



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**COMMISSION FOR CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES**  
**PROPOSED MEETING AGENDA**

**Thursday, May 4, 2023 – 5:00-7:00 P.M.**

*Conducted via Microsoft Teams*

<b>TIME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
5:00 – 5:05	Call to order, provision for meeting minutes
5:05 – 5:15	Any additional discussion concerning initial presentation by Dr. Jane Venohr, and issues raised therein?
5:15 – 5:45	<p><b>Topics for Commission's Consideration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Imputation of income and minimum wage orders<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Actual evidence of income</li><li>◦ How should weekly work hours be determined?</li><li>◦ Should the obligor's profession be taken into consideration?</li><li>◦ What other factors should be considered?</li><li>◦ Should the court be expected to obtain and review relevant DOL data?</li></ul></li><li>• Changes needed for higher income orders.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ E.g., how to handle cash and executive compensation bonuses</li></ul></li><li>• How to handle orders where income is lower than what is contemplated by the guidelines</li><li>• How to handle lump sum awards considering the rule established in <i>Jenkins v. Jenkins</i>, 243 Conn. 584, 704 A.2d 231 (1998)</li><li>• Adoption of current order when there is an arrearage at time child emancipates</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrearages calculations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Incarcerated individuals i.e., released from jail on 3/29/23, arrears start 3/13/23</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Methodology for orders in instances of shared custody</li> <li>• Crediting other orders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ even if not fully paid when calculating available income – 46b-215a-1(1)(1)</li> <li>◦ Giving credit for the voluntary support of a dependent child who is not residing with an obligor (i.e., treating such a child as a “qualified child”) when calculating the presumptive support amount – 46b-215a-5c(4)(c)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Addressing situations where there are more than 2 parents following passage of the CT Parentage Act</li> <li>• Providing or defining a method for calculating a monthly and/or bi-weekly expression of child support in the guidelines</li> <li>• Setting an age at which the childcare contribution portion of a support order terminates, unless ordered otherwise by the court – 46b-215a-2c(g)</li> <li>• Protecting an actual amount of the obligor’s income as a self-support reserve, as is done in some other states (see, e.g., slide 14, for Arizona’s method)</li> <li>• Creation of an automated calculator in the guidelines (mentioned during discussion of slide 23)</li> </ul>
5:45 – 6:15	<p><b>Assignment of topics to Commission members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commission members should contact Chair, vice-chair and Graham Shaffer prior to next meeting to identify which topics are of primary interest to them</li> <li>• Topics will be assigned to Commission members at next meeting</li> <li>• Assigned Commission members will be responsible for researching the topics and presenting the issue to the broader Commission, and making a recommendation</li> <li>• This presentation should include a description of the issue or problem that needs to be addressed, how previous Commissions addressed the issue, if at all, any relevant case law or other sources of law that are relevant to the issue, and a recommendation on how the current Commission should handle the issue.</li> </ul>

6:15 – 6:45	Update from the Family Law Section of the CT Bar Association
6:45 – 7:00	Open discussion.
7:00	Adjournment