

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 872

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAZEL

CHILDREN/SUPPORT: Provides with respect to child support calculations

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:315(C)(7), relative to net child care costs for purposes of child
3 support calculations; to provide for inclusion of reasonable costs of child care
4 incurred due to job training or education; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 9:315(C)(7) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §315. Economic data and principles; definitions

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9 C. Definitions. As used in this Part:

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11 (7) "Net child care costs" means the reasonable costs of child care incurred
12 by a party due to employment or job search, minus the value of the federal income
13 tax credit for child care. Net child care costs may also include, in the discretion of
14 the court, those reasonable child care expenses incurred by a parent while
15 participating in job training or while obtaining an education in order to obtain
16 employment where either of the following occur:

17 (a) That parent has been in school for a period of time prior to child support
18 being established.

19 (b) Where a parent is unable to maintain or secure adequate employment and
20 income to provide for themselves and the minor child, and where the inclusion of the
21 costs do not unreasonably burden the parent paying child support.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for child care expenses incurred while a parent is obtaining job training or an education may be included in net child care costs for the purposes of child support determination.

Present law, relative to child support calculations, provides for child care expenses incurred by a parent due to the parent's employment or job searching.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that net child care costs may include reasonable child care expenses incurred while a parent is receiving job training or an education to obtain employment, provided the costs do not unreasonably burden the parent paying child support.

(Amends R.S. 9:315(C)(7))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Added provisions specifying that net child care costs may include reasonable child care expenses incurred while obtaining job training or education.