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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Data Practices

1.3 1.4 1.5	modifying parenting time expense adjustment; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 518A.26, subdivision 14; 518A.34; 518A.36, subdivisions 1, 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 518A.36, subdivision 3.
1.6	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.7	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 518A.26, subdivision 14, is amended to
1.8	read:
1.9	Subd. 14. Obligor. "Obligor" means a person obligated to pay maintenance or
1.10	support. A person who has primary physical custody of a child is presumed not to be
1.11	an obligor for purposes of a child support order under section 518A.34, unless section
1.12	518A.36, subdivision 3, applies or the court makes specific written findings to overcome
1.13	this presumption. For purposes of ordering medical support under section 518A.41, a
1.14	parent who has primary physical custody of a child may be an obligor subject to a payment
1.15	agreement under section 518A.69.
1.16	Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 518A.34, is amended to read:

518A.34 COMPUTATION OF CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS.

(b) To determine the obligor's basic support obligation, the court shall:

(1) determine the gross income of each parent under section 518A.29;

(a) To determine the presumptive child support obligation of a parent, the court shall

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relating to child support; modifying computation of child support obligations;

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follow the procedure set forth in this section.

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(2) calculate the parental income for determining child support (PICS) of each parent, by subtracting from the gross income the credit, if any, for each parent's nonjoint children under section 518A.33;

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- (3) determine the percentage contribution of each parent to the combined PICS by dividing the combined PICS into each parent's PICS;
- (4) determine the combined basic support obligation <u>for each parent</u> by application of the guidelines in section 518A.35;
- (5) determine the obligor's each parent's share of the basic support obligation by multiplying the percentage figure from clause (3) by the combined basic support obligation in clause (4); and
- (6) determine the parenting expense adjustment, if any, for each parent as provided in section 518A.36, and adjust the obligor's each parent's basic support obligation accordingly. If the parenting time of the parties is presumed equal, section 518A.36, subdivision 3, applies to the calculation of the basic support obligation and a determination of which parent is the obligor.
- (c) The court shall determine the child care support obligation for the obligor as provided in section 518A.40.
- (d) The court shall determine the medical support obligation for each parent as provided in section 518A.41. Unreimbursed and uninsured medical expenses are not included in the presumptive amount of support owed by a parent and are calculated and collected as described in section 518A.41.
- (e) The court shall determine each parent's total child support obligation by adding together each parent's basic support, child care support, and health care coverage obligations as provided in this section.
- (f) The parent with the higher total child support obligation shall be the obligor. To determine the obligor's net child support obligation, the court shall subtract the lower total support obligation from the obligor's child support obligation.
- (f) (g) If Social Security benefits or veterans' benefits are received by one parent as a representative payee for a joint child based on the other parent's eligibility, the court shall subtract the amount of benefits from the other parent's net child support obligation, if any.
- (g) (h) The final child support order shall separately designate the amount owed for basic support, child care support, and medical support. If applicable, the court shall use the self-support adjustment and minimum support adjustment under section 518A.42 to determine the obligor's a parent's child support obligation.
- (i) If split custody exists, child support shall be calculated for each child as provided in this section. If the child support calculation results in each parent owing support to the

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other, the court shall offset the higher net child support obligation with the lower net child support obligation. For purposes of this paragraph, "split custody" means that there are two or more children and each parent has at least one child more than 50 percent of the time.

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Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 518A.36, subdivision 1, is amended to read: Subdivision 1. **General.** (a) The parenting expense adjustment under this section reflects the presumption that while exercising parenting time, a parent is responsible for and incurs costs of caring for the child, including, but not limited to, food, clothing, transportation, recreation, and household expenses. Every child support order shall specify the percentage of parenting time granted to or presumed for each parent. For purposes of this section, the percentage of parenting time means the percentage of time a child is scheduled to spend with the parent during a calendar year according to a court order. Parenting time includes time with the child whether it is designated as visitation, physical custody, or parenting time. The percentage of parenting time may be determined by calculating the number of overnights that a child spends is court-ordered to spend with a parent, averaged over a two-year period, or by using a method other than overnights if the parent has significant time periods on separate days where the child is in the parent's physical custody and under the direct care of the parent but does not stay overnight. The court may consider the age of the child in determining whether a child is with a parent for a significant period of time.

- (b) If there is not a court order awarding parenting time, the court shall determine the child support award without consideration of the parenting expense adjustment. If a parenting time order is subsequently issued or is issued in the same proceeding, then the child support order shall include application of the parenting expense adjustment.
- (c) For purposes of child support modification proceedings, there is a presumption that the percentage of parenting time means the percentage of time a child is scheduled to spend with the parent during a calendar year according to a court order. This presumption may be rebutted by evidence showing that the parties have actually adhered to a parenting time schedule with a substantially different percentage of parenting time for a party, provided that the party has not been wrongfully deprived of their court-ordered parenting time.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 518A.36, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Calculation of parenting expense adjustment. The obligor For purposes of determining each parent's basic child support, each parent is entitled to a parenting expense adjustment calculated as provided in this subdivision. The court shall:

(1) find the adjustment percentage corresponding to the percentage of parenting time allowed to the obligor each parent as provided below:

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4.3 4.4		Percentage Range of Parenting Time		Adjustment Percentage			
4.5	(i)	less than 10 percent			no adjustment		
4.6	(ii)	1	0 percent to 45 perc	eent	12 percent		
4.7	(iii)	4	5.1 percent to 50 pc	ercent	presume parenti	ng time is equal	
4.8 4.9	Overnights/ Overnight		Overnights/ Overnight		Overnights/ Overnight		
4.10	Equivalents	Credit %	·	Credit %	Equivalents	Credit %	
4.11	0	0.00	<u>122</u>	<u>22.54</u>	<u>244</u>	77.83	
4.12	<u>1</u>	0.07	<u>123</u>	<u>22.90</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>78.19</u>	
4.13	2	<u>0.14</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>23.27</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>78.55</u>	
4.14	3	0.21	<u>125</u>	<u>23.65</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>78.90</u>	
4.15	<u>4</u> <u>5</u>	0.28	<u>126</u>	<u>24.03</u>	<u>248</u>	<u>79.25</u>	
4.16		0.35	<u>127</u>	<u>24.41</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>79.60</u>	
4.17	6 7 8	0.42	<u>128</u>	24.80	<u>250</u>	79.94	
4.18	<u>7</u>	0.49	<u>129</u>	<u>25.19</u>	<u>251</u>	80.28	
4.19		<u>0.57</u>	130	<u>25.58</u>	<u>252</u>	80.61	
4.20	9	<u>0.65</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>25.98</u>	<u>253</u>	80.94	
4.21	<u>10</u>	<u>0.72</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>26.38</u>	<u>254</u>	81.27	
4.22	<u>11</u>	0.80	<u>133</u>	26.78	<u>255</u>	<u>81.59</u>	
4.23	<u>12</u>	0.88	<u>134</u>	<u>27.19</u>	<u>256</u>	<u>81.91</u>	
4.24	<u>13</u>	0.96	<u>135</u>	<u>27.60</u>	<u>257</u>	82.23	
4.25	<u>14</u>	1.04	<u>136</u>	<u>28.01</u>	<u>258</u>	82.54	
4.26	<u>15</u>	1.13	<u>137</u>	28.43	<u>259</u>	82.85	
4.27	<u>16</u>	1.21	138	28.85	<u>260</u>	83.16	
4.28	<u>17</u>	1.29	139	<u>29.27</u>	<u>261</u>	83.46	
4.29	<u>18</u>	1.38	<u>140</u>	29.70	<u>262</u>	83.76	
4.30	<u>19</u>	1.47	141	30.13	<u>263</u>	84.05	
4.31	<u>20</u>	1.56	142	30.56	<u>264</u>	84.34	
4.32	<u>21</u>	1.65	<u>143</u>	31.00	<u> 265</u>	84.63	
4.33	<u>22</u>	1.74	<u>144</u>	31.44	<u> 266</u>	84.92	
4.34	<u>23</u>	1.84	145	31.88	267	85.20	
4.35	<u>24</u>	1.93	146	32.32	268	85.47	
4.36	<u>25</u>	2.03	147	32.77	269	85.75	
4.37	<u>26</u>	2.12	148	33.22	270	86.02	
4.38	<u>27</u>	2.22	149	33.68	271	86.28	
4.39	<u>28</u>	2.32	150	34.13	272	86.55	
4.40	<u>29</u>	2.43	151	34.59	273	86.81	
4.41	<u>30</u>	2.53	152	35.05	274	87.06	
4.42	<u>31</u>	2.64	153	35.52	275	<u>87.32</u>	
4.43	<u>32</u>	2.74	154	35.9 <u>9</u>	<u>276</u>	87.57	
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5.1	33	2.85	155	36.45	277	87.81
5.2		2.96	156	36.93	278	88.06
5.3	34 35	3.08	150 157	37.40	278 279	88.30
5.4	$\frac{35}{36}$	3.19	158	37.88	$\frac{279}{280}$	88.53
5.5	<u>37</u>	3.30	159	38.35	281	88.77
5.6	38 38	3.42	160	38.83	282	89.00
5.7	<u>39</u>	3.54 3.54	161	39.32	283	89.23
5.8		3.66	162	39.80	284	89.45
5.9	<u>40</u>	3.78	163	40.29	285	89.67
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5.10	<u>42</u>	3.91 4.04	164 165			90.10
5.11	43	4.04	165 166	<u>41.26</u>	287 288	
5.12	<u>44</u>			<u>41.75</u>	<u> </u>	90.32
5.13	<u>45</u>	4.30	167 168	<u>42.25</u>	289 200	90.52
5.14	<u>46</u>	4.43	168 160	42.74	<u>290</u>	90.73
5.15	47	4.56	169 170	43.23	<u>291</u>	90.93
5.16	<u>48</u>	4.70	170 171	43.73	<u>292</u>	91.13
5.17	<u>49</u>	4.84	171 172	44.23	<u>293</u>	91.33
5.18	<u>50</u>	<u>4.98</u>	172 172	44.73	<u>294</u>	91.53
5.19	<u>51</u>	<u>5.12</u>	173 174	<u>45.23</u>	<u>295</u>	91.72
5.20	<u>52</u>	<u>5.27</u>	174 175	45.73	<u>296</u>	91.91
5.21	<u>53</u>	<u>5.41</u>	175 176	46.23	<u>297</u>	92.09
5.22	<u>54</u>	<u>5.56</u>	176 177	46.73	<u>298</u>	92.28
5.23	<u>55</u>	<u>5.71</u>	<u>177</u>	47.23	<u>299</u>	92.46
5.24	<u>56</u>	5.87	<u>178</u>	47.73	300	92.64
5.25	<u>57</u>	6.02	<u>179</u>	48.24	301	92.81
5.26	<u>58</u>	6.18	180	48.74	302	92.99
5.27	<u>59</u>	6.34	<u>181</u>	49.24	303	93.16
5.28	60	6.51	<u>182</u>	<u>49.75</u>	304	93.33
5.29	<u>61</u>	6.67	183	<u>50.25</u>	305	93.49
5.30	<u>62</u>	<u>6.84</u>	184	<u>50.76</u>	306	93.66
5.31	<u>63</u>	7.01 7.10	185 186	<u>51.26</u>	307	93.82
5.32	64	7.19 7.26	186	<u>51.76</u>	308	93.98
5.33	<u>65</u>	7.36 7.54	187 188	<u>52.27</u>	309	94.13
5.34	<u>66</u>	7.54 7.72	188	<u>52.77</u>	310	94.29
5.35	<u>67</u>	7.72	189 100	<u>53.27</u>	311	94.44
5.36	<u>68</u>	7.91	190 101	<u>53.77</u>	312	94.59
5.37	<u>69</u>	8.09	191 102	<u>54.27</u>	313	94.73
5.38	<u>70</u>	8.28	192 102	<u>54.77</u>	314	94.88
5.39	<u>71</u>	8.47	<u>193</u>	<u>55.27</u>	315	95.02
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6.1	76	9.48	198	57.75	320	95.70
6.2	<u>76</u> 77	9.68	198 199	58.25	320	95.84
6.3	77 78	9.90	$\frac{199}{200}$	58.74	322	95.96
6.4	<u>78</u> <u>79</u>	10.11	201	<u>59.23</u>	323	96.09
6.5	<u>80</u>	10.33	$\frac{201}{202}$	59.71	323 324	96.22
6.6	<u>81</u>	10.55	$\frac{202}{203}$	$\frac{59.71}{60.20}$	325	96.34
6.7	<u>81</u> <u>82</u>	10.77	$\frac{203}{204}$	60.68	325 326	96.46
6.8	83 83	11.00	$\frac{204}{205}$	61.17	327	96.58
6.9	84 84	11.23	$\frac{205}{206}$	61.65	$\frac{327}{328}$	96.70
6.10	85 85	11.47	$\frac{200}{207}$	62.12	329	96.81
6.11	<u>86</u>	11.70	$\frac{207}{208}$	62.60	330	96.92
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6.13	88	12.19	$\frac{209}{210}$	63.55	332	97.15
6.14		12.43	210 211	64.01	333	97.26
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6.18	92	13.45	21 4 215	65.87		97.68
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6.28 6.29	103 104	16.24 16.54	<u>225</u>	70.30 70.73	347 348	98.62 98.71
6.30	105	16.84	<u>226</u>	71.15	349	98.79
6.31	105 106	17.15	$\frac{227}{228}$	71.13 71.57	350	98.7 9 98.87
6.32	107	17.46	<u>228</u> <u>229</u>	71.99	351	98.96
6.33	$\frac{107}{108}$	17.77	$\frac{229}{230}$	$\frac{71.99}{72.40}$	352	99.04
6.34	109	18.09	231	72.81	353 353	99.12
6.35	110 110	18.41	$\frac{231}{232}$	$\frac{72.81}{73.22}$	354	99.20
6.36	111	18.73	$\frac{232}{233}$	73.62	35 5	99.28
6.37	112	19.06	234 234	74.02	356 356	99.35
6.38	112 113	19.39	$\frac{234}{235}$	74.02	357	99.43
6.39	113 114	19.72	$\frac{235}{236}$	<u>74.42</u> <u>74.81</u>	357 358	99.51
6.40	114 115	$\frac{19.72}{20.06}$	$\frac{230}{237}$	$\frac{74.81}{75.20}$	358 359	99.58
6.41	115 116	$\frac{20.00}{20.40}$	$\frac{237}{238}$	75.59	360	99.65
6.42	110 117	$\frac{20.40}{20.75}$	238 239	75.97	361	99.03 99.72
6.43	118	21.10	$\frac{239}{240}$	76.35	362	99.7 <u>9</u> 99.79
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7.4	<u>and</u>	ltiply the edin	atmost norse	ntogo by the oblid	rarla agah mara	ntla bagia abild	
7.5	(2) mu	nupiy the adju	stment perce	ntage by the oblig	gor's each pare	nts basic child	
7.6	support obligation to arrive at the each parent's parenting expense adjustment; and.						
7.7	(3) subtract the parenting expense adjustment from the obligor's basic child support						
7.8	obligation. The result is the obligor's basic support obligation after parenting expense						
7.9	adjustment.						
7.10	Sec. 5. <u>F</u>	REPEALER.					
7.11	Minne	sota Statutes 2	014, section	518A.36, subdivi	sion 3, is repea	aled.	

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518A.36 PARENTING EXPENSE ADJUSTMENT.

- Subd. 3. Calculation of basic support when parenting time presumed equal. (a) If the parenting time is equal and the parental incomes for determining child support of the parents also are equal, no basic support shall be paid unless the court determines that the expenses for the child are not equally shared.
- (b) If the parenting time is equal but the parents' parental incomes for determining child support are not equal, the parent having the greater parental income for determining child support shall be obligated for basic child support, calculated as follows:
 - (1) multiply the combined basic support calculated under section 518A.34 by 0.75;
- (2) prorate the amount under clause (1) between the parents based on each parent's proportionate share of the combined PICS; and
 - (3) subtract the lower amount from the higher amount.

The resulting figure is the obligation after parenting expense adjustment for the parent with the greater parental income for determining child support.