

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1453

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to child support; amending 43 O.S. 2021, Section 118D, which relates to computation of child support; prohibiting child support award in cases of joint custody; modifying expenses eligible for child support; updating statutory references; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43 O.S. 2021, Section 118D, is amended to read as follows:

Section 118D. A. All child support shall be computed as a percentage of the combined gross income of both parents. The Child Support Guideline Schedule as provided in Section 119 of ~~Title 43 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title shall be used for such computation. The child support obligation of each parent shall be computed. The share of the obligor shall be paid monthly to the obligee and shall be due on a specific date.

B. In cases in which one parent has sole physical custody, the adjusted monthly gross income of both parents shall be added

1 together and the Child Support Guideline Schedule consulted for the  
2 total combined base monthly obligation for child support.

3 C. After the total combined child support is determined, the  
4 percentage share of each parent shall be allocated by computing the  
5 percentage contribution of each parent to the combined adjusted  
6 gross income and allocating that same percentage to the child  
7 support obligation to determine the base child support obligation of  
8 each parent.

9 D. 1. In cases of split physical custody, where each parent is  
10 awarded physical custody of at least one of the children for whom  
11 the parents are responsible, the child support obligation for each  
12 parent shall be calculated by application of the child support  
13 guidelines for each custodial arrangement.

14 2. The parent with the larger child support obligation shall  
15 pay the difference between the two amounts to the parent with the  
16 smaller child support obligation.

17 E. In cases of joint custody, where each parent is awarded  
18 joint physical custody and equally shared parenting time, a child  
19 support obligation shall not be awarded to either parent.

20 F. Child support shall be computed as set forth in subsections  
21 A through D of this section in every case, regardless of whether the  
22 custodial arrangement is designated as sole custody or joint  
23 custody. This subsection shall not apply in cases of joint custody  
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1 where each parent is awarded joint physical custody and equally  
2 shared parenting time.

3 ~~F.~~ G. The court, to the extent reasonably possible, shall make  
4 provision in an order for prospective adjustment of support to  
5 address any foreseen changes including, but not limited to, changes  
6 in medical insurance, child care expenses, medical expenses,  
7 extraordinary costs, and the satisfaction of jointly acquired debt  
8 of the parents used as a deduction from the gross income of a  
9 parent.

10 ~~G.~~ H. Transportation expenses of a child between the homes of  
11 the parents ~~may~~ and any additional expenses including, but not  
12 limited to, child care, daycare, and school-related expenses shall  
13 be divided between the parents in proportion to their adjusted gross  
14 income, so long as the payment of such expenses does not  
15 significantly reduce the ability of the custodial parent to provide  
16 for the basic needs of the child.

17 ~~H.~~ I. The social security numbers of both parents and the child  
18 or children who are the subject of a paternity or child support  
19 order shall be included in the support order summary form provided  
20 for in Section 120 of ~~Title 43 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title.

21 ~~I.~~ J. A completed support order summary form shall be presented  
22 to the judge with all paternity and child support orders where the  
23 Department of Human Services is not a necessary party pursuant to  
24 Section 112 of ~~Title 43 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title. No  
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1 such order shall be signed by the judge without presentation of the  
2 form.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.  
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