

Senate Bill 115

By: Senators Davis of the 22nd, Grant of the 25th, Sims of the 12th and Stone of the 23rd

AS PASSED

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 19-6-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child
2 support in final verdict or decree, guidelines for determining the amount of the award,
3 continuation of duty to provide support, and the duration of the support, so as to exclude
4 foster care payments from the calculation of gross income for determination of child support
5 obligations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 19-6-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child support
9 in final verdict or decree, guidelines for determining the amount of the award, continuation
10 of duty to provide support, and the duration of the support, is amended in paragraph (2) of
11 subsection (f) as follows:

12 "(2) EXCLUSIONS FROM GROSS INCOME. Excluded from gross income are the following:

13 (A) Child support payments received by either parent for the benefit of a child of
14 another relationship;

15 (B) Benefits received from means-tested public assistance programs such as, but not
16 limited to:

17 (i) PeachCare for Kids Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program,
18 or similar programs in other states or territories under Title IV-A of the federal Social
19 Security Act;

20 (ii) Food stamps or the value of food assistance provided by way of electronic
21 benefits transfer procedures by the Department of Human Services;

22 (iii) Supplemental security income received under Title XVI of the federal Social
23 Security Act;

24 (iv) Benefits received under Section 402(d) of the federal Social Security Act for
25 disabled adult children of deceased disabled workers; and

26 (v) Low-income heating and energy assistance program payments; ~~and~~

27 (C) Foster care payments paid by the Department of Human Services or a licensed
28 child placing agency for providing foster care to a foster child in the custody of the
29 Department of Human Services; and
30 ~~(C)~~(D) A nonparent custodian's gross income."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.