

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Administrative Order No. 70

Re: Kansas Child Support Guidelines

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suppended  
A.O. 75  
183-2090  
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WHEREAS, on October 1, 1987, the Kansas Supreme Court issued Administrative Order No. 59 (1988 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 54 *et seq.*) promulgating the Kansas Child Support Guidelines which are now in effect throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, in April 1989, the court appointed the Child Support Guidelines Advisory Committee to review the implementation of the statewide child support guidelines, solicit public input, and make recommendations addressing the new federal mandates of the Family Support Act of 1988; and

WHEREAS, the committee delivered its majority and minority reports to the court on September 27, 1989, which propose substantial amendments to the present Guidelines, and the court promptly distributed the reports to all judges across the state, seeking their comments; and

WHEREAS, within the last week the court has received many thoughtful letters from interested persons, stating with particularity objections and suggestions relating to the proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, changes in the Guidelines will directly affect many Kansans, and the court and the committee do not have sufficient time, under the time constraints of the federal legislation, to review the objections and suggestions received;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Child Support Guidelines Advisory Committee is requested by the court to review the proposed changes in

light of the comments, objections, and suggestions the court has received and make a further report to the court by the 15th of January, 1990.

2. Administrative Order No. 59 Re: Kansas Child Support Guidelines, 1988 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 54 *et seq.*, is hereby continued in full force and effect with the following modifications:

- A. Page 55, Paragraph I is hereby amended to read as follows:

- I. USE OF THE GUIDELINES

~~The Kansas Child Support Guidelines, are a suggested basis for establishing and reviewing child support orders in the district courts in Kansas. -- effective October 13, 1989, create a rebuttable presumption for the award of child support in all cases. Judges and hearing officers must follow the guidelines. The net child support obligation calculated on Worksheet A (Appendix I) in the absence of other evidence shall be deemed prima facie evidence a rebuttable presumption of a reasonable child support order. However, the court shall consider all relevant evidence presented in setting the amount of child support, including but not limited to the --~~ The supplemental considerations set forth in II.C. and III. -- shall constitute the criteria sufficient to rebut the presumption, and raise or lower the support, giving due consideration to the best interests of the child. If the parties have entered into an overall settlement involving child support and alimony, the court shall enforce the same if the overall settlement adequately provides for the children. -- The purpose of these guidelines is not to establish a rigid formula, but to produce more consistency in child support orders throughout the state. -- The ultimate goal in each case should be justice and fairness for the children and parents in light of the ability of --

