

HB 514 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **514**

AN ACT revising the child support guidelines.

SPONSORS: Rep. Oigny, Rock 34; Rep. Pantelakos, Rock 25; Rep. K. Rice, Hills 37

COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that the total child support obligation for both parents shall be no greater than \$600 per month, per child.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough~~].
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

AN ACT revising the child support guidelines.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Statement of Findings. The general court finds that:

2 I. The 2004 Commission to Study Child Support and Related Child Custody Issues
3 recommended that New Hampshire adopt a cost-based model in determining child support
4 obligations.

5 II. The revisions to the child support formula in this act are based on the recommendations
6 of the commission and establish a formula more closely tied to the basic cost of raising a child in
7 New Hampshire.

8 2 Definition of Total Support Obligation. Amend RSA 458-C:2, XI to read as follows:

9 XI. "Total support obligation" means *either* net income multiplied by the appropriate
10 percentage derived from RSA 458-C:3 **or \$600 per month, per child, whichever is less.**

11 3 Child Support Formula; \$600 Maximum. RSA 458-C:3, II(a) is repealed and reenacted to read
12 as follows:

13 (a) The total support obligation shall be equal to \$600 per month per child, taking into
14 account the age and special needs of each child for whom support is being calculated, or the parents'
15 total net income, as defined in RSA 458-C:2, VI, multiplied by the appropriate percentage derived
16 from paragraph I, whichever is less.

17 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.