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2 An act relating to spousal and child support; amending s. 3 61.13, F.S.; providing requirements for child support and 4 income deduction orders relating to termination of child 5 support; amending s. 61.14, F.S.; specifying how payments 6 on alimony or spousal support judgments shall be applied; 7 conforming a cross-reference; providing for enforcement of 8 interest payments on child support and alimony or spousal 9 support judgments; providing that interest not accrue on 10 postjudgment interest; amending s. 61.30, F.S.; specifying 11 a definition relating to payment of child support varying from the quideline amount whenever any of the children are 12 13 required by court order to spend a substantial amount of 14 time with either parent; requiring specified findings in 15 order for a court to impute income beyond minimum wage; 16 prohibiting use of certain factors in imputing income beyond minimum wage unless a court makes specified 17 findings; revising provisions relating to income tax 18 19 calculations used in determining net income; deleting 20 certain net income amounts from the child support 21 guidelines schedule; providing that certain percentages 22 used for combined monthly net income greater than the 23 amount set out in the guidelines schedule shall not be 24 used to determine child support beyond the amount 25 necessary to satisfy the reasonable needs of the child or 26 children; eliminating a reduction in the child care cost 27 added to the basic support obligation; providing for 28 determination of the total minimum child support need;

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29 deleting provisions relating to adjustment of a minimum 30 child support award relating to the Internal Revenue 31 Service dependency exemption; providing for adjustment of 32 a party's minimum child support award when application of the child support guidelines leaves the party with a net 33 34 income lower than the federal poverty guidelines; revising 35 the amount of time spent with one parent that is necessary 36 for consideration as a factor in determining a deviation 37 in child support; deleting a requirement that every 38 petition for child support or for a modification of child 39 support be accompanied by an affidavit showing specified information; allowing a court to order a party to execute 40 a waiver of the Internal Revenue Service dependency 41 42 exemption for a child for good cause shown; amending s. 43 409.2563, F.S.; conforming cross-references; revising 44 provisions relating to a presumption of minimum wage earning capacity for purposes of administrative support 45 orders; amending s. 742.031, F.S.; conforming a cross-46 47 reference; amending s. 742.08, F.S.; providing for enforcement of interest payments on support judgments; 48 49 providing that interest shall not accrue on postjudgment 50 interest; providing an effective date. 51

52 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 53 54 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 55 61.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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56 61.13 Support of children; parenting and time-sharing; 57 powers of court.-

(1) (a) In a proceeding under this chapter, the court may at any time order either or both parents who owe a duty of support to a child to pay support to the other parent or, in the case of both parents, to <u>a third party</u> the person with custody in accordance with the child support guidelines schedule in s. 63 61.30.

64 <u>1. All child support orders and income deduction orders</u> 65 <u>entered on or after October 1, 2010, shall provide for the</u> 66 <u>following:</u>

67 a. The termination of child support upon a child's 18th 68 birthday, unless the court finds or has previously found that s. 69 743.07(2) applies or unless otherwise agreed to by the parties. b. A schedule, based upon the record existing at the time 70 71 of the order, stating the amount of the monthly child support 72 obligation for all the minor children at the time of the order 73 and the amount of child support that will be owed for the 74 remaining children for whom child support will continue when any 75 child is no longer entitled to receive child support under this 76 subparagraph.

77 <u>c. The day, month, and year that the reduction or</u>
 78 termination of child support becomes effective.

79 <u>2. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1.</u>, the court initially 80 entering an order requiring one or both parents to make child 81 support payments has continuing jurisdiction after the entry of 82 the initial order to modify the amount and terms and conditions 83 of the child support payments when the modification is found

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84 necessary by the court in the best interests of the child, when 85 the child reaches majority, when there is a substantial change 86 in the circumstances of the parties, when s. 743.07(2) applies, 87 or when a child is emancipated, marries, joins the armed services, or dies. The court initially entering a child support 88 89 order has continuing jurisdiction to require the obligee to 90 report to the court on terms prescribed by the court regarding 91 the disposition of the child support payments.

92 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (6) and paragraph 93 (b) of subsection (11) of section 61.14, Florida Statutes, are 94 amended, and subsection (12) is added to that section, to read:

95 61.14 Enforcement and modification of support,96 maintenance, or alimony agreements or orders.-

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98 (d) The court shall hear the obligor's motion to contest 99 the impending judgment within 15 days after the date of filing 100 of the motion. Upon the court's denial of the obligor's motion, 101 the amount of the delinquency and all other amounts that become 102 due, together with costs and a service charge of up to \$25, 103 become a final judgment by operation of law against the obligor. 104 The depository shall charge interest at the rate established in 105 s. 55.03 on all judgments for support. Payments on judgments 106 shall be applied first to the current child support due, then to any delinquent principal, and then to interest on the support 107 judgment. Payments on alimony or spousal support judgments shall 108 109 be applied first to the current alimony or spousal support due, 110 then to any delinquent principal, and then to interest on the 111 alimony or spousal support judgment.

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112 (11)The modification of the temporary support order may be 113 (b) retroactive to the date of the initial entry of the temporary 114 115 support order; to the date of filing of the initial petition for 116 dissolution of marriage, initial petition for support, initial 117 petition determining paternity, or supplemental petition for 118 modification; or to a date prescribed in paragraph (1)(a) or s. 119 61.30(11)(c) or (16)(17), as applicable. 120 (12) Interest on child support and alimony or spousal support judgments shall be enforceable through all of the 121 122 methods available to enforce the underlying support order, 123 including contempt. Interest shall not accrue on postjudgment 124 interest. 125 Section 3. Section 61.30, Florida Statutes, is amended to 126 read: 127 61.30 Child support guidelines; retroactive child 128 support.-129 The child support quideline amount as determined by (1)(a) 130 this section presumptively establishes the amount the trier of 131 fact shall order as child support in an initial proceeding for 132 such support or in a proceeding for modification of an existing 133 order for such support, whether the proceeding arises under this 134 or another chapter. The trier of fact may order payment of child 135 support which varies, plus or minus 5 percent, from the guideline amount, after considering all relevant factors, 136 including the needs of the child or children, age, station in 137 138 life, standard of living, and the financial status and ability 139 of each parent. The trier of fact may order payment of child Page 5 of 35

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140 support in an amount which varies more than 5 percent from such 141 guideline amount only upon a written finding explaining why ordering payment of such guideline amount would be unjust or 142 143 inappropriate. Notwithstanding the variance limitations of this 144 section, the trier of fact shall order payment of child support 145 which varies from the guideline amount as provided in paragraph 146 (11) (b) whenever any of the children are required by court order 147 or mediation agreement to spend a substantial amount of time 148 with either parent as defined by subparagraph (11)(b)8. This requirement applies to any living arrangement, whether temporary 149 150 or permanent.

(b) The guidelines may provide the basis for proving a substantial change in circumstances upon which a modification of an existing order may be granted. However, the difference between the existing monthly obligation and the amount provided for under the guidelines shall be at least 15 percent or \$50, whichever amount is greater, before the court may find that the guidelines provide a substantial change in circumstances.

(c) For each support order reviewed by the department as required by s. 409.2564(11), if the amount of the child support award under the order differs by at least 10 percent but not less than \$25 from the amount that would be awarded under s. 61.30, the department shall seek to have the order modified and any modification shall be made without a requirement for proof or showing of a change in circumstances.

165 (2) Income shall be determined on a monthly basis for each 166 parent as follows:

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(a)

Gross income shall include, but is not limited to, the $$\mathsf{Page}\,6\,of\,35$$

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196 parent has no control. In the event of such voluntary 197 unemployment or underemployment, the employment potential and 198 probable earnings level of the parent shall be determined based 199 upon his or her recent work history, occupational 200 qualifications, and prevailing earnings level in the community 201 as provided in this paragraph; however, the court may refuse to 202 impute income to a parent if the court finds it necessary for 203 the parent to stay home with the child who is the subject of a 204 child support calculation. 2. In order for the court to impute income beyond minimum 205 wage under subparagraph 1., the court must make specific 206 207 findings of fact consistent with the requirements of this 208 subparagraph. The party seeking to impute income has the burden 209 to present competent, substantial evidence showing the 210 following: 211 a. That the unemployment or underemployment is voluntary. 212 b. The amount and source of the imputed income, through 213 evidence of income from available employment for which the party 214 is suitably qualified by education, experience, current 215 licensure, or geographic location, with due consideration being 216 given to the parties' time-sharing schedule and their historical exercise of the time-sharing provided in the parenting plan or 217 218 relevant order. 219 3. There shall be a rebuttable presumption entitling the court to impute Florida minimum wage on a full-time basis to a 220 221 parent, absent a finding by the court that: 222 a. The parent has a physical or mental incapacity that 223 renders the parent unemployable or underemployed;

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224	b. The parent needs to stay home to care for a child who
225	is the subject of the child support calculation, thereby
226	preventing the parent's employment or rendering the parent
227	underemployed; or
228	c. There are other circumstances over which the parent has
229	no control, except for penal incarceration, that prevent the
230	parent from earning an income.
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232	If evidence is produced that demonstrates that the parent is a
233	resident of another state, that state's minimum wage law shall
234	apply. In the absence of a state minimum wage, the federal
235	minimum wage as determined by the United States Department of
236	Labor shall apply.
237	4. Unless the court makes the appropriate findings under
238	sub-subparagraph 2.b., income may not be imputed beyond the
239	minimum wage requirements in subparagraph 3. based upon:
240	a. Income records that are more than 5 years old at the
241	time of the hearing or trial at which imputation is sought; or
242	b. Income at a level that a party has never earned in the
243	past, unless recently graduated, licensed, certified,
244	relicensed, or recertified and thus qualified for, subject to
245	geographic location, with due consideration of the parties'
246	existing time-sharing schedule and their historical exercise of
247	the time-sharing provided in the parenting plan or relevant
248	order.
249	(c) Public assistance as defined in s. 409.2554 shall be
250	excluded from gross income.

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251 Net income is obtained by subtracting allowable (3) 252 deductions from gross income. Allowable deductions shall 253 include: 254 Federal, state, and local income tax, which shall be (a) 255 calculated using gross income deductions, adjusted for actual 256 filing status, personal and dependency exemptions, applicable 257 deductions, earned income credits, child and dependent care 258 credits, and other allowable tax credits and allowable 259 dependents and income tax liabilities. 260 (b) Federal insurance contributions or self-employment 261 tax. 262 (c) Mandatory union dues. (d) Mandatory retirement payments. 263 264 (e) Health insurance payments, excluding payments for 265 coverage of the minor child. 266 (f) Court-ordered support for other children which is 267 actually paid. 268 Spousal support paid pursuant to a court order from a (q) 269 previous marriage or the marriage before the court. 270 (4) Net income for each parent shall be computed by 271 subtracting allowable deductions from gross income. 272 (5) Net income for each parent shall be added together for 273 a combined net income. 274 The following quidelines schedule shall be applied to (6) 275 the combined net income to determine the minimum child support 276 need: 277

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292	1250.00	290	451	565	634	641	648
293	1300.00	300	467	584	659	688	695
294	1350.00	310	482	603	681	735	743
295	1400.00	320	498	623	702	765	790
296	1450.00	330	513	642	724	789	838
297	1500.00	340	529	662	746	813	869
298	1550.00	350	544	681	768	836	895
299	1600.00	360	560	701	790	860	920
300	1650.00	370	575	720	812	884	945
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302	1700.00	380	591	740	833	907	971
303	1750.00	390	606	759	855	931	996
304	1800.00	400	622	779	877	955	1022
	1850.00	410	638	798	900	979	1048
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307	2000.00	442	686	859	968	1054	1128
308	2050.00	452	702	879	991	1079	1154
309	2100.00	463	718	899	1014	1104	1181
310	2150.00	473	734	919	1037	1129	1207
311	2200.00	484	751	940	1060	1154	1234
312	2250.00		767	960		1179	
313		494					
314	2300.00	505	783	980	1105	1204	1287
315	2350.00	515	799	1000	1128	1229	1314
316	2400.00	526	815	1020	1151	1254	1340
317	2450.00	536	831	1041	1174	1279	1367
318	2500.00	547	847	1061	1196	1304	1394
	2550.00	557	864	1081	1219	1329	1420
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323	2800.00	607	941	1178	1328	1448	1549
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325	2850.00	616	956	1197	1349	1471	1573
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327	2950.00	635	986	1234	1391	1517	1622
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387	6000.00	1121	1737	2175	2451	2676	2860
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414	7300.00	1235	1921	2408	2707	2956	3162
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418	7550.00	1255	1951	2446	2750	3002	3211
419	7600.00	1259	1957	2453	2758	3011	3220
420	7650.00	1263	1963	2461	2767	3020	3230
421	7700.00	1267	1969	2468	2775	3030	3240
422	7750.00	1271	1975	2476	2784	3039	3250
423	7800.00	1274	1981	2483	2792	3048	3259
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425	7850.00		1987			3057	
426	7900.00	1282	1992	2498	2810	3067	3279
427	7950.00	1286	1998	2506	2818	3076	3289
428	8000.00	1290	2004	2513	2827	3085	3298
429	8050.00	1294	2010	2521	2835	3094	3308
	8100.00	1298	2016	2529	2844	3104	3318
430	8150.00	1302	2022	2536	2852	3113	3328
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434	8350.00	1317	2046	2566	2887	3150	3367
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436	8450.00	1325	2058	2581	2904	3168	3386
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438	8500.00	1329	2064	2589	2912	3178	3396
439	8550.00	1333	2070	2597	2921	3187	3406
440	8600.00	1337	2076	2604	2929	3196	3415
441	8650.00	1341	2082	2612	2938	3205	3425
	8700.00	1345	2088	2619	2946	3215	3435
442	8750.00	1349	2094	2627	2955	3224	3445
443	8800.00	1352	2100	2634	2963	3233	3454
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452 453	9250.00	1388	2153	2702	3040	3316	3542
453	9300.00	1391	2159	2710	3049	3326	3552
	9350.00	1395	2165	2717	3058	3335	3562
455	9400.00	1399	2171	2725	3066	3344	3571
456	9450.00	1403	2177	2732	3075	3353	3581
457	9500.00	1407	2183	2740	3083	3363	3591
458	9550.00	1411	2189	2748	3092	3372	3601
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462	9700.00	1422	2206	2767	3115	3396	3628
	9750.00	1425	2210	2772	3121	3402	3634
463	9800.00	1427	2213	2776	3126	3408	3641
464	9850.00	1430	2217	2781	3132	3414	3647
465	9900.00	1432	2221	2786	3137	3420	3653
466	9950.00	1435	2225	2791	3143	3426	3659
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For combined monthly net income less than the amount set out on 469 470 the above guidelines schedule, the parent should be ordered to 471 pay a child support amount, determined on a case-by-case basis, 472 to establish the principle of payment and lay the basis for 473 increased orders should the parent's income increase in the 474 future. For combined monthly net income greater than the amount 475 set out in the above guidelines schedule, the obligation shall be the minimum amount of support provided by the guidelines 476 477 schedule plus the following percentages multiplied by the amount 478 of income over \$10,000:

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	Child or Children	
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	One Two Three Four Five Six	
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	5.0% 7.5% 9.5% 11.0% 12.0% 12.5%	
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483	These percentages shall not be used to determine child support	
484	beyond the amount necessary to satisfy the reasonable needs of	
485	the child or children.	
486	(7) Child care costs incurred on behalf of the children	
487	due to employment, job search, or education calculated to result	-
488	in employment or to enhance income of current employment of	
489	either parent shall be reduced by 25 percent and then shall be	
490	added to the basic obligation. After the adjusted child care	
491	costs are added to the basic obligation, any moneys prepaid by a	ì
492	parent for child care costs for the child or children of this	
493	action shall be deducted from that parent's child support	
494	obligation for that child or those children. Child care costs	
495	shall not exceed the level required to provide quality care from	1
496	a licensed source for the children.	
497	(8) Health insurance costs resulting from coverage ordered	1
498	pursuant to s. 61.13(1)(b), and any noncovered medical, dental,	
499	and prescription medication expenses of the child, shall be	
500	added to the basic obligation unless these expenses have been	
501	ordered to be separately paid on a percentage basis. After the	
502	health insurance costs are added to the basic obligation, any	
503	moneys prepaid by a parent for health-related costs for the	
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504 child or children of this action shall be deducted from that 505 parent's child support obligation for that child or those 506 children.

507 (9) Each parent's percentage share of the child support
508 need shall be determined by dividing each parent's net monthly
509 income by the combined net monthly income.

(10) The total minimum child support need shall be determined by adding child care costs and health insurance costs to the minimum child support need. Each parent's actual dollar share of the total minimum child support need shall be determined by multiplying the minimum child support need by each parent's percentage share of the combined monthly net income.

(11) (a) The court may adjust the total minimum child support award, or either or both parents' share of the total minimum child support award, based upon the following deviation factors:

520 1. Extraordinary medical, psychological, educational, or 521 dental expenses.

522 2. Independent income of the child, not to include moneys 523 received by a child from supplemental security income.

524 3. The payment of support for a parent which regularly has 525 been paid and for which there is a demonstrated need.

526 4. Seasonal variations in one or both parents' incomes or 527 expenses.

528 5. The age of the child, taking into account the greater 529 needs of older children.

530 6. Special needs, such as costs that may be associated 531 with the disability of a child, that have traditionally been met

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532 within the family budget even though the fulfilling of those 533 needs will cause the support to exceed the presumptive amount 534 established by the guidelines.

535 7. Total available assets of the obligee, obligor, and the 536 child.

537 8. The impact of the Internal Revenue Service dependency 538 exemption and waiver of that exemption. The court may order a 539 parent to execute a waiver of the Internal Revenue Service 540 dependency exemption if the paying parent is current in support 541 payments.

542 <u>8.9.</u> When application of the child support guidelines 543 schedule requires a person to pay another person more than 55 544 percent of his or her gross income for a child support 545 obligation for current support resulting from a single support 546 order <u>or when the application of the child support guidelines</u> 547 <u>leaves a party with a net income that is lower than the current</u> 548 <u>federal poverty guidelines</u>.

549 <u>9.10.</u> The particular parenting plan, such as where the 550 child spends a significant amount of time, but less than <u>20</u> 40 551 percent of the overnights, with one parent, thereby reducing the 552 financial expenditures incurred by the other parent; or the 553 refusal of a parent to become involved in the activities of the 554 child.

555 <u>10.11.</u> Any other adjustment which is needed to achieve an 556 equitable result which may include, but not be limited to, a 557 reasonable and necessary existing expense or debt. Such expense 558 or debt may include, but is not limited to, a reasonable and

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559 necessary expense or debt which the parties jointly incurred 560 during the marriage.

(b) Whenever a particular parenting plan provides that
each child spend a substantial amount of time with each parent,
the court shall adjust any award of child support, as follows:

1. In accordance with subsections (9) and (10), calculate the amount of support obligation apportioned to each parent without including day care and health insurance costs in the calculation and multiply the amount by 1.5.

568 2. Calculate the percentage of overnight stays the child569 spends with each parent.

570 3. Multiply each parent's support obligation as calculated 571 in subparagraph 1. by the percentage of the other parent's 572 overnight stays with the child as calculated in subparagraph 2.

4. The difference between the amounts calculated in subparagraph 3. shall be the monetary transfer necessary between the parents for the care of the child, subject to an adjustment for day care and health insurance expenses.

577 5. Pursuant to subsections (7) and (8), calculate the net 578 amounts owed by each parent for the expenses incurred for day 579 care and health insurance coverage for the child. Day care shall 580 be calculated without regard to the 25-percent reduction applied 581 by subsection (7).

582 6. Adjust the support obligation owed by each parent 583 pursuant to subparagraph 4. by crediting or debiting the amount 584 calculated in subparagraph 5. This amount represents the child 585 support which must be exchanged between the parents.

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586 7. The court may deviate from the child support amount 587 calculated pursuant to subparagraph 6. based upon the deviation 588 factors in paragraph (a), as well as the obligee parent's low 589 income and ability to maintain the basic necessities of the home 590 for the child, the likelihood that either parent will actually 591 exercise the time-sharing schedule set forth in the parenting 592 plan granted by the court, and whether all of the children are 593 exercising the same time-sharing schedule.

8. For purposes of adjusting any award of child support under this paragraph, "substantial amount of time" means that a parent exercises <u>time-sharing</u> visitation at least <u>20</u> 40 percent of the overnights of the year.

598 A parent's failure to regularly exercise the court-(C) 599 ordered or agreed time-sharing schedule not caused by the other parent which resulted in the adjustment of the amount of child 600 601 support pursuant to subparagraph (a)9.10. or paragraph (b) shall 602 be deemed a substantial change of circumstances for purposes of 603 modifying the child support award. A modification pursuant to 604 this paragraph shall be retroactive to the date the noncustodial 605 parent first failed to regularly exercise the court-ordered or 606 agreed time-sharing schedule.

(12) (a) A parent with a support obligation may have other children living with him or her who were born or adopted after the support obligation arose. If such subsequent children exist, the court, when considering an upward modification of an existing award, may disregard the income from secondary employment obtained in addition to the parent's primary employment if the court determines that the employment was

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614 obtained primarily to support the subsequent children.

615 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (a), the existence of 616 such subsequent children should not as a general rule be 617 considered by the court as a basis for disregarding the amount 618 provided in the guidelines schedule. The parent with a support 619 obligation for subsequent children may raise the existence of 620 such subsequent children as a justification for deviation from 621 the guidelines schedule. However, if the existence of such 622 subsequent children is raised, the income of the other parent of 623 the subsequent children shall be considered by the court in 624 determining whether or not there is a basis for deviation from 625 the guideline amount.

(c) The issue of subsequent children under paragraph (a)
or paragraph (b) may only be raised in a proceeding for an
upward modification of an existing award and may not be applied
to justify a decrease in an existing award.

(13) If the recurring income is not sufficient to meet the
needs of the child, the court may order child support to be paid
from nonrecurring income or assets.

633 (14) Every petition for child support or for modification 634 of child support shall be accompanied by an affidavit which 635 shows the party's income, allowable deductions, and net income computed in accordance with this section. The affidavit shall be 636 637 served at the same time that the petition is served. The 638 respondent, whether or not a stipulation is entered, shall make an affidavit which shows the party's income, allowable 639 640 deductions, and net income computed in accordance with this 641 section. The respondent shall include his or her affidavit with Page 30 of 35

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the answer to the petition or as soon thereafter as is
practicable, but in any case at least 72 hours prior to any
hearing on the finances of either party.

645 <u>(14)(15)</u> For purposes of establishing an obligation for 646 support in accordance with this section, if a person who is 647 receiving public assistance is found to be noncooperative as 648 defined in s. 409.2572, the IV-D agency is authorized to submit 649 to the court an affidavit attesting to the income of that parent 650 based upon information available to the IV-D agency.

651 (15) (16) The Legislature shall review the guidelines
652 schedule established in this section at least every 4 years
653 beginning in 1997.

654 (16) (17) In an initial determination of child support, 655 whether in a paternity action, dissolution of marriage action, 656 or petition for support during the marriage, the court has 657 discretion to award child support retroactive to the date when 658 the parents did not reside together in the same household with 659 the child, not to exceed a period of 24 months preceding the 660 filing of the petition, regardless of whether that date precedes 661 the filing of the petition. In determining the retroactive award 662 in such cases, the court shall consider the following:

(a) The court shall apply the guidelines schedule in
effect at the time of the hearing subject to the obligor's
demonstration of his or her actual income, as defined by
subsection (2), during the retroactive period. Failure of the
obligor to so demonstrate shall result in the court using the
obligor's income at the time of the hearing in computing child
support for the retroactive period.

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670 All actual payments made by a parent to the other (b) 671 parent or the child or third parties for the benefit of the 672 child throughout the proposed retroactive period. The court should consider an installment payment plan 673 (C) 674 for the payment of retroactive child support. 675 (17) The court may, for good cause shown, order the parent 676 otherwise entitled to the Internal Revenue Service dependency 677 exemption for a child to execute a waiver of the dependency 678 exemption. 679 Section 4. Paragraph (g) of subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 409.2563, Florida Statutes, are 680 681 amended to read: 682 409.2563 Administrative establishment of child support 683 obligations.-DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term: 684 (1)685 (q) "Retroactive support" means a child support obligation 686 established pursuant to s. $61.30(16) \cdot (17)$. 687 688 Other terms used in this section have the meanings ascribed in ss. 61.046 and 409.2554. 689 690 (5) PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ORDER.-691 After serving notice upon a parent in accordance with (a) 692 subsection (4), the department shall calculate that parent's 693 child support obligation under the child support guidelines 694 schedule as provided by s. 61.30, based on any timely financial 695 affidavits received and other information available to the department. If either parent fails to comply with the 696 697 requirement to furnish a financial affidavit, the department may

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698 proceed on the basis of information available from any source, 699 if such information is sufficiently reliable and detailed to 700 allow calculation of quideline schedule amounts under s. 61.30. 701 If a parent receives public assistance and fails to submit a 702 financial affidavit, the department may submit a financial affidavit for that parent pursuant to s. 61.30(14) (15). If there 703 704 is a lack of sufficient reliable information concerning a 705 parent's actual earnings for a current or past period, there 706 shall be a rebuttable presumption it shall be presumed for the 707 purpose of establishing a support obligation that the parent had 708 an earning capacity equal to the Florida federal minimum wage on 709 a full-time basis during the applicable period, unless evidence is presented that the parent is a resident of another state, in 710 which case that state's minimum wage shall apply. In the absence 711 712 of a state minimum wage, the federal minimum wage as determined by the United States Department of Labor shall apply. 713 714 Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 715 742.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 716 742.031 Hearings; court orders for support, hospital 717 expenses, and attorney's fee.-718 (4) 719 The modification of the temporary support order may be (b) 720 retroactive to the date of the initial entry of the temporary 721 support order; to the date of filing of the initial petition for dissolution of marriage, petition for support, petition 722 determining paternity, or supplemental petition for 723 modification; or to a date prescribed in s. 61.14(1)(a) or s. 724 725 61.30(11)(c) or (16)(17), as applicable.

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726 Section 6. Section 742.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to 727 read:

728 Default of support payments.-Upon default in 742.08 729 payment of any moneys ordered by the court to be paid, the court 730 may enter a judgment for the amount in default, plus interest, administrative costs, filing fees, and other expenses incurred 731 732 by the clerk of the circuit court which shall be a lien upon all 733 property of the defendant both real and personal. Interest on 734 support judgments shall be enforceable through all of the 735 methods available to enforce the underlying support order, including contempt. Interest shall not accrue on postjudgment 736 737 interest. Costs and fees shall be assessed only after the court 738 makes a determination of the nonprevailing party's ability to 739 pay such costs and fees. In Title IV-D cases, any costs, including filing fees, recording fees, mediation costs, service 740 741 of process fees, and other expenses incurred by the clerk of the 742 circuit court, shall be assessed only against the nonprevailing 743 obligor after the court makes a determination of the 744 nonprevailing obligor's ability to pay such costs and fees. The 745 Department of Revenue shall not be considered a party for 746 purposes of this section; however, fees may be assessed against 747 the department pursuant to s. 57.105(1). Willful failure to 748 comply with an order of the court shall be deemed a contempt of 749 the court entering the order and shall be punished as such. The court may require bond of the defendant for the faithful 750 performance of his or her obligation under the order of the 751 752 court in such amount and upon such conditions as the court shall 753 direct.

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