

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE) Administrative Order
COMMITTEE FOR THE) No. 2008 - 22
QUADRENNIAL REVIEW OF)
THE CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES)
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Pursuant to the Arizona Revised Statutes § 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 § 1-104, the Chief Justice may establish advisory committees to the Arizona Judicial Council to assist the council in carrying out its responsibilities. Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the Child Support Guidelines Review Committee is established to review the current statewide child support guidelines and make recommendations as provided below:

1. Limited Purpose.

PHASE I:

The Committee shall review updated information regarding economic data on the cost of raising children, and conduct case file review and analysis to determine if adjustments to the current child support schedule are needed. The Committee shall then report its recommendations for changes to clarify and/or simplify the guidelines.

PHASE II:

Contingent upon available funding as determined by the Administrative Director, the Committee shall investigate and report its findings and recommendations on the advantages and disadvantages of implementing a forward-looking method of calculating child support and its potential impact on the courts. Issues to be considered may include costs of implementation, training, and programming changes or costs associated with the development of a child support calculator.

2. Membership and Term.

The individuals listed on Appendix A are appointed as members of the Child Support Guidelines Review Committee beginning upon entry of this Order. The terms of the committee and

the members shall expire at the conclusion of the project, scheduled for June 2009.

3. Meetings.

Committee meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Committee Chair. Pursuant to Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 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 Committee who may conduct or coordinate research as requested by the Committee.

5. Reports.

The Committee shall prepare a preliminary report regarding its work under Phase I to the Child Support Committee, the Committee on Superior Court, and the Arizona Judicial Council on or before October 23, 2008. The Committee shall submit a final report to the Arizona Judicial Council at the June, 2009 meeting.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2008.

RUTH V. MCGREGOR
Chief Justice

Appendix A

CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES REVIEW COMMITTEE

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