

**Georgia Child Support Commission  
Technology and Calculator Subcommittee  
Regina Quick, Esq., Chair  
Wednesday, June 12, 2024  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

The Technology and Calculator Subcommittee of the Georgia Child Support Commission held a hybrid meeting on June 12, 2024, taking place at the State Bar of Georgia in Atlanta and via Zoom Webinar. Three (3) Subcommittee members attended. The Subcommittee members in attendance were:

Regina Quick Esq., Chair

Anna G. Bolden, Esq.

Judge Warren Davis

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 via Zoom.

Chair Quick opened the meeting at 2:08 p.m., welcoming all. Introductions were made of those attending online. The previous Technology and Calculator Subcommittee meeting was held April 5, 2024.

Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez stated that quorum was not reached, as three of the six Subcommittee members were present. Chair Quick directed staff to conduct an e-vote on approval of the minutes from the April 5, 2024, Subcommittee meeting. She also recognized the passing of Deborah Johnson, Esq., a longtime member of the Subcommittee and an expert in Georgia family law.

Chair Quick gave an update on the changes to instructions on Schedule B related to preexisting orders. The Commission approved the design changes to Schedule B regarding pre-existing child support orders, and also approved the addition of a Juvenile Court case style for child support worksheets at the last full Commission meeting on April 19, 2024. Staff is currently working to implement these changes in the calculator, and it is anticipated that the changes will become effective July 1, 2024.

Under new business, Kurt Bryan provided an overview of the changes to the calculator resulting from the passage of SB 454. There will be two major changes effective July 1, 2024. The first is an updated Basic Child Support Obligation (BCSO) table that adopts the Commission recommended Rothbarth table and raises the table's vertical axis from \$30,000 to \$40,000 for the combined monthly gross income of the parents. As of July 1, 2024, any newly created worksheet will utilize the updated BCSO table. The second major change is the addition of the Veteran's Affairs provision which allows for Veteran's Affairs disability payments made directly to the child

to count against a noncustodial parent's child support obligation. This change will require a new line added to the final child support worksheet, as well as an additional field added to the Basic Information Worksheet tab within the calculator. A preview of both changes was presented to the Subcommittee. Commission staff is working to ensure these changes will be effective in the calculator on July 1, 2024.

Kurt Bryan discussed the calculator modernization project and shared several PowerPoint slides showcasing what the new child support worksheet and Basic Information Worksheet tab may look like. Kurt noted that the design will be very familiar to anyone who used the calculator previously, but it will look cleaner and more streamlined.

Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez discussed updating multiple fields within the calculator to clarify language and provide additional streamlining of the calculation process. A discussion was held regarding the "underlying order," and whether users should be listing the date of their initial child support order or listing the date of their most recent modification. It was the consensus of the Subcommittee that when parties are seeking to modify a child support order, the date of the most recent modification is a more useful date versus the date of the initial order. A discussion was held regarding field 17, Uninsured Health Care Expenses, and whether this should be an auto-populated field once the parents' respective pro rata shares are known within the worksheet. It was the consensus that this field should not be auto populated, but that care should be taken to ensure the user makes an entry in this field, such as making it a required field. There was a final discussion regarding the process of adding a child in field 14(a) and the process of "including" or "excluding" said child. Anna Bolden and Regina Quick remarked that they recognize the utility in the current functionality to add a child to the worksheet and immediately have said child excluded from the support calculation in situations of split-parenting time and step-down orders. Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez advised she would investigate the matter further.

Anna Bolden sought confirmation that the old BCSO table would be no longer be accessible after July 1, 2024, other than if a user accessed an older worksheet created prior to July 1, 2024. Kurt Bryan advised, yes, that was the case, adding clarity that all old worksheets would still utilize the old BCSO table.

Staff and Regina Quick proposed holding the next Subcommittee meeting in August 2024. Commission staff will check availability with the Subcommittee members and communicate the specific date and time of the next meeting once established.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.