

PART I-A. CHILD SUPPORT
SUBPART A. GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINATION
OF CHILD SUPPORT

§315. Economic data and principles; definitions

A. Basic principles. The premise of these guidelines as well as the provisions of the Civil Code is that child support is a continuous obligation of both parents, children are entitled to share in the current income of both parents, and children should not be the economic victims of divorce or out-of-wedlock birth. The economic data underlying these guidelines, which adopt the Income Shares Model, and the guideline calculations attempt to simulate the percentage of parental net income that is spent on children in intact families incorporating a consideration of the expenses of the parties, such as federal and state taxes and FICA taxes. While the legislature acknowledges that the expenditures of two-household divorced, separated, or non-formed families are different from intact family households, it is very important that the children of this state not be forced to live in poverty because of family disruption and that they be afforded the same opportunities available to children in intact families, consisting of parents with similar financial means to those of their own parents.

B. Economic data.

(1) The Income Shares approach to child support guidelines incorporates a numerical schedule of support amounts. The schedule provides economic estimates of child-rearing expenditures for various income levels and numbers of children in the household. The schedule is composed of economic data utilizing a table of national averages adjusted to reflect Louisiana's status as a low-income state and to incorporate a self-sufficiency reserve for low-income obligors to form the basic child support obligation.

(2) In intact families, the income of both parents is pooled and spent for the benefit of all household members, including the children. Each parent's contribution to the combined income of the family represents his relative sharing of household expenses. This same income sharing principle is used to determine how the parents will share a child support award.

C. Definitions. As used in this Part:

(1) "Adjusted gross income" means gross income, minus amounts for preexisting child support or spousal support obligations paid to another who is not a party to the proceedings, or on behalf of a child who is not the subject of the action of the court.

(2) "Combined adjusted gross income" means the combined adjusted gross income of both parties.

(3) "Gross income" means:

(a) The income from any source, including but not limited to salaries, wages, commissions, bonuses, dividends, severance pay, pensions, interest, trust income, recurring monetary gifts, annuities, capital gains, social security benefits, workers' compensation benefits, basic and variable allowances for housing and subsistence from military pay and benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, disaster unemployment assistance received from the United States Department of Labor, disability insurance benefits, and spousal support received from a preexisting spousal support obligation;

(b) Expense reimbursement or in-kind payments received by a parent in the course of employment, self-employment, or operation of a business, if the reimbursements or payments are significant and reduce the parent's personal living expenses. Such payments include but are not limited to a company car, free housing, or reimbursed meals; and

(c) Gross receipts minus ordinary and necessary expenses required to produce income, for purposes of income from self-employment, rent, royalties, proprietorship of a business, or joint ownership or a partnership or closely held corporation. "Ordinary and necessary expenses" shall not include amounts allowable by the Internal Revenue Service for the accelerated component of depreciation expenses or investment tax credits or any other business expenses determined by the court to be inappropriate for determining gross income for purposes of calculating child support.

(d) As used herein, "gross income" does not include:

(i) Child support received, or benefits received from public assistance programs, including Family Independence Temporary Assistance Plan, supplemental security income, food stamps, and general assistance.

(ii) Per diem allowances which are not subject to federal income taxation under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

(iii) Extraordinary overtime including but not limited to income attributed to seasonal work regardless of its percentage of gross income when, in the court's discretion, the inclusion thereof would be inequitable to a party.

(iv) Any monetary gift to the domiciliary party when the objective of the gift is to supplement irregular child support payments from the nondomiciliary party.

(v) Any disaster assistance benefits received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency through its Individuals and Households Program or from any other nonprofit organization qualified as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

(4) "Health insurance premiums" means the actual amount paid by a party for providing health insurance on behalf of the child. It does not include any amount paid by an employer or any amounts paid for coverage of any other persons. If more than one dependent is covered by health insurance which is paid through a lump-sum dependent-coverage premium, and not all of such dependents are the subject of the guidelines calculation, the cost of the coverage shall be prorated among the dependents covered before being applied to the guidelines.

(5) "Income" means:

(a) Actual gross income of a party, if the party is employed to full capacity; or

(b) Potential income of a party, if the party is voluntarily unemployed or underemployed. A party shall not be deemed voluntarily unemployed or underemployed if he or she is absolutely unemployable or incapable of being employed, or if the unemployment or underemployment results through no fault or neglect of the party.

(c) The court may also consider as income the benefits a party derives from expense-sharing or other sources; however, in determining the benefits of expense-sharing, the court shall not consider the income of another spouse, regardless of the legal regime under which the remarriage exists, except to the extent that such income is used directly to reduce the cost of a party's actual expenses.

(6) "Medical support" means health insurance and the payment of the medical expenses of the child.

(7) "Net child care costs" means the reasonable costs of child care incurred by a party due to employment or job search, minus the value of the federal income tax credit for child care.

(8) "Ordinary medical expenses" means unreimbursed medical expenses less than or equal to two hundred fifty dollars per child per year. Expenses include but are not limited to reasonable and necessary costs for orthodontia, dental treatment, asthma treatment, physical

therapy, chronic health problems, and professional counseling or psychiatric therapy for diagnosed mental disorders not covered by medical insurance. The schedule of support in R.S. 9:315.19 incorporates ordinary medical expenses.

Acts 1989, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 9, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 1989; Acts 1990, No. 117, §1, eff. June 29, 1990; Acts 1991, No. 854, §1; Acts 1993, No. 95, §1; Acts 1997, No. 1155, §5; Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1; Acts 2003, No. 547, §1; Acts 2004, No. 251, §1; Acts 2005, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 59, §1, eff. Dec. 6, 2005; Acts 2006, No. 315, §1, eff. June 13, 2006; Acts 2006, No. 481, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 2006.

§315.1. Rebuttable presumption; deviation from guidelines by court; stipulations by parties

A. The guidelines set forth in this Part are to be used in any proceeding to establish or modify child support filed on or after October 1, 1989. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that the amount of child support obtained by use of the guidelines set forth in this Part is the proper amount of child support.

B.(1) The court may deviate from the guidelines set forth in this Part if their application would not be in the best interest of the child or would be inequitable to the parties. The court shall give specific oral or written reasons for the deviation, including a finding as to the amount of support that would have been required under a mechanical application of the guidelines and the particular facts and circumstances that warranted a deviation from the guidelines. The reasons shall be made part of the record of the proceedings.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1), as a direct result of either Hurricane Katrina or Rita, the court may deviate from the guidelines set forth in this Part if the application of the guidelines would not be in the best interest of the child or would be unjust, inequitable, or cause undue hardship to the parties. In determining the amount of the child support, the court may also consider that the parties may have been prevented from timely access to the courts for the exercise of their legal rights. However, the amount of the deviation shall not exceed the consideration the court would have given if the party were able to timely access the court.

C. In determining whether to deviate from the guidelines, the court's considerations may include:

(1) That the combined adjusted gross income of the parties is not within the amounts shown on the schedule in R.S. 9:315.19.

(a) If the combined adjusted gross income of the parties is less than the lowest sum shown on the schedule, the court shall determine an amount of child support based on the facts of the case, except that the amount awarded shall not be less than the minimum child support provided in R.S. 9:315.14.

(b) If the combined adjusted gross income of the parties exceeds the highest sum shown on the schedule, the court shall determine an amount of child support as provided in R.S. 9:315.13(B)(1) and may order the placement of a portion of the amount in a trust in accordance with R.S. 9:315.13.

(2) The legal obligation of a party to support dependents who are not the subject of the action before the court and who are in that party's household.

(3) That in a case involving one or more families, consisting of children none of whom live in the household of the noncustodial or nondomiciliary parent but who have existing child support orders (multiple families), the court may use its discretion in setting the amount of the basic child support obligation, provided it is not below the minimum fixed by R.S. 9:315.14, if the existing

child support orders reduce the noncustodial or nondomiciliary parent's income below the lowest income level on the schedule contained in R.S. 9:315.19.

(4) The extraordinary medical expenses of a party, or extraordinary medical expenses for which a party may be responsible, not otherwise taken into consideration under the guidelines.

(5) An extraordinary community debt of the parties.

(6) The need for immediate and temporary support for a child when a full hearing on the issue of support is pending but cannot be timely held. In such cases, the court at the full hearing shall use the provisions of this Part and may redetermine support without the necessity of a change of circumstances being shown.

(7) The permanent or temporary total disability of a spouse to the extent such disability diminishes his present and future earning capacity, his need to save adequately for uninsurable future medical costs, and other additional costs associated with such disability, such as transportation and mobility costs, medical expenses, and higher insurance premiums.

NOTE: Paragraph (8) eff. until Aug. 1, 2016. See Acts 2015, No. 379, §3.

(8) Any other consideration which would make application of the guidelines not in the best interest of the child or children or inequitable to the parties.

NOTE: Paragraph (8) as amended by Acts 2015, No. 379, §§1, 3, eff. Aug. 1, 2016.

(8) That support awarded for an adult child with a disability, as defined in R.S. 9:315.22(E), may be a long-term and financially burdensome obligation that warrants the court's special consideration of the circumstances surrounding the manifestation of the disability and the financial burden imposed on the obligor.

NOTE: Paragraph (9) as enacted by Acts 2015, No. 379, §§1, 3, eff. Aug. 1, 2016.

(9) Any other consideration which would make application of the guidelines not in the best interest of the child or children or inequitable to the parties.

D. The court may review and approve a stipulation between the parties entered into after the effective date of this Part as to the amount of child support to be paid. If the court does review the stipulation, the court shall consider the guidelines set forth in this Part to review the adequacy of the stipulated amount and may require the parties to provide the court with the income statements and documentation required by R.S. 9:315.2.

Acts 1989, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 9, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 1989; Acts 1990, No. 117, §1, eff. June 29, 1990; Acts 1992, No. 123, §1, eff. June 1, 1992; Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1; Acts 2005, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 59, §1, eff. Dec. 6, 2005; Acts 2008, No. 579, §1; Acts 2015, No. 379, §1, eff. Aug. 1, 2016.

§315.1.1. Determination of income; evidence

A. When a party alleges that income is being concealed or underreported, the court shall admit evidence relevant to establishing the actual income of the party, including but not limited to the following:

(1) Redirected income. (a) Loans to the obligor by a business in which the obligor has an ownership interest and whether the loans will be repaid. There shall be a presumption that such loans are income of the obligor which may be rebutted if the obligor demonstrates there is a history of similar past loans being made and repaid in a timely manner with market interest rates, or the current loan is at market interest rates and is fully paid in accordance with a commercially reasonable time. The amount by which a commercially reasonable repayment amount exceeds the amount actually repaid shall be treated as income.

(b) Payment made by the obligor or by a business in which the obligor has an ownership interest to a person related by blood or affinity in the form of wages or salary. There shall be a

presumption that such payments are income of the obligor, which may be rebutted if the obligor demonstrates there is a history of payments preceding the separation of the parties or the filing of an action to establish or modify child support, or that the payments are fair market value for services actually performed.

(2) Deferred income. Recent reductions in distributions of income, such as salary, bonuses, dividends, or management fees as a percentage of gross income of the business of the obligor. There shall be a presumption that past distributions of income will continue, which may be rebutted if the obligor demonstrates business conditions justify a reduction in distributions.

(3) Standard of living and assets. The standard of living and assets of the obligor both prior and subsequent to the establishment of a child support order, to establish the actual income if the amount claimed is inconsistent with his lifestyle.

B. When the income of an obligor cannot be sufficiently established, evidence of wage and earnings surveys distributed by government agencies for the purpose of attributing income to the obligor is admissible.

Acts 2009, No. 378, §1.

§315.2. Calculation of basic child support obligation

A. Each party shall provide to the court a verified income statement showing gross income and adjusted gross income, together with documentation of current and past earnings. Spouses of the parties shall also provide any relevant information with regard to the source of payments of household expenses upon request of the court or the opposing party, provided such request is filed in a reasonable time prior to the hearing. Failure to timely file the request shall not be grounds for a continuance. Suitable documentation of current earnings shall include but not be limited to pay stubs or employer statements. The documentation shall include a copy of the party's most recent federal tax return. A copy of the statement and documentation shall be provided to the other party. When an obligor has an ownership interest in a business, suitable documentation shall include but is not limited to the last three personal and business state and federal income tax returns, including all attachments and all schedules, specifically Schedule K-1 and W-2 forms, 1099 forms, and amendments, the most recent profit and loss statements, balance sheets, financial statements, quarterly sales tax reports, personal and business bank account statements, receipts, and expenses. A copy of all statements and documentation shall be provided to the other party.

B. If a party is voluntarily unemployed or underemployed, his or her gross income shall be determined as set forth in R.S. 9:315.11.

C. The parties shall combine the amounts of their adjusted gross incomes. Each party shall then determine by percentage his or her proportionate share of the combined amount. The amount obtained for each party is his or her percentage share of the combined adjusted gross income.

D. The court shall determine the basic child support obligation amount from the schedule in R.S. 9:315.19 by using the combined adjusted gross income of the parties and the number of children involved in the proceeding, but in no event shall the amount of child support be less than the amount provided in R.S. 9:315.14.

E. After the basic child support obligation has been established, the total child support obligation shall be determined as hereinafter provided in this Part.

Acts 1989, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 9, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 1989; Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1; Acts 2009, No. 378, §1.

§315.3. Child care costs; addition to basic obligation

A. Net child care costs shall be added to the basic child support obligation. The net child care costs are determined by applying the Federal Credit for Child and Dependent Care Expenses provided in Internal Revenue Form 2441 to the total or actual child care costs.

B. Reasonable child care expenses incurred by either parent while receiving job training or education necessary to obtain employment or enhance earning potential may be added to the basic child support obligation unless such expenses unreasonably burden the parent paying child support.

Acts 1989, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 9, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 1989; Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1; Acts 2014, No. 134, §1.

§315.4. Health insurance premiums; addition to basic obligation

A. In any child support case, the court may order one of the parties to enroll or maintain an insurable child in a health benefits plan, policy, or program. In determining which party should be required to enroll the child or to maintain such insurance on behalf of the child, the court shall consider each party's individual, group, or employee's health insurance program, employment history, and personal income and other resources. The cost of health insurance premiums incurred on behalf of the child shall be added to the basic child support obligation.

B. In any case in which the department is providing support enforcement services, the child support order shall require one or both of the parties to provide medical support for the child.

Acts 1989, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 9, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 1989; Acts 1995, No. 236, §1; Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1; Acts 2006, No. 481, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 2006.

§315.5. Extraordinary medical expenses; addition to basic obligation

By agreement of the parties or order of the court, extraordinary medical expenses incurred on behalf of the child shall be added to the basic child support obligation. Extraordinary medical expenses are unreimbursed medical expenses which exceed two hundred fifty dollars per child per calendar year.

Acts 1989, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 9, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 1989; Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1; Acts 2004, No. 251, §1; Acts 2008, No. 578, §1.

§315.6. Other extraordinary expenses; addition to basic obligation

By agreement of the parties or order of the court, the following expenses incurred on behalf of the child may be added to the basic child support obligation:

- (1) Expenses of tuition, registration, books, and supply fees required for attending a special or private elementary or secondary school to meet the needs of the child.
- (2) Any expenses for transportation of the child from one party to the other.
- (3) Special expenses incurred for child rearing intended to enhance the health, athletic, social, or cultural development of a child, including but not limited to camp, music or art lessons, travel, and school sponsored extracurricular activities.

Acts 1989, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 9, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 1989; Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1; Acts 2008, No. 579, §1.

§315.7. Deductions for income of the child

A. Income of the child that can be used to reduce the basic needs of the child may be considered as a deduction from the basic child support obligation.

B. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to income earned by a child while a full-time student, regardless of whether such income was earned during a summer or holiday break.

C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to benefits received by a child from public assistance programs, including but not limited to Family Independence Temporary Assistance Programs (FITAP), food stamps, or any means-tested program.

D. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection C of this Section, social security benefits received by a child due to the earnings of a parent shall be credited as child support to the parent upon whose earning record it is based, by crediting the amount against the potential obligation of that parent.

E. In cases where there is a child support arrearage, the court shall grant an evidentiary hearing before any arrearage is reduced based upon any lump sum payments received by the child.

Acts 1989, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 9, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 1989; Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1; Acts 2006, No. 386, §1.

§315.8. Calculation of total child support obligation; worksheet

A. The total child support obligation shall be determined by adding together the basic child support obligation amount, the net child care costs, the cost of health insurance premiums, extraordinary medical expenses, and other extraordinary expenses.

B. A deduction, if any, for income of the child shall then be subtracted from the amount calculated in Subsection A. The remaining amount is the total child support obligation.

C. Each party's share of the total child support obligation shall then be determined by multiplying his or her percentage share of combined adjusted gross income times the total child support obligation.

D. The party without legal custody or nondomiciliary party shall owe his or her total child support obligation as a money judgment of child support to the custodial or domiciliary party, minus any court-ordered direct payments made on behalf of the child for work-related net child care costs, health insurance premiums, extraordinary medical expenses, or extraordinary expenses provided as adjustments to the schedule.

E. "Joint Custody" means a joint custody order that is not shared custody as defined in R.S. 9:315.9.

(1) In cases of joint custody, the court shall consider the period of time spent by the child with the nondomiciliary party as a basis for adjustment to the amount of child support to be paid during that period of time.

(2) If under a joint custody order, the person ordered to pay child support has physical custody of the child for more than seventy- three days, the court may order a credit to the child support obligation. A day for the purposes of this Paragraph shall be determined by the court; however, in no instance shall less than four hours of physical custody of the child constitute a day.

(3) In determining the amount of credit to be given, the court shall consider the following:

(a) The amount of time the child spends with the person to whom the credit would be applied. The court shall include in such consideration the continuing expenses of the domiciliary party.

(b) The increase in financial burden placed on the person to whom the credit would be applied and the decrease in financial burden on the person receiving child support.

(c) The best interests of the child and what is equitable between the parties.

(4) The burden of proof is on the person seeking the credit pursuant to this Subsection.

(5) Worksheet A reproduced in R.S. 9:315.20, or a substantially similar form adopted by local court rule, shall be used to determine child support in accordance with this Subsection.

Acts 1989, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 9, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 1989; Acts 1990, No. 757, §1; Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1; Acts 2004, No. 756, §1.

§315.9. Effect of shared custodial arrangement

A.(1) "Shared custody" means a joint custody order in which each parent has physical custody of the child for an approximately equal amount of time.

(2) If the joint custody order provides for shared custody, the basic child support obligation shall first be multiplied by one and one-half and then divided between the parents in proportion to their respective adjusted gross incomes.

(3) Each parent's theoretical child support obligation shall then be cross multiplied by the actual percentage of time the child spends with the other party to determine the basic child support obligation based on the amount of time spent with the other party.

(4) Each parent's proportionate share of work-related net child care costs and extraordinary adjustments to the schedule shall be added to the amount calculated under Paragraph (3) of this Subsection.

(5) Each parent's proportionate share of any direct payments ordered to be made on behalf of the child for net child care costs, the cost of health insurance premiums, extraordinary medical expenses, or other extraordinary expenses shall be deducted from the amount calculated under Paragraph (3) of this Subsection.

(6) The court shall order each parent to pay his proportionate share of all reasonable and necessary uninsured ordinary medical expenses as defined in R.S. 9:315(C)(8) which are under two hundred fifty dollars.

(7) The parent owing the greater amount of child support shall owe to the other parent the difference between the two amounts as a child support obligation. The amount owed shall not be higher than the amount which that parent would have owed if he or she were a domiciliary parent.

B. Worksheet B reproduced in R.S. 9:315.20, or a substantially similar form adopted by local court rule, shall be used to determine child support in accordance with this Subsection.

Acts 1989, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 9, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 1989; Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1, Acts 2002, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 62, §1, eff. June 16, 2002; Acts 2002, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 62, §1; Acts 2004, No. 668, §1, eff. July 5, 2004; Acts 2012, No. 255, §2.

§315.10. Effect of split custodial arrangement

A.(1) "Split custody" means that each party is the sole custodial or domiciliary parent of at least one child to whom support is due.

(2) If the custody order provides for split custody, each parent shall compute a total child support obligation for the child or children in the custody of the other parent, based on a calculation pursuant to this Section.

(3) The amount determined under Paragraph (2) of this Subsection shall be a theoretical support obligation owed to each parent.

(4) The parent owing the greater amount of child support shall owe to the other parent the difference between the two amounts as a child support obligation.

B. Worksheet A reproduced in R.S. 9:315.20, or a substantially similar form adopted by local court rule, shall be used by each parent to determine child support in accordance with this Section.

Acts 1989, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 9, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 1989; Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1.

§315.11. Voluntarily unemployed or underemployed party

A. If a party is voluntarily unemployed or underemployed, child support shall be calculated based on a determination of income earning potential, unless the party is physically or mentally incapacitated, or is caring for a child of the parties under the age of five years. In determining the party's income earning potential, the court may consider the most recently published Louisiana Occupational Employment Wage Survey.

B. The amount of the basic child support obligation calculated in accordance with Subsection A of this Section shall not exceed the amount which the party paying support would have owed had a determination of the other party's income earning potential not been made.

C. A party shall not be deemed voluntarily unemployed or underemployed if he or she has been temporarily unable to find work or has been temporarily forced to take a lower paying job as a direct result of Hurricane Katrina or Rita.

Acts 1989, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 9, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 1989; Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1; Acts 2004, No. 156, §1, eff. June 10, 2004; Acts 2005, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 59, §1, eff. Dec. 6, 2005; Acts 2008, No. 743, §7, eff. July 1, 2008; Acts 2010, No. 238, §1.

§315.12. Second jobs and overtime

The court may consider the interests of a subsequent family as a defense in an action to modify an existing child support order when the obligor has taken a second job or works overtime to provide for a subsequent family. However, the obligor bears the burden of proof in establishing that the additional income is used to provide for the subsequent family.

Acts 1989, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 9, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 1989; Acts 1995, No. 1121, §1; Acts 1997, No. 568, §1; Acts 1999, No. 153, §1; Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1.

§315.13. Amounts not set forth in or exceeding schedule

A. If the combined adjusted gross income of the parties falls between two amounts shown in the schedule contained in R.S. 9:315.19, the basic child support obligation shall be based on an extrapolation between the two amounts.

B. If the combined adjusted gross income of the parties exceeds the highest level specified in the schedule contained in R.S. 9:315.19, the court:

(1) Shall use its discretion in setting the amount of the basic child support obligation in accordance with the best interest of the child and the circumstances of each parent as provided in Civil Code Article 141, but in no event shall it be less than the highest amount set forth in the schedule; and

(2) May order that a portion of the amount awarded be placed in a spendthrift trust for the educational or medical needs of the child. The trust shall be administered, managed, and invested in accordance with the Louisiana Trust Code. The trust instrument shall name the child as sole beneficiary of the trust, shall name a trustee, shall impose maximum spendthrift restraints, and shall terminate when the child attains twenty-four years of age, unless the parties agree to a later date. The trustee shall furnish security unless the court, in written findings of fact, dispenses with security.

Acts 1989, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 9, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 1989; Acts 1995, No. 1121, §1; Acts 1997, No. 1009, §1; Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1; Acts 2008, No. 579, §1.

§315.14. Mandatory minimum child support award

In no event shall the court set an award of child support less than one hundred dollars, except in cases involving shared or split custody as provided in R.S. 9:315.9 and 315.10. In cases when the obligor has a medically documented disability that limits his ability to meet the mandatory minimum, the court may set an award of less than one hundred dollars.

Acts 1991, No. 854, §1; Acts 1999, No. 156, §1; Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1; Acts 2003, No. 1202, §1.

§315.15. No change in circumstances intended

The enactment and subsequent amendment of this Part shall not for that reason alone be considered a material change in the circumstances of either party.

Acts 1989, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 9, §1, eff. Oct. 1, 1989; Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1.

§315.16. Review of guidelines

A. The guidelines set forth in this Part shall be reviewed by the legislature not less than once every four years. A review of the guidelines shall take place in 2012 and every four years thereafter, and it shall be the responsibility of the office of children and family services, child support enforcement section of the Department of Children and Family Services, and the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, in consultation with the child support review committee provided in Subsection B of this Section, to obtain all information required to comply with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 667(a) and present the same to the legislature sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2008 Regular Session of the Legislature and every four years thereafter.

B. The child support review committee shall serve without compensation, except for the members of the legislature who shall receive a per diem as provided by law, and shall consist of the following members:

- (1) The reporter of the Louisiana State Law Institute Marriage and Persons Advisory Committee.
 - (2) The chairman or designee of the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.
 - (3) The chairman or designee of Senate Committee on Judiciary A.
 - (4) The president or designee of the Louisiana District Judges Association.
 - (5) The executive director or a designee of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association.
 - (6) The president or designee of the Juvenile and Family Court Judges Association.
 - (7) The chairman or designee of the Louisiana State Bar Association, Family Law Section.
 - (8) The chairman or designee of the Louisiana Chapter of American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.
 - (9) The secretary or a designee of the Department of Children and Family Services.
 - (10) The chairman or designee of the Louisiana Children's Cabinet.
 - (11) The president or designee of the Louisiana Hearing Officers' Association.
- Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1; Acts 2004, No. 249, §1; Acts 2008, No. 578, §1; Acts 2012, No. 255, §2.

§315.17. Standard of appellate review

Deviations by the trial court from the guidelines set forth in this Part shall not be disturbed absent a finding of manifest error.

Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1.

§315.18. Schedule; information

A. The amounts set forth in the schedule in R.S. 9:315.19 presume that the custodial or domiciliary party has the right to claim the federal and state tax dependency deductions and any earned income credit. However, the claiming of dependents for federal and state income tax purposes shall be as provided in Subsection B of this Section.

B.(1) The non-domiciliary party whose child support obligation equals or exceeds fifty percent of the total child support obligation shall be entitled to claim the federal and state tax dependency deductions if, after a contradictory motion, the judge finds both of the following:

(a) No arrearages are owed by the obligor.

(b) The right to claim the dependency deductions or, in the case of multiple children, a part thereof, would substantially benefit the non-domiciliary party without significantly harming the domiciliary party.

(2) The child support order shall:

(a) Specify the years in which the party is entitled to claim such deductions.

(b) Require the domiciliary party to timely execute all forms required by the Internal Revenue Service authorizing the non-domiciliary party to claim such deductions.

C. The party who receives the benefit of the exemption for such tax year shall not be considered as having received payment of a thing not due if the dependency deduction allocation is not maintained by the taxing authorities.

D. Repealed by Acts 2004, No. 668, §2, eff. July 5, 2004.

Acts 2001, No. 501, §1; Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1; Acts 2004, No. 668, §§1, 2, eff. July 5, 2004.

§315.19. Schedule for support

The schedule of support to be used for determining the basic child support obligation is as follows:

LOUISIANA CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINE
SCHEDULE OF BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS

COMBINED ADJUSTED MONTHLY GROSS INCOME	ONE CHILD	TWO CHILD- REN (TOTAL)	THREE CHILD- REN (TOTAL)	FOUR CHILD- REN (TOTAL)	FIVE CHILD- REN (TOTAL)	SIX CHILD- REN (TOTAL)
0-600.00	100	100	100	100	100	100
650.00	102	103	104	106	107	108
700.00	136	138	139	141	142	144
750.00	165	172	174	176	178	179
800.00	174	206	208	211	213	215
850.00	182	240	243	245	248	251
900.00	189	274	277	280	283	286
950.00	197	305	310	313	317	320
1000.00	203	315	339	342	346	350
1050.00	210	325	367	371	375	379
1100.00	216	335	396	400	405	409
1150.00	226	345	425	429	434	439
1200.00	236	354	444	458	463	468
1250.00	245	364	456	487	493	498
1300.00	255	374	469	516	522	528
1350.00	264	385	481	542	551	557
1400.00	273	398	494	556	581	587
1450.00	282	411	506	570	610	617
1500.00	290	423	519	584	637	646
1550.00	299	435	531	598	653	676
1600.00	308	447	545	614	670	717
1650.00	316	459	560	630	688	736
1700.00	325	472	574	647	705	755
1750.00	333	484	588	663	723	774
1800.00	342	497	603	679	741	792
1850.00	351	510	617	695	758	811
1900.00	360	523	631	711	776	830
1950.00	369	536	643	724	790	846
2000.00	378	549	655	737	805	865
2050.00	388	562	667	751	819	885
2100.00	396	575	679	764	834	903
2150.00	405	588	693	778	852	926

2200.00	414	601	709	792	871	946
2250.00	423	614	724	808	889	967
2300.00	432	627	739	825	908	987
2350.00	441	639	753	840	924	1004
2400.00	449	652	768	854	939	1021
2450.00	458	664	782	868	955	1038
2500.00	466	676	796	882	970	1055
2550.00	475	689	811	896	986	1072
2600.00	484	701	825	911	1002	1089
2650.00	492	714	839	925	1017	1106
2700.00	501	726	854	939	1033	1122
2750.00	510	739	868	953	1048	1139
2800.00	518	751	882	967	1064	1156
2850.00	526	763	896	981	1079	1173
2900.00	533	776	911	995	1095	1190
2950.00	540	788	925	1009	1110	1207
3000.00	548	801	939	1023	1126	1224
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3100.00	563	825	968	1051	1156	1257
3150.00	570	837	982	1065	1172	1274
3200.00	577	850	996	1082	1190	1293
3250.00	585	862	1011	1100	1210	1315
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3400.00	607	898	1054	1153	1268	1379
3450.00	614	909	1066	1169	1286	1397
3500.00	622	919	1079	1185	1303	1416
3550.00	629	930	1092	1200	1320	1435
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3750.00	659	973	1142	1264	1390	1511
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4600.00	774	1143	1342	1499	1649	1792
4650.00	780	1153	1353	1511	1662	1807
4700.00	787	1163	1364	1523	1676	1822
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17900.00	1731	2436	2790	3116	3428	3726
17950.00	1735	2441	2796	3123	3435	3734
18000.00	1739	2447	2802	3130	3443	3743
18050.00	1743	2452	2808	3137	3451	3751
18100.00	1746	2457	2815	3144	3458	3759
18150.00	1750	2463	2821	3151	3466	3768
18200.00	1754	2468	2827	3158	3474	3776
18250.00	1758	2474	2833	3165	3481	3784
18300.00	1762	2479	2840	3172	3489	3793
18350.00	1766	2485	2846	3179	3497	3801
18400.00	1769	2490	2852	3186	3504	3809
18450.00	1773	2495	2858	3193	3512	3818
18500.00	1777	2501	2865	3200	3520	3826
18550.00	1781	2506	2871	3207	3527	3834
18600.00	1785	2512	2877	3214	3535	3843
18650.00	1788	2517	2883	3221	3543	3851
18700.00	1792	2522	2890	3228	3550	3859
18750.00	1796	2528	2896	3235	3558	3868
18800.00	1800	2533	2902	3242	3566	3876
18850.00	1804	2539	2908	3249	3574	3884
18900.00	1807	2544	2915	3256	3581	3893
18950.00	1811	2549	2921	3263	3589	3901
19000.00	1815	2555	2927	3270	3597	3909
19050.00	1819	2560	2933	3277	3604	3918
19100.00	1823	2566	2940	3284	3612	3926
19150.00	1826	2571	2946	3291	3620	3935
19200.00	1830	2576	2952	3298	3627	3943
19250.00	1834	2582	2958	3305	3635	3951
19300.00	1838	2587	2965	3311	3643	3960
19350.00	1842	2593	2971	3318	3650	3968
19400.00	1846	2598	2977	3325	3658	3976
19450.00	1849	2603	2983	3332	3666	3985
19500.00	1853	2609	2990	3339	3673	3993
19550.00	1857	2614	2996	3346	3681	4001
19600.00	1861	2620	3002	3353	3689	4010
19650.00	1865	2625	3008	3360	3696	4018
19700.00	1868	2630	3015	3367	3704	4026
19750.00	1872	2636	3021	3374	3712	4035

19800.00	1876	2641	3027	3381	3719	4043
19850.00	1880	2647	3033	3388	3727	4051
19900.00	1884	2652	3040	3395	3735	4060
19950.00	1887	2657	3046	3402	3742	4068
20000.00	1891	2663	3052	3409	3750	4076
20050.00	1895	2668	3058	3416	3758	4085
20100.00	1899	2674	3065	3423	3766	4093
20150.00	1903	2679	3071	3430	3773	4101
20200.00	1906	2684	3077	3437	3781	4110
20250.00	1910	2690	3083	3444	3789	4118
20300.00	1914	2695	3090	3451	3796	4127
20350.00	1918	2701	3096	3458	3804	4135
20400.00	1922	2706	3102	3465	3812	4143
20450.00	1925	2711	3108	3472	3819	4152
20500.00	1929	2717	3115	3479	3827	4160
20550.00	1933	2722	3121	3486	3835	4168
20600.00	1937	2728	3127	3493	3842	4177
20650.00	1941	2733	3133	3500	3850	4185
20700.00	1945	2738	3140	3507	3858	4193
20750.00	1948	2744	3146	3514	3865	4202
20800.00	1952	2749	3152	3521	3873	4210
20850.00	1956	2755	3158	3528	3881	4218
20900.00	1960	2760	3165	3535	3888	4227
20950.00	1964	2765	3171	3542	3896	4235
21000.00	1967	2771	3177	3549	3904	4243
21050.00	1971	2776	3183	3556	3911	4252
21100.00	1975	2782	3190	3563	3919	4260
21150.00	1979	2787	3196	3570	3927	4268
21200.00	1983	2792	3202	3577	3934	4277
21250.00	1986	2798	3208	3584	3942	4285
21300.00	1990	2803	3215	3591	3950	4293
21350.00	1994	2809	3221	3598	3957	4302
21400.00	1998	2814	3227	3605	3965	4310
21450.00	2002	2819	3233	3612	3973	4318
21500.00	2005	2825	3240	3619	3981	4327
21550.00	2009	2830	3246	3626	3988	4335
21600.00	2013	2836	3252	3633	3996	4344
21650.00	2017	2841	3258	3640	4004	4352
21700.00	2021	2846	3265	3647	4011	4360
21750.00	2025	2852	3271	3654	4019	4369
21800.00	2028	2857	3277	3661	4027	4377
21850.00	2032	2863	3283	3668	4034	4385
21900.00	2036	2868	3290	3675	4042	4394
21950.00	2040	2873	3296	3681	4050	4402

22000.00	2044	2879	3302	3688	4057	4410
22050.00	2047	2884	3308	3695	4065	4419
22100.00	2051	2890	3315	3702	4073	4427
22150.00	2055	2895	3321	3709	4080	4435
22200.00	2059	2900	3327	3716	4088	4444
22250.00	2063	2906	3333	3723	4096	4452
22300.00	2066	2911	3340	3730	4103	4460
22350.00	2070	2917	3346	3737	4111	4469
22400.00	2074	2922	3352	3744	4119	4477
22450.00	2078	2927	3358	3751	4126	4485
22500.00	2082	2933	3365	3758	4134	4494
22550.00	2085	2938	3371	3765	4142	4502
22600.00	2089	2944	3377	3772	4149	4510
22650.00	2093	2949	3383	3779	4157	4519
22700.00	2097	2954	3390	3786	4165	4527
22750.00	2101	2960	3396	3793	4173	4536
22800.00	2105	2965	3402	3800	4180	4544
22850.00	2108	2971	3408	3807	4188	4552
22900.00	2112	2976	3415	3814	4196	4561
22950.00	2116	2981	3421	3821	4203	4569
23000.00	2120	2987	3427	3828	4211	4577
23050.00	2124	2992	3433	3835	4219	4586
23100.00	2127	2998	3440	3842	4226	4594
23150.00	2131	3003	3446	3849	4234	4602
23200.00	2135	3008	3452	3856	4242	4611
23250.00	2139	3014	3458	3863	4249	4619
23300.00	2143	3019	3465	3870	4257	4627
23350.00	2146	3025	3471	3877	4265	4636
23400.00	2150	3030	3477	3884	4272	4644
23450.00	2154	3035	3483	3891	4280	4652
23500.00	2158	3041	3490	3898	4288	4661
23550.00	2162	3046	3496	3905	4295	4669
23600.00	2165	3052	3502	3912	4303	4677
23650.00	2169	3057	3508	3919	4311	4686
23700.00	2173	3062	3515	3926	4318	4694
23750.00	2177	3068	3521	3933	4326	4702
23800.00	2181	3073	3527	3940	4334	4711
23850.00	2185	3079	3533	3947	4341	4719
23900.00	2188	3084	3540	3954	4349	4728
23950.00	2192	3089	3546	3961	4357	4736
24000.00	2196	3095	3552	3968	4364	4744
24050.00	2200	3100	3558	3975	4372	4753
24100.00	2204	3106	3565	3982	4380	4761
24150.00	2207	3111	3571	3989	4388	4769

24200.00	2211	3116	3577	3996	4395	4778
24250.00	2215	3122	3583	4003	4403	4786
24300.00	2219	3127	3590	4010	4411	4794
24350.00	2223	3133	3596	4017	4418	4803
24400.00	2226	3138	3602	4024	4426	4811
24450.00	2230	3143	3608	4031	4434	4819
24500.00	2234	3149	3615	4038	4441	4828
24550.00	2238	3154	3621	4045	4449	4836
24600.00	2242	3160	3627	4051	4457	4844
24650.00	2245	3165	3633	4058	4464	4853
24700.00	2249	3170	3640	4065	4472	4861
24750.00	2253	3176	3646	4072	4480	4869
24800.00	2257	3181	3652	4079	4487	4878
24850.00	2261	3187	3658	4086	4495	4886
24900.00	2265	3192	3665	4093	4503	4894
24950.00	2268	3197	3671	4100	4510	4903
25000.00	2272	3203	3677	4107	4518	4911
25050.00	2276	3208	3683	4114	4526	4919
25100.00	2280	3214	3690	4121	4533	4928
25150.00	2284	3219	3696	4128	4541	4936
25200.00	2287	3224	3702	4135	4549	4945
25250.00	2291	3230	3708	4142	4556	4953
25300.00	2295	3235	3715	4149	4564	4961
25350.00	2299	3241	3721	4156	4572	4970
25400.00	2303	3246	3727	4163	4580	4978
25450.00	2306	3251	3733	4170	4587	4986
25500.00	2310	3257	3740	4177	4595	4995
25550.00	2314	3262	3746	4184	4603	5003
25600.00	2318	3268	3752	4191	4610	5011
25650.00	2322	3273	3758	4198	4618	5020
25700.00	2325	3278	3765	4205	4626	5028
25750.00	2329	3284	3771	4212	4633	5036
25800.00	2333	3289	3777	4219	4641	5045
25850.00	2337	3295	3783	4226	4649	5053
25900.00	2341	3300	3790	4233	4656	5061
25950.00	2345	3305	3796	4240	4664	5070
26000.00	2348	3311	3802	4247	4672	5078
26050.00	2352	3316	3808	4254	4679	5086
26100.00	2356	3322	3815	4261	4687	5095
26150.00	2360	3327	3821	4268	4695	5103
26200.00	2364	3332	3827	4275	4702	5111
26250.00	2367	3338	3833	4282	4710	5120
26300.00	2371	3343	3840	4289	4718	5128
26350.00	2375	3349	3846	4296	4725	5137

26400.00	2379	3354	3852	4303	4733	5145
26450.00	2383	3359	3858	4310	4741	5153
26500.00	2386	3365	3865	4317	4748	5162
26550.00	2390	3370	3871	4324	4756	5170
26600.00	2394	3376	3877	4331	4764	5178
26650.00	2398	3381	3883	4338	4771	5187
26700.00	2402	3386	3890	4345	4779	5195
26750.00	2405	3392	3896	4352	4787	5203
26800.00	2409	3397	3902	4359	4795	5212
26850.00	2413	3403	3908	4366	4802	5220
26900.00	2417	3408	3915	4373	4810	5228
26950.00	2421	3413	3921	4380	4818	5237
27000.00	2425	3419	3927	4387	4825	5245
27050.00	2428	3424	3933	4394	4833	5253
27100.00	2432	3430	3940	4401	4841	5262
27150.00	2436	3435	3946	4408	4848	5270
27200.00	2440	3440	3952	4414	4856	5278
27250.00	2444	3446	3958	4421	4864	5287
27300.00	2447	3451	3965	4428	4871	5295
27350.00	2451	3457	3971	4435	4879	5303
27400.00	2455	3462	3977	4442	4887	5312
27450.00	2459	3467	3983	4449	4894	5320
27500.00	2463	3473	3990	4456	4902	5328
27550.00	2466	3478	3996	4463	4910	5337
27600.00	2470	3484	4002	4470	4917	5345
27650.00	2474	3489	4008	4477	4925	5354
27700.00	2478	3494	4015	4484	4933	5362
27750.00	2482	3500	4021	4491	4940	5370
27800.00	2485	3505	4027	4498	4948	5379
27850.00	2489	3511	4033	4505	4956	5387
27900.00	2493	3516	4040	4512	4963	5395
27950.00	2497	3521	4046	4519	4971	5404
28000.00	2501	3527	4052	4526	4979	5412
28050.00	2505	3532	4058	4533	4986	5420
28100.00	2508	3538	4065	4540	4994	5429
28150.00	2512	3543	4071	4547	5002	5437
28200.00	2516	3548	4077	4554	5010	5445
28250.00	2520	3554	4083	4561	5017	5454
28300.00	2524	3559	4090	4568	5025	5462
28350.00	2527	3565	4096	4575	5033	5470
28400.00	2531	3570	4102	4582	5040	5479
28450.00	2535	3575	4108	4589	5048	5487
28500.00	2539	3581	4115	4596	5056	5495
28550.00	2543	3586	4121	4603	5063	5504

28600.00	2546	3592	4127	4610	5071	5512
28650.00	2550	3597	4133	4617	5079	5520
28700.00	2554	3602	4140	4624	5086	5529
28750.00	2558	3608	4146	4631	5094	5537
28800.00	2562	3613	4152	4638	5102	5546
28850.00	2565	3619	4158	4645	5109	5554
28900.00	2569	3624	4165	4652	5117	5562
28950.00	2573	3629	4171	4659	5125	5571
29000.00	2577	3635	4177	4666	5132	5579
29050.00	2581	3640	4183	4673	5140	5587
29100.00	2584	3646	4190	4680	5148	5596
29150.00	2588	3651	4196	4687	5155	5604
29200.00	2592	3656	4202	4694	5163	5612
29250.00	2596	3662	4208	4701	5171	5621
29300.00	2600	3667	4215	4708	5178	5629
29350.00	2604	3673	4221	4715	5186	5637
29400.00	2607	3678	4227	4722	5194	5646
29450.00	2611	3683	4233	4729	5202	5654
29500.00	2615	3689	4240	4736	5209	5662
29550.00	2619	3694	4246	4743	5217	5671
29600.00	2623	3700	4252	4750	5225	5679
29650.00	2626	3705	4258	4757	5232	5687
29700.00	2630	3710	4265	4764	5240	5696
29750.00	2634	3716	4271	4771	5248	5704
29800.00	2638	3721	4277	4778	5255	5712
29850.00	2642	3727	4283	4784	5263	5721
29900.00	2645	3732	4289	4791	5270	5729
29950.00	2649	3737	4296	4798	5278	5737
30000.00	2653	3742	4302	4805	5285	5745

Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1; Acts 2008, No. 585, §1.

§315.20. Worksheets

Obligation Worksheet A
(The worksheet for calculation of the total support obligation
under R.S. 9:315.8 and 315.10)

Court _____	Parish _____	
Case Number _____		Louisiana
_____	Div/CtRm _____	
Petitioner _____	Respondent _____	
Children _____	Children _____	
Date of Birth _____		Date of Birth _____

	A. Petitioner	B. Respondent	C. Combined
	\$	\$	
MONTHLY GROSS INCOME (R.S. 9:315.2(A))	-	-	
a. Preexisting child support payment.	-	-	
b. Preexisting spousal support payment.	-	-	
MONTHLY ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME (Line 1 minus 1a and 1b).	\$	\$	
COMBINED MONTHLY ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME (Line 2 Column A plus Line 2 Column B). (R.S. 9:315.2(C))			\$
PERCENTAGE SHARE OF INCOME (Line 2 divided by line 3). (R.S. 9:315.2(C))		%	%
BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION (Compare line 3 to Child Support Schedule). (R.S. 9:315.2(D))			\$
Child Care Costs (R.S. 9:315.3)			±
Child's Health Insurance Premium Cost. (R.S. 9:315.4)			±
Extraordinary Medical Expenses (Uninsured Only). (Agreed to by parties or by order of the court). (R.S. 9:315.5)			±
Extraordinary Expenses (Agreed to by parties or by order of the court). (R.S. 9:315.6)			±
Optional. Minus extraordinary adjustments (Child's income if applicable). (R.S. 9:315.7)			±
			=

TOTAL CHILD SUPPORT
 OBLIGATION (Add lines 5, 5a, 5b, 5c,
 and 5d; Subtract line 5e).(R.S. 9:315.8) \$

EACH PARTY'S CHILD SUPPORT
 OBLIGATION (Multiply line 4 times line \$ \$
 6 for each parent).

DIRECT PAYMENTS made by the
 noncustodial parent on behalf of the child
 for child care costs, health insurance
 premiums, extraordinary medical
 expenses, or extraordinary expenses. -

9. RECOMMENDED CHILD SUPPORT
 ORDER (Subtract line 8 from line 7). \$

Comments, calculations, or rebuttals to schedule or adjustments if made under 8 above or if
 ordering a credit for a joint custodial arrangement:

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Date

Obligation Worksheet B
 (The worksheet for calculation of the total child support
 obligation under R.S. 9:315.9)

Court _____ Parish _____ Louisiana
 Case Number _____
 _____ Div/CtRm _____
 Petitioner _____
 Respondent _____
 Children _____ Children _____
 Date of Birth _____ Date of Birth _____

	A. Petitioner	B. Respondent	C. Combined
MONTHLY GROSS INCOME (R.S. 9:315.2(A))	\$ _____	\$ _____	
a. Preexisting child support payment.	=	=	
b. Preexisting spousal support payment.	=	=	

MONTHLY ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME (Line 1 minus 1a and 1b).	\$	\$	
COMBINED MONTHLY ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME (Line 2 Column A plus Line 2 Column B) (R.S. 9:315.2(C))			\$
PERCENTAGE SHARE OF INCOME (Line 2 divided by line 3) (R.S. 9:315.2(C))		%	%
BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION (Compare line 3 to Child Support Schedule) (R.S. 9:315.2(D))			\$
SHARED CUSTODY BASIC OBLIGATION (Line 5 times 1.5) (R.S. 9:315.9(A)(2))			\$
EACH PARTY'S THEORETICAL CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION (Multiply line 4 times line 6 for each party)(R.S. 9:315.9(A)(2))	\$	\$	
PERCENTAGE with each party (Use actual percentage of time spent with each party, if percentage is not 50%) (R.S. 9:315.9(A)(3))		%	%

BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION
 FOR TIME WITH OTHER PARTY (Cross
 Multiply line 7 for each party times line 8 for
 the other party) (R.S. 9:315.9(A) (3)) (For
 Line 9 Column A, multiply Line 7 Column A
 times Line 8 Column B) (For Line 9 Column
 B, multiply Line 7 Column B times Line 8
 Column A)

\$

\$

Child Care Costs (R.S. 9:315.3)

±

Child's Health Insurance Premium Cost (R.S.
 9:315.4)

±

Extraordinary Medical Expenses (Uninsured
 only) (Agreed to by parties or by order of
 court) (R.S. 9:315.5)

±

Extraordinary Expenses (Agreed to by parties
 or by order of the court) (R.S. 9:315.6)

Optional: Minus extraordinary adjustments
 (Child's income if applicable) (R.S. 9:315.7)

±

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TOTAL EXPENSES/EXTRAORDINARY
ADJUSTMENTS (Add lines 9a, 9b, 9c, and
9d; Subtract line 9e)

\$

EACH PARTY'S PROPORTIONATE
SHARE of Expenses/Extraordinary
Adjustments (Line 4 times line 10) (R.S.
9:315.9(A)(4))

\$

\$

DIRECT PAYMENTS made by either party on behalf of the child for child care costs, health insurance premiums, extraordinary medical expenses, or extraordinary expenses. Deduct each party's proportionate share of an expense owed directly to a third party. If either parent's proportionate share of an expense is owed to the other parent, enter zero. (R.S. 9:315.9(A)(5))

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EACH PARTY'S CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION (Line 9 plus line 11 and minus line 12) (R.S. 9:315.9(A)(4) and (5))

\$ \$

RECOMMENDED CHILD SUPPORT
ORDER (Subtract lesser amount from greater
amount in line 13 and place the difference in
the appropriate column) (R.S. 9:315.9(A)(6)) \$ \$

Comments, calculations, or rebuttals to schedule or adjustments:

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Date

Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1; Acts 2002, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 62, §1; Acts 2003, No. 617,
§1; Acts 2014, No. 134, §1.

SUBPART B. OTHER CHILD SUPPORT PROVISIONS

§315.21. Retroactivity of child support judgment

A. Except for good cause shown, a judgment awarding, modifying, or revoking an interim child support allowance shall be retroactive to the date of judicial demand, but in no case prior to the date of judicial demand.

B.(1) A judgment that initially awards or denies final child support is effective as of the date the judgment is signed and terminates an interim child support allowance as of that date.

(2) If an interim child support allowance award is not in effect on the date of the judgment awarding final child support, the judgment shall be retroactive to the date of judicial demand, except for good cause shown, but in no case prior to the date of judicial demand.

C. Except for good cause shown, a judgment modifying or revoking a final child support judgment shall be retroactive to the date of judicial demand, but in no case prior to the date of judicial demand.

D. Child support of any kind, except that paid pursuant to an interim child support allowance award, provided by the judgment debtor from the date of judicial demand to the date the support judgment is signed, to or on behalf of the child for whom support is ordered, shall be credited to the judgment debtor against the amount of the judgment.

E. In the event that the court finds good cause for not making the award retroactive to the date of judicial demand, the court may fix the date on which the award shall commence, but in no case shall this date be a date prior to the date of judicial demand.

F.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, if a party has been directly affected by Hurricane Katrina, a judgment modifying a final child support judgment may be made retroactive to August 26, 2005, if judicial demand is made prior to April 15, 2006.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, if a party has been directly affected by Hurricane Rita, a judgment modifying a final child support judgment may be made retroactive to September 20, 2005, if judicial demand is made prior to April 15, 2006.

Acts 1993, No. 261, §7, eff. Jan. 1, 1994; Acts 2001, No. 459, §1; Acts 2005, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 59, §1, eff. Dec. 6, 2005.

NOTE: See Acts 2005, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 59, §2, relative to effectiveness.

§315.22. Termination of child support upon majority or emancipation; exceptions

A. When there is a child support award in a specific amount per child, the award for each child shall terminate automatically without any action by the obligor upon each child's attaining the age of majority, or upon emancipation relieving the child of the disabilities attached to minority.

B. When there is a child support award in globo for two or more children, the award shall terminate automatically and without any action by the obligor when the youngest child for whose benefit the award was made attains the age of majority or is emancipated relieving the child of the disabilities attached to minority.

C. An award of child support continues with respect to any unmarried child who attains the age of majority, or to a child who is emancipated relieving the child of the disabilities attached to minority, as long as the child is a full-time student in good standing in a secondary school or its equivalent, has not attained the age of nineteen, and is dependent upon either parent. Either the primary domiciliary parent or the major or emancipated child is the proper party to enforce an award of child support pursuant to this Subsection.

D. An award of child support continues with respect to any child who has a developmental disability, as defined in R.S. 28:451.2, until he attains the age of twenty-two, as long as the child is a full-time student in a secondary school. The primary domiciliary parent or legal guardian is the proper party to enforce an award of child support pursuant to this Subsection.

NOTE: Subsection E as enacted by Acts 2015, No. 379, §§1, 3, eff. Aug. 1, 2015.

E.(1) An award of child support continues or shall be set with respect to any unmarried child who, whether institutionalized or not, is incapable of self-support and requires substantial care and personal supervision because of an intellectual or physical disability that is manifested before the child attains the age of majority. A disability under this Subsection shall not include substance abuse or addiction.

(2) An action under this Subsection may be filed regardless of the age of the child.

(3) Either the major child or his tutor or curator is the proper party to file an action to establish, modify, or enforce an award of child support pursuant to this Subsection.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this Subsection, the substantive and procedural rights and remedies in an action relating to the establishment, modification, or enforcement of child support orders for minor children apply to an action filed, and to an award of, child support rendered under this Subsection.

(5) The court shall consider the eligibility of the child for public benefits and services and may make orders necessary to promote the best interest of the child, including ordering the creation of a trust and placing the award in trust.

(6) When the Department of Children and Family Services is providing support enforcement services, those services will continue under this Subsection only if the major child or his tutor or curator obtains and submits to the Department, before the child attains the age of majority, a judgment ordering the continuation of support for the child.

Acts 1993, No. 261, §7, eff. Jan. 1, 1994; Acts 2001, No. 408, §1; Acts 2001, No. 1082, §1; Acts 2015, No. 379, §1, eff. Aug. 1, 2016.

§315.23. Suspension or modification of child support obligation; secreting of child

If one joint custodial parent or his agent is intentionally secreting a child with the intent to preclude the other joint custodial parent from knowing the whereabouts of the child sufficiently to allow him to exercise his rights or duties as joint custodial parent, the latter may obtain from the court an order suspending or modifying his obligation under an order or judgment of child support. However, such circumstances shall not constitute a defense to an action for failure to pay court-ordered child support or an action to enforce past due child support.

Acts 1993, No. 261, §7, eff. Jan. 1, 1994.

§315.24. Child support enforcement; revocatory and oblique actions

A. A party to whom child support is owed, including the Department of Children and Family Services when rendering child support enforcement services, may seek enforcement of a child support obligation by any lawful means provided by law, including the use of a revocatory or oblique action brought pursuant to the provisions of Civil Code Article 2036 et seq.

B. In cases wherein the Department of Children and Family Services is providing support enforcement services and has reason to believe that an obligor acted or failed to act in such a way that caused or increased his insolvency, the department shall seek either of the following:

(1) To institute a revocatory or oblique action in a court of competent jurisdiction to annul an act or exercise a right of the obligor which caused or increased the insolvency.

(2) To obtain a settlement in the best interest of the child support obligee.

Acts 1997, No. 1246, §1, eff. July 1, 1997.

§315.25. Consideration of custody or visitation matters

In any proceeding for child support, either party may raise any issue relating to custody of the child, or visitation with the child, or both, and the court may hear and determine that issue if all parties consent. The custody or visitation matter need not be specifically pleaded for the party to raise the issue or for the court to decide the issue.

Acts 1999, No. 447, §1.

§315.26. Collection of past due child support

A. In addition to any other legal remedies provided by law, any party may seek the collection of past due child support from federal tax refunds by sending notice to the federal secretary of the treasury that a person owes past due support. The party shall comply with all rules and regulations imposed by the secretary of the treasury and by the federal secretary of health and human services, including payment of any fee assessed by the secretary of the treasury for the cost of applying the offset procedure.

B. As used in this Part, "past due child support" means the amount of a delinquency determined under a court order under state law for support and maintenance of a child.

C. A court in a civil proceeding has jurisdiction to render a judgment for past due support which has accrued under a civil court order for support and also has limited jurisdiction to render a judgment for past due support which has accrued under any criminal or juvenile court order for support.

Acts 2006, No. 478, §1, eff. June 22, 2006.