

Child Support Advisory Committee

September 16, 2025, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.,

Committee Members Present via WebEx/Phone: Darryl Apperton, Margaret A. Bennett, Howard Feldman, Katie Gaughan-Palombi, The Honorable Judge Victoria Kennison, Sally Kolb, Elizabeth Lingle, The Honorable Judge Pam Loza, Nicole McKinnon, The Honorable Judge Alana I. Mejias, Jessica Patchik, Jill Outland for Dulce M. Quintero, The Honorable Regina Scannicchio, Renee Banks and Janet Hunter for The Honorable Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Richard W. Zuckerman

Committee Members Absent: The Honorable Grace Dickler, The Honorable La Shawn Ford, Geraldine Franco, Dr. Kirk E. Harris, Niya Kelly, Christina Mahoney, Phillip J. Mohr, Christine Raffaele, The Honorable Regina Scannicchio, Chlece Walker-Neal-Murray, The Honorable Judge Alicia Washington

HFS Staff Present: Irene Curran, Patricia Dulin, Christine Towels, Eric Watson, Sharon Shapiro, Lauren Volanti, Celeste Kannall, Ryan McLean, Heather Austif

Public Guests: Nancy Shafer and Mike Richards

1. Welcome to CSAC members – Richard Zuckerman, Chair
2. Roll Call and Introductions
 - Roll Call of Committee Members – Richard Zuckerman
 - Introduction of State Employees & Members of the Public
 - All Committee Members, Attendees & Members of the Public are requested to announce yourself
3. Approval of May 27, 2025, Meeting Notes
 - Motion to approve, seconded, passed unanimously
4. One Net Training Reminder – Kannall
 - Asking that anyone that has not completed the training at this time to please attempt to log in to One Net. If there are issues signing on there is time to work through them. The 6 mandatory trainings are available to complete. Completion date is December 12, 2025. Celeste is available if there are any questions or issues.
5. Subcommittee Reports
 - Shared Parenting – Feldman/Bennett
 - Presentation of a recommendation to the Committee for a vote
 - Howard Feldman mentions the sub-committee has submitted, and the Committee has received, both a memorandum and suggested general legislation not

in the form of the Legislative Reference Bureau. The suggested general legislation is a draft of what is believed the legislation will look like. It was recommended that the full Committee adopt the proposed legislative changes to be submitted to the legislature or to be instituted by the Department.

- Motion to approve the proposed legislative changes, seconded, passed unanimously
- Next step is to forward to Bryan to turn into a piece of legislation for the 2026 legislative session.

➤ Self-Support Reserve and Minimum Child Support Orders – Harris/Lingle

- Presentation of a recommendation to the Committee for a vote
 - Elizabeth Lingle reminds every one of the discussions during the May meeting and that the sub-committee has put out the written proposal for the Committee to review and asking that the Committee vote yes to adopting this proposal.
 - Motion to approve the recommended legislative change, seconded, passed unanimously
 - Next steps will be to pass along to Bryan to get into the 2026 legislative package.

6. Family 1st Parental Work Group – Harris/Watson

- Eric Watson shares that they continue to move forward towards a parent Work Group. The application is complete and has been placed on the Child Support Website. Solicitations for membership have not gone out, however there is one application so far. There is a final draft of a letter that is being proposed to go to legislators and service organizations throughout the state. Waiting for final approval to send. This should be approved anytime.

7. Relevant Legislation Passed in 104th General Assembly (1st Session)

- Richard Zuckerman speaks on HB 2568, which was amendatorily vetoed by the Governor. The Governor's office found some syntax issues with one section of this long bill. In order to correct those issues, the Governor had to amendatorily veto it. It will likely come back to the Legislative Veto Session in October, the Veto will be accepted, and it will likely pass.
- Richard Zuckerman speaks on HB 2682. This bill was vetoed by the Governor although there was nothing wrong with the bill. The actual language included in this bill was

also included in the Budget bill. The duplicative language has been passed and is effective as part of the Budget Act. Bryan Tribble may speak more on this at the next meeting.

- Richard Zuckerman also speaks on PA-104-340. This was the work of the Illinois State Bar Association to clarify the language of child support termination at age 19 which was a confusing in the way it was originally drafted. This Act did not change the law, just made it clear as to when child support actually terminates.
- Richard mentions the last bill as PA-104-149 and this may look unusual as it amends the Collection Agency Act. There is language in this bill regarding the minimum and maximum fees that can be charged by collections agencies who are hired to collect unpaid child support. This is how it falls under Child Support and thought the members should be aware of this particular bill.

8. Child Support Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Update for FFY2024 – Tribble

- Bryan Tribble will cover at the next meeting.

9. Implementation Updates

- [PA-103-0356 and PA-104-0009 \(See 305 ILCS 5/10-3.5\):](#) Family Resource Connections (FRC) –Watson
 - The Pilot project focused on parents with arrearages, where legislation saw Child Support Services partnering with IDES and CMS. In conclusion, the pilot ended June 30. A draft report was completed and waiting final approval. Bryan will share report results once approved. Overall, the pilot was viewed a success. Family Resource Connections will focus on expansion and reform of medical assistant programs. CSS is attempting to coordinate with Maternal and Child Health to better serve parents. CSS will continue to look to partner with other governmental units and service organizations to offer opportunities and services to families in the program.
- Child Support System Modernization Project (EPIC) - Tribble
 - Bryan Tribble will provide updates at the next meeting.

10. Old/New Business – Committee Members

- Margaret Bennett asks what is the state of the VAP revisions since HFS is responsible for the Voluntary Acknowledgement of Paternity (VAPs) forms. Is HFS drafting new forms to recognize all parents?
 - Eric Watson and the team in Policy are working on that. Eric mentions that the form has been submitted that they believe meets the requirements of the legislation. The work group will be focused on implementation, which includes training both internal and external. The updated VAP will go into effect January 1, 2026. Bryan will likely go into further details at the next meeting. The Child Support System Modernization Project (EPIC) implementation is scheduled for June. It is important that the VAP fits with that and CSS is able to accept and administer the new document. Eric assures the committee that the form will remain a single page front and back.

11. Public Comment

- Nancy Shafer congratulates the committee and everybody who worked on what was just approved today.
- Mike Richards thanked everybody on the shared parenting memorandum and asked if there was access for the public to see the document.
 - Celeste Kannall shares it is not posted on the public website. This is something she will bring up to Bryan.
- Margaret Bennett asks when is the next quadrennial review?
 - Margaret Bennett mentions that the government gave the committee a hiatus last time due to COVID
 - Irene Curran shares that it may be coming up in 2026 or 2027 and agreed to find out.

12. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn, seconded, passed unanimously.