

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SURRA, MARKOSEK, COY, THOMAS, SHANER, WALKO,
MELIO, RUBLEY, TRELLO, BELARDI, S. H. SMITH, STEELMAN,
ROONEY, OLASZ AND HALUSKA, APRIL 10, 1996

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 10, 1996

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for support guidelines.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Section 4322(a) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 4322. Support guideline.

8 (a) Statewide guideline.--Child and spousal support shall be
9 awarded pursuant to a Statewide guideline as established by
10 general rule by the Supreme Court, so that persons similarly
11 situated shall be treated similarly. The guideline shall be
12 based upon the reasonable needs of the child or spouse seeking
13 support [and], the ability of the obligor to provide support and
14 the amount of support, if any, previously provided by the
15 obligor. In determining the reasonable needs of the child or
16 spouse seeking support and the ability of the obligor to provide
17 support, the guideline shall place primary emphasis on the net

1 incomes and earning capacities of the parties, with allowable
2 deviations for unusual needs, extraordinary expenses and other
3 factors, such as the parties' assets, as warrant special
4 attention. The guideline so developed shall be reviewed at least
5 once every four years.

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7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.