

**Georgia Commission on Child Support
Parenting Time Deviation Study Committee
Kathleen Connell, Esq., Chair**

**Wednesday, October 27, 2021
1:30 p.m.**

Meeting Summary

The Parenting Time Deviation Study Committee (“Study Committee”) of the Georgia Commission on Child Support (“Commission”) held this meeting via videoconferencing using Zoom webinar. Study Committee members in attendance were:

Kathleen “Katie” Connell, Chair	Sarah Mauldin
Pat Buonodono	Mark Rogers
Byron Cuthbert	Jamie Rush
Adam Gleklen	Carol Walker
Johanna Kiehl	

Executive Program Manager, Elaine Johnson, Staff Attorney, Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, and Program Coordinator, Latoinna Lawrence, served as staff for the meeting. Legislative counsel, Holly Carter, also attended. This meeting was open to the public and four members of the public attended.

Katie Connell asked if a quorum was present, and Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez advised that a quorum of Study Committee members was not present. Staff noted that a vote on approval of the minutes from the last Study Committee meeting would be conducted by e-vote.

Study Committee members discussed a suggestion submitted by Study Committee member, Ryan Bradley, and circulated to all Study Committee members by staff prior to this meeting. Mr. Bradley’s suggestion was in response to past public comment that noncustodial parents should not pay child support during summer months, if the child(ren) are in their custody during that time. Mr. Bradley suggested that if such parenting time is accounted for in the child support amount, that it not be accounted for by stopping and starting child support payments for various months throughout the year. Rather, Mr. Bradley suggested that any credit given based on parenting time should be averaged over a 12-month period. Mr. Bradley voiced this suggestion because of the logistical issues it would cause for processing child support noting that it could create under and/or overcharging, paying, and calculating which could expose some parents to undue enforcement actions.

Elaine Johnson also noted that stopping and starting child support payments instead of spreading the amount of child support over twelve months would create serious logistical issues for employers who must account for child support in payroll per income deduction orders.

Katie Connell addressed some comments made by a member of the public in the Zoom chat feature about the Study Committee preferring logistics over non-custodial parents who must pay the child support.

Sarah Mauldin asked if there were any edits to make to the “State Notes” compilation that she assembled.

Katie Connell noted that after much studying and discussion over the last few years, it is time to pivot to concrete suggestions for submission to the Child Support Commission. Mark Rogers suggested putting ideas in writing to the group in bulleted format. Katie Connell advised those wishing to submit ideas in writing to please send those to Elaine Johnson for circulation to the entire Study Committee.

Elaine Johnson will re-circulate to all members the Study Committee’s Charge & Objectives document previously approved by the Study Committee. Sarah Mauldin will make that document the first document in her “State Notes” compilation.

The next meeting of the Study Committee will be on November 15, 2021 at noon. The meeting after that was set for December 3, 2021 at noon.