

Child Support Advisory Committee

February 25, 2025, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.,

Meeting will not be held in person

Committee Members Present via WebEx/Phone:

Darryl Apperton, Margaret Bennett, The Honorable Grace Dickler, Howard Feldman, Frances Reyes (for Katie Gaughan-Palombi), Niya Kelly, Elizabeth Lingle, The Honorable Judge Pamela Loza, Christina Mahoney, Nicole McKinnon, Jessica Patchik, Christine Raffaele, The Honorable Judge Regina Scannicchio, The Honorable Mariyana Spyropoulos, Turyia Clay, Sam Williams, and Renee Banks (for The Honorable Mariyana Spyropoulos), Chlece Walker-Neal-Murray, the Honorable Judge Alicia Washington, Jill Outland (for Dulce M. Quintero), Richard Zuckerman

Committee Members Absent:

The Honorable La Shawn Ford, Geraldine Franco, Dr. Kirk E. Harris, The Honorable Alana I. Mejias, Phillip Mohr, Katie Gaughan-Palombi, Dulce M. Quintero

HFS Staff Present:

Heather Austif, Irene Curran, Patricia Dulin, Celeste Kannall, Sharon Shapiro, Christine Towles, Bryan Tribble, Eric Watson

Public Guests:

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AGENDA

1. Welcome to CSAC members – Bryan Tribble
2. Roll Call and Introductions
 - Roll Call of Committee Members – Bryan Tribble
 - Introduction of State Employees & Members of the Public
 - All Committee Members, Attendees & Members of the Public are requested to announce yourself
 - Election of 2025 CSAC Chairperson – Committee Members
 - Howard Feldman moved for Richard Zuckerman to continue to be the chairperson. Margaret Bennett seconds the nomination.
 - Passed unanimously.
 - Richard Zuckerman is the new 2025 CSAC Chairperson.
3. Approval of November 19, 2024, meeting notes
 - Motion to approve, seconded, passed unanimously
4. Legislation Introduced Spring 2025
 - HB 1049 and similar HB 1854
 - There would be a duty for support that would arise out of an individual being found to have operated a motor vehicle under the influence and it resulted in the death of a parent of a child. That individual who had operated the motor

vehicle under the influence would be responsible for paying child support for that child.

- HB 1280 and SB 1174
 - The Uniform Deployed Parent and Custom Visitation Act. Illinois already has in the Illinois Marriage Dissolution of Marriage Act, provisions regarding the duties, rights, obligations, responsibilities, and availability of certain remedies for deployed individuals. This would add some additional information and language. Allows parents to enter into a temporary agreement granting custodial responsibility during military deployment and terminates after the deploying parent returns from deployment.
- HB 1473
 - Pregnancy Expenses Act previously introduced this would add additional requirements and expand the pregnancy expense provisions that are already contained in the Parentage Act.
- HB 1744
 - Essentially no child under the age of 18 could be able to get married in Illinois.
- HB 1762
 - Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 concerning GALs. Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act to make conforming changes and that is why it's on watch list.
- HB 1889
 - Excludes from the definition of a parent's "gross income" income or value received by a parent as a gift that is the voluntary transfer of property, including, but not limited to, money that is completely free of repayment or obligation while both the giver and the parent are still alive.
- HB 2542
 - Concerns child support in shared care cases. Proposes to change the language from 146 overnights to 3504 hours. If one parent has more than half the hours rather than half the overnights then that parent would get the benefits of shared parenting. This would help to benefit those parents working 3rd shift; first responders; and others working odd-hour jobs.
- HB 2682
 - This bill would change the way that “good cause” is explained to applicants for TANF, and the process by which this is placed on a recipient's case. This would impact both DHS and the way it processes incoming applications for TANF and Child Support Services.

- Niya Kelly mentioned in the chat that there is a bill that Chicago Coalition for the Homeless and the network are working on. She can answer any questions on HB 2682.
- HB 2683 and SB 2507
 - Parentage-Equality Act. Specifies that the amendatory Act may be referred to as the Equality for Every Family Act. Amends the Illinois Parentage Act of 2015. Declares it to be the public policy of Illinois that a child has the same rights and protections under law to parentage without regard to the marital status, age, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation of their parents, or the circumstances of the child's birth, including whether the child was born as a result of assisted reproduction or surrogacy.
- HB 2694
 - No would longer be a TANF program as we transition to a program called Cash Assistance to Strengthen Households (CASH). This would change the requirements to cooperate with child support as it arises federally from TANF.
- HB 3002
 - Court may order that a court file, pleadings, or portions of the court file that are filed under the IMRF be placed under seal if the court finds that the action or portions of the court file are sufficiently without a basis in fact or law.
- HB 3077
 - Expect to see the pilot program with IDES and CMS to continue beyond the pilot program phase. The bill would remove the “pilot” language. This would impact the families that are served by HFS and Child Support Services.
- HB 3584
 - Notice of pay increase would provide that any individual who is responsible for paying child support under the IMDMA must annually notify the other parent in writing if that individual's adjusted net income has increased by 10% or more.
 - Niya Kelly added to the chat that Rep. Olickal shared last week that he'd like any input folks have on this bill. I did tell him it would likely be discussed in this group, and he would take any input folks have.
- HB 3619
 - Creates the Keeping Children Safe from Family Violence Act.
- SB 0026
 - Part of the Illinois State Bar Association's Legislative Program. In Parentage cases a Court shall apply Illinois law, including the rules on choice of law, to adjudicate the parent-child relationship, and that such applicable law may

(rather than does not) depend on the place of birth of the child or the past or present residence of the child.

- SB 0027
 - Clarifies the termination of child support from “younger than 19” to “to 19” in Section 505.
- SB 1990
 - Requires any individual who is an intended parent of a child born through assisted reproduction to undergo and pass a comprehensive criminal background check and screening before any insemination or embryo transfer. Provides that failure to do so waives any presumption that the person is the legal parent of any resulting child born through assisted reproduction.
- SB 2031
 - Parenting Time Sex Offender Bill and prohibits the courts from viewing a completion of a treatment program as evidence supporting the child’s physical, mental, moral, or emotional health if the conviction of that parent involved any minor who lived in the sex offender’s home.
- SB 2054
 - Child Welfare Disclosure Act. Provides that it is the policy of the State that parents receiving intact family services or reunification services from the Illinois child welfare system have specified rights.

5. Subcommittee Reports

- Shared Parenting – Feldman/Bennett
 - Planning a meeting with Dr. Venohr on March 11th to discuss implementing the proposal from last year regarding shared parenting.
 - Committee has been asked to discuss the split parenting provisions for child support purposes in the IMDMA and asking Dr. Venohr to help with that as well.
 - Irene asked if anyone would like to become part of the sub-committee, is so please email Irene or Celeste.
- Self-Support Reserve and Minimum Child Support Orders – Harris/Lingle
 - Meetings slowed due to holidays but picking back up in March, will continue to focus on how high to raise the threshold for federal poverty level when a minimum order is required.
 - Currently it is 75% of FPL. Putting the self-support reserve issue on hold until part of the next quad review.
 - Looking to raise the threshold to a minimum 100%. Putting together some data and hope to have that to the full Child Support Advisory Committee in the next several months.
 - Always welcoming new sub-committee members.

6. Implementation of Legislation in CY2024
 - [PA-103-0356](#): Family Resource Connections (FRC) –Watson
 - Collaboration between CSS, IDES and CMS. The goal is to try and help parents with finding employment opportunities. This started in January of 2024 hosted by IDES. In June, 2024 CSS started hosting them and have held 14 meetings with more than 2000 participants.
 - Starting out as a pilot program and if the pending bill passes would remove the pilot language. As the program grows, the vision is to increase engagement with parents through early intervention, early education, and emphasis on engagement. Hopeful the new bill goes through, and CSS continues to put forth additional efforts in this regard.
7. Family Advisory Council for Engagement (FACE) – Harris/Watson
 - Parent Workgroup with goals to be family led.
 - Working on picking the group of 20 members that represent parents in the program.
 - Planning first meeting for August.
 - Open to referrals of parents that would be beneficial to the group.
8. Old/New Business – Committee Members
9. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment
10. Adjourn
 - Motion to approve, seconded, passed unanimously