

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHILD) Administrative Order
SUPPORT GUIDELINES REVIEW) No. 2026 - 54
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE)
COMMITTEE ON FAMILY COURT)
_____)

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 25-320(D), the Supreme Court shall establish guidelines for determining the amount of child support and review the guidelines at least once every four years to ensure that their application results in the determination of appropriate child support amounts.

In accordance with Arizona Code of Judicial Administration (ACJA) § 1-112, the Committee on Family Court (COFC) shall conduct the federally mandated quadrennial Child Support Guidelines review and make recommendations. Such review shall be conducted by a subcommittee of the COFC, the chair and members of which shall be appointed by the Chief Justice.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution and ACJA § 1-112,

IT IS ORDERED that the Child Support Guidelines Review Subcommittee of the Committee on Family Court (“Subcommittee”) is established to review the current statewide child support guidelines and make recommendations as provided below:

1. Limited Purpose.

The Subcommittee shall conduct a technical review of the existing guidelines which shall:

- Consider economic and labor market data; the impact of guideline policies and amounts on custodial and noncustodial parents who have family incomes below 200 percent of the Federal poverty level; and factors that impact compliance with child support orders;
- Analyze case data on the application of and deviations from the child support guidelines, as well as the rates of default and imputed child support orders and orders determined using the low-income adjustment; and
- Provide a meaningful opportunity for public input, including input from low-income custodial and noncustodial parents and their representatives.

Further, the Subcommittee may make recommendations where necessary to improve the guidelines.

2. Membership and Term.

The individuals listed in Appendix A are appointed as members of the Child Support Guidelines Review Subcommittee beginning upon entry of this Order. The terms of the Subcommittee and the members shall expire at the conclusion of the project, scheduled for April 2027.

3. Meetings.

Subcommittee meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Subcommittee Chair. Pursuant to ACJA § 1-202, all meetings shall comply with the public meeting policy of the Arizona Judicial Branch.

4. Administrative Support.

The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff for the Subcommittee. Such staff may conduct or coordinate research as requested by the Subcommittee.

5. Reports.

The Committee on Family Court shall submit a final report to the Arizona Judicial Council at the Council's October 2026 meeting.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the final report and recommendations submitted to the Arizona Judicial Council, a Subcommittee membership list, the effective date of the guidelines, and the dates of the next review shall be published on the Arizona Judicial Branch website and made accessible to the public.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2026.

ANN A. SCOTT TIMMER
Chief Justice

**Appendix A
Membership List
Child Support Guidelines Review Subcommittee**

Chair

Judge Jeffrey Sklar
Court of Appeals, Division II

Members

Commissioner Joseph Rhoades
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Superior Court in Maricopa County

Commissioner Patricia Green
Family Court Commissioner
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