

Georgia Child Support Commission
Technology and Calculator Subcommittee
Regina Quick Esq., Chair
Friday, April 8, 2024
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Summary

The Technology and Calculator Subcommittee of the Georgia Child Support Commission held a hybrid meeting on April 8, 2024, taking place at the State Bar of Georgia in Atlanta and via Zoom Webinar. Four (4) Subcommittee members attended. The Subcommittee members in attendance were:

Regina Quick Esq., Chair
Jung Wook Lee, Esq.

Anna G. Bolden, Esq.

Jacqueline Fortier, Esq.

Program Manager, Kurt Bryan, Staff Attorney, Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, and Program Coordinator, Latoinna Lawrence, served as staff for this meeting. Several members of the public also attended this open meeting by Zoom.

Chair Quick opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m., welcoming all. Introductions were made of those attending online. The previous Technology and Calculator Subcommittee meeting was held December 16, 2022.

Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez stated that quorum was reached, four of the seven Subcommittee members were present. Chair Quick noted the minutes from the December 16, 2022, Commission meeting had been previously distributed to all members and were unanimously approved via e-vote. Chair Quick also introduced Elaine Johnson's successor, Program Manager, Kurt Bryan.

Chair Quick spoke on the self-employment taxes paid formula. The AOC and the Judicial Council developers implemented the annual formula change for self-employment taxes paid on Schedule B of the calculator. This update comes from the Social Security Administration.

Kurt Bryan gave a PowerPoint presentation on the preexisting order screen on Schedule B in the child support calculator and the addition of a radio style button that must be activated to allow a user to enter a preexisting child support order. There were two versions presented, version A and version B. The simpler, version B, was the preferred option of the Subcommittee. A motion to present this proposed change to the full Child Support Commission was made, seconded, and unanimously approved. Chair Quick will present version B to the Commission during its April 19th meeting.

Under new business, a new case style for child support worksheets used in Juvenile Courts was discussed. Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez gave a PowerPoint presentation on a newly developed

enhancement to the child support calculator that would create an appropriate case style on the worksheet forms in Juvenile Court cases. A motion to present that new case style to the full Child Support Commission was made, seconded, and unanimously approved. If approved by the Commission, Commission staff will bring the change before the Council of Juvenile Court Judges (CJJC) to obtain their approval before implementation.

The child support calculator modernization project was discussed. The Judicial Council/AOC IT developers, along with Commission staff, will be looking at potential ways the existing calculator can be simplified. The kick-off of the calculator modernization project was on April 1, 2024. Staff will provide updates once available.

Kurt Bryan gave an update on the proposed streamline of deviations in Schedule E. In the calculator, at 51(a) (user adds specific and nonspecific deviations), a user enters two different values for the proposed deviation amount and the amount allowed by the judge or jury. Upon the removal of the low-income deviation as a result of SB 454, there will be nowhere else in the calculator where a user enters two separate amounts. In the rest of Schedule E, a user simply enters a value for the deviation amount. A suggestion was made to streamline the calculator when entering non-specific deviation amounts on Schedule E to eliminate having to enter two separate values and instead enter one value for adding specific and nonspecific deviations.

If signed by the Governor, SB 454 will add a credit for noncustodial parents if there are VA disability benefits paid to the child(ren), this will cause the child support calculator to have a new field and for the child support worksheet to have an additional line.

Staff will send out proposed future meeting dates for June 2024 via email.

This meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.