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Report

TO: Members of the Judicial Council

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SUBJECT: Child Support: Miscellaneous Technical Changes (revise forms FL-342, FL-530, FL-615, FL-625, FL-665, FL-687, and FL-688) (Action Required)

Issue Statement

Assembly Bill 1704 made various changes to California's child support laws and mandated that the Judicial Council review and modify any relevant forms by July 1, 2005. Assembly Bill 1752 provided a rebuttable presumption that an obligor whose net disposable income is less than \$1,000 a month is entitled to a low-income adjustment and eliminated the requirement that the court state its reasons for ordering the adjustment. Additional changes should be made to forms to conform with recent statutory and other changes in the law and changes in forms guidelines and to correct technical and typographical errors.

Recommendation

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 1, 2005, revise forms FL-342, FL-530, FL-615, FL-625, FL-665, FL-687, and FL-688 to:

1. Comply with AB 1704 and AB 1752;
2. Update and clarify procedural requirements;
3. Replace gender-specific terms with gender-neutral terms;
4. Comply with updated forms guidelines, and

5. Correct technical and typographical errors.

The texts of the revised forms are attached at pages 5–21.

Rationale for Recommendation

Assembly Bill 1704 (Stats. 2004, ch. 339 [chaptered August 30, 2004]) eliminated the requirement to provide a *Child Support Case Registry Form* (form FL-191) in cases in which a local child support agency is providing child support services and provided a requirement for parents to notify the local child support agency of any changes in the name and address of his or her employment. The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends revising *Child Support Information and Order Attachment* (form FL-342), *Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations (UIFSA)* (form FL-530), *Stipulation for Judgment or Supplemental Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations and Judgment (Governmental)* (form FL-615), *Stipulation and Order (Governmental)* (form FL-625), *Findings and Recommendation of Commissioner (Governmental)* (form FL-665), *Order After Hearing (Governmental)* (form FL-687), and *Short Form Order After Hearing (Governmental)* (form FL-688), effective July 1, 2005, to comply with changes in the law concerning how a parent reports changes in his or her place of residence or employment to the local child support agency.

Assembly Bill 1752 (Stats. 2003, ch. 225 [chaptered August 11, 2003]) provided a rebuttable presumption that an obligor whose net disposable income is less than \$1,000 a month is entitled to a low-income adjustment and deleted the requirement that the court state the reasons supporting the adjustment. AB 1752 mandated that appropriate Judicial Council forms be modified by July 1, 2004. The advisory committee proposes revising *Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations (UIFSA)* (form FL-530), *Findings and Recommendation of Commissioner (Governmental)* (form FL-665), and *Order After Hearing (Governmental)* (form FL-687), to delete the requirement that the court state its reasons for ordering the low-income adjustment when such an adjustment is applied.

The specific proposed revisions are:

Revise *Child Support Information and Order Attachment* (form FL-342), to replace gender-specific terms “Mother” and “Father” with gender-neutral terms “Petitioner/Plaintiff,” “Respondent/Defendant,” and “Other Parent”; to add “specify” after Other Orders in item 11; and to comply with forms guidelines changes and to correct typographical errors.

Revise *Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations (UIFSA)* (form FL-530), to add a provision for “other” in (2)(c) after petitioner and respondent, to revise the low-income adjustment reference to comply with the statutory terms, to delete the requirement to provide a *Child Support Case Registry Form* and add a requirement for parents to notify

the local child support agency of any changes in residence or employment, to clarify and replace the reference to “Respondent” in (6)(a) to “Obligor,” and to comply with forms guidelines changes and to correct typographical errors.

Revise *Stipulation for Judgment or Supplemental Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations and Judgment (Governmental)* (form FL-615), to delete the requirement to provide a *Child Support Case Registry Form* and add a requirement for parents to notify the local child support agency of any changes in residence or employment, to add “per year” at the end of the sentence in the notice box at the bottom of the form, to replace gender-specific terms with gender-neutral terms in the signature portion, to add “Attorney for” on the line for the local child support agency, and to comply with forms guidelines changes and correct typographical errors.

Revise (form FL-625), *Stipulation and Order (Governmental)* to add “for court use only” in the file stamp box in the caption; to delete the requirement to provide a *Child Support Case Registry Form* and add a requirement for parents to notify the local child support agency of any changes in residence or employment; to add a date, name, and signature line for the “Signature of Other Parent,” which was inadvertently omitted, above the section for the “Signature of Attorney for Other Parent” on page 3; to replace gender-specific terms with gender-neutral terms in the signature portion; and to comply with forms guidelines changes and correct typographical errors.

Revise *Findings and Recommendation of Commissioner (Governmental)* (form FL-665), to delete the requirement to provide a *Child Support Case Registry Form* and add a requirement for parents to notify the local child support agency of any changes in residence or employment, to revise the low-income adjustment reference to comply with the statutory terms, and to comply with forms guidelines changes and to correct typographical errors.

Revise *Order After Hearing (Governmental)* (form FL-687), to delete the requirement to provide a *Child Support Case Registry Form* and add a requirement for parents to notify the local child support agency of any changes in residence or employment, to revise the low-income adjustment reference to comply with the statutory terms, and to comply with forms guidelines changes and to correct typographical errors.

Revise *Short Form Order After Hearing (Governmental)* (form FL-688), to clarify “obligor” as the parent ordered to pay support; to clarify and break down 3(d) and (e) into simple, understandable terms (3)(d) through (h) with optional check boxes to give the court flexibility to enter a specific support amount, effective date, reservation of jurisdiction, retroactive date, suspended date, and other orders; to renumber 3(f) to 3(i); and to comply with forms guidelines changes and to correct typographical errors.

Alternative Actions Considered

The alternatives of no action or delayed action were considered. However, these changes are necessary to comply with statutory changes.

Comments From Interested Parties

The 10 comments received generally favored the changes. Suggestions were made to update the forms with gender-neutral terms; to reformat orders into simple understandable terms with check boxes; to include information on filing fees; and to correct typographical errors. Several commentators suggested replacing the gender-specific terms “mother” and “father” wherever appropriate with the party-status terms “petitioner,” “respondent,” and “other parent,” which would still be appropriate for same-gender parents.

A commentator suggested expanding the term “other parent” to “other parent or party” throughout all forms, including captions. However, the term “other parent” is used to conform to the party designation in the case captioning of governmental forms. Family Code section 17404(e) provides specifically for the joinder of the other parent in a governmental action. The California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS)/California Child Support Directors’ Association (CSDA) Judicial Council Forms Subcommittee will continue to review these suggestions and determine the appropriate gender-neutral terms in government forms for future form revisions. The CSDA further recommended breaking down paragraphs 3(d) and (e) of *Short Form Order After Hearing (Governmental)* (form FL-688), into simple, understandable terms and to revise the language to provide check boxes for support amounts, rather than suspension or termination of support. The committee incorporated these suggestions to improve the forms.

A chart summarizing the comments and the committee’s responses is attached at pages 22–30.

Implementation Requirements and Costs

Courts will incur some standard costs in copying the forms.

Attachments

PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF: RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT: OTHER PARENT:	CASE NUMBER:
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CHILD SUPPORT INFORMATION AND ORDER ATTACHMENT

Attachment to Findings and Order After Hearing Restraining Order After Hearing (CLETS)
 Judgment Other

THE COURT USED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF CHILD SUPPORT:

1. A printout of a computer calculation and findings is attached and incorporated in this order for all required items not filled out below.

2. **Income**

	<u>Gross monthly</u>	<u>Net monthly</u>	<u>Receiving</u>
a. Each parent's monthly income is as follows:	<u>income</u>	<u>income</u>	<u>TANF/CalWORKS</u>
petitioner/plaintiff:	\$	\$	<input type="text"/>
respondent/defendant:	\$	\$	<input type="text"/>
other parent:	\$	\$	<input type="text"/>

b. Imputation of income. The court finds that the petitioner/plaintiff respondent/defendant
 other parent has the capacity to earn:
 \$ _____ per: _____ and has based the support order upon this imputed income.

3. **Children of This Relationship**

a. Number of children who are the subjects of the support order (*specify*): _____
 b. Approximate percentage of time spent with: petitioner/plaintiff _____ %
 respondent/defendant _____ %
 other parent _____ %

4. **Hardships**

Hardships for the following have been allowed in calculating child support:

	<u>petitioner/ plaintiff</u>	<u>respondent/ defendant</u>	<u>other parent</u>	<u>Approximate ending time for the hardship</u>
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Other minor children:	\$	\$	\$	
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Extraordinary medical expenses:	\$	\$	\$	
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Catastrophic losses:	\$	\$	\$	

THE COURT ORDERS

5. **Low-Income Adjustment**

a. The low-income adjustment applies.
 b. The low-income adjustment does not apply because (*specify reasons*): _____

6. **Child Support**

a. **Base child support**

Petitioner/plaintiff Respondent/defendant Other parent must pay child support beginning
 (*date*): _____ and continuing until further order of the court, or until the child marries, dies, is emancipated, reaches age
 19, or reaches age 18 and is not a full-time high school student, whichever occurs first, as follows:

<u>Child's name</u>	<u>Date of birth</u>	<u>Monthly amount</u>	<u>Payable to (<i>name</i>)</u>
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Payable on the 1st of the month one-half on the 1st and one-half on the 15th of the month
 other (*specify*): _____

b. **Mandatory additional child support**

(1) Child-care costs related to employment or reasonably necessary job training.

<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner/plaintiff must pay:	%	of total	or	<input type="text"/>	\$	per month	child-care costs.
<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent/defendant must pay:	%	of total	or	<input type="text"/>	\$	per month	child-care costs.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other parent must pay:	%	of total	or	<input type="text"/>	\$	per month	child-care costs.

Costs to be paid as follows (*specify*): _____

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THE COURT FURTHER ORDERS

6. b. **Mandatory additional child support (continued)**

- (2) Reasonable uninsured health-care costs for the children
- | | | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Petitioner/plaintiff must pay: | % of total | or | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ | |
| | | | | | per month. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Respondent/defendant must pay: | % of total | or | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ | per month. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other parent must pay: | % of total | or | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ | per month. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Costs to be paid as follows (specify): | | | | |

c. **Additional child support**

- (1) Costs related to the educational or other special needs of the children
- | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|------------|----|-----------------------------|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Petitioner/plaintiff must pay: | % of total | or | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ | |
| | | | | | per month. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Respondent/defendant must pay: | % of total | or | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ | per month. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other parent must pay: | % of total | or | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ | per month. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Costs to be paid as follows (specify): | | | | |
- (2) Travel expenses for visitation
- | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|------------|----|-----------------------------|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Petitioner/plaintiff must pay: | % of total | or | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ | |
| | | | | | per month. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Respondent/defendant must pay: | % of total | or | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ | per month. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other parent must pay: | % of total | or | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ | per month. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Costs to be paid as follows (specify): | | | | |

Total child support per month: \$
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7. **Health-Care Expenses**

- a. Health insurance coverage for the minor children of the parties must be maintained by the petitioner/plaintiff respondent/defendant other parent if available at no or reasonable cost through their respective places of employment or self-employment. Both parties are ordered to cooperate in the presentation, collection, and reimbursement of any health-care claims.
- b. Health insurance is not available to the petitioner/plaintiff respondent/defendant other parent at a reasonable cost at this time.
- c. The party providing coverage must assign the right of reimbursement to the other party.

8. **Earnings Assignment**

An *Order/Notice to Withhold Income for Child Support* (form FL-195) must issue. **Note:** The payor of child support is responsible for the payment of support directly to the recipient until support payments are deducted from the payor's wages, and for any support not paid by the assignment.

9. **Non-Guideline Order**

This order does not meet the child support guideline set forth in Family Code section 4055. A *Non-Guideline Child Support Findings Attachment* (form FL-342(A)) is attached.

10. **Employment Search Order (Family Code, § 4505)**

Petitioner/plaintiff Respondent/defendant Other parent is ordered to seek employment with the following terms and conditions:

11. **Other Orders (specify):**

12. **Required Attachments**

A *Notice of Rights and Responsibilities—Health Care Costs and Reimbursement Procedures and Information Sheet on Changing a Child Support Order* (form FL-192) must be attached and is incorporated into this order.

13. **Child Support Case Registry Form**

Both parties must complete and file with the court a *Child Support Case Registry Form* (form FL-191) within 10 days of the date of this order. Thereafter, the parties must notify the court of any change in the information submitted within 10 days of the change by filing an updated form.

NOTICE: Any party required to pay child support must pay interest on overdue amounts at the legal rate, which is currently 10 percent per year.

THIS IS A COURT ORDER.

GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY (under Family Code, §§ 17400,17406): TELEPHONE NO.: _____ FAX NO.: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): _____ ATTORNEY FOR (Name): _____	FOR COURT USE ONLY DRAFT 5 03-10-05 ICB
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:	
PETITIONER: RESPONDENT: OTHER:	
JUDGMENT REGARDING PARENTAL OBLIGATIONS (UIFSA) <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDED <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPLEMENTAL	CASE NUMBER:

1. a. **NOTICE: THIS IS A PROPOSED JUDGMENT.** This *Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations (UIFSA)* will be entered by the court and will become legally binding unless you fill out and file the *Response to Uniform Support Petition (UIFSA)* (form FL-520) with the court clerk within 30 days of the date you were served with the *Summons (UIFSA)* (form FL-510) and *Uniform Support Petition* (form FL-500/OMB 0970-0085). If you need a *Response* form, you may get one from the local child support agency, the court clerk, or the family law facilitator. The family law facilitator will help you fill out the forms. To file the *Response*, follow the procedures listed in the information sheet attached to that form.
- b. **NOTICE: THIS IS A JUDGMENT.** It is now legally binding.
2. **THIS MATTER PROCEEDED AS FOLLOWS:**
 - a. Judgment entered under Family Code section 5002.
 - b. By court hearing, appearances as follows:

(1) Date: _____	Dept.: _____	Judicial officer: _____
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner present	<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney present (name): _____	
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent present	<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney present (name): _____	
(4) Child support agency (Family Code, §§ 17400, 17406) by (name): _____		
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____		
 - c. The obligor (the parent ordered to pay support) is petitioner respondent other (specify): _____
3. This order is based on presumed income for the obligor under Family Code section 5002.
4. Attached is a computer printout showing the parents' income and percentage of time each parent spends with the children. The printout, which shows the calculation of child support payable, shall become the court's findings.
5. This order is based on the attached documents (specify): _____
6. **THE COURT ORDERS:**
 - a. Obligor is the parent of the children named in item 6b.
 has previously been determined to be the parent of the children named in item 6b.
 - b. Obligor must pay current child support as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of birth</u>	<u>Monthly support amount</u>
 - (1) Other (specify): _____

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6. b. (2) For a total of: \$ _____ payable on the: _____ day of each month
 beginning (date): _____

- (3) The low-income adjustment applies.
 The low-income adjustment does not apply because (specify reasons): _____

(4) Any support ordered will continue until further order of court, unless terminated by operation of law.

c. Obligor must pay child support for the past periods and in the amounts set forth below:

Name	Date of birth	Period of support	Amount
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(1) Other (specify): _____

(2) For a total of: \$ _____ payable: \$ _____ on the: _____ day of each month
 beginning (date): _____

(3) Interest accrues on the entire principal balance owing and not on each installment as it becomes due.

d. No provision of this judgment operates to limit any right to collect the principal (total amount of unpaid support) or to charge and collect interest and penalties as allowed by law. All payments ordered are subject to modification.

e. All payments must be made to (name and address of agency): _____

f. An earnings assignment order for support must issue.

g. Obligor Obligees must (1) provide and maintain health insurance coverage for the children if it is available through employment or a group plan, or otherwise available at no or reasonable cost, and keep the local child support agency informed of the availability of the coverage; (2) if health insurance is not available, provide coverage when it becomes available; (3) within 20 days of the local child support agency's request, complete and return a health insurance form; (4) provide to the local child support agency all information and forms necessary to obtain health-care services for the children; (5) present any claim to secure payment or reimbursement to the other parent or caretaker who incurs costs for health-care services for the children; and (6) assign any rights to reimbursement to the other parent or caretaker who incurs costs for health-care services for the children. If the "Obligor" box is checked, a health insurance coverage assignment must issue.

h. The parents must notify the local child support agency in writing within 10 days of any change in residence or employment.

i. The *Notice of Rights and Responsibilities and Information Sheet on Changing a Child Support Order* (form FL-192) is attached.

j. Obligor must pay costs of: \$ _____

k. The court further orders (specify): _____

Date: _____

 JUDICIAL OFFICER

7. Number of pages attached: _____ SIGNATURE FOLLOWS LAST

Approved as conforming to court order: Date: _____  _____ (SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR OBLIGOR)
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GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY (under Family Code, §§ 17400, 17406): <hr/> TELEPHONE NO.: _____ FAX NO. (Optional): _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): _____ ATTORNEY FOR (Name): _____	FOR COURT USE ONLY DRAFT 10 03-10-05 1500 hrs
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:	
PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF: RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT: OTHER PARENT:	
STIPULATION FOR <input type="checkbox"/> JUDGMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPLEMENTAL JUDGMENT REGARDING PARENTAL OBLIGATIONS AND JUDGMENT	CASE NUMBER:

1. This matter proceeded as follows:

- a. By written stipulation without court appearance.
- b. By court hearing, appearances as follows:
 - (1) Date: _____ Dept.: _____ Judicial officer: _____
 - (2) Petitioner/plaintiff present Attorney present (name): _____
 - (3) Respondent/defendant present Attorney present (name): _____
 - (4) Other parent present Attorney present (name): _____
 - (5) Local child support agency (Family Code, §§ 17400, 17406) by (name): _____
 - (6) Other (specify): _____
- c. The obligor (the parent ordered to pay support) is the petitioner/plaintiff respondent/defendant other parent.

2. This order is based on the attached documents (specify):

3. The parties agree that

- a. Obligor has read and understands the *Advisement and Waiver of Rights for Stipulation* on page 4 of this form. Obligor gives up these rights and freely agrees that a judgment may be entered in accordance with this stipulation.
- b. The amount of support payable by the obligor as calculated under the guideline is: \$ _____ per month.
 - We agree to guideline support.
 - The guideline amount should be rebutted because of the following:
 - (1) We have been fully informed of the guideline amount of support; we agree voluntarily to child support in the amount of: \$ _____ per month; the agreement is in the best interest of the children; the needs of the children will be met adequately by the agreed amount; the children are not receiving public assistance; no application for public assistance is pending; and application of the guideline would be unjust and inappropriate in this case. We understand that if the order is below guideline, no change of circumstances need be shown to raise this order to the guideline amount. If the order is above the guideline, a change of circumstances will be required to modify this order.
 - (2) Other rebutting factors (specify): _____
- c. Attached is a computer printout showing the parents' incomes and percentage of time each parent spends with the children. The printout, which shows the calculation of child support payable, will become the court's findings.

NOTICE: Any party required to pay child support must pay interest on overdue amounts at the legal rate, which is currently 10 percent per year.

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3. d. The petitioner/plaintiff and respondent/defendant listed in the complaint are the parents of the children named in item 3e below.
 e. Obligor must pay current child support as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of birth</u>	<u>Monthly support amount</u>
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(1) Other (*specify*):

(2) For a total of: \$ _____ payable on the: _____ day of each month
 beginning (*date*): _____

(3) The low-income adjustment applies.

The low-income adjustment does not apply because (*specify reasons*):

(4) Any support ordered will continue until further order of court, unless terminated by operation of law.

- f. Obligor must pay child support for the past periods and in the amounts set forth below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of birth</u>	<u>Period of support</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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(1) Other (*specify*):

(2) For a total of: \$ _____ payable: \$ _____ on the: _____ day of each month
 beginning (*date*): _____

(3) Interest accrues on the entire principal balance owing and not on each installment as it becomes due.

- g. If this is a judgment on a *Supplemental Complaint*, it does not modify or supersede any prior judgment or order for support or arrearages, unless specifically provided.
 h. No provision of this judgment may operate to limit any right to collect the principal (total amount of unpaid support) or to charge and collect interest and penalties as allowed by law. All payments ordered are subject to modification.
 i. All payments must be made to (*name and address of agency*):

j. **An Order/Notice to Withhold Income for Child Support (form FL-195) will issue.**

- k. Obligor Obligee must (1) provide and maintain health insurance coverage for the children if it is available through employment or a group plan, or otherwise available at no or reasonable cost, and keep the local child support agency informed of the availability of the coverage; (2) if health insurance is not available, provide coverage when it becomes available; (3) within 20 days of the local child support agency's request, complete and return a health insurance form; (4) provide to the local child support agency all information and forms necessary to obtain health-care services for the children; (5) present any claim to secure payment or reimbursement to the other parent or caretaker who incurs costs for health-care services for the children; (6) assign any rights to reimbursement to the other parent or caretaker who incurs costs for health-care services for the children. If the "Obligor" box is checked, a health insurance coverage assignment will issue.

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3. *l.* The parents must notify the local child support agency in writing within 10 days of any change in residence or employment.
- m.* The *Notice of Rights and Responsibilities—Health Care Costs and Reimbursement Procedures and Information Sheet on Changing a Child Support Order* (form FL-192) is attached.
- n.* Obligor must pay costs of: \$ _____ to *(specify):* _____ on the following terms and conditions *(specify):* _____
- o.* The following person (the “other parent”) is added as a party to this action under Family Code section 17404 *(name):* _____
- p.* Other *(specify):* _____

Date: _____ (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	▶	_____ (SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR LOCAL CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY)
Date: _____ (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	▶	_____ (SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER)
Date: _____ (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	▶	_____ (SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER)
Date: _____ (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	▶	_____ (SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT)
Date: _____ (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	▶	_____ (SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT)
Date: _____ (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	▶	_____ (SIGNATURE OF OTHER PARENT)
Date: _____ (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	▶	_____ (SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR OTHER PARENT)

JUDGMENT

4. THE COURT SO ORDERS.

Date: _____

JUDICIAL OFFICER

5. Number of pages attached: _____

SIGNATURE FOLLOWS LAST ATTACHMENT

PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF: RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT: OTHER PARENT:	CASE NUMBER:
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ADVISEMENT AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS FOR STIPULATION

- 1. RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY A LAWYER.** I understand that I have the right to be represented by a lawyer of my choice at my expense. If I cannot afford a lawyer to represent me, I can ask the court to appoint one to represent me free of charge only if I dispute that I am the parent of the children named in this action and only on the issue of parentage. I understand that the attorney for the local child support agency does not represent me.
- 5. ADMISSION AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS.** I understand that by agreeing to the terms of this stipulation, I am admitting that I am the parent of the children named in the stipulation and I am giving up the rights stated above.
- 8.** I agree to the terms of this stipulation freely and voluntarily.
- 2. RIGHT TO A TRIAL.** I understand that I have a right to have a judicial officer: (1) determine if I am the parent of the children named in the stipulation, (2) decide how much child support I must pay, and (3) decide how much I owe for arrearages (unpaid support).
- 6. WHERE THE STIPULATION INCLUDES CHILD SUPPORT.**

 - a. I understand that I will have the duty to obey the support order for the children named in the stipulation until the order is changed by the court or ended by law.
 - b. I also understand that the court will order any support payments to be paid directly from my wages or other earnings and sent to the local child support agency if they are assigned to collect the support.
 - c. I have been advised of the amount of guideline child support and how the proposed child support amount was determined.
- 9.** I understand that the local child support agency is required by state law to enforce the duty of support.
- 3. RIGHT TO CONFRONT AND CROSS-EXAMINE WITNESSES.** I understand that in a trial any allegations made against me must be proved. At the trial I may be present with a lawyer when witnesses testify, and I may ask them questions. I may also present evidence and witnesses.
- 7. WHERE THE STIPULATION INCLUDES A PROVISION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE.** I understand that I must keep health insurance coverage for the minor children if insurance is available, or becomes available, to me at no or reasonable cost. A health insurance coverage assignment/*National Medical Support Notice* may be ordered to get health insurance for my children.
- 10. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I WILLFULLY FAIL TO SUPPORT MY CHILDREN, CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS MAY BE INITIATED AGAINST ME.**
- 11. COLLECTION OF SUPPORT.** I understand that any support I owe may be collected from any of my property. This collection may be made by intercepting money owed to me by the state or federal government (such as tax refunds, unemployment and disability benefits, and lottery winnings), by taking property I own, by placing a lien on my property, or by any other lawful means.
- 4. RIGHT TO HAVE PARENTAGE TESTS WHERE THE LAW PERMITS.** I understand that, where the law permits, I have the right to have the court order parentage tests. The court will decide on the tests. The court could order that I pay none, some, or all of the costs of the tests.
- 12. IF I AM REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY, MY ATTORNEY HAS READ AND EXPLAINED TO ME THE TERMS OF THE STIPULATION AND THIS ADVISEMENT AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS, AND I UNDERSTAND THESE TERMS.**

I have read and understand the *Advisement and Waiver of Rights for Stipulation*; or
 Attached is a translation of this *Advisement and Waiver of Rights for Stipulation* in (specify language):
 I understand the translation.

Date:

_____ (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)



_____ (PARTY'S SIGNATURE)

INTERPRETER'S DECLARATION: The above-named party is unable to read or understand this *Advisement and Waiver of Rights for Stipulation* because

his or her primary language is (specify):
 other (specify):

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have, to the best of my ability, read or translated for the above-named party the *Stipulation for Judgment or Supplemental Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations and Judgment*. The above-named party said he or she understood the terms of this *Stipulation for Judgment or Supplemental Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations and Judgment* before signing it.

Date:

_____ (TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF INTERPRETER)



_____ (INTERPRETER'S SIGNATURE)

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3. c. Attached is a computer printout showing the parents' incomes and percentage of time each parent spends with the children. The printout, which shows the calculation of child support payable, will become the court's findings.

d. Obligor must pay current child support as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of birth</u>	<u>Monthly support amount</u>
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(1) Other (*specify*):

(2) For a total of: \$ _____ payable on the: _____ day of each month
 beginning (*date*):

(3) The low-income adjustment applies.
 The low-income adjustment does not apply because (*specify reasons*):

(4) Any support ordered will continue until further order of court, unless terminated by operation of law.

e. Obligor owes support arrears as follows, as of (*date*):

(1) Child support: \$ _____ Spousal support: \$ _____ Family support: \$ _____

(2) Interest is not included and is not waived.

(3) Payable: \$ _____ on the: _____ day of each month
 beginning (*date*):

(4) Interest accrues on the entire principal balance owing and not on each installment as it becomes due.

f. No provision of this judgment may operate to limit any right to collect the principal (total amount of unpaid support) or to charge and collect interest and penalties as allowed by law. All payments ordered are subject to modification.

g. All payments must be made to (*name and address of agency*):

h. **An Order/Notice to Withhold Income for Child Support (form FL-195) will issue.**

i. Obligor Obligee must (1) provide and maintain health insurance coverage for the children if it is available through employment or a group plan, or otherwise available at no or reasonable cost, and must keep the local child support agency informed of the availability of the coverage; (2) if health insurance is not available, provide coverage when it becomes available; (3) within 20 days of the local child support agency's request, complete and return a health insurance form; (4) provide to the local child support agency all information and forms necessary to obtain health-care services for the children; (5) present any claim to secure payment or reimbursement to the other parent or caretaker who incurs costs for health-care services for the children; (6) assign any rights to reimbursement to the other parent or caretaker who incurs costs for health-care services for the children. If the "Obligor" box is checked, a health insurance coverage assignment will issue.

j. The parents must notify the local child support agency in writing within 10 days of any change in residence or employment.

k. The *Notice of Rights and Responsibilities—Health Care Costs and Reimbursement Procedures and Information Sheet on Changing a Child Support Order* (form FL-192) is attached.

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3. l. The following person (the "other parent") is added as a party to this action under Family Code section 17404 (*name*):

m. Other (*specify*):

Date: _____

 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) ▶ _____
 (SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR LOCAL CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY)

Date: _____

 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) ▶ _____
 (SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER)

Date: _____

 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) ▶ _____
 (SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER)

Date: _____

 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) ▶ _____
 (SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT)

Date: _____

 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) ▶ _____
 (SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT)

Date: _____

 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) ▶ _____
 (SIGNATURE OF OTHER PARENT)

Date: _____

 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) ▶ _____
 (SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR OTHER PARENT)

ORDER

4. THE COURT SO ORDERS.

Date: _____

 JUDICIAL OFFICER

5. Number of pages attached: _____ SIGNATURE FOLLOWS LAST ATTACHMENT

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5. c. (4) Any support ordered will continue until further order of court, unless terminated by operation of law.

d. Obligor must pay child support for past periods and in the amounts set forth below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of birth</u>	<u>Period of support</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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(1) Other (*specify*):

(2) For a total of: \$ _____ payable: \$ _____ on the: _____ day of each month beginning (*date*):

(3) Interest accrues on the entire principal balance owing and not on each installment as it becomes due.

e. Obligor owes support arrears as follows, as of (*date*):

(1) Child support: \$ _____ Spousal support: \$ _____ Family support: \$ _____

(2) Interest is not included and is not waived.

(3) Payable: \$ _____ on the: _____ day of each month beginning (*date*):

(4) Interest accrues on the entire principal balance owing and not on each installment as it becomes due.

f. No provision of this judgment/order may operate to limit any right to collect the principal (total amount of unpaid support) or to charge and collect interest and penalties as allowed by law. All payments ordered are subject to modification.

g. All payments must be made to (*name and address of agency*):

h. **An Order/Notice to Withhold Income for Child Support (form FL-195) must issue.**

i. Obligor Obligee must (1) provide and maintain health insurance coverage for the children if it is available through employment or a group plan, or otherwise available at no or reasonable cost, and must keep the local child support agency informed of the availability of the coverage; (2) if health insurance is not available, provide coverage when it becomes available; (3) within 20 days of the local child support agency request, complete and return a health insurance form; (4) provide to the local child support agency all information and forms necessary to obtain health-care services for the children; (5) present any claim to secure payment or reimbursement to the other parent or caretaker who incurs costs for health-care services for the children; (6) assign any rights to reimbursement to the other parent or caretaker who incurs costs for health care services for the children. If the "Obligor" box is checked, a health insurance coverage assignment must issue.

j. The parents must notify the local child support agency in writing within 10 days of any change in residence or employment.

k. The *Notice of Rights and Responsibilities and Information Sheet on Changing a Child Support Order* (form FL-192) is attached.

l. The following person (the other parent) is added as a party to this action under Family Code section 17404 (*name*):

m. Obligor must pay costs of (*specify*):
to (*specify*):

n. The court further recommends (*specify*):

Date:

6. Number of pages attached: _____

 COMMISSIONER
 SIGNATURE FOLLOWS LAST ATTACHMENT

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR SERVICE

I certify that I am not a party to this cause and that

1. **Personal service.** A true copy of this *Findings and Recommendation of Commissioner* was handed to the petitioner/plaintiff respondent/defendant other parent at the hearing of this matter before the commissioner.
2. **Mail.** A true copy of this *Findings and Recommendation of Commissioner* was mailed first class, postage fully prepaid, in a sealed envelope addressed as shown below, and that the request was mailed
 at (place): _____ California,
 on (date): _____

Date: _____ Clerk, by _____, Deputy

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4. c. Obligor owes support arrears as follows, as of *(date)*:
- (1) Child support: \$ _____ Spousal support: \$ _____ Family support: \$ _____
- (2) Interest is not included and is not waived.
- (3) Payable: \$ _____ on the: _____ day of each month
 beginning *(date)*: _____
- (4) Interest accrues on the entire principal balance owing and not on each installment as it becomes due.
- d. No provision of this order may operate to limit any right to collect the principal (total amount of unpaid support) or to charge and collect interest and penalties as allowed by law. All payments ordered are subject to modification.
- e. All payments must be made to *(name and address of agency)*:

f. An Order/Notice to Withhold Income for Child Support (form FL-195) must issue.

- g. Obligor Obligee must (1) provide and maintain health insurance coverage for the children if it is available through employment or a group plan, or otherwise available at no or reasonable cost, and must keep the local child support agency informed of the availability of the coverage; (2) if health insurance is not available, provide coverage when it becomes available; (3) within 20 days of the local child support agency request, complete and return a health insurance form; (4) provide to the local child support agency all information and forms necessary to obtain health-care services for the children; (5) present any claim to secure payment or reimbursement to the other parent or caretaker who incurs costs for health-care services for the children; (6) assign any rights to reimbursement to the other parent or caretaker who incurs costs for health-care services for the children. If the "Obligor" box is checked, a health insurance coverage assignment must issue.
- h. The parents must notify the local child support agency in writing within 10 days of any change in residence or employment.
- i. The *Notice of Rights and Responsibilities and Information Sheet on Changing a Child Support Order* (form FL-192) is attached.
- j. The following person (the "other parent") is added as a party to this action under Family Code section 17404 *(name)*:
- k. The court further orders *(specify)*:

Date: _____

5. Number of pages attached: _____

 JUDICIAL OFFICER

SIGNATURE FOLLOWS LAST ATTACHMENT

Approved as conforming to court order: Date:  _____ (SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR OBLIGOR)
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	Commentator	Position	Comment on behalf of group?	Comment	Committee Response
1.	Christine Copeland Attorney Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara San Jose	A	N	Agree.	No response needed.
2.	David Jetton Court Manager Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Los Angeles	A	N	Agree.	No response needed.
3.	Bruce Greenlee LexisNexis	AM	N	<p>1. Revised form FL-615, <i>Stipulation for Judgment/Supplemental Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations and Judgment (Governmental)</i> demonstrates an additional problem. Here, the signature page now includes lines for the signatures of the LCSA, Mother, Mother's Attorney, Father, Father's Attorney, Other Parent, and Other Parent's Attorney.</p> <p>2. Revised form FL-625, <i>Stipulation and Order (Governmental)</i> presents the same issue with the signature page with an additional serious substantive problem. Here, a signature line has been added for the Attorney for Other Parent, but there is no signature line for Other Parent.</p> <p>3. All of these problems could be resolved, it seems to us, by simply by avoiding the usage of the gender-specific terms "Mother" and "Father" wherever possible, and sticking with</p>	<p>1. Agree to replace gender-specific terms of Mother and Father with gender neutral terms, "Petitioner," "Respondent," and "Other Parent."</p> <p>2. Agree to add signature line for "Other Parent" and replace gender-specific terms of Mother and Father with gender neutral terms, "Petitioner," "Respondent," and "Other Parent."</p> <p>3. Agree to replace gender-specific terms of Mother and Father with gender neutral terms, "Petitioner," "Respondent," and</p>

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				<p>the party-status terms “Petitioner,” “Respondent,” and “Other Parent.” Same-gender parents can fit correctly under these terms without concern over how many Mothers and Fathers the child has. In the rare case where it might be necessary to identify the gender of the parties. (e.g., certain parentage items perhaps), then it would be necessary to provide more options than just Mother, Father, and Other Parent. A better approach would be to provide options for “Mother and Father,” “Mother and Mother,” and “Father and Father.”</p>	<p>“Other Parent.”</p>
4.	<p>Stephen V. Love Executive Officer Superior Court of California, County of San Diego San Diego</p>	AM	N	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The term, “other parent,” should be expanded to “other parent or party,” throughout all forms including captions here and in W05-07 because sometimes the other person is found not to be a parent and therefore the forms should reflect the possibility. Furthermore, sometimes the “other party” is not a parent but a custodian or guardian or? 2. On FL 665, at number 5, add a line for “Other parent or party” as some cases could now have two moms or two dads. 3. <i>Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations (UIFSA)</i> FL- 530 page 1, Item 1.a. There is no notice that there is a filing fee for the Response 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The term “other parent” is used to conform to the party designations in the case captioning of governmental forms. Family Code §17404(e)(2) references only the joinder of the “parent” who has requested or is receiving support enforcement services. 2. In addition, situations involving a custodian or guardian are in the minority. The reference to “mother” “father” have been changed to “parent” with check boxes for mother father options for each. 3. Agree in part. The filing fee information is appropriately included on the instruction sheet

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				<p>form. This issue came up before when a litigant had a default entered after he tried to file an Answer, didn't include the filing fee, and it was kicked back. The customer pointed out that nowhere in the papers he was served did it mention a filing fee.</p> <p>Information regarding filing fees should be included under Item 1a. prior to the last sentence in 1.a. Add something like "There is a filing fee to file FL-500. If you cannot afford to pay the filing fee, the court may waive it upon a showing of need. For more information about the filing fee, contact the court clerk or the family law facilitator in your county."</p> <p>Page 2, Item 6h: Change the word "parents" to "parties."</p> <p>4. <i>Stipulation for Judgment or Supplemental Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations and Judgments</i> [FL-615] Page 1, caption: Instead of having "Other Parent," change to either "Other" [like on the judgment form caption] or "Other Parent/Party." In this day and age it is common to have more than just parents to a child support action. Page 3, Item 3L: Change "parents" to "parties." Page 3, Signature Lines: Change "Other Parent" to "Other Party." The form already has a place for both father and mother to sign. What other "parent" would there be? But there might be another "party."</p>	<p>for FL-520 in paragraph 2.</p> <p>4. Family Code §17404(e)(2) references only the joinder of the "parent" who has requested or is receiving support enforcement services. Family Code §17404(h) includes a parent who has assigned his or her rights to support pursuant to section 11477 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.</p>

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				<p>5. <i>Stipulation and Order</i> [FL-625]: Page 1, Item 1b(4): Change “Other Parent” to “Other Parent/Party” Page 2, Item 3c: Change “parents” to “parties.” Page 2, Item 3j: Change “parents” to “parties.” Page 2, Signature Lines: Change “Other Parent” to “Other Party.”</p> <p>6. <i>Findings and Recommendations of Commissioner</i> [FL-665]: Page 1, Item 2.a.(4): Change “Other Parent” to “Other Parent/Party.” Page 1, Item 3: Change the word “parents” to “parties.” Page 2, Item 5j: Change the word “parents” to “parties.”</p> <p>7. <i>Order After Hearing</i> [FL-687]: Page 1, Item 1d: Change “Other Parent” to “Other Parent/Party.” Page 1, Item 2: Change the word “parents” to “parties.” Page 2, Item 4h: Change the word “parents” to parties.”</p>	<p>5. Family Code §17404(e)(2) references only the joinder of the "parent" who has requested or is receiving support enforcement services. Family Code §17404(h) includes a parent who has assigned his or her rights to support pursuant to section 11477 of the Welfare and Institutes Code.</p> <p>6. See above.</p> <p>7. See above.</p>
5.	JoAnn Johnson Family Law Facilitator Superior Court of California, County of Ventura Ventura	AM	N	Where the form states: “The obligor (person ordered to pay support) is the...” I would rather see Mother/Father instead of Petitioner, Respondent, Other parent.	Disagree. Gender neutral terms should replace gender specific terms where appropriate as mandated by AB 205.

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6.	Robert Scott Wylie and Anjuli Aroro Associate Dean and Student Whittier Law School — Children’s Rights Clinic Costa Mesa	AM	N	We have reviewed the proposed changes and relevant forms. We believe the changes do make the forms clearer, generally; we would suggest that the language contained in some forms uses language that is more complex than necessary. This fact will make the forms difficult for use by pro per litigants. Examples of this can be found on form FL-530. On 6(a) the word “obligor” could be changed to make it easier to understand, such as by using “person who is required” or “person who is obligated” instead of “obligor.” Also, on 6(c)(3), “interest accrues” could be simplified. Such legal terms of art are difficult for pro per litigants to understand.	Agree, in part. The Obligor is defined in 2(c) as the parent ordered to pay support.
7.	Robert Schnider Supervising Judge (Family Law) Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Los Angeles	A	N	Agree.	No response needed.
8.	Dean Zipser President Orange County Bar Association Irvine	A	N	Agree.	No response needed.
9.	Grace Andres Program Manager Superior Court of California, County of Solano Fairfield	A	N	Agree.	No response needed.
10	Kristy Johnson Secretary California Child Support	AM	Y	1. <u>General comment</u> : Recommend removing the quotation marks from the word “legal” in the notice at the bottom of all forms that contain	1. Agree to remove quotation marks from the word “legal.”

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	Directors' Association (CSDA) Judicial Council Forms Subcommittee Department of Child Support Services Rancho Cordova			<p>them, because they are unnecessary and could be misconstrued. This applies to forms numbered FL-530, FL-615, FL-625, FL-665, FL-687, and FL-688.</p> <p>2. <i>Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations (UIFSA)</i> (FL-530) <u>Caption:</u> Recommend deleting "OTHER" in the Petitioner/Respondent box, since our caption must match the other state's, and California is the only state that uses the other party or other parent. In addition, the short caption on the second page does not have "OTHER."</p> <p>3. <u>Item 3:</u> Recommend removing the Family Code citation to avoid having to revise forms when statutes are revised.</p> <p>4. <i>Stipulation for Judgment or Supplemental Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations and Judgment (Governmental)</i> (FL-615) <u>Page 3 Signature lines:</u> First line; for consistency, recommend adding to the identification of the person signing: (SIGNATURE OF <u>ATTORNEY FOR LOCAL CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY</u>).</p> <p>5. To comply with AB 205 (in reviewing and revising all public-use forms that refer to or use the terms spouse, husband, wife, father, mother, marriage, or marital status, that appropriate</p>	<p>2. The current use of the "Other" in the caption should be retained to accommodate the captions of interstate cases where there has been joinder of other parties.</p> <p>3. Disagree. This section is cited in lieu of the recommended statutory provision (i.e., minimum wage at 40 hours per week, etc...).</p> <p>4. Agree to add: SIGNATURE OF <u>ATTORNEY FOR LOCAL CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY</u></p> <p>5. Agree to replace gender-specific terms of Mother and Father with gender neutral terms, "Petitioner," "Respondent," and</p>

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				<p>references to domestic partner, parent, or domestic partnership be included), recommend changing identification under the parents' lines from Mother and Father to Petitioner and Respondent.</p> <p>6. <i>Stipulation and Order (Governmental) (FL-625)</i> <u>Page 3 Item 3l</u>: remove italics from the lower case L.</p> <p><u>Page 3 Signature Lines</u>: To comply with AB 205 (in reviewing and revising all public-use forms that refer to or use the terms spouse, husband, wife, father, mother, marriage, or marital status, that appropriate references to domestic partner, parent, or domestic partnership be included), recommend changing identification under the parents' lines from Mother and Father to Petitioner and Respondent.</p> <p>7. <i>Short Form Order After Hearing (Governmental) (FL-688)</i> <u>Page 1, Item 3d</u>: Because the term "suspended" is unclear in the context of the child support order, the form was changed to add a box in front of it, and adding an alternative of "terminated." The committee maintains that this solution is inadequate. The primary reason for revising the form was because the present</p>	<p>"Other Parent." The Judicial Council will continue to review and update forms with the appropriate language in the usual course of revising forms.</p> <p>6. Agree.</p> <p>Agree to replace gender-specific terms of Mother and Father with gender neutral terms, "Petitioner," "Respondent," and "Other Parent." The Judicial Council will continue to review and update forms with the appropriate language in the usual course of revising forms.</p> <p>7. Agree to simplify and replace 1(3)(d) & (e) with the proposed language: d. <input type="checkbox"/> Current child support is modified to \$_____ per month commencing (<i>date</i>): e. <input type="checkbox"/> The court retains jurisdiction to order support retroactive to:</p>

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				<p>form does not accomplish the intended result with regard to current support as we believe the word “suspended” means only a stay of enforcement, and therefore, current support would continue to accrue even though it would not be enforceable until further order of court. We propose to break down paragraph 3(d) [&(e)] into simple understandable terms and to revise the language to provide check boxes for monthly support amounts, rather than suspension or termination of support. Based on actual usage of the form, it is believed that the committee’s recommendations will make the form more versatile and give the court flexibility to make the typical range of applicable orders. The following is representative of how the form could best be used:</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Current child support is modified to \$_____ per month commencing (<i>date</i>):</p> <p>e. <input type="checkbox"/> The court retains jurisdiction to order support retroactive to:</p> <p>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>Specify date</i>):</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> The date the obligor becomes employed or otherwise has the ability to pay support.</p> <p>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> The date the obligor abandons or separates from the children at issue in this case.</p> <p>f. <input type="checkbox"/> Any order to liquidate the support arrearage is suspended until further order of this court.</p> <p>g. The obligor shall notify the local child</p>	<p>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>Specify date</i>):</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> The date the obligor becomes employed or otherwise has the ability to pay support.</p> <p>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> The date the obligor abandons or separates from the children at issue in this case.</p> <p>f. <input type="checkbox"/> Any order to liquidate the support arrearage is suspended until further order of this court.</p> <p>g. The obligor must notify the local child support agency in writing of any change in income...</p> <p>h. <input type="checkbox"/> The obligor <input type="checkbox"/> is <input type="checkbox"/> is not ordered to obtain health insurance coverage...</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>):</p>

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				support agency in writing of any change in income... h. <input type="checkbox"/> The obligor <input type="checkbox"/> is <input type="checkbox"/> is not ordered to obtain health insurance coverage... i. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>):	

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2004 REGULAR SESSION
CHAPTER 339 (Assembly Bill No. 1704)

BILL TRACKING SUMMARY FOR THIS DOCUMENT

2004 Cal ALS 339; 2004 Cal AB 1704; Stats 2004 ch 339

Approved by Governor August 27, 2004. Filed with Secretary of State August 30, 2004. Urgency legislation is effective immediately, Non-urgency legislation will become effective January 1, 2005

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DIGEST: AB 1704, Committee on Judiciary. Family law: local child support agencies.

(1) Existing law specifies the information to be contained in an acknowledgment of satisfaction of judgment.

This bill would authorize a local child support agency director or his or her designee to execute and acknowledge an acknowledgment of satisfaction of judgment if the agency has been providing child support services, as specified, to be recorded pursuant to paragraph (1).

(2) Existing law sets forth the required informational contents of judgments for paternity and orders for child support.

This bill would make those requirements inapplicable in cases in which a local child support agency is providing child support services, and would make related changes.

(3) Existing law authorizes a local child support agency to serve a respondent with a form of a proposed judgment specifying his or her presumed income if the actual income is not known to the agency.

This bill would revise the determination of that presumed income.

(4) Existing law authorizes hearings regarding support orders that involve an out-of-state party to be conducted by telephone conference or other remote means.

This bill would extend this authorization to instances in which both parents reside in California, and would require the Judicial Council to adopt rules of court regarding such hearings on or before July 1, 2005.

(5) Existing law provides that once a parent has requested or is receiving support enforcement services, a local child support agency or the Attorney General is required to serve on a parent all child support pleadings served on the agency, as specified.

This bill would impose a state-mandated local program by extending this requirement to paternity pleadings served on a local child support agency. The bill would also apply to paternity pleadings served on the Attorney General.

(6) Existing law authorizes a court, on terms that may be just, to relieve a defendant from that part of a judgment or order concerning the amount of child support to be paid in an action filed by a local child support agency.

This bill would specify that a court may set aside that part of the judgment or order, and require the Judicial Council to revise related forms effective July 1, 2005.

(7) Existing law authorizes certain documents to be recorded without acknowledgment, certificate of acknowledgment, or further proof.

This bill would authorize to be recorded under these provisions a notice of support judgment and other specified documents completed and recorded by a local child support agency or a state agency acting pursuant to specified provisions of the federal Social Security Act.

(8) Existing law authorizes each trial court to establish and appoint any subordinate judicial officers that are deemed necessary for the performance of subordinate judicial duties, and provides that, as of a specified date, all persons who were authorized to serve as subordinate judicial officers are authorized to serve as subordinate judicial officers at their existing salary rate, which may be a percentage of the salary of a judicial officer.

This bill would provide that certain child support commissioners shall receive a salary equal to 85% of a superior court judge's salary.

(9) Existing law authorizes a support obligor to apply for a claim of exemption from a levy by the Franchise Tax Board, as specified.

This bill would limit that authorization to specified instances in which the support obligor is in compliance with scheduled payments on child support arrearages.

(10) Existing law specifies the persons who may inspect a case file with respect to juvenile court proceedings.

This bill would add to the list of persons so authorized, a local child support agency for purposes of establishing paternity and establishing and enforcing child support orders.

(11) This bill would also incorporate further amendments to Section 827 of the Welfare and Institutions Code proposed by AB 2228, contingent upon its prior enactment.

(12) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$ 1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$ 1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

SYNOPSIS: An act to amend Section 724.060 of the Code of Civil Procedure, to amend Sections 4014, 4202, 5002, 17400, 17406, 17432, and 17500 of, and to add Section 5003 to, the Family Code, to amend Section 27282 of the Government Code, to amend Section 19271.6 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and to amend Section 827 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to family law.

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TEXT: The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

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[*2] SECTION 2. Section 4014 of the Family Code is amended to read:
§ 4014.

(a) Any order for child support issued or modified pursuant to this chapter shall include a provision requiring the obligor and child support obligee to notify the other parent or, if the order requires payment through an agency designated under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 651, et seq.), the agency named in the order, of the name and address of his or her current employer.

(b) [A> THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS SUBDIVISION APPLY ONLY IN CASES IN WHICH THE LOCAL CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY IS NOT PROVIDING CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTION 17400. <A] To the extent required by federal law, and subject to applicable confidentiality provisions of state or federal law, any judgment for paternity and any order for child support entered or modified pursuant to any provision of law shall include a provision requiring the child support obligor and obligee to file with the court all of the following information:

- (1) Residential and mailing address.
- (2) Social security number.
- (3) Telephone number.
- (4) Driver's license number.
- (5) Name, address, and telephone number of the employer.
- (6) Any other information prescribed by the Judicial Council.

The judgment or order shall specify that each parent is responsible for providing his or her own information, that the information must be filed with the court within 10 days of the court order, and that new or different information must be filed with the court within 10 days after any event causing a change in the previously provided information.

(c) [A> THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL ONLY APPLY IN CASES IN WHICH THE LOCAL CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY IS NOT PROVIDING CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTION 17400. <A] Once the child support registry, as described in Section 16576 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is operational, any judgment for paternity and any order for child support entered or modified

pursuant to any provision of law shall include a provision requiring the child support obligor and obligee to file and keep updated the information specified in subdivision (b) with the child support registry.

(d) The Judicial Council shall develop forms to implement this section. The forms shall be developed so as not to delay the implementation of the Statewide Child Support Registry described in Section 16576 of the Welfare and Institutions Code and shall be available no later than 30 days prior to the implementation of the Statewide Child Support Registry.

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CHAPTER 225 (Assembly Bill No. 1752)

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DIGEST:

AB 1752, Committee on Budget. Human services.

(1) Existing law establishes uniform guidelines for determining child support. In certain cases, the court is required to rule on whether a low-income adjustment shall be made to the amount calculated under these guidelines. If the court allows that adjustment, existing law requires the court to state the reasons supporting the adjustment in writing and on the record.

This bill would provide for a rebuttable presumption that the child support obligor is entitled to a low-income adjustment, as specified. The bill would also delete the requirement that the court state the reasons supporting the adjustment.

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(3) Existing law authorizes a local child support agency to establish, modify, and enforce child support obligations and provides for a simplified complaint form. If the support obligor's income or income history is unknown to the agency, the complaint form is required to inform the obligor that income shall be presumed to be in a specified amount.

This bill would instead provide that the income shall be presumed to be the amount of the minimum wage, as specified.

(4) Existing law authorizes a court to set aside a child support order under specified conditions. A motion for relief pursuant to that provision is required to be filed within 90 days of the first collection of money by the local child support agency or the obligee.

This bill would revise the conditions under which the order may be set aside and would extend the time period for filing a motion for relief to one year. The bill would also require the local child support agency to check sources of income and make a determination whether the order qualifies for set aside. By imposing new duties on local agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The bill would also require the Judicial Council to review and modify any relevant forms for purposes of these provisions, as specified.

(5) Existing law authorizes a local child support agency to collect a delinquent child support obligation by issuing a levy, as specified. Existing law also authorizes the agency to transfer child support delinquencies to the Franchise Tax Board for collection. When a child support delinquency is transferred to the Franchise Tax Board, as specified, the amount of the delinquency may be collected by the Franchise Tax Board in any manner authorized under the law for collection of a delinquent income tax liability. Existing law authorizes the Franchise Tax Board to require various persons and depository institutions having in their possession or under their control things of value belonging to a taxpayer to withhold the amount of any tax, interest, or penalties due from the taxpayer and transmit that amount to the Franchise Tax Board.

This bill would require, when a local child support agency issues a levy upon, or when the Franchise Tax Board requires any employer, person, or other specified entity to withhold the amount of, a financial asset, as defined, for the purpose of collecting a delinquent child support obligation, the person, financial institution, or securities intermediary, as defined, in possession or control of the financial asset to liquidate the asset in a commercially reasonable manner within 20 days of the issuance of the levy or the notice to withhold. The bill would also require the person, financial institution, or securities intermediary to transfer the proceeds of the liquidation to the local child support agency or the Franchise Tax Board, as applicable, within 5 days of liquidation.

The bill would also require the Department of Child Support Services to develop a program pursuant to which the department may accept offers in compromise of child support arrears, as specified, until January 1, 2007. The bill would require the department to report to the Legislature on the results of the program by June 30, 2006.

The bill would specifically provide that the assets of an obligor held by a financial institution are subject to levy. However, the bill would create a specified exemption.

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[*1] **SECTION 1. Section 4055 of the Family Code is amended to read:**
§ 4055.

(a) The statewide uniform guideline for determining child support orders is as follows: CS = K [HN - (H%) (TN)].

- (b) (1) The components of the formula are as follows:
- (A) CS = child support amount.
 - (B) K = amount of both parents' income to be allocated for child support as set forth in paragraph (3).
 - (C) HN = high earner's net monthly disposable income.
 - (D) H% = approximate percentage of time that the high earner has or will have primary physical responsibility for the children compared to the other parent. In cases in which parents have different time-sharing arrangements for different children, H% equals the average of the approximate percentages of time the high earner parent spends with each child.
 - (E) TN = total net monthly disposable income of both parties.
- (2) To compute net disposable income, see Section 4059.
- (3) K (amount of both parents' income allocated for child support) equals one plus H% (if H% is less than or equal to 50 percent) or two minus H% (if H% is greater than 50 percent) times the following fraction:

Total Net Disposable Income Per Month	K
\$ 0 - 800	$0.20 + TN/16,000$
\$ 801 - 6,666	0.25
\$ 6,667 - 10,000	$0.10 + 1,000/TN$
Over \$ 10,000	$0.12 + 800/TN$

For example, if H% equals 20 percent and the total monthly net disposable income of the parents is \$ 1,000, $K = (1 + 0.20) \times 0.25$, or 0.30. If H% equals 80 percent and the total monthly net disposable income of the parents is \$ 1,000, $K = (2 - 0.80) \times 0.25$, or 0.30.

- (4) For more than one child, multiply CS by:

2 children	1.6
3 children	2
4 children	2.3
5 children	2.5
6 children	2.625
7 children	2.75
8 children	2.813
9 children	2.844
10 children	2.86

(5) If the amount calculated under the formula results in a positive number, the higher earner shall pay that amount to the lower earner. If the amount calculated under the formula results in a negative number, the lower earner shall pay the absolute value of that amount to the higher earner.

(6) In any default proceeding where proof is by affidavit pursuant to Section 2336, or in any proceeding for child support in which a party fails to appear after being duly noticed, H% shall be set at zero in the formula if the noncustodial parent is the higher earner or at 100 if the custodial parent is the higher earner, where there is no evidence presented demonstrating the percentage of time that the noncustodial parent has primary physical responsibility for the children. H% shall not be set as described above if the moving party in a default proceeding is the noncustodial parent or if the party who fails to appear after being duly noticed is the custodial parent. A statement by the party who is not in default as to the percentage of time that the noncustodial parent has primary physical responsibility for the children shall be deemed sufficient evidence.

(7) In all cases in which the net disposable income per month of the obligor is less than one thousand dollars (\$ 1,000), *** [A] THERE SHALL BE A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION THAT THE OBLIGOR IS ENTITLED TO <A] a low-income adjustment ***. The *** [A] PRESUMPTION MAY BE REBUTTED BY EVIDENCE SHOWING THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LOW-INCOME ADJUSTMENT WOULD BE UNJUST AND INAPPROPRIATE IN THE PARTICULAR CASE. IN DETERMINING WHETHER THE PRESUMPTION IS REBUTTED, THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER <A] the principles provided in Section 4053, and the impact of the contemplated adjustment on the respective net incomes of the obligor and the obligee. *** [A] THE <A] low-income adjustment shall *** [A] REDUCE <A] the child support amount otherwise determined under this section *** by an amount that is no greater

than the amount calculated by multiplying the child support amount otherwise determined under this section by a fraction, the numerator of which is 1,000 minus the obligor's net disposable income per month, and the denominator of which is 1,000. * * *

(8) Unless the court orders otherwise, the order for child support shall allocate the support amount so that the amount of support for the youngest child is the amount of support for one child, and the amount for the next youngest child is the difference between that amount and the amount for two children, with similar allocations for additional children. However, this paragraph does not apply to cases in which there are different time-sharing arrangements for different children or where the court determines that the allocation would be inappropriate in the particular case.

(c) If a court uses a computer to calculate the child support order, the computer program shall not automatically default affirmatively or negatively on whether a low-income adjustment is to be applied. If the low-income adjustment is applied, the computer program shall not provide the amount of the low-income adjustment. Instead, the computer program shall ask the user whether or not to apply the low-income adjustment, and if answered affirmatively, the computer program shall provide the range of the adjustment permitted by paragraph (7) of subdivision (b).

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