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**HOUSE BILL 26-1217**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**  
101     **CONCERNING CORRECTING CROSS REFERENCES IN THE CHILD SUPPORT**  
102     **GUIDELINES.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/.>)*

**Statutory Revision Committee.** The bill corrects cross references in the child support guidelines.

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1     *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

1                   **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 14-10-115, **amend**  
2                   **as they will become effective March 1, 2026,** (7)(a)(V)(B), (7)(a)(V)(C),  
3                   (7)(a)(VI), (8)(a), and (8)(b) as follows:

4                   **14-10-115. Child support guidelines - purpose - determination**  
5                   **of income - schedule of basic child support obligations - adjustments**  
6                   **to basic child support - additional guidelines - child support**  
7                   **commission - definitions.**

8                   **(7) Schedule of basic child support obligations.**

9                   (a) (V) (B) If the resulting difference calculated pursuant to  
10                  subsection (7)(a)(V)(A) of this section is less than the reduced  
11                  low-income adjustment calculated pursuant to ~~subsection (7)(a)(III)(A)~~  
12                  SUBSECTION (7)(a)(III)(B) of this section, the obligor's basic child support  
13                  obligation is equal to the reduced low-income adjustment.

14                  (C) If the resulting difference calculated pursuant to subsection  
15                  (7)(a)(V)(A) of this section is more than the reduced low-income  
16                  adjustment calculated pursuant to ~~subsection (7)(a)(III)(A)~~ SUBSECTION  
17                  (7)(a)(III)(B) of this section but less than the schedule of basic child  
18                  support obligation, the obligor's basic child support obligation is equal to  
19                  the amount calculated pursuant to subsection (7)(a)(V)(A) of this section.

20                  (VI) In addition to the adjustments described in this subsection  
21                  (7)(a), the obligor's child support amount must be further adjusted for  
22                  work-related and education-related child care costs, health insurance,  
23                  extraordinary medical expenses, and other extraordinary adjustments as  
24                  described in subsections (9), (10), (11)(a), (11)(b), and (11)(c)(H)  
25                  (11)(c)(III) of this section.

26                  (b) **Computation of basic child support - shared overnight**  
27                  **parenting time - split physical care - stipulations - deviations - basis**

1       **for periodic updates.**

2           (a) A total child support obligation is determined by adding each  
3       parent's respective basic child support obligation, as determined through  
4       the child support guidelines and schedule of basic child support  
5       obligations specified in subsection (7) of this section, education and  
6       work-related net child care costs, extraordinary medical expenses, and  
7       extraordinary adjustments to the schedule of basic child support  
8       obligations, as described in subsections (9), (10), (11)(a), (11)(b), and  
9       (11)(e)(II) **(11)(c)(III)** of this section. The parent receiving a child  
10      support payment is presumed to spend the total child support obligation  
11      directly on the children. The parent paying child support to the other  
12      parent owes the total child support obligation as child support to the other  
13      parent minus any ordered payments included in the calculations made  
14      directly on behalf of the children for education and work-related net child  
15      care costs, extraordinary medical expenses, or extraordinary adjustments  
16      to the schedule of basic child support obligations, as described in  
17      subsections (9), (10), (11)(a), (11)(b), and (11)(e)(II) **(11)(c)(III)** of this  
18      section.

19           (b) Shared overnight parenting time presumes that certain basic  
20      expenses for the children will be paid directly by the overnight parent;  
21      therefore, expenses may be duplicated and an adjustment for shared  
22      parenting time is necessary. The shared parenting time adjustment is  
23      calculated by identifying the parenting time credit percentage listed in the  
24      parenting time table in subsection (8)(h) of this section based upon the  
25      number of overnights for each parent. The parenting time credit is the  
26      total basic child support obligation multiplied by that parent's parenting  
27      time credit percentage. The shared parenting adjustment is deducted from

1     each parent's share of the basic child support obligation, which is in  
2     addition to each parent's proportionate share of education and  
3     work-related net child care costs, extraordinary medical expenses, and  
4     extraordinary adjustments to the schedule of basic child support  
5     obligations, as described in subsections (9), (10), (11)(a), (11)(b), and  
6     (11)(c)(II) **(11)(c)(III)** of this section. The parent owing the greater  
7     amount of child support owes the difference between the two amounts as  
8     a child support order minus any ordered direct payments made on behalf  
9     of the children for education and work-related net child care costs,  
10    extraordinary medical expenses, or extraordinary adjustments to the  
11    schedule of basic child support obligations, as described in subsections  
12    (9), (10), (11)(a), (11)(b), and (11)(c)(II) **(11)(c)(III)** of this section. The  
13    amount of child support ordered to be paid must not exceed the amount  
14    owed by that same parent if the parent had no overnights. For purposes  
15    of calculating overnights when two or more children are included in the  
16    child support worksheet calculation and the parties have a different  
17    number of overnights with each of the two or more children, the number  
18    of overnights is determined by adding the number of overnights for each  
19    child and dividing the resulting number by the number of children  
20    included in the child support worksheet calculation.

21                   **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
22    determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
23    preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
24    the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
25    institutions.