

**Subject: Specific suggestions for child support formula, relevant to items 5 and 6 on the April 13, 2018 agenda**

I submit the following language for the Committee's consideration to replace the corresponding language in the "Proposed 125B" document on the Committee's webpage. The formula below would also replace any reference to or calculation for high-income payers because it is applicable and fair to all payers other than low-income. This formula comes from Jane Venohr's report, exhibits 29 through 32, which demonstrate that calculations with this formula are not unreasonably high, yet they meet or exceed the expected child-related expenditures.

"Obligation for support" means the sum certain dollar amount determined according to the following schedule:

- (1) For one child, the sum of
  - a. 18 percent of the portion of gross monthly income from \$0 to \$4000,
  - b. 5 percent of the portion of gross monthly income from \$4001 to \$15000, and
  - c. 2 percent of the portion of gross monthly income in excess of \$15000
- (2) For 2 children, the sum of
  - a. 25 percent of the portion of gross monthly income from \$0 to \$7000,
  - b. 8 percent of the portion of gross monthly income from \$7001 to \$15000, and
  - c. 3 percent of the portion of gross monthly income in excess of \$15000
- (3) For 3 children, the sum of
  - a. 29 percent of the portion of gross monthly income from \$0 to \$9000,
  - b. 15 percent of the portion of gross monthly income from \$9001 to \$15000, and
  - c. 4 percent of the portion of gross monthly income in excess of \$15000
- (4) For each child in excess of 3 children, the sum of
  - a. An additional 2 percent of the portion of gross monthly income from \$0 to \$9000,
  - b. An additional 1 percent of the portion of gross monthly income from \$9001 to \$15000, and
  - c. An additional 0.25 percent of the portion of gross monthly income in excess of \$15000

Additionally, I suggest reinstating the deviation reason that was seen in earlier versions of the "Proposed 125B" document on the Committee's webpage: "the relative income of each parent's household" or words to that effect. Consideration of household income is important because it gives courts the discretion to address situations when a parent benefits from the monetary contributions of his or her adult cohabitant.

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