

A. THE AMOUNT OF CHILD SUPPORT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED UNDER THE GUIDELINES;

B. HOW THE ORDER VARIES FROM THE GUIDELINES;

C. HOW THE FINDING SERVES THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD; AND

D. IN CASES IN WHICH ITEMS OF VALUE ARE CONVEYED INSTEAD OF A PORTION OF THE SUPPORT PRESUMED UNDER THE GUIDELINES, THE ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE ITEMS CONVEYED.

(b) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, the adoption of the guidelines set forth in this subtitle may be grounds for requesting a modification of a child support award based on a material change in circumstances.

(2) The adoption of the guidelines set forth in this subtitle may not be grounds for requesting a modification of a child support award based on a material change in circumstances unless the use of the guidelines would result in a change in the award of 25% or more.

[(c) The child support guidelines set forth in this subtitle are advisory only and give rise to no presumption or inference.

(d) If a court decides to use the child support guidelines under this subtitle, in the interest of justice the court may:

- (1) Consider factors not specified under this subtitle; or
- (2) Discount or disregard factors specified under this subtitle.]

(C) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1993, AND AT LEAST EVERY 4 YEARS AFTER THAT DATE, THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES SHALL:

(1) REVIEW THE GUIDELINES SET FORTH IN THIS SUBTITLE TO ENSURE THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE GUIDELINES RESULTS IN THE DETERMINATION OF APPROPRIATE CHILD SUPPORT AWARD AMOUNTS; AND

(2) REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SUBJECT TO § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

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(a) (1) [If the court decides to use the child support guidelines under this subtitle, the] THE basic child support obligation shall be determined in accordance with the schedule of basic child support obligations in subsection (e) of this section. The basic child support obligation shall be divided between the parents in proportion to their adjusted actual incomes.