

**Georgia Child Support Commission
Statute Review Subcommittee
Kathleen Connell, Esq., Co-Chair
Hon. Connie Williford, Co-Chair
Friday, November 18, 2022
1:00 p.m.**

Meeting Summary

The Statute Review Subcommittee (“Subcommittee”) of the Georgia Child Support Commission (“Commission”) held this meeting via Zoom webinar. Five (5) Subcommittee members attended. The Subcommittee members in attendance were:

Kathleen “Katie” Connell, Esq. Mara Block	Hon. Connie Williford Ryan Bradley as proxy for Byron Cuthbert	Justice Shawn LaGura
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Executive Program Manager, Elaine Johnson, Staff Attorney, Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, and Program Coordinator, Latoinna Lawrence served as staff for the meeting. Several members of the public also attended this open meeting.

Co-Chair Katie Connell opened the meeting, noted the absence of a quorum, and delayed a vote on the minutes of the Subcommittee meeting held on October 21, 2022. Staff member Latoinna Lawrence reminded everyone that public comment is not taken during subcommittee meetings. Before the conclusion of the meeting, Co-Chair Connell confirmed with staff that a quorum of eight members was not met and she asked staff to conduct an e-vote for the approval of the October 21, 2022, minutes.

Co-Chair Williford gave an update on the resolution for the legislative study committee on Parenting Time. The final draft was presented to the Commission at their November 4, 2022, meeting and was approved and sent to the legislative council, Holly Carter. Ms. Carter shared that she is awaiting a formal request by legislators.

Co-Chair Williford reminded the Subcommittee that the AOC legal department will draft the contract with Dr. Jane Venohr, the Center of Policy Research Inc., to assist with Parenting Time and Low-Income Deviation. The intention is to have the contract completed in January 2023.

Co-Chair Williford received the legitimation resources information, however, she has not had an opportunity yet to delve into the information. Co-Chair Connell asked staff to place this item on next month’s agenda.

Co-Chair Connell spoke briefly on some concerns about the extraordinary expenses handled outside the calculator, including discussion on the BCSO table and the 7% test for special expenses. Staff member Elaine Johnson shared that she had spoken with Dr. Jane Venohr and confirmed that 7% of the table does include extracurricular expenses for children and that if the Commission decides to propose removing the 7% from the calculation on Schedule E, the table

will not be impacted. A decision needs to be made if the 7% calculation should be taken out of Schedule E. Co-Chair Connell briefly spoke on the non-modifiable terms in an order for child support. Co-Chair Connell would like to push the discussion on the “in or out” inclusion of the extraordinary expense to a future meeting, as this is not a time-sensitive issue.

Co-Chair Connell revisited the discussion on replacing terms in O.C.G.A § 19-6-15 for the custodial parent and noncustodial parents, based on a recommendation from the Parenting Time Deviation Study Committee. Co-Chair Williford asked if the subcommittee considered using the party’s names. Staff reported that a help desk ticket was created to initiate adding the survey on the Commission website for the public to provide their opinions on this matter. Co-Chair Connell stated that once we have data collected on this subject, we will revisit this issue in a future meeting.

Co-Chair Connell led a short discussion on the application of social security payment overages to child support arrears. Member Pat Buonodono, who raised this item as new business at the October 21st meeting, was unable to attend today’s meeting and the matter was moved to the next meeting of this subcommittee for review.

Co-Chair Williford had a question on OCGA 19-6-15(k), the section in the child support guidelines that addresses modification, as she has concerns that some language should be clarified or eliminated. This matter will be addressed at the next meeting of the subcommittee in December.

Co-Chair Connell addressed staff’s question on tracking suggested changes for possible future legislation. She agreed that staff should begin tracking all substantive and technical suggested changes.

The next meeting date is set for December 14th, 2022, at 1:00 pm, via Zoom webinar. Co-Chair Connell asked staff to circulate dates to her and Co-Chair Williford’s offices before setting dates for January and February of 2023.

This meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.