

1 AN ACT concerning family law.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of
5 Marriage Act is amended by changing Section 510 as follows:

6 (750 ILCS 5/510) (from Ch. 40, par. 510)

7 Sec. 510. Modification and termination of provisions for
8 maintenance, support, educational expenses, and property
9 disposition.

10 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (f) of
11 Section 502 and in subsection (d), clause (3) of Section
12 505.2, the provisions of any judgment respecting maintenance
13 or support may be modified only as to installments accruing
14 subsequent to due notice by the moving party of the filing of
15 the motion for modification and, with respect to maintenance,
16 only upon a showing of a substantial change in circumstances
17 and in accordance with subsection (a-5). An order for child
18 support may be modified as follows:

19 (1) upon a showing of a substantial change in
20 circumstances; and

21 (2) without the necessity of showing a substantial
22 change in circumstances, as follows:

23 (A) upon a showing of an inconsistency of at
24 least 20%, but no less than \$10 per month, between
25 the amount of the existing order and the amount of
26 child support that results from application of the
27 guidelines specified in Section 505 of this Act
28 unless the inconsistency is due to the fact that the
29 amount of the existing order resulted from a
30 deviation from the guideline amount and there has
31 not been a change in the circumstances that resulted

1 in that deviation; or

2 (B) Upon a showing of a need to provide for
3 the health care needs of the child under the order
4 through health insurance or other means. In no
5 event shall the eligibility for or receipt of
6 medical assistance be considered to meet the need to
7 provide for the child's health care needs.

8 The provisions of subparagraph (a)(2)(A) shall apply only
9 in cases in which a party is receiving child and spouse
10 support services from the Illinois Department of Public Aid
11 under Article X of the Illinois Public Aid Code, and only
12 when at least 36 months have elapsed since the order for
13 child support was entered or last modified.

14 (a-5) In a proceeding to review, modify, or terminate
15 maintenance after the entry of the judgment of dissolution of
16 marriage, judgment of legal separation, or judgment of
17 declaration of invalidity of marriage, the court shall
18 consider the applicable factors set forth in subsection (a)
19 of Section 504 and the following factors:

20 (1) any change in the employment status of either
21 party and whether the change has been made in good faith;

22 (2) the efforts, if any, made by the party
23 receiving maintenance to become self-supporting, and the
24 reasonableness of the efforts where they are appropriate;

25 (3) any impairment of the present and future
26 earning capacity of either party;

27 (4) the tax consequences of the maintenance
28 payments upon the respective economic circumstances of
29 the parties;

30 (5) the duration of the maintenance payments
31 previously paid (and remaining to be paid) relative to
32 the length of the marriage;

33 (6) the property, including retirement benefits,
34 awarded to each party under the judgment of dissolution

1 of marriage, judgment of legal separation, or judgment of
2 declaration of invalidity of marriage and the present
3 status of the property;

4 (7) the increase or decrease in each party's income
5 since the prior judgment or order from which a review,
6 modification, or termination is being sought;

7 (8) the property acquired and currently owned by
8 each party after the entry of the judgment of dissolution
9 of marriage, judgment of legal separation, or judgment of
10 declaration of invalidity of marriage; and

11 (9) any other factor that the court expressly finds
12 to be just and equitable.

13 (b) The provisions as to property disposition may not be
14 revoked or modified, unless the court finds the existence of
15 conditions that justify the reopening of a judgment under the
16 laws of this State.

17 (c) Unless otherwise agreed by the parties in a written
18 agreement set forth in the judgment or otherwise approved by
19 the court, the obligation to pay future maintenance is
20 terminated upon the death of either party, or the remarriage
21 of the party receiving maintenance, or if the party receiving
22 maintenance cohabits with another person on a resident,
23 continuing conjugal basis.

24 (d) Unless otherwise agreed in writing or expressly
25 provided in a judgment, provisions for the support of a child
26 are terminated by emancipation of the child, except as
27 otherwise provided herein, but not by the death of a parent
28 obligated to support or educate the child. An existing
29 obligation to pay for support or educational expenses, or
30 both, is not terminated by the death of a parent. When a
31 parent obligated to pay support or educational expenses, or
32 both, dies, the amount of support or educational expenses, or
33 both, may be enforced, modified, revoked or commuted to a
34 lump sum payment, as equity may require, and that

1 determination may be provided for at the time of the
2 dissolution of the marriage or thereafter.

3 (e) The right to petition for support or educational
4 expenses, or both, under Sections 505 and 513 is not
5 extinguished by the death of a parent. Upon a petition filed
6 before or after a parent's death, the court may award sums of
7 money out of the decedent's estate for the child's support or
8 educational expenses, or both, as equity may require. The
9 time within which a claim may be filed against the estate of
10 a decedent under Sections 505 and 513 and subsection (d) and
11 this subsection shall be governed by the provisions of the
12 Probate Act of 1975, as a barrable, noncontingent claim.

13 (Source: P.A. 87-714; 88-42; 88-307; 88-670, eff. 12-2-94.)