

AN ACT concerning family law.

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

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

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

(Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 92-876)

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

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (f) of
Section 502 and in subsection (b), clause (3) of Section
505.2, the provisions of any judgment respecting maintenance
or support may be modified only as to installments accruing
subsequent to due notice by the moving party of the filing of
the motion for modification and ~~with respect to maintenance,~~
~~only upon a showing of a substantial change in circumstances.~~
An order for child support may be modified as follows:

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

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

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

in that deviation; or

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

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

(a-5) An order for maintenance may be modified or terminated only upon a showing of a substantial change in circumstances. In all such proceedings, as well as in proceedings in which maintenance is being reviewed, the court shall consider the applicable factors set forth in subsection (a) of Section 504 and the following factors:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(f) A petition to modify or terminate child support, custody, or visitation shall not delay any child support enforcement litigation or supplementary proceeding on behalf of the obligee, including, but not limited to, a petition for a rule to show cause, for non-wage garnishment, or for a restraining order.

(Source: P.A. 92-289, eff. 8-9-01; 92-590, eff. 7-1-02; 92-651, eff. 7-11-02.)

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