

SENATE BILL NO. 620

May 26, 1999, Introduced by Senators JOHNSON, HAMMERSTROM,
MC COTTER, EMMONS, GOUGEON and GOSCHKA and referred to the
Committee on Families, Mental Health and Human Services.

A bill to amend 1846 RS 84, entitled
"Of divorce,"
by amending sections 15, 16, and 17 (MCL 552.15, 552.16, and
552.17), as amended by 1996 PA 9; and to repeal acts and parts of
acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 15. (1) After the filing of a complaint in an action
2 to annul a marriage or for a divorce or separate maintenance, on
3 the motion of either party or the friend of the court, or on the
4 court's own motion, the court may enter ~~such~~ orders concerning
5 the care, custody, and support of the minor children of the par-
6 ties during the pendency of the action as the court considers
7 proper and necessary. Subject to section ~~16a~~ 5B OF THE SUPPORT
8 AND PARENTING TIME ENFORCEMENT ACT, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.605B,

1 the court may also order support as provided in this subsection
2 for the parties' children who are not minor children.

3 ~~(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the court~~
4 ~~shall order support in an amount determined by application of the~~
5 ~~child support formula developed by the state friend of the court~~
6 ~~bureau. The court may enter an order that deviates from the for-~~
7 ~~mula if the court determines from the facts of the case that~~
8 ~~application of the child support formula would be unjust or inap-~~
9 ~~propriate and sets forth in writing or on the record all of the~~
10 ~~following:~~

11 ~~(a) The support amount determined by application of the~~
12 ~~child support formula.~~

13 ~~(b) How the support order deviates from the child support~~
14 ~~formula.~~

15 ~~(c) The value of property or other support awarded in lieu~~
16 ~~of the payment of child support, if applicable.~~

17 ~~(d) The reasons why application of the child support formula~~
18 ~~would be unjust or inappropriate in the case.~~

19 ~~(3) Subsection (2) does not prohibit the court from entering~~
20 ~~a support order that is agreed to by the parties and that devi-~~
21 ~~ates from the child support formula, if the requirements of sub-~~
22 ~~section (2) are met.~~

23 ~~(4) Beginning January 1, 1991, each support order entered by~~
24 ~~the court shall provide that each party shall keep the office of~~
25 ~~the friend of the court informed of both of the following:~~

26 ~~(a) The name and address of his or her current source of~~
27 ~~income. As used in this subdivision, "source of income" means~~

~~1 that term as defined in section 2 of the support and parenting
2 time enforcement act, Act No. 295 of the Public Acts of 1982,
3 being section 552.602 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.~~

~~4 (b) Any health care coverage that is available to him or her
5 as a benefit of employment or that is maintained by him or her;
6 the name of the insurance company, nonprofit health care corpora-
7 tion, or health maintenance organization; the policy, certifi-
8 cate, or contract number; and the names and birth dates of the
9 persons for whose benefit he or she maintains health care cover-
10 age under the policy, certificate, or contract.~~

~~11 (5) For the purposes of this section, "support" may include
12 payment of the expenses of medical, dental, and other health
13 care, child care expenses, and educational expenses. If a sup-
14 port order is entered, the court shall require that 1 or both
15 parents shall obtain or maintain any health care coverage that is
16 available to them at a reasonable cost, as a benefit of employ-
17 ment, for the benefit of the minor children of the parties and,
18 subject to section 16a, for the benefit of the parties' children
19 who are not minor children. If a parent is self-employed and
20 maintains health care coverage, the court shall require the
21 parent to obtain or maintain dependent coverage for the benefit
22 of the minor children of the parties and, subject to section 16a,
23 for the benefit of the parties' children who are not minor chil-
24 dren, if available at a reasonable cost.~~

~~25 (2) (6) Orders~~ AN ORDER concerning the support of
~~26 children~~ A CHILD of the parties ~~are~~ IS GOVERNED BY AND IS
27 enforceable as provided in the support and parenting time

1 enforcement act, ~~Act No. 295 of the Public Acts of 1982, being~~
2 ~~sections 552.601 to 552.650 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1982~~
3 PA 295, MCL 552.601 TO 552.650.

4 ~~(7) The court may waive jurisdiction of any minor children~~
5 ~~under the age of 17 during the pendency of the action to the pro-~~
6 ~~bate court, to be governed by the laws of this state with respect~~
7 ~~to dependent and neglected children under the age of 17 years.~~

8 Sec. 16. (1) Upon annulling a marriage or entering a judg-
9 ment of divorce or separate maintenance, the court may enter
10 ~~such~~ THE orders ~~as~~ it considers just and proper concerning
11 the care, custody, and support of ~~the~~ A minor ~~children~~ CHILD
12 of the parties. Subject to section ~~16a~~ 5B OF THE SUPPORT AND
13 PARENTING TIME ENFORCEMENT ACT, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.605B, the
14 court may also order support as provided in this subsection for
15 the parties' children who are not minor children. ~~The court may~~
16 ~~require either parent to file a bond with 1 or more sufficient~~
17 ~~sureties, in a sum to be fixed by the court, guaranteeing payment~~
18 ~~of the support ordered in the judgment.~~

19 ~~(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the court~~
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20 ~~being section 552.602 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.~~

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22 ~~as a benefit of employment or that is maintained by him or her;~~
23 ~~the name of the insurance company, nonprofit health care corpora-~~
24 ~~tion, or health maintenance organization; the policy, certifi-~~
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 6 ~~sonable cost, as a benefit of employment, for the benefit of the~~
 7 ~~minor children of the parties and, subject to section 16a, for~~
 8 ~~the benefit of the parties' children who are not minor children.~~
 9 ~~If a parent is self-employed and maintains health care coverage,~~
 10 ~~the court shall require the parent to obtain or maintain depen-~~
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 22 ~~ment, may waive jurisdiction of any minor children under the age~~
 23 ~~of 17 years to the probate court to be governed by the laws of~~
 24 ~~this state with respect to dependent and neglected children under~~
 25 ~~the age of 17 years.~~

26 Sec. 17. (1) ~~The court may, from time to time after its~~
 27 ~~issuance~~ AFTER ENTRY OF A JUDGMENT CONCERNING ANNULMENT,

1 DIVORCE, OR SEPARATE MAINTENANCE AND on the petition of either
2 ~~of the parents~~ PARENT, THE COURT MAY revise and alter a judg-
3 ment concerning the care, custody, maintenance, and support of
4 some or all of the children, as the circumstances of the parents
5 ~~—,~~ and the benefit of the children require.

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8 PA 295, MCL 552.601 TO 552.650. IF THIS ACT CONTAINS A SPECIFIC
9 PROVISION REGARDING THE CONTENTS OR ENFORCEMENT OF A SUPPORT
10 ORDER THAT CONFLICTS WITH A PROVISION IN THE SUPPORT AND PARENT-
11 ING TIME ENFORCEMENT ACT, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.601 TO 552.650,
12 THIS ACT CONTROLS IN REGARD TO THAT PROVISION.

13 Enacting section 1. Section 16a of 1984 RS 84, MCL 552.16a,
14 is repealed.

15 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take
16 effect unless Senate Bill No. 619

17 of the 90th Legislature is enacted into
18 law.