

House Bill 510

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 19-6-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child  
2 support guidelines for determining amount of award, continuation of duty of support, and  
3 duration of support, so as to provide for the duration of child support for postsecondary  
4 education; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability;  
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 19-6-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child support  
9 guidelines for determining amount of award, continuation of duty of support, and duration  
10 of support, is amended by revising subsection (e) as follows:

11 **"(e)(1) Duration of child support responsibility.** The duty to provide support for a  
12 minor child shall continue until the child reaches the age of majority, dies, marries, or  
13 becomes emancipated, whichever first occurs; provided, however, that, in any temporary,  
14 final, or modified order for child support with respect to any proceeding for divorce,  
15 separate maintenance, legitimacy, or paternity entered on or after July 1, 1992, the court,  
16 in the exercise of sound discretion, may direct either or both parents to provide financial

17 assistance to a child who has not previously married or become emancipated, who is  
18 enrolled in and attending a secondary school, and who has attained the age of majority  
19 before completing his or her secondary school education, provided that such financial  
20 assistance shall not be required after a child attains 20 years of age. The provisions for  
21 child support provided in this ~~subsection~~ paragraph may be enforced by either parent, by  
22 any nonparent custodian, by a guardian appointed to receive child support for the child  
23 for whose benefit the child support is ordered, or by the child for whose benefit the child  
24 support is ordered.

25 **(2) Duration of child support for postsecondary education.** In any temporary, final,  
26 or modified order for child support with respect to any proceeding for divorce, separate  
27 maintenance, legitimacy, or paternity entered on or after July 1, 2025, the court, in the  
28 exercise of sound discretion, may direct either or both parents to provide financial  
29 assistance to a child who is enrolled in and attending a technical school, vocational  
30 school, college, university, or other institution of postsecondary education, provided that  
31 such financial assistance shall not be required after a child attains 24 years of age. The  
32 court shall require verification of such enrollment and attendance. In determining the  
33 amount of such financial assistance, the court shall consider the amount of tuition as well  
34 as additional fees and expenses related to such enrollment and attendance. The  
35 provisions for child support provided in this paragraph may be enforced by either parent,  
36 by any nonparent custodian, by a guardian appointed to receive child support for the child  
37 for whose benefit the child support is ordered, or by the child for whose benefit the child  
38 support is ordered."

39 **SECTION 2.**

40 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, and shall apply to all support orders entered  
41 on or after such date.

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**SECTION 3.**

43 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.