regular session of the General Assembly and every three years thereafter. The executive summary shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

§ 20-60.3. Contents of support orders.

All orders directing the payment of spousal support where there are minor children whom the parties have a mutual duty to support and all orders directing the payment of child support, including those orders confirming separation agreements, entered on or after October 1, 1985, whether they are original orders or modifications of existing orders, shall contain the following:

- 1. Notice that support payments may be withheld as they become due pursuant to § 20-79.1 or § 20-79.2, from income as defined in § 63.2-1900, without further amendments of this order or having to file an application for services with the Department of Social Services; however, absence of such notice in an order entered prior to July 1, 1988, shall not bar withholding of support payments pursuant to § 20-79.1:
- 2. Notice that support payments may be withheld pursuant to Chapter 19 (§ 63.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 63.2 without further amendments to the order upon application for services with the Department of Social Services; however, absence of such notice in an order entered prior to July 1, 1988, shall not bar withholding of support payments pursuant to Chapter 19 (§ 63.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 63.2;

3. The names and dates of birth of each child to whom a duty of support is then owed by the person responsible for support;

- 4. If known, the name, date of birth and social security number of each parent of the child and, if different and if known, the name, date of birth and social security number of the person responsible for support and, unless otherwise ordered, each parent or responsible person's residential and, if different, mailing address, residential and employer telephone number, driver's license number, and the name and address of his or her employer; however, when a protective order has been issued or the court otherwise finds reason to believe that a party is at risk of physical or emotional harm from the other party, information other than the name of the party at risk shall not be included in the order;
- 5. On and after July 1, 1994, notice that a petition may be filed for suspension of any license, certificate, registration or other authorization to engage in a profession, trade, business or occupation issued by the Commonwealth to a person responsible for support as provided in § 63.2-1937 upon a delinquency for a period of 90 days or more or in an amount of \$5,000 or more. The order shall indicate whether either or both parents currently hold such an authorization and, if so, the type of authorization held;
- 6. The amount of periodic support expressed in fixed sums, together with the payment interval, the date payments are due, and the date the first payment is due;
- 7. a. An order for health care coverage, including the health insurance policy information, for dependent children pursuant to §§ 20-108.1 and 20-108.2 if available at reasonable cost as defined in § 63.2-1900 and a statement as to whether there is an order for health care coverage for a spouse or former spouse; and
- b. A statement as to whether any extraordinary medical expenses are to be paid by or reimbursed to a party pursuant to subsection D and subdivision subdivisions G 1, G 2, or G 3 of § 20-108.2, and if such expenses are ordered, then the provisions as how such payment is to be made;
- 8. If support arrearages exist, (i) to whom an arrearage is owed and the amount of the arrearage, (ii) the period of time for which such arrearage is calculated, and (iii) a direction that all payments are to be credited to current support obligations first, with any payment in excess of the current obligation applied
- 9. If child support payments are ordered to be paid through the Department of Social Services or directly to the obligee, and unless the court for good cause shown orders otherwise, the parties shall give each other and the court and, when payments are to be made through the Department, the

Department of Social Services at least 30 days' written notice, in advance, of any change of address and any change of telephone number within 30 days after the change;

- 10. If child support payments are ordered to be paid through the Department of Social Services, a provision requiring an obligor to keep the Department of Social Services informed of the name, address and telephone number of his current employer, or if payments are ordered to be paid directly to the obligee, a provision requiring an obligor to keep the court informed of the name, address and telephone number of his current employer;
- 11. The separate amounts due to each person under the order, unless the court specifically orders a unitary award of child and spousal support due or the order affirms a separation agreement containing provision for such unitary award;
- 12. Notice that in determination of a support obligation, the support obligation as it becomes due and unpaid creates a judgment by operation of law; and
- 13. Notice that on and after July 1, 1994, the Department of Social Services may, pursuant to Chapter 19 (§ 63.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 63.2 and in accordance with §§ 20-108.2 and 63.2-1921, initiate a review of the amount of support ordered by any court.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to divorce decrees where there are no minor children whom the parties have a mutual duty to support.

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2004 SESSION

CHAPTER 907

An Act to amend and reenact § 20-108.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to child support.

[H 511]

Approved April 15, 2004

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 20-108.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 20-108.2. Guideline for determination of child support; quadrennial review by Child Support Guidelines Review Panel; executive summary.

A. There shall be a rebuttable presumption in any judicial or administrative proceeding for child support under this title or Title 16.1 or 63.2, including cases involving split custody or shared custody, that the amount of the award which would result from the application of the guidelines set forth in this section is the correct amount of child support to be awarded. In order to rebut the presumption, the court shall make written findings in the order as set out in § 20-108.1, which findings may be incorporated by reference, that the application of the guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case as determined by relevant evidence pertaining to the factors set out in §§ 20-107.2 and 20-108.1. The Department of Social Services shall set child support at the amount resulting from computations using the guidelines set out in this section pursuant to the authority granted to it in Chapter 19 (§ 63.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 63.2 and subject to the provisions of § 63.2-1918.

B. For purposes of application of the guideline, a basic child support obligation shall be computed using the schedule set out below. For combined monthly gross income amounts falling between amounts shown in the schedule, basic child support obligation amounts shall be extrapolated. However, unless one of the following exemptions applies where the sole custody child support obligation as computed pursuant to subdivision G 1 is less than \$65 per month, there shall be a presumptive minimum child support obligation of \$65 per month payable by the payor parent. Exemptions from this presumptive minimum monthly child support obligation shall include: parents unable to pay child support because they lack sufficient assets from which to pay child support and who, in addition, are institutionalized in a psychiatric facility; are imprisoned with no chance of parole; are medically verified to be totally and permanently disabled with no evidence of potential for paying child support, including recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI); or are otherwise involuntarily unable to produce income. "Number of children" means the number of children for whom the parents share joint legal responsibility and for whom support is being sought.

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS

COMBINED						
MONTHLY						
GROSS	ONE	OWT	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
INCOME	CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
0-599	65	65	65	65	65	65
600	110	111	113	114	115	116
650	138	140	142	143	145	146
700	153	169	170	172	174	176
750	160	197	199	202	204	206
800	168	226	228	231	233	236
850	175	254	257	260	263	266
900	182	281	286	289	292	295
950	189	292	315	318	322	325
1000	196	304	344	348	351	355
1050	203	315	373	377	381	385
1100	210	326	402	406	410	415
1150	217	337	422	435	440	445
1200	225	348	436	465	470	475
1250	232	360	451	497	502	507
1300	241	373	467	526	536	542
1350	249	386	483	545	570	576
1400	257	398	499	563	605	611
1450	265	411	515	581	633	645
1500	274	426	533	602	656	680

1550	282	436	547	617	672	714
1600	289	447	560	632	689	737
1650	295	458	573	647	705	754
1700	302	468	587	662	721	772
1750	309	479	600	676	738	789
				690	752	805
1800	315	488	612			
1850	321	497	623	702	766	819
1900	326	506	634	714	779	834
1950	332	514	645	727	793	848
2000	338	523	655	739	806	862
2050	343	532	666	751	819	877
2100	349	540	677	763	833	891
2150	355	549	688	776	846	905
2200	360	558	699	788	860	920
2250	366	567	710	800	873	934
2300	371	575	721	812	886	948
			732	825	900	963
2350	377	584				
2400	383	593	743	837	913	977
2450	388	601	754	849	927	991
2500	394	610	765	862	940	1006
2550	399	619	776	874	954	1020
2600	405	627	787	886	967	1034
2650	410	635	797	897	979	1048
2700	415	643	806	908	991	1060
2750	420	651	816	919	1003	1073
2800	425	658	826	930	1015	1085
2850	430	667	836	941	1027	1098
2900	435	675	846	953	1039	1112
			856	964	1052	1125
2950	440	683				
3000	445	691	866	975	1064	1138
3050	450	699	876	987	1076	1152
3100	456	707	886	998	1089	1165
3150	461	715	896	1010	1101	1178
3200	466	723	906	1021	1114	1191
3250	471	732	917	1032	1126	1205
3300	476	740	927	1044	1139	1218
3350	481	748	937	1055	1151	1231
3400	486	756	947	1067	1164	1245
3450	492	764	957	1078	1176	1258
3500	497	772	967	1089	1189	1271
3550	502	780	977	1101	1201	1285
3600	507	788	987	1112	1213	1298
3650	512	797	997	1124	1226	1311
3700	518	806	1009	1137	1240	1326
3750	524	815	1020	1150	1254	1342
3800	530	824	1032	1163	1268	1357
3850	536	834	1043	1176	1283	1372
3900	542	843	1055	1189	1297	1387
3950	547	852	1066	1202	1311	1402
4000	553	861	1078	1214	1325	1417
4050	559	871	1089	1227	1339	1432
4100	565	880	1101	1240	1353	1448
4150	571	889	1112	1253	1367	1463
4200	577	898	1124	1266	1382	1478
4250	583	907	1135	1279	1396	1493
4300	589	917	1147	1292	1410	1508
4350	594	926	1147			
				1305	1424	1523
4400	600	935	1170	1318	1438	1538
4450	606	944	1181	1331	1452	1553

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4500	612	954	1193	1344	1467	1569
4550	618	963	1204	1357	1481	1584
		972	1216	1370	1495	1599
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4650	630	981	1227	1383	1509	1614
4700	635	989	1237	1395	1522	1627
4750	641	997	1247	1406	1534	1641
		1005	1257	1417	1546	1654
4800	646					
4850	651	1013	1267	1428	1558	1667
4900	656	1021	1277	1439	1570	1679
4950	661	1028	1286	1450	1582	1692
5000	666	1036	1295	1460	1593	1704
5050	671	1043	1305	1471	1605	1716
5100	675	1051	1314	1481	1616	1728
5150	680	1058	1323	1492	1628	1741
5200	685	1066	1333	1502	1640	1753
			1342	1513	1651	1765
5250	690	1073				
5300	695	1081	1351	1524	1663	1778
5350	700	1088	1361	1534	1674	1790
5400	705	1096	1370	1545	1686	1802
5450	710	1103	1379	1555	1697	1815
5500	714	1111	1389	1566	1709	1827
5550	719	1118	1398	1576	1720	1839
5600	724	1126	1407	1587	1732	1851
5650	729	1133	1417	1598	1743	1864
5700	734	1141	1426	1608	1755	1876
5750	739	1148	1435	1619	1766	1888
5800	744	1156	1445	1629	1778	1901
5850	749	1163	1454	1640	1790	1913
5900	753	1171	1463	1650	1801	1925
5950	758	1178	1473	1661	1813	1937
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6050	768	1193	1491	1682	1836	1962
6100	773	1201	1501	1693	1847	1974
6150	778	1208	1510	1703	1859	1987
6200	783	1216	1519	1714	1870	1999
6250	788	1223	1529	1724	1882	2011
6300	792	1231	1538	1735	1893	2023
6350	797	1238	1547	1745	1905	2036
6400	802	1246	1557	1756	1916	2048
6450	807	1253	1566	1767	1928	2060
6500	812	1261	1575	1777	1940	2073
6550	816					2083
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6600	820	1272	1590	1794	1957	2092
6650	823	1277	1597	1801	1965	2100
6700	827	1283	1604	1809	1974	2109
6750	830	1288	1610	1817	1982	2118
						2127
6800	834	1293	1617	1824	1990	
6850	837	1299	1624	1832	1999	2136
6900	841	1304	1631	1839	2007	2145
6950	845	1309	1637	1847	2016	2154
7000	848	1315	1644	1855	2024	2163
7050	852					2172
		1320	1651	1862	2032	
7100	855	1325	1658	1870	2041	2181
7150	859	1331	1665	1878	2049	2190
7200	862	1336	1671	1885	2057	2199
7250	866	1341	1678	1893	2066	2207
7300	870	1347	1685	1900	2074	2216
7350	873	1352	1692	1908	2082	2225
7400	877	1358	1698	1916	2091	2234

7450	880	1363	1705		1923		2099		2243
7500	884	1368	1712		1931		2108		2252
7550	887	1374	1719		1938		2116		2261
7600	891	1379	1725		1946		2124		2270
7650	895	1384	1732		1954		2133		2279
7700	898	1390	1739		1961		2141		2288
7750	902	1395	1746		1969		2149		2297
7800	905	1400	1753		1977		2158		2305
7850	908	1405	1758		1983		2164		2313
7900	910	1409	1764		1989		2171		2320
7950	913	1414	1770		1995		2178		2328
8000	916	1418	1776		2001		2185		2335
8050	918	1423	1781		2007		2192		2343
8100	921	1428	1787		2014		2198		2350
8150	924	1432	1793		2020		2205		2357
8200	927	1437	1799		2026		2212		2365
8250	929	1441	1804		2032		2219		2372
8300	932	1446	1810		2038		2226		2380
8350	935	1450	1816		2045		2232		2387
8400	937	1455	1822		2051		2239		2395
8450	940	1459	1827		2057		2246		2402
8500	943	1464	1833		2063		2253		2410
8550	945	1468	1839		2069		2260		2417
8600	948	1473	1845		2076		2266		2425
8650	951	1478	1850		2082		2273		2432
8700	954	1482	1856		2088		2280		2440
8750	956	1487	1862		2094		2287		2447
8800	959	1491	1868		2100		2294		2455
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8900	964	1500	1879		2113		2307		2470
8950	967	1505	1885		2119		2314		2477
9000	970	1509	1891		2125		2321		2484
9050	973	1514	1896		2131		2328		2492
9100	975	1517	1901		2137		2334		2498
9150	977	1521	1905		2141		2339		2503
9200	979	1524	1909		2146		2344		2509
9250	982	1527	1914		2151		2349		2514
9300	984	1531	1918		2156		2354		2520
9350	986	1534	1922		2160		2359		2525
9400	988	1537	1926		2165		2365		2531
9450	990	1541	1930		2170		2370		2536
9500	993	1544	1935		2175		2375		2541
9550	995	1547	1939		2179		2380		2547
9600	997	1551	1943		2184		2385		2552
9650	999	1554	1947		2189		2390		2558
9700	1001	1557	1951		2194		2396		2563
9750	1003	1561	1956		2198		2401		2569
9800	1006	1564	1960		2203		2406		2574
9850	1008	1567	1964		2208		2411		2580
9900	1010	1571	1968		2213		2416		2585
9950	1012	1574	1972		2218		2421		2590
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For gross	monthly	income between	\$10,000	and	\$20,000	add	the amount	of	child su

For gross monthly income between \$10,000 and \$20,000, add the amount of child support for \$10,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$10,000:

ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX CHILD CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN 3.1% 5.1% 6.8% 7.8% 8.8% 9.5%

For gross monthly income between \$20,000 and \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$20,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$20,000:

ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
2%	3.5%	5%	6%	6.9%	7.8%

For gross monthly income over \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$50,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$50,000:

ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%

C. For purposes of this section, "gross income" means all income from all sources, and shall include, but not be limited to, income from salaries, wages, commissions, royalties, bonuses, dividends, severance pay, pensions, interest, trust income, annuities, capital gains, social security benefits except as listed below, workers' compensation benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, disability insurance benefits, veterans' benefits, spousal support, rental income, gifts, prizes or awards.

If a parent's gross income includes disability insurance benefits, it shall also include any amounts paid to or for the child who is the subject of the order and derived by the child from the parent's entitlement to disability insurance benefits. To the extent that such derivative benefits are included in a parent's gross income, that parent shall be entitled to a credit against his or her ongoing basic child support obligation for any such amounts, and, if the amount of the credit exceeds the parent's basic child support obligations, the credit may be used to reduce arrearages.

Gross income shall be subject to deduction of reasonable business expenses for persons with income from self-employment, a partnership, or a closely held business. "Gross income" shall not include:

- I. Benefits from public assistance and social services programs as defined in § 63.2-100;
- 2. Federal supplemental security income benefits; or
- 3. Child support received; or

4. Income received by the payor from secondary employment income not previously included in "gross income," where the payor obtained the income to discharge a child support arrearage established by a court or administrative order and the payor is paying the arrearage pursuant to the order. "Secondary employment income" includes but is not limited to income from an additional job, from self-employment, or from overtime employment. The cessation of such secondary income upon the payment of the arrearage shall not be the basis for a material change in circumstances upon which a modification of child support may be based.

For purposes of this subsection: (i) spousal support received shall be included in gross income and spousal support paid shall be deducted from gross income when paid pursuant to an order or written agreement and (ii) one-half of any self-employment tax paid shall be deducted from gross income.

Where there is an existing court or administrative order or written agreement relating to the child or children of a party to the proceeding, who are not the child or children who are the subject of the present proceeding, then there is a presumption that there shall be deducted from the gross income of the party subject to such order or written agreement, the amount that the party is actually paying for the support of a child or children pursuant to such order or agreement.

Where a party to the proceeding has a natural or adopted child or children in the party's household or primary physical custody, and the child or children are not the subject of the present proceeding, there is a presumption that there shall be deducted from the gross income of that party the amount as shown on the Schedule of Monthly Basic Child Support Obligations contained in subsection B that represents that party's support obligation based solely on that party's income as being the total income available for the natural or adopted child or children in the party's household or primary physical custody, who are not the subject of the present proceeding. Provided, however, that the existence of a party's financial responsibility for such a child or children shall not of itself constitute a material change in circumstances for modifying a previous order of child support in any modification proceeding. Any adjustment to gross income under this subsection shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount which seriously impairs the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child, as determined by the court.

In cases in which retroactive liability for support is being determined, the court or administrative agency may use the gross monthly income of the parties averaged over the period of retroactivity.

D. Any extraordinary medical and dental expenses for treatment of the child or children shall be added to the basic child support obligation. For purposes of this section, extraordinary medical and dental expenses are uninsured expenses in excess of \$100 for a single illness or condition and shall include but not be limited to eyeglasses, prescription medication, prostheses, and mental health services whether provided by a social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, or counselor Except for good cause shown or the agreement of the parties, in addition to any other child support obligations established pursuant to this section, any child support order shall provide that the parents pay in proportion to their gross incomes, as used for calculating the monthly support obligation, any reasonable and necessary unreimbursed medical or dental expenses that are in excess of \$250 for any calendar year for each child who is the subject of the obligation. The method of payment of those expenses shall be

contained in the support order. Each parent shall pay his respective share of expenses as those expenses are incurred. Any amount paid under this subsection shall not be adjusted by, nor added to, the child support calculated in accordance with subsection G. For the purposes of this section, medical or dental expenses shall include but not be limited to eyeglasses, prescription medication, prosthetics, orthodontics, and mental health or developmental disabilities services, including but not limited to services provided by a social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, counselor, or therapist.

E. Any costs for health care coverage as defined in § 63.2-1900 and dental care coverage, when actually being paid by a parent, to the extent such costs are directly allocable to the child or children, and which are the extra costs of covering the child or children beyond whatever coverage the parent providing the coverage would otherwise have, shall be added to the basic child support obligation.

- F. Any child-care costs incurred on behalf of the child or children due to employment of the custodial parent shall be added to the basic child support obligation. Child-care costs shall not exceed the amount required to provide quality care from a licensed source. When requested by the noncustodial parent, the court may require the custodial parent to present documentation to verify the costs incurred for child care under this subsection. Where appropriate, the court shall consider the willingness and availability of the noncustodial parent to provide child care personally in determining whether child-care costs are necessary or excessive. Upon the request of either party, and upon a showing of the tax savings a party derives from child-care cost deductions or credits, the court shall factor actual tax consequences into its calculation of the child-care costs to be added to the basic child support obligation.
- G. 1. Sole custody support. The sole custody total monthly child support obligation shall be established by adding (i) the monthly basic child support obligation, as determined from the schedule contained in subsection B, (ii) all extraordinary medical expenses, (iii) costs for health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E, and (iv) (iii) work-related child-care costs and taking into consideration all the factors set forth in subsection B of § 20-108.1. The total monthly child support obligation shall be divided between the parents in the same proportion as their monthly gross incomes bear to their monthly combined gross income. The monthly obligation of each parent shall be computed by multiplying each parent's percentage of the parents' monthly combined gross income by the total monthly child support obligation.

However, the monthly obligation of the noncustodial parent shall be reduced by the cost for health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E when paid directly by the noncustodial parent. Unreimbursed medical and dental expenses shall be calculated and allocated in accordance with subsection D

2. Split custody support. In cases involving split custody, the amount of child support to be paid shall be the difference between the amounts owed by each parent as a noncustodial parent, computed in accordance with subdivision 1, with the noncustodial parent owing the larger amount paying the difference to the other parent. Unreimbursed medical and dental expenses shall be calculated and allocated in accordance with subsection D.

For the purpose of this section and § 20-108.1, split custody shall be limited to those situations where each parent has physical custody of a child or children born of the parents, born of either parent and adopted by the other parent or adopted by both parents. For the purposes of calculating a child support obligation where split custody exists, a separate family unit exists for each parent, and child support for that family unit shall be calculated upon the number of children in that family unit who are born of the parents, born of either parent and adopted by the other parent or adopted by both parents. Where split custody exists, a parent is a custodial parent to the children in that parent's family unit and is a noncustodial parent to the children in the other parent's family unit.

- 3. Shared custody support.
- (a) Where a party has custody or visitation of a child or children for more than 90 days of the year, as such days are defined in subdivision G 3 (c), a shared custody child support amount based on the ratio in which the parents share the custody and visitation of any child or children shall be calculated in accordance with this subdivision. The presumptive support to be paid shall be the shared custody support amount, unless a party affirmatively shows that the sole custody support amount calculated as provided in subdivision G 1 is less than the shared custody support amount. If so, the lesser amount shall be the support to be paid. For the purposes of this subsection, the following shall apply:
- (i) Income share. "Income share" means a parent's percentage of the combined monthly gross income of both parents. The income share of a parent is that parent's gross income divided by the combined gross incomes of the parties.
- (ii) Custody share. "Custody share" means the number of days that a parent has physical custody, whether by sole custody, joint legal or joint residential custody, or visitation, of a shared child per year divided by the number of days in the year. The actual or anticipated "custody share" of the parent who has or will have fewer days of physical custody shall be calculated for a one-year period. The "custody share" of the other parent shall be presumed to be the number of days in the year less the number of days calculated as the first parent's "custody share." For purposes of this calculation, the year may begin on such date as is determined in the discretion of the court, and the day may begin at such time as is

determined in the discretion of the court. For purposes of this calculation, a day shall be as defined in subdivision G 3 (c).

- (iii) Shared support need. "Shared support need" means the presumptive guideline amount of needed support for the shared child or children calculated pursuant to subsection B of this section, for the combined gross income of the parties and the number of shared children, multiplied by 1.4.
- (iv) Sole custody support. "Sole custody support" means the support amount determined in accordance with subdivision G 1.
- (b) Support to be paid. The shared support need of the shared child or children shall be calculated pursuant to subdivision G 3 (a) (iii). This amount shall then be multiplied by the other parent's custody share. To that sum for each parent shall be added the other parent's cost of health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E, plus the other parent's work-related child-care costs to the extent allowable by subsection F. This total for each parent shall be multiplied by that parent's income share. The support amounts thereby calculated that each parent owes the other shall be subtracted one from the other and the difference shall be the shared custody support one parent owes to the other, with the payor parent being the one whose shared support is the larger. Any extraordinary medical and dental expenses, to the extent allowable by subsection D, shall be shared directly by the parents in accordance with their income shares, and shall not be adjusted by the custody share. The parents shall pay their respective shares of these extraordinary medical expenses as they are incurred, and they are not added to each party's shared custody support owed to the other party. The method of payment of said allowable expenses shall be contained in the support order. When the shared support is compared to the sole eustody support to determine which is the lesser support, pursuant to subdivision G 3 (a), the extraordinary medical expenses shall not enter into either calculation. Unreimbursed medical and dental expenses shall be calculated and allocated in accordance with subsection D.
- (c) Definition of a day. For the purposes of this section, "day" means a period of 24 hours; however, where the parent who has the fewer number of overnight periods during the year has an overnight period with a child, but has physical custody of the shared child for less than 24 hours during such overnight period, there is a presumption that each parent shall be allocated one-half of a day of custody for that period.
- (d) Minimum standards. Any calculation under this subdivision shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount which seriously impairs the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child. If the gross income of either party is equal to or less than 150 percent of the federal poverty level promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from time to time, then the shared custody support calculated pursuant to this subsection shall not be the presumptively correct support and the court may consider whether the sole custody support or the shared custody support is more just and appropriate.
- (e) Support modification. When there has been an award of child support based on the shared custody formula and one parent consistently fails to exercise custody or visitation in accordance with the parent's custody share upon which the award was based, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the support award should be modified.

(f) In the event that the shared custody support calculation indicates that the net support is to be paid to the parent who would not be the parent receiving support pursuant to the sole custody calculation, then the shared support shall be deemed to be the lesser support.

H. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall ensure that the guideline set out in this section is reviewed by October 31, 2001, and every three four years thereafter, by the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel, consisting of 15 members that include four legislative members and 11 nonlegislative citizen members. Members shall be appointed as follows: three members of the House Committee for Courts of Justice, upon the recommendation of the chairman of such committee, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; one member of the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice, upon the recommendation of the chairman of such committee, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections; and one representative of a juvenile and domestic relations district court, one representative of a circuit court, one representative of the Department of Social Services' Division of Child Support Enforcement, three members of the Virginia State Bar, two custodial parents, two noncustodial parents, and one child advocate, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, to be appointed by the Governor. The Panel shall determine the adequacy of the guideline for the determination of appropriate awards for the support of children by considering current research and data on the cost of and expenditures necessary for rearing children, and any other resources it deems relevant to such review. The Panel shall report its findings to the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports before the General Assembly next convenes following such review.

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Nonlegislative citizen members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. All members may be reappointed. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be made for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall

be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

Legislative members shall receive such compensation as provided in § 30-19.12, and nonlegislative citizen members shall receive such compensation for the performance of their duties as provided in § 2.2-2813. All members shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of the members shall be provided by the Department of Social Services.

The Department of Social Services shall provide staff support to the Panel. All agencies of the

Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Panel, upon request.

The chairman of the Panel shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a triennial quadrennial executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Panel no later than the first day of 2005 regular session of the General Assembly and every three four years thereafter. The executive summary shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2004 RECONVENED SESSION

CHAPTER 1008

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 20-60.3, 20-108.1, and 20-108.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to child support.

[S 208]

Approved April 21, 2004

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 20-60.3, 20-108.1 and 20-108.2 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 20-60.3. Contents of support orders.

All orders directing the payment of spousal support where there are minor children whom the parties have a mutual duty to support and all orders directing the payment of child support, including those orders confirming separation agreements, entered on or after October 1, 1985, whether they are original orders or modifications of existing orders, shall contain the following:

- 1. Notice that support payments may be withheld as they become due pursuant to § 20-79.1 or § 20-79.2, from income as defined in § 63.2-1900, without further amendments of this order or having to file an application for services with the Department of Social Services; however, absence of such notice in an order entered prior to July 1, 1988, shall not bar withholding of support payments pursuant to § 20-79.1;
- 2. Notice that support payments may be withheld pursuant to Chapter 19 (§ 63.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 63.2 without further amendments to the order upon application for services with the Department of Social Services; however, absence of such notice in an order entered prior to July 1, 1988, shall not bar withholding of support payments pursuant to Chapter 19 (§ 63.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 63.2;

3. The names and dates of birth of each child to whom a duty of support is then owed by the person

responsible for support;

- 4. If known, the name, date of birth and social security number of each parent of the child and, if different and if known, the name, date of birth and social security number of the person responsible for support and, unless otherwise ordered, each parent or responsible person's residential and, if different, mailing address, residential and employer telephone number, driver's license number, and the name and address of his or her employer; however, when a protective order has been issued or the court otherwise finds reason to believe that a party is at risk of physical or emotional harm from the other party, information other than the name of the party at risk shall not be included in the order;
- 5. On and after July 1, 1994, notice that a petition may be filed for suspension of any license, certificate, registration or other authorization to engage in a profession, trade, business or occupation issued by the Commonwealth to a person responsible for support as provided in § 63.2-1937 upon a delinquency for a period of 90 days or more or in an amount of \$5,000 or more. The order shall indicate whether either or both parents currently hold such an authorization and, if so, the type of authorization held;
- 6. The amount of periodic support expressed in fixed sums, together with the payment interval, the date payments are due, and the date the first payment is due;
- 7. a. An order for health care coverage, including the health insurance policy information, for dependent children pursuant to §§ 20-108.1 and 20-108.2 if available at reasonable cost as defined in § 63.2-1900 and a statement as to whether there is an order for health care coverage for a spouse or former spouse; and
- b. A statement as to whether any extraordinary unreimbursed medical expenses are to be paid by or reimbursed to a party pursuant to subsection subsections D and subdivision G 3 of § 20-108.2, and if such expenses are ordered, then the provisions as governing how such payment is to be made;
- 8. If support arrearages exist, (i) to whom an arrearage is owed and the amount of the arrearage, (ii) the period of time for which such arrearage is calculated, and (iii) a direction that all payments are to be credited to current support obligations first, with any payment in excess of the current obligation applied to arrearages;
- 9. If child support payments are ordered to be paid through the Department of Social Services or directly to the obligee, and unless the court for good cause shown orders otherwise, the parties shall give each other and the court and, when payments are to be made through the Department, the Department of Social Services at least 30 days' written notice, in advance, of any change of address and any change of telephone number within 30 days after the change;
- 10. If child support payments are ordered to be paid through the Department of Social Services, a provision requiring an obligor to keep the Department of Social Services informed of the name, address and telephone number of his current employer, or if payments are ordered to be paid directly to the

obligee, a provision requiring an obligor to keep the court informed of the name, address and telephone number of his current employer;

11. The separate amounts due to each person under the order, unless the court specifically orders a unitary award of child and spousal support due or the order affirms a separation agreement containing provision for such unitary award;

12. Notice that in determination of a support obligation, the support obligation as it becomes due and

unpaid creates a judgment by operation of law; and

13. Notice that on and after July 1, 1994, the Department of Social Services may, pursuant to Chapter 19 (§ 63.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 63.2 and in accordance with §§ 20-108.2 and 63.2-1921, initiate a review of the amount of support ordered by any court.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to divorce decrees where there are no minor children

whom the parties have a mutual duty to support.

§ 20-108.1. Determination of child or spousal support.

- A. In any proceeding on the issue of determining spousal support, the court shall consider all evidence presented relevant to any issues joined in that proceeding. The court's decision shall be rendered based upon the evidence relevant to each individual case.
- B. In any proceeding on the issue of determining child support under this title or Title 16.1 or Title 63.2, the court shall consider all evidence presented relevant to any issues joined in that proceeding. The court's decision in any such proceeding shall be rendered upon the evidence relevant to each individual case. However, there shall be a rebuttable presumption in any judicial or administrative proceeding for child support, including cases involving split custody or shared custody, that the amount of the award which would result from the application of the guidelines set out in § 20-108.2 is the correct amount of child support to be awarded. Liability for support shall be determined retroactively for the period measured from the date that the proceeding was commenced by the filing of an action with the court provided the complainant exercised due diligence in the service of the respondent or, if earlier, the date an order of the Department of Social Services entered pursuant to Title 63.2 and directing payment of support was delivered to the sheriff or process server for service on the obligor.

In order to rebut the presumption, the court shall make written findings in the order, which findings may be incorporated by reference, that the application of such guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case. The finding that rebuts the guidelines shall state the amount of support that would have been required under the guidelines, shall give a justification of why the order varies from the guidelines, and shall be determined by relevant evidence pertaining to the following factors affecting the obligation, the ability of each party to provide child support, and the best interests of the

child:

- 1. Actual monetary support for other family members or former family members;
- 2. Arrangements regarding custody of the children;
- 3. Imputed income to a party who is voluntarily unemployed or voluntarily under-employed; provided that income may not be imputed to the custodial parent when a child is not in school, child care services are not available and the cost of such child care services are not included in the computation;
 - 4. Debts of either party arising during the marriage for the benefit of the child;
 - 5. Debts incurred for production of income;
- 6. Direct payments ordered by the court for health care coverage, maintaining life insurance coverage pursuant to subsection D, education expenses, or other court-ordered direct payments for the benefit of the child and costs related to the provision of health care coverage pursuant to subdivision 7 of § 20-60.3;
 - 7. Extraordinary capital gains such as capital gains resulting from the sale of the marital abode;
- 8. Age, physical and mental condition of the child or children, including extraordinary unreimbursed medical or dental expenses, and child-care expenses;
 - 9. Independent financial resources, if any, of the child or children;
 - 10. Standard of living for the family established during the marriage;
 - 11. Earning capacity, obligations and needs, and financial resources of each parent;
- 12. Education and training of the parties and the ability and opportunity of the parties to secure such education and training;
 - 13. Contributions, monetary and nonmonetary, of each party to the well-being of the family;
 - 14. Provisions made with regard to the marital property under § 20-107.3;
 - 15. Tax consequences to the parties regarding claims for dependent children and child care expenses;
 - 16. A written agreement between the parties which includes the amount of child support;
- 17. A pendente lite decree, which includes the amount of child support, agreed to by both parties or by counsel for the parties; and
- 18. Such other factors, including tax consequences to each party, as are necessary to consider the equities for the parents and children.
- C. In any proceeding under this title or Title 16.1 or Title 63.2 on the issue of determining child support, the court shall have the authority to order a party to provide health care coverage, as defined in

§ 63.2-1900, for dependent children if reasonable under all the circumstances and health care coverage

for a spouse or former spouse.

D. In any proceeding under this title, Title 16.1 or Title 63.2 on the issue of determining child support, the court shall have the authority to order a party to (i) maintain any existing life insurance policy on the life of either party provided the party so ordered has the right to designate a beneficiary and (ii) designate a child or children of the parties as the beneficiary of all or a portion of such life insurance for so long as the party so ordered has a statutory obligation to pay child support for the child or children.

E. Except when the parties have otherwise agreed, in any proceeding under this title, Title 16.1 or Title 63.2 on the issue of determining child support, the court shall have the authority to and may, in its discretion, order one party to execute all appropriate tax forms or waivers to grant to the other party the right to take the income tax dependency exemption for any tax year or future years, for any child or children of the parties for federal and state income tax purposes.

§ 20-108.2. Guideline for determination of child support; quadrennial review by Child Support

Guidelines Review Panel; executive summary.

A. There shall be a rebuttable presumption in any judicial or administrative proceeding for child support under this title or Title 16.1 or 63.2, including cases involving split custody or shared custody, that the amount of the award which would result from the application of the guidelines set forth in this section is the correct amount of child support to be awarded. In order to rebut the presumption, the court shall make written findings in the order as set out in § 20-108.1, which findings may be incorporated by reference, that the application of the guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case as determined by relevant evidence pertaining to the factors set out in §§ 20-107.2 and 20-108.1. The Department of Social Services shall set child support at the amount resulting from computations using the guidelines set out in this section pursuant to the authority granted to it in Chapter 19 (§ 63.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 63.2 and subject to the provisions of § 63.2-1918.

B. For purposes of application of the guideline, a basic child support obligation shall be computed using the schedule set out below. For combined monthly gross income amounts falling between amounts shown in the schedule, basic child support obligation amounts shall be extrapolated. However, unless one of the following exemptions applies where the sole custody child support obligation as computed pursuant to subdivision G. 1. is less than \$65 per month, there shall be a presumptive minimum child support obligation of \$65 per month payable by the payor parent. Exemptions from this presumptive minimum monthly child support obligation shall include: parents unable to pay child support because they lack sufficient assets from which to pay child support and who, in addition, are institutionalized in a psychiatric facility; are imprisoned with no chance of parole; are medically verified to be totally and permanently disabled with no evidence of potential for paying child support, including recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI); or are otherwise involuntarily unable to produce income. "Number of children" means the number of children for whom the parents share joint legal responsibility and for whom support is being sought.

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS

COMBINED MONTHLY

MONTHLY						
GROSS	ONE	OWT	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
INCOME	CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
0-599	65	65	65	65	65	65
600	110	111	113	114	115	116
650	138	140	142	143	145	146
700	153	169	170	172	174	176
750	160	197	199	202	204	206
800	168	226	228	231	233	236
850	175	254	257	260	263	266
900	182	281	286	289	292	295
950	189	292	315	318	322	325
1000	196	304	344	348	351	355
1050	203	315	373	377	381	385
1100	210	326	402	406	410	415
1150	217	337	422	435	440	445
1200	225	348	436	465	470	475
1250	232	360	451	497	502	50 7
1300	241	373	467	526	536	542
1350	249	386	483	545	570	576
1400	257	398	499	563	605	611
1450	265	411	515	581	633	645

1500	274	426	533	602	656	680
1550	282	436	547	617	672	714
1600		447	560		689	737
	289			632		
1650	295	458	573	647	705	754
17 00	302	468	587	662	721	772
17 50	309	479	600	676	738	789
1800	315	488	612	690	752	805
1850	321	497	623	702	766	819
1900						
	326	506	634	714	779	834
1950	332	514	645	727	793	848
2000	338	523	655	739	806	862
2050	343	532	666	751	819	877
2100	349	540	677	763	833	891
2150	355	549	688	776	846	905
2200	360	558	699	788	860	920
2250	366	567	710	800	873	934
2300	371	575	721	812	886	948
2350	377	584	732	825	900	963
2400	383	593	743	837	913	977
2450	388	601	754	849	927	991
2500	394	610	765	862	940	1006
2550	399	619	776	874	954	1020
2600	405	627	787	886	967	1034
2650	410	635	797	897	979	1048
2700	415	643	806	908	991	1060
2750	420	651	816	919	1003	1073
2800	425	658	826	930	1015	1085
2850	430	667	836	941	1027	1098
2900	435	675	846	953	1039	1112
2950	440	683	856	964	1052	1125
3000	445	691	866	975	1064	1138
3050	450	699	876	987	1076	1152
3100	456	707	886	998	1089	1165
3150	461	715	896	1010	1101	1178
3200	466	723	906	1021	1114	1191
3250	471	732	917	1032	1126	1205
3300	476	740	927	1044	1139	1218
3350	481	748	937	1055	1151	1231
3400	486	756	947	1067	1164	1245
3450	492	764	957	1078	1176	1258
3500	497	772	967	1089	1189	1271
3550	502	780	977	1101	1201	1285
3600	507	788	987	1112	1213	1298
3650	512	797	997	1124	1226	1311
3700	518	806	1009	1137	1240	1326
3750	524	815	1020	1150	1254	1342
3800	530	824	1032	1163	1268	1357
3850	536	834	1043	1176	1283	1372
3900	542	843	1055	1189	1297	1387
3950	547	852	1066	1202	1311	1402
4000	553	861	1078	1214	1325	1417
4050	559	871	1089	1227	1339	1432
4100						
	565	880	1101	1240	1353	1448
4150	571	889	1112	1253	1367	1463
4200	577	898	1124	1266	1382	1478
4250	583	907	1135	1279	1396	1493
4300	589	917	1147	1292	1410	1508
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4600	624	972	1216	1370	1495	1599
4650	630	981	1227	1383	1509	1614
4700	635	989	1237	1395	1522	1627
4750	641	997	1247	1406	1534	1641
4800	646	1005	1257	1417	1546	1654
4850	651	1013	1267	1428	1558	1667
4900	656	1021	1277	1439	1570	1679
4950	661	1028	1286	1450	1582	1692
5000	666	1036	1295	1460	1593	1704
5050	671	1043	1305	1471	1605	1716
5100	675	1051	1314	1481	1616	1728
5150	680	1051	1323	1492	1628	1741
5200	685	1066	1333	1502	1640	1753
5250	690	1073	1342	1513	1651	1765
5300	695	1073	1351	1524	1663	1778
5350	700	1088	1361	1534	1674	1778
5400	705	1096			1686	
			1370	1545		1802
5450	710	1103	1379	1555	1697	1815
5500	714	1111	1389	1566	1709	1827
5550	719	1118	1398	1576	1720	1839
5600	724	1126	1407	1587	1732	1851
5650	729	1133	1417	1598	1743	1864
5700	734	1141	1426	1608	1755	1876
5750	739	1148	1435	1619	1766	1888
5800	744	1156	1445	1629	1778	1901
5850	749	1163	1454	1640	1790	1913
5900	753	1171	1463	1650	1801	1925
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6200	783	1216	1519	1714	1870	1999
6250	788	1223	1529	1724	1882	2011
6300	792.	1231	1538	1735	1893	2023
6350	797	1238	1547	1745	1905	2036
6400	802	1246	1557	1756	1916	2048
6450	807	1253	1566	1767	1928	2060
6500	812	1261	1575	1777	1940	2073
6550	816	1267	1583	1786	1949	2083
6600	820	1272	1590	1794	1957	2092
6650	823	1277	1597	1801	1965	2100
6700	827	1283	1604	1809	1974	2109
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6800	834	1293	1617	1824	1990	2127
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6950	845	1309	1637	1847	2016	2154
7000	848	1315	1644	1855	2024	2163
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7100	855	1325	1658	1870	2041	2181
7150	859	1331	1665	1878	2049	2190
7200	862	1336	1671	1885	2057	2199
7250	866	1341	1678	1893	2066	2207
7300	870	1347	1685	1900	2074	2216
7350	873	1352	1692	1908	2082	2225

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9900	1010	1571	1968	2213	2416	2585
9850	1008	1567	1964	2208	2411	2580
9800	1006	1564	1960	2203	2406	2574
9750	1003	1561	1956	2198	2401	2569
9700	1001	1557	1951	2194	2396	2563
9650	999	1554	1947	2189	2390	2558
9600	997	1551	1943	2184	2385	2552
9550	995	1547	1939	2179	2380	2547
9500	993	1544	1935	2175	2375	2541
9450	990	1541	1930	2170	2370	2536
9400	988	1537	1926	2165	2365	2531
9350	986	1534	1922	2160	2359	2525
9300	984	1531	1918	2156	2354	2520
9250	982	1527	1914	2151	2349	2514
9200	979	1524	1909	2146	2344	2509
9150	977	1521	1905	2141	2339	2503
9100	975	1517	1901	2137	2334	2498
9050	973	1514	1896	2131	2328	2492
9000	970	1509	1891	2125	2321	2484
8950	967	1505	1885	2119	2314	2477
8900	964	1500	1879	2113	2307	2470
8850	962	1496	1873	2107	2300	2462
8800	959	1491	1868	2100	2294	2455
8750	956	1487	1862	2094	2287	2447
8700	954	1482	1856	2088	2280	2440
8650	951	1478	1850	2082	2273	2432
8600	948	1473	1845	2076	2266	2425
8550	945	1468	1839	2069	2260	2417
8500	943	1464	1833	2063	2253	2410
8450	940	1459	1827	2057	2246	2402
8400	937	1455	1822	2051	2239	2395
8350	935	1450	1816	2045	2232	2387
8300	932	1446	1810	2038	2226	2380
8250	929	1441	1804	2032	2219	2372
8200	927	1437	1799	2026	2212	2365
8150	924	1432	1793	2020	2205	2357
8100	921	1428	1787	2014	2198	2350
8050	918	1423	1781	2007	2192	2343
8000	916	1418	1776	2001	2185	2335
7950	913	1414	1770 1776	1995	2178	2328
7900		1409	1764			
7850	908 910	1405		1983 1989	2164	2313
			1753 1758	1977	2158	2313
7800	902 905	1400	1753	1969	2149	2305
7750	902	1395	1746	1969	2141	2297
7700	895 898	1390	1732	1961	2133	2288
7650	891 895	1379	1732	1954	2124	2279
7550 7600	887 891	1374	1725	1938	2116	2270
7500	884	1374	1712 1719	1931	2108	2252
7450	880	1363 1368	1705 1712	1923	2108	2252
7400	877	1358	1698 1705	1916 1923	2091 2099	2243
7400	077	1250	1600	1016	2001	2234

For gross monthly income between \$10,000 and \$20,000, add the amount of child support for \$10,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$10,000:

ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX CHILD CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN CHILDREN 3.1% 5.1% 6.8% 7.8% 8.8% 9.5%

For gross monthly income between \$20,000 and \$50,000, add the amount of child support for

\$20,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$20,000:

ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
2%	3 5%	5%	6%	6.9%	7.8%

For gross monthly income over \$50,000, add the amount of child support for \$50,000 to the following percentages of gross income above \$50,000:

ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
CHILD	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%

C. For purposes of this section, "gross income" means all income from all sources, and shall include, but not be limited to, income from salaries, wages, commissions, royalties, bonuses, dividends, severance pay, pensions, interest, trust income, annuities, capital gains, social security benefits except as listed below, workers' compensation benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, disability insurance benefits, veterans' benefits, spousal support, rental income, gifts, prizes or awards.

If a parent's gross income includes disability insurance benefits, it shall also include any amounts paid to or for the child who is the subject of the order and derived by the child from the parent's entitlement to disability insurance benefits. To the extent that such derivative benefits are included in a parent's gross income, that parent shall be entitled to a credit against his or her ongoing basic child support obligation for any such amounts, and, if the amount of the credit exceeds the parent's basic child support obligations, the credit may be used to reduce arrearages.

Gross income shall be subject to deduction of reasonable business expenses for persons with income from self-employment, a partnership, or a closely held business. "Gross income" shall not include:

- 1. Benefits from public assistance and social services programs as defined in § 63.2-100;
- 2. Federal supplemental security income benefits, or;
- 3. Child support received; or

4. Income received by the payor from secondary employment income not previously included in "gross income," where the payor obtained the income to discharge a child support arrearage established by a court or administrative order and the payor is paying the arrearage pursuant to the order. "Secondary employment income" includes but is not limited to income from an additional job, from self-employment, or from overtime employment. The cessation of such secondary income upon the payment of the arrearage shall not be the basis for a material change in circumstances upon which a modification of child support may be based.

For purposes of this subsection: (i) spousal support received shall be included in gross income and spousal support paid shall be deducted from gross income when paid pursuant to an order or written agreement and (ii) one-half of any self-employment tax paid shall be deducted from gross income.

Where there is an existing court or administrative order or written agreement relating to the child or children of a party to the proceeding, who are not the child or children who are the subject of the present proceeding, then there is a presumption that there shall be deducted from the gross income of the party subject to such order or written agreement, the amount that the party is actually paying for the support of a child or children pursuant to such order or agreement.

Where a party to the proceeding has a natural or adopted child or children in the party's household or primary physical custody, and the child or children are not the subject of the present proceeding, there is a presumption that there shall be deducted from the gross income of that party the amount as shown on the Schedule of Monthly Basic Child Support Obligations contained in subsection B that represents that party's support obligation based solely on that party's income as being the total income available for the natural or adopted child or children in the party's household or primary physical custody, who are not the subject of the present proceeding. Provided, however, that the existence of a party's financial responsibility for such a child or children shall not of itself constitute a material change in circumstances for modifying a previous order of child support in any modification proceeding. Any adjustment to gross income under this subsection shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount which seriously impairs the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child, as determined by the court.

In cases in which retroactive liability for support is being determined, the court or administrative agency may use the gross monthly income of the parties averaged over the period of retroactivity.

D. Any extraordinary medical and dental expenses for treatment of the child or children shall be added to the basic child support obligation. For purposes of this section, extraordinary medical and dental expenses are uninsured expenses in excess of \$100 for a single illness or condition and shall include but not be limited to eyeglasses, prescription medication, prostheses, and mental health services whether provided by a social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, or counselor Except for good cause shown or the agreement of the parties, in addition to any other child support obligations established pursuant to this section, any child support order shall provide that the parents pay in proportion to their gross incomes, as used for calculating the monthly support obligation, any reasonable and necessary unreimbursed medical or dental expenses that are in excess of \$250 for any calendar year for

each child who is the subject of the obligation. The method of payment of those expenses shall be contained in the support order. Each parent shall pay his respective share of expenses as those expenses are incurred. Any amount paid under this subsection shall not be adjusted by, nor added to, the child support calculated in accordance with subsection G. For the purposes of this section, medical or dental expenses shall include but not be limited to eyeglasses, prescription medication, prosthetics, orthodontics, and mental health or developmental disabilities services, including but not limited to services provided by a social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, counselor, or therapist.

E. Any costs for health care coverage as defined in § 63.2-1900 and dental care coverage, when actually being paid by a parent, to the extent such costs are directly allocable to the child or children, and which are the extra costs of covering the child or children beyond whatever coverage the parent providing the coverage would otherwise have, shall be added to the basic child support obligation.

- F. Any child-care costs incurred on behalf of the child or children due to employment of the custodial parent shall be added to the basic child support obligation. Child-care costs shall not exceed the amount required to provide quality care from a licensed source. When requested by the noncustodial parent, the court may require the custodial parent to present documentation to verify the costs incurred for child care under this subsection. Where appropriate, the court shall consider the willingness and availability of the noncustodial parent to provide child care personally in determining whether child-care costs are necessary or excessive. Upon the request of either party, and upon a showing of the tax savings a party derives from child-care cost deductions or credits, the court shall factor actual tax consequences into its calculation of the child-care costs to be added to the basic child support obligation.
- G. 1. Sole custody support. The sole custody total monthly child support obligation shall be established by adding (i) the monthly basic child support obligation, as determined from the schedule contained in subsection B, (ii) all extraordinary medical expenses, (iii) costs for health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E, and (iv) (iii) work-related child-care costs and taking into consideration all the factors set forth in subsection B of § 20-108.1. The total monthly child support obligation shall be divided between the parents in the same proportion as their monthly gross incomes bear to their monthly combined gross income. The monthly obligation of each parent shall be computed by multiplying each parent's percentage of the parents' monthly combined gross income by the total monthly child support obligation.

However, the monthly obligation of the noncustodial parent shall be reduced by the cost for health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E when paid directly by the noncustodial parent. Unreimbursed medical and dental expenses shall be calculated and allocated in accordance with subsection D.

2. Split custody support. In cases involving split custody, the amount of child support to be paid shall be the difference between the amounts owed by each parent as a noncustodial parent, computed in accordance with subdivision 1, with the noncustodial parent owing the larger amount paying the difference to the other parent. Unreimbursed medical and dental expenses shall be calculated and allocated in accordance with subsection D.

For the purpose of this section and § 20-108.1, split custody shall be limited to those situations where each parent has physical custody of a child or children born of the parents, born of either parent and adopted by the other parent or adopted by both parents. For the purposes of calculating a child support obligation where split custody exists, a separate family unit exists for each parent, and child support for that family unit shall be calculated upon the number of children in that family unit who are born of the parents, born of either parent and adopted by the other parent or adopted by both parents. Where split custody exists, a parent is a custodial parent to the children in that parent's family unit and is a noncustodial parent to the children in the other parent's family unit.

- 3. Shared custody support.
- (a) Where a party has custody or visitation of a child or children for more than 90 days of the year, as such days are defined in subdivision G 3 (c), a shared custody child support amount based on the ratio in which the parents share the custody and visitation of any child or children shall be calculated in accordance with this subdivision. The presumptive support to be paid shall be the shared custody support amount, unless a party affirmatively shows that the sole custody support amount calculated as provided in subdivision G 1 is less than the shared custody support amount. If so, the lesser amount shall be the support to be paid. For the purposes of this subsection, the following shall apply:
- (i) Income share. "Income share" means a parent's percentage of the combined monthly gross income of both parents. The income share of a parent is that parent's gross income divided by the combined gross incomes of the parties.
- (ii) Custody share. "Custody share" means the number of days that a parent has physical custody, whether by sole custody, joint legal or joint residential custody, or visitation, of a shared child per year divided by the number of days in the year. The actual or anticipated "custody share" of the parent who has or will have fewer days of physical custody shall be calculated for a one-year period. The "custody share" of the other parent shall be presumed to be the number of days in the year less the number of days calculated as the first parent's "custody share." For purposes of this calculation, the year may begin

on such date as is determined in the discretion of the court, and the day may begin at such time as is determined in the discretion of the court. For purposes of this calculation, a day shall be as defined in subdivision G 3 (c).

- (iii) Shared support need. "Shared support need" means the presumptive guideline amount of needed support for the shared child or children calculated pursuant to subsection B of this section, for the combined gross income of the parties and the number of shared children, multiplied by 1.4.
- (iv) Sole custody support. "Sole custody support" means the support amount determined in accordance with subdivision G 1.
- (b) Support to be paid. The shared support need of the shared child or children shall be calculated pursuant to subdivision G 3 (a) (iii). This amount shall then be multiplied by the other parent's custody share. To that sum for each parent shall be added the other parent's cost of health care coverage to the extent allowable by subsection E, plus the other parent's work-related child-care costs to the extent allowable by subsection F. This total for each parent shall be multiplied by that parent's income share. The support amounts thereby calculated that each parent owes the other shall be subtracted one from the other and the difference shall be the shared custody support one parent owes to the other, with the payor parent being the one whose shared support is the larger. Any extraordinary medical and dental expenses, to the extent allowable by subsection D, shall be shared directly by the parents in accordance with their income shares, and shall not be adjusted by the custody share. The parents shall pay their respective shares of these extraordinary medical expenses as they are incurred, and they are not added to each party's shared custody support owed to the other party. The method of payment of said allowable expenses shall be contained in the support order. When the shared support is compared to the sole custody support to determine which is the lesser support, pursuant to subdivision G 3 (a), the extraordinary medical expenses shall not enter into either calculation. Unreimbursed medical and dental expenses shall be calculated and allocated in accordance with subsection D.
- (c) Definition of a day. For the purposes of this section, "day" means a period of 24 hours; however, where the parent who has the fewer number of overnight periods during the year has an overnight period with a child, but has physical custody of the shared child for less than 24 hours during such overnight period, there is a presumption that each parent shall be allocated one-half of a day of custody for that period.
- (d) Minimum standards. Any calculation under this subdivision shall not create or reduce a support obligation to an amount which seriously impairs the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child. If the gross income of either party is equal to or less than 150 percent of the federal poverty level promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from time to time, then the shared custody support calculated pursuant to this subsection shall not be the presumptively correct support and the court may consider whether the sole custody support or the shared custody support is more just and appropriate.
- (e) Support modification. When there has been an award of child support based on the shared custody formula and one parent consistently fails to exercise custody or visitation in accordance with the parent's custody share upon which the award was based, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the support award should be modified.
- (f) In the event that the shared custody support calculation indicates that the net support is to be paid to the parent who would not be the parent receiving support pursuant to the sole custody calculation, then the shared support shall be deemed to be the lesser support.
- H. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall ensure that the guideline set out in this section is reviewed by October 31, 2001, and every three four years thereafter, by the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel, consisting of 15 members that include four legislative members and 11 nonlegislative citizen members. Members shall be appointed as follows: three members of the House Committee for Courts of Justice, upon the recommendation of the chairman of such committee, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; one member of the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice, upon the recommendation of the chairman of such committee, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections; and one representative of a juvenile and domestic relations district court, one representative of a circuit court, one representative of the Department of Social Services' Division of Child Support Enforcement, three members of the Virginia State Bar, two custodial parents, two noncustodial parents, and one child advocate, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, to be appointed by the Governor. The Panel shall determine the adequacy of the guideline for the determination of appropriate awards for the support of children by considering current research and data on the cost of and expenditures necessary for rearing children, and any other resources it deems relevant to such review. The Panel shall report its findings to the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports before the General Assembly next convenes following such review.

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Nonlegislative citizen members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. All members may be reappointed. Appointments to

fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be made for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments

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Legislative members shall receive such compensation as provided in § 30-19.12, and nonlegislative citizen members shall receive such compensation for the performance of their duties as provided in § 2.2-2813. All members shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of the members shall be provided by the Department of Social Services.

The Department of Social Services shall provide staff support to the Panel. All agencies of the

Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Panel, upon request.

The chairman of the Panel shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a triennial quadrennial executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Panel no later than the first day of 2005 2006 regular session of the General Assembly and every three four years thereafter. The executive summary shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.