



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6688**

LCO No. 3222



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT EXPANDING THE COMMISSION FOR CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 46b-215a of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 (a) The Commission for Child Support Guidelines is established to  
4 issue child support and arrearage guidelines to ensure the  
5 appropriateness of criteria for the establishment of child support  
6 awards and to review and issue updated guidelines every four years.  
7 Such guidelines shall ensure, subject to section 46b-215c, that current  
8 support, health care coverage, child care contribution and orders of  
9 payment on any arrearage and past due support shall be based on the  
10 income of both parents and the obligor's ability to pay. Such guidelines  
11 shall also ensure the appropriateness of periodic payment orders on  
12 arrearages when the obligor (1) is the child's legal guardian and resides  
13 with the child, or (2) is not the child's legal guardian but has resided  
14 with the child either for at least six months immediately preceding the  
15 order of payment on the arrearage or for at least six months of the

16 twelve months immediately preceding such order. In such cases, the  
17 commission shall consider exemptions similar to those in the uniform  
18 contribution scale adopted pursuant to section 4a-12. Updated  
19 arrearage guidelines shall be issued at the same time as the child  
20 support guidelines.

21 (b) The commission shall consist of [~~eleven~~] thirteen members as  
22 follows:

23 (1) The Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief Court  
24 Administrator's designee;

25 (2) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's  
26 designee;

27 (3) The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;

28 (4) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
29 committee on judiciary, or their designees;

30 (5) The Child Advocate or the Child Advocate's designee;

31 (6) The director of the Bureau of Child Support Enforcement, or the  
32 director's designee;

33 ~~[(5)]~~ (7) A representative of the Connecticut Bar Association,  
34 designated by the Connecticut Bar Association; and

35 ~~[(6)]~~ (8) Three members appointed by the Governor, one of whom  
36 represents an agency that delivers legal services to the poor, one of  
37 whom represents the financial concerns of child support obligors and  
38 one of whom represents the Permanent Commission on the Status of  
39 Women.

40 (c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall convene the  
41 commission whenever a review is required to issue updated guidelines  
42 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and shall provide staffing for

43 the administrative and regulatory responsibilities of the commission  
44 and, within available appropriations, funding for economic studies  
45 required by the commission.

46 (d) The chairperson of the commission shall be elected by the  
47 members of the commission. A vacancy on the commission at any time  
48 shall not invalidate any actions taken by the commission during such  
49 vacancy, provided at least nine members of the commission are  
50 serving at the time of such action.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	46b-215a

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide representation for children, low-income families and the state Title IV-D agency on the Commission for Child Support Guidelines and to ensure adequate staffing for the commission's statutory responsibilities.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*