

Minutes of Meeting
Georgia Child Support Commission
Economic Study Committee
November 26, 2013

The meeting began at 3:00 p.m.

Present:

Dr. Roger Tutterow, Chairman
Pat Buonodono, Staff Attorney
Elaine Johnson, Staff
Bruce Shaw, Staff

I. Welcome and Introduction

The purpose of this meeting was for public record and comment. No one from the public attended the meeting; therefore, the Committee elected to adopt a report made at the meeting of the full Georgia Commission on Child Support on November 22, 2013 into the minutes of this meeting.

II. Mission and Purpose

A. Statutory Duty of Commission to Review Table

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-6-50 and 45 CFR 302.56, the Commission is responsible collecting data, studying information and if necessary revising the Child Support Guidelines and/or Basic Child Support Obligations table every four years. Our next report is due in 2014.

B. Review of 2010 Final Report

III. Review of Basic Child Support Obligation Table

A. Timeline

Bids for conducting economic research surrounding the 2014 Final Report are expected to be received by the end of the calendar year 2013. After this time a timeline will be further established.

B. Economic Study

a. Selection of Company to Conduct Study

The Committee is currently in the process of soliciting bids from companies to conduct economic research. Dr. Tutterow stated the specialized nature of the research to be done limits the amount of qualified candidates. The Center for Policy Research has submitted an approximate bid to Patricia Buonodono.

b. Involvement of State Economists

Dr. Tutterow stated he will solicit participation from other economists and attempt to assemble a panel of state economists before December 31, 2013.

C. Selection of case Sampling counties

Twelve counties for the economic study have been selected at random by an algorithm developed by Dr. Tutterow. The algorithm is designed to select counties that accurately represent Georgia in per capita income and population density. The twelve counties selected are Atkinson, Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Cherokee, Columbia, Dougherty, Glynn, Peach, Pike, Taylor, and Telfair.

IV. New Business

No new business was brought forth.

V. Close of Meeting and Scheduling of Next Meeting

A. Announcement of all upcoming Commission and Committee meetings

Scheduling of this meeting was refrained until further developments with the selection of a company to conduct research are made.

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.