

## BILL SUMMARY

MEASURE: **Engrossed SB 2194**

AUTHOR: Senator Williamson  
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SUBJECT: Child Support

SECTIONS: **Section 1.** Amendatory. Providing that the base child support obligation does not include certain expenses including the child's health insurance premium, work and education-related childcare costs, uninsured medical expenses and extraordinary educational expenses. Providing conditions under which the court may deviate from the amount of child support indicated by the child support guidelines.

**Section 2.** New Law. Defining terms.

**Section 3.** New Law. Defining terms. Providing types of income that are excluded for purposes of computing gross income and providing a methodology for computing gross income.

**Section 4.** New Law. Providing a methodology for calculating credits for other children supported by the parent for the purpose of reducing the parent's gross income.

**Section 5.** New Law. Providing that child support shall be computed as a percentage of the combined gross income of both parents. Specifying how child support will be computed in cases of sole custody and split custody and providing for treatment of extraordinary and special expenses.

**Section 6.** New Law. Providing guidelines for the adjustment of child support based on parenting time.

**Section 7.** New Law. Requiring the court to enter a medical support order in any case in which an ongoing child support order is entered or modified. Defining medical support as health insurance, cash medical support, or both. Providing standards to be considered when a court enters the order and specifying review for any adjustment.

**Section 8.** New Law. Directing the court to determine "actual" child care expenses and allocate and add them to the base child support order. Requiring documentation to change the amount.

**Section 9.** New Law. Requiring the custodial parent who is seeking child support in excess of the highest amount shown on the Child Support Guidelines Schedule to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that more than this amount is reasonably necessary to provide for the needs of the child.

**Section 10.** Providing conditions under which child support orders may be modified. Prohibiting retroactive modification. Specifying certain contents of the order and providing procedures for review.

**Section 11.** Effective Date: November 1, 2008

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