

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 HB0397

Introduced 1/26/2007, by Rep. Mary E. Flowers

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Circuit Courts Act, the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, and other Acts. Provides that the chief judge of each circuit shall establish a separate family division for the circuit for the purpose of hearing all family cases. Provides that the chief judge shall designate an appropriate number of circuit judges or associate judges, or both, to serve in the family division. Provides that "family case" means an action in which the court exercises its jurisdiction under Article X of the Illinois Public Aid Code (concerning the enforcement of child support obligations), Article II, III, or IV of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 (concerning abused, neglected, or dependent minors, minors requiring authoritative intervention, and addicted minors), the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, and other designated Acts. Provides for a right to trial by jury in family cases. (Under current law, trial by jury is expressly prohibited under the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, and the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986.) Provides that the court may order parties to a family case to undergo counseling as the court deems appropriate, based on the evidence.

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1 AN ACT in relation to courts.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by changing Section 10-10 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/10-10) (from Ch. 23, par. 10-10)

Sec. 10-10. Court enforcement; applicability also to persons who are not applicants or recipients. Except where the Department, by agreement, acts for the governmental unit, as provided in Section 10-3.1, governmental units shall refer to the State's Attorney or to the proper legal representative of the governmental unit, for judicial enforcement as herein provided, instances non-support or insufficient support when the dependents are applicants or recipients under Article VI. The Child and Spouse Support Unit established by Section 10-3.1 may institute in behalf of the Illinois Department any actions under this Section for judicial enforcement of the support liability when the dependents are (a) applicants or recipients under Articles III, IV, V or VII; (b) applicants or recipients in a local governmental unit when the Illinois Department, by agreement, acts for the unit; or (c) non-applicants or non-recipients who are receiving child support enforcement services under this

Article X, as provided in Section 10-1. Where the Child and Spouse Support Unit has exercised its option and discretion not to apply the provisions of Sections 10-3 through 10-8, the failure by the Unit to apply such provisions shall not be a bar to bringing an action under this Section.

Action shall be brought in the circuit court to obtain support, or for the recovery of aid granted during the period such support was not provided, or both for the obtainment of support and the recovery of the aid provided. Actions for the recovery of aid may be taken separately or they may be consolidated with actions to obtain support. Such actions may be brought in the name of the person or persons requiring support, or may be brought in the name of the Illinois Department or the local governmental unit, as the case requires, in behalf of such persons.

In accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure, in an action to obtain support or for the recovery of aid, the responsible relative, a person requiring support, the Department of Human Services, or the local governmental unit may demand a trial by jury as to the issues of fact raised in the action.

The court may enter such orders for the payment of moneys for the support of the person as may be just and equitable and may direct payment thereof for such period or periods of time as the circumstances require, including support for a period before the date the order for support is entered. The order may

be entered against any or all of the defendant responsible relatives and may be based upon the proportionate ability of each to contribute to the person's support.

The Court shall determine the amount of child support (including child support for a period before the date the order for child support is entered) by using the guidelines and standards set forth in subsection (a) of Section 505 and in Section 505.2 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. For purposes of determining the amount of child support to be paid for a period before the date the order for child support is entered, there is a rebuttable presumption that the responsible relative's net income for that period was the same as his or her net income at the time the order is entered.

If (i) the responsible relative was properly served with a request for discovery of financial information relating to the responsible relative's ability to provide child support, (ii) the responsible relative failed to comply with the request, despite having been ordered to do so by the court, and (iii) the responsible relative is not present at the hearing to determine support despite having received proper notice, then any relevant financial information concerning the responsible relative's ability to provide child support that was obtained pursuant to subpoena and proper notice shall be admitted into evidence without the need to establish any further foundation for its admission.

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An order entered under this Section shall include a provision requiring the obligor to report to the obligee and to the clerk of court within 10 days each time the obligor obtains new employment, and each time the obligor's employment is terminated for any reason. The report shall be in writing and shall, in the case of new employment, include the name and address of the new employer. Failure to report new employment or the termination of current employment, if coupled with nonpayment of support for a period in excess of 60 days, is indirect criminal contempt. For any obligor arrested for failure to report new employment bond shall be set in the amount of the child support that should have been paid during the period of unreported employment. An order entered under this Section shall also include a provision requiring the obligor and obligee parents to advise each other of a change in residence within 5 days of the change except when the court finds that the physical, mental, or emotional health of a party or that of a minor child, or both, would be seriously endangered by disclosure of the party's address.

The Court shall determine the amount of maintenance using the standards set forth in Section 504 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.

Any new or existing support order entered by the court under this Section shall be deemed to be a series of judgments against the person obligated to pay support thereunder, each such judgment to be in the amount of each payment or

installment of support and each such judgment to be deemed entered as of the date the corresponding payment or installment becomes due under the terms of the support order. Each such judgment shall have the full force, effect and attributes of any other judgment of this State, including the ability to be enforced. Any such judgment is subject to modification or termination only in accordance with Section 510 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. A lien arises by operation of law against the real and personal property of the noncustodial parent for each installment of overdue support owed by the noncustodial parent.

In an action to obtain support or for the recovery of aid, the court at any time may order the responsible relative or a person requiring support to undergo counseling as the court deems appropriate, based on the evidence, for the purpose of ensuring the payment of any required support or recovered aid.

When an order is entered for the support of a minor, the court may provide therein for reasonable visitation of the minor by the person or persons who provided support pursuant to the order. Whoever willfully refuses to comply with such visitation order or willfully interferes with its enforcement may be declared in contempt of court and punished therefor.

Except where the local governmental unit has entered into an agreement with the Illinois Department for the Child and Spouse Support Unit to act for it, as provided in Section 10-3.1, support orders entered by the court in cases involving

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applicants or recipients under Article VI shall provide that payments thereunder be made directly to the local governmental unit. Orders for the support of all other applicants or recipients shall provide that payments thereunder be made directly to the Illinois Department. In accordance with federal law and regulations, the Illinois Department may continue to collect current maintenance payments or child payments, or both, after those persons cease to receive public assistance and until termination of services under Article X. The Illinois Department shall pay the net amount collected to those persons after deducting any costs incurred in making the collection or any collection fee from the amount of any recovery made. In both cases the order shall permit the local governmental unit or the Illinois Department, as the case may be, to direct the responsible relative or relatives to make support payments directly to the needy person, or to some person or agency in his behalf, upon removal of the person from the public aid rolls or upon termination of services under Article X.

If the notice of support due issued pursuant to Section 10-7 directs that support payments be made directly to the needy person, or to some person or agency in his behalf, and the recipient is removed from the public aid rolls, court action may be taken against the responsible relative hereunder if he fails to furnish support in accordance with the terms of such notice.

Actions may also be brought under this Section in behalf of any person who is in need of support from responsible relatives, as defined in Section 2-11 of Article II who is not an applicant for or recipient of financial aid under this Code. In such instances, the State's Attorney of the county in which such person resides shall bring action against the responsible relatives hereunder. If the Illinois Department, as authorized by Section 10-1, extends the child support enforcement services provided by this Article to spouses and dependent children who are not applicants or recipients under this Code, the Child and Spouse Support Unit established by Section 10-3.1 shall bring action against the responsible relatives hereunder and any support orders entered by the court in such cases shall provide that payments thereunder be made directly to the Illinois Department.

Whenever it is determined in a proceeding to establish or enforce a child support or maintenance obligation that the person owing a duty of support is unemployed, the court may order the person to seek employment and report periodically to the court with a diary, listing or other memorandum of his or her efforts in accordance with such order. Additionally, the court may order the unemployed person to report to the Department of Employment Security for job search services or to make application with the local Job Training Partnership Act provider for participation in job search, training or work programs and where the duty of support is owed to a child

- 1 receiving child support enforcement services under this 2 Article X, the court may order the unemployed person to report
- 3 to the Illinois Department for participation in job search,
- 4 training or work programs established under Section 9-6 and
- 5 Article IXA of this Code.
  - Whenever it is determined that a person owes past-due support for a child receiving assistance under this Code, the court shall order at the request of the Illinois Department:
    - (1) that the person pay the past-due support in accordance with a plan approved by the court; or
      - (2) if the person owing past-due support is unemployed, is subject to such a plan, and is not incapacitated, that the person participate in such job search, training, or work programs established under Section 9-6 and Article IXA of this Code as the court deems appropriate.

A determination under this Section shall not be administratively reviewable by the procedures specified in Sections 10-12, and 10-13 to 10-13.10. Any determination under these Sections, if made the basis of court action under this Section, shall not affect the de novo judicial determination required under this Section.

A one-time charge of 20% is imposable upon the amount of past-due child support owed on July 1, 1988 which has accrued under a support order entered by the court. The charge shall be imposed in accordance with the provisions of Section 10-21 of this Code and shall be enforced by the court upon petition.

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All orders for support, when entered or modified, shall include a provision requiring the non-custodial parent to notify the court and, in cases in which a party is receiving child support enforcement services under this Article X, the Illinois Department, within 7 days, (i) of the name, address, and telephone number of any new employer of the non-custodial parent, (ii) whether the non-custodial parent has access to health insurance coverage through the employer or other group coverage and, if so, the policy name and number and the names of persons covered under the policy, and (iii) of any new residential or mailing address or telephone number of the non-custodial parent. In any subsequent action to enforce a support order, upon a sufficient showing that a diligent effort has been made to ascertain the location of the non-custodial parent, service of process or provision of notice necessary in the case may be made at the last known address of the non-custodial parent in any manner expressly provided by the Code of Civil Procedure or this Code, which service shall be sufficient for purposes of due process.

An order for support shall include a date on which the current support obligation terminates. The termination date shall be no earlier than the date on which the child covered by the order will attain the age of 18. However, if the child will not graduate from high school until after attaining the age of 18, then the termination date shall be no earlier than the earlier of the date on which the child's high school graduation

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will occur or the date on which the child will attain the age of 19. The order for support shall state that the termination date does not apply to any arrearage that may remain unpaid on that date. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prevent the court from modifying the order or terminating the order in the event the child is otherwise emancipated.

If there is an unpaid arrearage or delinquency (as those terms are defined in the Income Withholding for Support Act) equal to at least one month's support obligation on the termination date stated in the order for support or, if there is no termination date stated in the order, on the date the child attains the age of majority or is otherwise emancipated, then the periodic amount required to be paid for current support of that child immediately prior to that date shall automatically continue to be an obligation, not as current support but as periodic payment toward satisfaction of the unpaid arrearage or delinquency. That periodic payment shall be in addition to any periodic payment previously required for satisfaction of the arrearage or delinquency. The total periodic amount to be paid toward satisfaction of the arrearage or delinquency may be enforced and collected by any method provided by law for the enforcement and collection of child support, including but not limited to income withholding under the Income Withholding for Support Act. Each order for support entered or modified on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly must contain a

statement notifying the parties of the requirements of this paragraph. Failure to include the statement in the order for support does not affect the validity of the order or the operation of the provisions of this paragraph with regard to the order. This paragraph shall not be construed to prevent or affect the establishment or modification of an order for the support of a minor child or the establishment or modification of an order for the support of a non-minor child or educational expenses under Section 513 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.

Payments under this Section to the Illinois Department pursuant to the Child Support Enforcement Program established by Title IV-D of the Social Security Act shall be paid into the Child Support Enforcement Trust Fund. All payments under this Section to the Illinois Department of Human Services shall be deposited in the DHS Recoveries Trust Fund. Disbursements from these funds shall be as provided in Sections 12-9.1 and 12-10.2 of this Code. Payments received by a local governmental unit shall be deposited in that unit's General Assistance Fund.

To the extent the provisions of this Section are inconsistent with the requirements pertaining to the State Disbursement Unit under Sections 10-10.4 and 10-26 of this Code, the requirements pertaining to the State Disbursement Unit shall apply.

25 (Source: P.A. 93-1061, eff. 1-1-05; 94-88, eff. 1-1-06; revised

26 8-9-05.)

1	Section 10. The Circuit Courts Act is amended by adding
2	Section 4.4 as follows:
3	(705 ILCS 35/4.4 new)
4	Sec. 4.4. Family Division.
5	(a) In this Section, "family case" means an action in which
6	the court exercises its jurisdiction under any of the
7	following:
8	(1) Article X of the Illinois Public Aid Code.
9	(2) Article II, III, or IV of the Juvenile Court Act of
10	<u> 1987.</u>
11	(3) Article 112A of the Code of Criminal Procedure of
12	<u>1963.</u>
13	(4) The Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage
14	Act.
15	(5) The Illinois Uniform Premarital Agreement Act.
16	(6) The Uniform Interstate Family Support Act.
17	(7) The Income Withholding for Support Act.
18	(8) The Emancipation of Minors Act.
19	(9) The Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction and
20	Enforcement Act.
21	(10) The Illinois Parentage Act.
22	(11) The Illinois Parentage Act of 1984.
23	(12) The Gestational Surrogacy Act.
24	(13) The Adoption Act.

- 1 (14) The Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986.
- 2 (15) The Rights of Married Persons Act.
- 3 (b) The chief judge of each circuit shall establish a
  4 separate family division for the circuit. In each circuit,
- 5 <u>every hearing or other proceeding in a family case shall be</u>
- 6 <u>assigned to the family division.</u>
- 7 (c) The chief judge of each circuit shall designate an
- 8 appropriate number of circuit judges or associate judges, or
- 9 both, to serve in the family division.
- 10 (d) This Section applies to all family cases pending on the
- 11 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General
- 12 Assembly or commenced on or after that date.
- 13 Section 15. The Juvenile Court Act of 1987 is amended by
- 14 changing Sections 1-5, 2-20, 2-23, 3-21, 3-24, 4-18, and 4-21
- 15 as follows:
- 16 (705 ILCS 405/1-5) (from Ch. 37, par. 801-5)
- 17 Sec. 1-5. Rights of parties to proceedings.
- 18 (1) Except as provided in this Section and paragraph (2) of
- 19 Sections 2-22, 3-23, 4-20, 5-610 or 5-705, the minor who is the
- 20 subject of the proceeding and his parents, guardian, legal
- 21 custodian or responsible relative who are parties respondent
- have the right to be present, to be heard, to present evidence
- 23 material to the proceedings, to cross-examine witnesses, to
- 24 examine pertinent court files and records and also, although

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proceedings under this Act are not intended to be adversary in character, the right to be represented by counsel. At the request of any party financially unable to employ counsel, with the exception of a foster parent permitted to intervene under this Section, the court shall appoint the Public Defender or such other counsel as the case may require. Counsel appointed for the minor and any indigent party shall appear at all stages of the trial court proceeding, and such appointment shall continue through the permanency hearings and termination of proceedings parental rights subject to withdrawal substitution pursuant to Supreme Court Rules or the Code of Civil Procedure. Following the dispositional hearing, the court may require appointed counsel, other than counsel for the minor or counsel for the quardian ad litem, to withdraw his or her appearance upon failure of the party for whom counsel was appointed under this Section to attend any subsequent proceedings.

No hearing on any petition or motion filed under this Act may be commenced unless the minor who is the subject of the proceeding is represented by counsel. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, if a guardian ad litem has been appointed for the minor under Section 2-17 of this Act and the guardian ad litem is a licensed attorney at law of this State, or in the event that a court appointed special advocate has been appointed as guardian ad litem and counsel has been appointed to represent the court appointed special advocate, the court

- may not require the appointment of counsel to represent the minor unless the court finds that the minor's interests are in conflict with what the guardian ad litem determines to be in the best interest of the minor. Each adult respondent shall be furnished a written "Notice of Rights" at or before the first hearing at which he or she appears.
  - (1.5) The Department shall maintain a system of response to inquiry made by parents or putative parents as to whether their child is under the custody or guardianship of the Department; and if so, the Department shall direct the parents or putative parents to the appropriate court of jurisdiction, including where inquiry may be made of the clerk of the court regarding the case number and the next scheduled court date of the minor's case. Effective notice and the means of accessing information shall be given to the public on a continuing basis by the Department.
  - (2) (a) Though not appointed guardian or legal custodian or otherwise made a party to the proceeding, any current or previously appointed foster parent or relative caregiver, or representative of an agency or association interested in the minor has the right to be heard by the court, but does not thereby become a party to the proceeding.

In addition to the foregoing right to be heard by the court, any current foster parent or relative caregiver of a minor and the agency designated by the court or the Department of Children and Family Services as custodian of the minor who

is alleged to be or has been adjudicated an abused or neglected minor under Section 2-3 or a dependent minor under Section 2-4 of this Act has the right to and shall be given adequate notice at all stages of any hearing or proceeding under this Act.

Any foster parent or relative caregiver who is denied his or her right to be heard under this Section may bring a mandamus action under Article XIV of the Code of Civil Procedure against the court or any public agency to enforce that right. The mandamus action may be brought immediately upon the denial of those rights but in no event later than 30 days after the foster parent has been denied the right to be heard.

(b) If after an adjudication that a minor is abused or neglected as provided under Section 2-21 of this Act and a motion has been made to restore the minor to any parent, guardian, or legal custodian found by the court to have caused the neglect or to have inflicted the abuse on the minor, a foster parent may file a motion to intervene in the proceeding for the sole purpose of requesting that the minor be placed with the foster parent, provided that the foster parent (i) is the current foster parent of the minor or (ii) has previously been a foster parent for the minor for one year or more, has a foster care license or is eligible for a license, and is not the subject of any findings of abuse or neglect of any child. The juvenile court may only enter orders placing a minor with a specific foster parent under this subsection (2) (b) and nothing in this Section shall be construed to confer any jurisdiction

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or authority on the juvenile court to issue any other orders requiring the appointed guardian or custodian of a minor to place the minor in a designated foster home or facility. This Section is not intended to encompass any matters that are within the scope or determinable under the administrative and appeal process established by rules of the Department of Children and Family Services under Section 5(o) of the Children and Family Services Act. Nothing in this Section shall relieve the court of its responsibility, under Section 2-14(a) of this Act to act in a just and speedy manner to reunify families where it is the best interests of the minor and the child can be cared for at home without endangering the child's health or safety and, if reunification is not in the best interests of the minor, to find another permanent home for the minor. Nothing in this Section, or in any order issued by the court with respect to the placement of a minor with a foster parent, shall impair the ability of the Department of Children and Family Services, or anyone else authorized under Section 5 of the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, to remove a minor from the home of a foster parent if the Department of Children and Family Services or the person removing the minor has reason to believe that the circumstances or conditions of the minor are such that continuing in the residence or care of the foster parent will jeopardize the child's health and safety or present an imminent risk of harm to that minor's life.

(c) If a foster parent has had the minor who is the subject

of the proceeding under Article II in his or her home for more than one year on or after July 3, 1994 and if the minor's placement is being terminated from that foster parent's home, that foster parent shall have standing and intervenor status except in those circumstances where the Department of Children and Family Services or anyone else authorized under Section 5 of the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act has removed the minor from the foster parent because of a reasonable belief that the circumstances or conditions of the minor are such that continuing in the residence or care of the foster parent will jeopardize the child's health or safety or presents an imminent risk of harm to the minor's life.

- (d) The court may grant standing to any foster parent if the court finds that it is in the best interest of the child for the foster parent to have standing and intervenor status.
- (3) Parties respondent are entitled to notice in compliance with Sections 2-15 and 2-16, 3-17 and 3-18, 4-14 and 4-15 or 5-525 and 5-530, as appropriate. At the first appearance before the court by the minor, his parents, guardian, custodian or responsible relative, the court shall explain the nature of the proceedings and inform the parties of their rights under the first 2 paragraphs of this Section.

If the child is alleged to be abused, neglected or dependent, the court shall admonish the parents that if the court declares the child to be a ward of the court and awards custody or guardianship to the Department of Children and

- 1 Family Services, the parents must cooperate with the Department
- of Children and Family Services, comply with the terms of the
- 3 service plans, and correct the conditions that require the
- 4 child to be in care, or risk termination of their parental
- 5 rights.
- 6 Upon an adjudication of wardship of the court under
- 7 Sections 2-22, 3-23, 4-20 or 5-705, the court shall inform the
- 8 parties of their right to appeal therefrom as well as from any
- 9 other final judgment of the court.
- When the court finds that a child is an abused, neglected,
- or dependent minor under Section 2-21, the court shall admonish
- 12 the parents that the parents must cooperate with the Department
- of Children and Family Services, comply with the terms of the
- 14 service plans, and correct the conditions that require the
- 15 child to be in care, or risk termination of their parental
- 16 rights.
- When the court declares a child to be a ward of the court
- 18 and awards guardianship to the Department of Children and
- 19 Family Services under Section 2-22, the court shall admonish
- the parents, guardian, custodian, or responsible relative that
- 21 the parents must cooperate with the Department of Children and
- 22 Family Services, comply with the terms of the service plans,
- and correct the conditions that require the child to be in
- 24 care, or risk termination of their parental rights.
- 25 (4) No sanction may be applied against the minor who is the
- 26 subject of the proceedings by reason of his refusal or failure

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- to testify in the course of any hearing held prior to final adjudication under Section 2-22, 3-23, 4-20 or 5-705.
  - (5) In the discretion of the court, the minor may be excluded from any part or parts of a dispositional hearing and, with the consent of the parent or parents, guardian, counsel or a guardian ad litem, from any part or parts of an adjudicatory hearing.
  - (6) The general public except for the news media and the crime victim, as defined in Section 3 of the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act, shall be excluded from any hearing and, except for the persons specified in this Section only including representatives of persons, agencies and associations, who in the opinion of the court have a direct interest in the case or in the work of the court shall be admitted to the hearing. However, the court may, for the minor's safety and protection and for good cause shown, prohibit any person or agency present in court from further disclosing the minor's identity. Nothing in this subsection (6) prevents the court from allowing other juveniles to be present or to participate in a court session being held under the Juvenile Drug Court Treatment Act.
  - (7) A party shall not be entitled to exercise the right to a substitution of a judge without cause under subdivision (a)(2) of Section 2-1001 of the Code of Civil Procedure in a proceeding under this Act if the judge is currently assigned to a proceeding involving the alleged abuse, neglect, or

- dependency of the minor's sibling or half sibling and that
- 2 judge has made a substantive ruling in the proceeding involving
- 3 the minor's sibling or half sibling.
- 4 (8) In accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure, a party
- 5 may demand a trial by jury as to the issues of fact raised in
- 6 any of the following proceedings:
- 7 (a) An adjudicatory hearing under Section 2-21, 3-22,
- 8 <u>or 4-19.</u>
- 9 (b) A dispositional hearing under Section 2-22, 3-23,
- 10 <u>or 4-20.</u>
- 11 (c) A proceeding for termination of parental rights
- 12 under Section 2-29, 3-30, or 4-27.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 93-539, eff. 8-18-03; 94-271, eff. 1-1-06.)
- 14 (705 ILCS 405/2-20) (from Ch. 37, par. 802-20)
- 15 Sec. 2-20. Continuance under supervision.
- 16 (1) The court may enter an order of continuance under
- 17 supervision (a) upon an admission or stipulation by the
- 18 appropriate respondent or minor respondent of the facts
- 19 supporting the petition and before proceeding to findings and
- 20 adjudication, or after hearing the evidence at the adjudicatory
- 21 hearing but before noting in the minutes of proceeding a
- finding of whether or not the minor is abused, neglected or
- 23 dependent; and (b) in the absence of objection made in open
- 24 court by the minor, his parent, guardian, custodian,
- 25 responsible relative, defense attorney or the State's

- 1 Attorney.
- 2 (2) If the minor, his parent, guardian, custodian,
- 3 responsible relative, defense attorney or the State's
- 4 Attorney, objects in open court to any such continuance and
- 5 insists upon proceeding to findings and adjudication, the court
- 6 shall so proceed.
- 7 (3) Nothing in this Section limits the power of the court
- 8 to order a continuance of the hearing for the production of
- 9 additional evidence or for any other proper reason.
- 10 (4) When a hearing where a minor is alleged to be abused,
- 11 neglected or dependent is continued pursuant to this Section,
- 12 the court may permit the minor to remain in his home if the
- 13 court determines and makes written factual findings that the
- 14 minor can be cared for at home when consistent with the minor's
- health, safety, and best interests, subject to such conditions
- 16 concerning his conduct and supervision as the court may require
- by order.
- 18 (4.5) As a condition of supervision under this Section, the
- 19 court may order the minor or the minor's parent, guardian,
- 20 custodian, or other responsible relative to undergo counseling
- 21 as the court deems appropriate, based on the evidence, in order
- to achieve the purposes of this Act.
- 23 (5) If a petition is filed charging a violation of a
- 24 condition of the continuance under supervision, the court shall
- 25 conduct a hearing. If the court finds that such condition of
- 26 supervision has not been fulfilled the court may proceed to

findings and adjudication and disposition. The filing of a petition for violation of a condition of the continuance under supervision shall toll the period of continuance under supervision until the final determination of the charge, and the term of the continuance under supervision shall not run until the hearing and disposition of the petition for violation; provided where the petition alleges conduct that does not constitute a criminal offense, the hearing must be held within 15 days of the filing of the petition unless a delay in such hearing has been occasioned by the minor, in which case the delay shall continue the tolling of the period of continuance under supervision for the period of such delay.

- 14 (705 ILCS 405/2-23) (from Ch. 37, par. 802-23)
- 15 Sec. 2-23. Kinds of dispositional orders.
- 16 (1) The following kinds of orders of disposition may be 17 made in respect of wards of the court:

(Source: P.A. 90-27, eff. 1-1-98; 90-28, eff. 1-1-98.)

(a) A minor under 18 years of age found to be neglected or abused under Section 2-3 or dependent under Section 2-4 may be (1) continued in the custody of his or her parents, guardian or legal custodian; (2) placed in accordance with Section 2-27; (3) restored to the custody of the parent, parents, guardian, or legal custodian, provided the court shall order the parent, parents, guardian, or legal custodian to cooperate with the Department of Children and

Family Services and comply with the terms of an after-care plan or risk the loss of custody of the child and the possible termination of their parental rights; or (4) ordered partially or completely emancipated in accordance with the provisions of the Emancipation of Mature Minors Act.

However, in any case in which a minor is found by the court to be neglected or abused under Section 2-3 of this Act, custody of the minor shall not be restored to any parent, guardian or legal custodian whose acts or omissions or both have been identified, pursuant to subsection (1) of Section 2-21, as forming the basis for the court's finding of abuse or neglect, until such time as a hearing is held on the issue of the best interests of the minor and the fitness of such parent, guardian or legal custodian to care for the minor without endangering the minor's health or safety, and the court enters an order that such parent, guardian or legal custodian is fit to care for the minor.

(b) A minor under 18 years of age found to be dependent under Section 2-4 may be (1) placed in accordance with Section 2-27 or (2) ordered partially or completely emancipated in accordance with the provisions of the Emancipation of Mature Minors Act.

However, in any case in which a minor is found by the court to be dependent under Section 2-4 of this Act, custody of the minor shall not be restored to any parent,

guardian or legal custodian whose acts or omissions or both have been identified, pursuant to subsection (1) of Section 2-21, as forming the basis for the court's finding of dependency, until such time as a hearing is held on the issue of the fitness of such parent, guardian or legal custodian to care for the minor without endangering the minor's health or safety, and the court enters an order that such parent, guardian or legal custodian is fit to care for the minor.

- (c) When the court awards guardianship to the Department of Children and Family Services, the court shall order the parents to cooperate with the Department of Children and Family Services, comply with the terms of the service plans, and correct the conditions that require the child to be in care, or risk termination of their parental rights.
- (2) Any order of disposition may provide for protective supervision under Section 2-24 and may include an order of protection under Section 2-25.
- Unless the order of disposition expressly so provides, it does not operate to close proceedings on the pending petition, but is subject to modification, not inconsistent with Section 2-28, until final closing and discharge of the proceedings under Section 2-31.
- 25 (3) The court also shall enter any other orders necessary 26 to fulfill the service plan, including, but not limited to, (i)

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orders requiring parties to cooperate with services, (ii) restraining orders controlling the conduct of any party likely to frustrate the achievement of the goal, and (iii) visiting orders. Unless otherwise specifically authorized by law, the court is not empowered under this subsection (3) to order specific placements, specific services, or specific service providers to be included in the plan. If the court concludes that the Department of Children and Family Services has abused its discretion in setting the current service plan or permanency goal for the minor, the court shall enter specific findings in writing based on the evidence and shall enter an order for the Department to develop and implement a new permanency goal and service plan consistent with the court's findings. The new service plan shall be filed with the court and served on all parties. The court shall continue the matter until the new service plan is filed.

- (3.5) In addition to any other order of disposition, the court may order the minor or the minor's parent, quardian, custodian, or other responsible relative to undergo counseling as the court deems appropriate, based on the evidence, in order to achieve the purposes of this Act.
- (4) In addition to any other order of disposition, the court may order any minor adjudicated neglected with respect to his or her own injurious behavior to make restitution, in monetary or non-monetary form, under the terms and conditions of Section 5-5-6 of the Unified Code of Corrections, except

- 1 that the "presentence hearing" referred to therein shall be the
- dispositional hearing for purposes of this Section. The parent,
- 3 guardian or legal custodian of the minor may pay some or all of
- 4 such restitution on the minor's behalf.
- 5 (5) Any order for disposition where the minor is committed
- or placed in accordance with Section 2-27 shall provide for the
- 7 parents or guardian of the estate of such minor to pay to the
- 8 legal custodian or quardian of the person of the minor such
- 9 sums as are determined by the custodian or quardian of the
- 10 person of the minor as necessary for the minor's needs. Such
- 11 payments may not exceed the maximum amounts provided for by
- 12 Section 9.1 of the Children and Family Services Act.
- 13 (6) Whenever the order of disposition requires the minor to
- 14 attend school or participate in a program of training, the
- 15 truant officer or designated school official shall regularly
- 16 report to the court if the minor is a chronic or habitual
- 17 truant under Section 26-2a of the School Code.
- 18 (7) The court may terminate the parental rights of a parent
- 19 at the initial dispositional hearing if all of the conditions
- in subsection (5) of Section 2-21 are met.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 89-17, eff. 5-31-95; 89-235, eff. 8-4-95; 90-27,
- eff. 1-1-98; 90-28, eff. 1-1-98; 90-608, eff. 6-30-98; 90-655,
- 23 eff. 7-30-98; revised 10-9-03.)
- 24 (705 ILCS 405/3-21) (from Ch. 37, par. 803-21)
- Sec. 3-21. Continuance under supervision.

- (1) The court may enter an order of continuance under supervision (a) upon an admission or stipulation by the appropriate respondent or minor respondent of the facts supporting the petition and before proceeding to findings and adjudication, or after hearing the evidence at the adjudicatory hearing but before noting in the minutes of proceedings a finding of whether or not the minor is a person requiring authoritative intervention; and (b) in the absence of objection made in open court by the minor, his parent, guardian, custodian, responsible relative, defense attorney or the State's Attorney.
- (2) If the minor, his parent, guardian, custodian, responsible relative, defense attorney or State's Attorney, objects in open court to any such continuance and insists upon proceeding to findings and adjudication, the court shall so proceed.
  - (3) Nothing in this Section limits the power of the court to order a continuance of the hearing for the production of additional evidence or for any other proper reason.
  - (4) When a hearing where a minor is alleged to be a minor requiring authoritative intervention is continued pursuant to this Section, the court may permit the minor to remain in his home subject to such conditions concerning his conduct and supervision as the court may require by order.
- (4.5) As a condition of supervision under this Section, the court may order the minor or the minor's parent, guardian,

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- to achieve the purposes of this Act.
- (5) If a petition is filed charging a violation of a condition of the continuance under supervision, the court shall conduct a hearing. If the court finds that such condition of supervision has not been fulfilled the court may proceed to findings and adjudication and disposition. The filing of a petition for violation of a condition of the continuance under supervision shall toll the period of continuance under supervision until the final determination of the charge, and the term of the continuance under supervision shall not run until the hearing and disposition of the petition violation; provided where the petition alleges conduct that does not constitute a criminal offense, the hearing must be held within 15 days of the filing of the petition unless a delay in such hearing has been occasioned by the minor, in which case the delay shall continue the tolling of the period of continuance under supervision for the period of such delay.
- (6) The court must impose upon a minor under an order of continuance under supervision or an order of disposition under this Article III, as a condition of the order, a fee of \$25 for each month or partial month of supervision with a probation officer. If the court determines the inability of the minor, or the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the minor to pay the fee, the court may impose a lesser fee. The court may not

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impose the fee on a minor who is made a ward of the State under
this Act. The fee may be imposed only upon a minor who is
actively supervised by the probation and court services
department. The fee must be collected by the clerk of the
circuit court. The clerk of the circuit court must pay all
monies collected from this fee to the county treasurer for
deposit into the probation and court services fund under
Section 15.1 of the Probation and Probation Officers Act.

- 9 (Source: P.A. 92-329, eff. 8-9-01.)
- 10 (705 ILCS 405/3-24) (from Ch. 37, par. 803-24)
- 11 Sec. 3-24. Kinds of dispositional orders.
  - (1) The following kinds of orders of disposition may be made in respect to wards of the court: A minor found to be requiring authoritative intervention under Section 3-3 may be (a) committed to the Department of Children and Family Services, subject to Section 5 of the Children and Family Services Act; (b) placed under supervision and released to his or her parents, guardian or legal custodian; (c) placed in accordance with Section 3-28 with or without also being placed under supervision. Conditions of supervision may be modified or terminated by the court if it deems that the best interests of the minor and the public will be served thereby; (d) ordered partially or completely emancipated in accordance with the provisions of the Emancipation of Mature Minors Act; or (e) subject to having his or her driver's license or driving

- privilege suspended for such time as determined by the Court but only until he or she attains 18 years of age.
  - (2) Any order of disposition may provide for protective supervision under Section 3-25 and may include an order of protection under Section 3-26.
    - (3) Unless the order of disposition expressly so provides, it does not operate to close proceedings on the pending petition, but is subject to modification until final closing and discharge of the proceedings under Section 3-32.
    - (3.5) In addition to any other order of disposition, the court may order the minor or the minor's parent, guardian, custodian, or other responsible relative to undergo counseling as the court deems appropriate, based on the evidence, in order to achieve the purposes of this Act.
    - (4) In addition to any other order of disposition, the court may order any person found to be a minor requiring authoritative intervention under Section 3-3 to make restitution, in monetary or non-monetary form, under the terms and conditions of Section 5-5-6 of the Unified Code of Corrections, except that the "presentence hearing" referred to therein shall be the dispositional hearing for purposes of this Section. The parent, guardian or legal custodian of the minor may pay some or all of such restitution on the minor's behalf.
    - (5) Any order for disposition where the minor is committed or placed in accordance with Section 3-28 shall provide for the parents or guardian of the estate of such minor to pay to the

- legal custodian or guardian of the person of the minor such sums as are determined by the custodian or guardian of the person of the minor as necessary for the minor's needs. Such payments may not exceed the maximum amounts provided for by Section 9.1 of the Children and Family Services Act.
  - (6) Whenever the order of disposition requires the minor to attend school or participate in a program of training, the truant officer or designated school official shall regularly report to the court if the minor is a chronic or habitual truant under Section 26-2a of the School Code.
  - (7) The court must impose upon a minor under an order of continuance under supervision or an order of disposition under this Article III, as a condition of the order, a fee of \$25 for each month or partial month of supervision with a probation officer. If the court determines the inability of the minor, or the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the minor to pay the fee, the court may impose a lesser fee. The court may not impose the fee on a minor who is made a ward of the State under this Act. The fee may be imposed only upon a minor who is actively supervised by the probation and court services department. The fee must be collected by the clerk of the circuit court. The clerk of the circuit court must pay all monies collected from this fee to the county treasurer for deposit into the probation and court services fund under Section 15.1 of the Probation and Probation Officers Act.
- 26 (Source: P.A. 92-329, eff. 8-9-01; revised 10-9-03.)

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- 1 (705 ILCS 405/4-18) (from Ch. 37, par. 804-18)
- 2 Sec. 4-18. Continuance under supervision.
- 3 (1) The court may enter an order of continuance under 4 supervision (a) upon an admission or stipulation by the 5 appropriate respondent or minor respondent of the facts 6 supporting the petition and before proceeding to findings and 7 adjudication, or after hearing the evidence at the adjudicatory 8 hearing but before noting in the minutes of the proceeding a 9 finding of whether or not the minor is an addict, and (b) in 10 the absence of objection made in open court by the minor, his 11 parent, quardian, custodian, responsible relative, defense 12 attorney or the State's Attorney.
  - (2) If the minor, his parent, guardian, custodian, responsible relative, defense attorney or State's Attorney, objects in open court to any such continuance and insists upon proceeding to findings and adjudication, the court shall so proceed.
  - (3) Nothing in this Section limits the power of the court to order a continuance of the hearing for the production of additional evidence or for any other proper reason.
  - (4) When a hearing is continued pursuant to this Section, the court may permit the minor to remain in his home subject to such conditions concerning his conduct and supervision as the court may require by order.
  - (4.5) As a condition of supervision under this Section, the

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- court may order the minor or the minor's parent, guardian, custodian, or other responsible relative to undergo counseling
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- 4 to achieve the purposes of this Act.
  - (5) If a petition is filed charging a violation of a condition of the continuance under supervision, the court shall conduct a hearing. If the court finds that such condition of supervision has not been fulfilled the court may proceed to findings and adjudication and disposition. The filing of a petition for violation of a condition of the continuance under supervision shall toll the period of continuance under supervision until the final determination of the charge, and the term of the continuance under supervision shall not run until the hearing and disposition of the petition violation; provided where the petition alleges conduct that does not constitute a criminal offense, the hearing must be held within 15 days of the filing of the petition unless a delay in such hearing has been occasioned by the minor, in which case the delay shall continue the tolling of the period of continuance under supervision for the period of such delay.
  - (6) The court must impose upon a minor under an order of continuance under supervision or an order of disposition under this Article IV, as a condition of the order, a fee of \$25 for each month or partial month of supervision with a probation officer. If the court determines the inability of the minor, or the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the minor to pay

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- 10 (Source: P.A. 92-329, eff. 8-9-01.)
- 11 (705 ILCS 405/4-21) (from Ch. 37, par. 804-21)
- 12 Sec. 4-21. Kinds of dispositional orders.
  - (1) A minor found to be addicted under Section 4-3 may be (a) committed to the Department of Children and Family Services, subject to Section 5 of the Children and Family Services Act; (b) placed under supervision and released to his or her parents, quardian or legal custodian; (c) placed in accordance with Section 4-25 with or without also being placed under supervision. Conditions of supervision may be modified or terminated by the court if it deems that the best interests of the minor and the public will be served thereby; (d) required to attend an approved alcohol or drug abuse treatment or counseling program on an inpatient or outpatient basis instead of or in addition to the disposition otherwise provided for in this paragraph; (e) ordered partially or completely

- emancipated in accordance with the provisions of the Emancipation of Mature Minors Act; or (f) subject to having his or her driver's license or driving privilege suspended for such time as determined by the Court but only until he or she attains 18 years of age. No disposition under this subsection shall provide for the minor's placement in a secure facility.
  - (2) Any order of disposition may provide for protective supervision under Section 4-22 and may include an order of protection under Section 4-23.
  - (3) Unless the order of disposition expressly so provides, it does not operate to close proceedings on the pending petition, but is subject to modification until final closing and discharge of the proceedings under Section 4-29.
  - (3.5) In addition to any other order of disposition, the court may order the minor or the minor's parent, quardian, custodian, or other responsible relative to undergo counseling as the court deems appropriate, based on the evidence, in order to achieve the purposes of this Act.
  - (4) In addition to any other order of disposition, the court may order any minor found to be addicted under this Article as neglected with respect to his or her own injurious behavior, to make restitution, in monetary or non-monetary form, under the terms and conditions of Section 5-5-6 of the Unified Code of Corrections, except that the "presentence hearing" referred to therein shall be the dispositional hearing for purposes of this Section. The parent, guardian or legal

- custodian of the minor may pay some or all of such restitution on the minor's behalf.
  - (5) Any order for disposition where the minor is placed in accordance with Section 4-25 shall provide for the parents or guardian of the estate of such minor to pay to the legal custodian or guardian of the person of the minor such sums as are determined by the custodian or guardian of the person of the minor as necessary for the minor's needs. Such payments may not exceed the maximum amounts provided for by Section 9.1 of the Children and Family Services Act.
  - (6) Whenever the order of disposition requires the minor to attend school or participate in a program of training, the truant officer or designated school official shall regularly report to the court if the minor is a chronic or habitual truant under Section 26-2a of the School Code.
  - (7) The court must impose upon a minor under an order of continuance under supervision or an order of disposition under this Article IV, as a condition of the order, a fee of \$25 for each month or partial month of supervision with a probation officer. If the court determines the inability of the minor, or the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the minor to pay the fee, the court may impose a lesser fee. The court may not impose the fee on a minor who is made a ward of the State under this Act. The fee may be imposed only upon a minor who is actively supervised by the probation and court services department. The fee must be collected by the clerk of the

- 1 circuit court. The clerk of the circuit court must pay all
- 2 monies collected from this fee to the county treasurer for
- 3 deposit into the probation and court services fund under
- 4 Section 15.1 of the Probation and Probation Officers Act.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 92-329, eff. 8-9-01; revised 10-9-03.)
- 6 Section 20. The Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 is
- 7 amended by changing Sections 112A-7 and 112A-14 as follows:
- 8 (725 ILCS 5/112A-7) (from Ch. 38, par. 112A-7)
- 9 Sec. 112A-7. Trial by jury. In accordance with the Code of
- 10 Civil Procedure, the petitioner or the respondent may demand a
- 11 There shall be no right to trial by jury of the issues of fact
- in any proceeding to obtain, modify, vacate or extend an any
- order of protection under this Article. However, Nothing in
- this Section shall deny any existing right to trial by jury in
- 15 a criminal proceeding.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 87-895; 87-1186; 88-45.)
- 17 (725 ILCS 5/112A-14) (from Ch. 38, par. 112A-14)
- Sec. 112A-14. Order of protection; remedies.
- 19 (a) Issuance of order. If the court finds that petitioner
- 20 has been abused by a family or household member, as defined in
- 21 this Article, an order of protection prohibiting such abuse
- 22 shall issue; provided that petitioner must also satisfy the
- 23 requirements of one of the following Sections, as appropriate:

- Section 112A-17 on emergency orders, Section 112A-18 on interim orders, or Section 112A-19 on plenary orders. Petitioner shall not be denied an order of protection because petitioner or respondent is a minor. The court, when determining whether or not to issue an order of protection, shall not require physical manifestations of abuse on the person of the victim. Modification and extension of prior orders of protection shall be in accordance with this Article.
  - (b) Remedies and standards. The remedies to be included in an order of protection shall be determined in accordance with this Section and one of the following Sections, as appropriate: Section 112A-17 on emergency orders, Section 112A-18 on interim orders, and Section 112A-19 on plenary orders. The remedies listed in this subsection shall be in addition to other civil or criminal remedies available to petitioner.
    - (1) Prohibition of abuse. Prohibit respondent's harassment, interference with personal liberty, intimidation of a dependent, physical abuse or willful deprivation, as defined in this Article, if such abuse has occurred or otherwise appears likely to occur if not prohibited.
    - (2) Grant of exclusive possession of residence. Prohibit respondent from entering or remaining in any residence or household of the petitioner, including one owned or leased by respondent, if petitioner has a right to occupancy thereof. The grant of exclusive possession of the

residence shall not affect title to real property, nor shall the court be limited by the standard set forth in Section 701 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.

- (A) Right to occupancy. A party has a right to occupancy of a residence or household if it is solely or jointly owned or leased by that party, that party's spouse, a person with a legal duty to support that party or a minor child in that party's care, or by any person or entity other than the opposing party that authorizes that party's occupancy (e.g., a domestic violence shelter). Standards set forth in subparagraph (B) shall not preclude equitable relief.
- (B) Presumption of hardships. If petitioner and respondent each has the right to occupancy of a residence or household, the court shall balance (i) the hardships to respondent and any minor child or dependent adult in respondent's care resulting from entry of this remedy with (ii) the hardships to petitioner and any minor child or dependent adult in petitioner's care resulting from continued exposure to the risk of abuse (should petitioner remain at the residence or household) or from loss of possession of the residence or household (should petitioner leave to avoid the risk of abuse). When determining the balance of hardships, the court shall also take into account

the accessibility of the residence or household. Hardships need not be balanced if respondent does not have a right to occupancy.

The balance of hardships is presumed to favor possession by petitioner unless the presumption is rebutted by a preponderance of the evidence, showing that the hardships to respondent substantially outweigh the hardships to petitioner and any minor child or dependent adult in petitioner's care. The court, on the request of petitioner or on its own motion, may order respondent to provide suitable, accessible, alternate housing for petitioner instead of excluding respondent from a mutual residence or household.

(3) Stay away order and additional prohibitions. Order respondent to stay away from petitioner or any other person protected by the order of protection, or prohibit respondent from entering or remaining present at petitioner's school, place of employment, or other specified places at times when petitioner is present, or both, if reasonable, given the balance of hardships. Hardships need not be balanced for the court to enter a stay away order or prohibit entry if respondent has no right to enter the premises.

If an order of protection grants petitioner exclusive possession of the residence, or prohibits respondent from

entering the residence, or orders respondent to stay away from petitioner or other protected persons, then the court may allow respondent access to the residence to remove items of clothing and personal adornment used exclusively by respondent, medications, and other items as the court directs. The right to access shall be exercised on only one occasion as the court directs and in the presence of an agreed-upon adult third party or law enforcement officer.

- (4) Counseling. Require or recommend the respondent to undergo counseling for a specified duration with a social worker, psychologist, clinical psychologist, psychiatrist, family service agency, alcohol or substance abuse program, mental health center guidance counselor, agency providing services to elders, program designed for domestic violence abusers or any other guidance service the court deems appropriate. The court may also require or recommend that the petitioner undergo counseling as the court deems appropriate, based on the evidence.
- (5) Physical care and possession of the minor child. In order to protect the minor child from abuse, neglect, or unwarranted separation from the person who has been the minor child's primary caretaker, or to otherwise protect the well-being of the minor child, the court may do either or both of the following: (i) grant petitioner physical care or possession of the minor child, or both, or (ii) order respondent to return a minor child to, or not remove

a minor child from, the physical care of a parent or person in loco parentis.

If a court finds, after a hearing, that respondent has committed abuse (as defined in Section 112A-3) of a minor child, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that awarding physical care to respondent would not be in the minor child's best interest.

(6) Temporary legal custody. Award temporary legal custody to petitioner in accordance with this Section, the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, and this State's Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.

If a court finds, after a hearing, that respondent has committed abuse (as defined in Section 112A-3) of a minor child, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that awarding temporary legal custody to respondent would not be in the child's best interest.

(7) Visitation. Determine the visitation rights, if any, of respondent in any case in which the court awards physical care or temporary legal custody of a minor child to petitioner. The court shall restrict or deny respondent's visitation with a minor child if the court finds that respondent has done or is likely to do any of the following: (i) abuse or endanger the minor child during visitation; (ii) use the visitation as an opportunity to abuse or harass petitioner or petitioner's family or

household members; (iii) improperly conceal or detain the minor child; or (iv) otherwise act in a manner that is not in the best interests of the minor child. The court shall not be limited by the standards set forth in Section 607.1 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. If the court grants visitation, the order shall specify dates and times for the visitation to take place or other specific parameters or conditions that are appropriate. No order for visitation shall refer merely to the term "reasonable visitation".

Petitioner may deny respondent access to the minor child if, when respondent arrives for visitation, respondent is under the influence of drugs or alcohol and constitutes a threat to the safety and well-being of petitioner or petitioner's minor children or is behaving in a violent or abusive manner.

If necessary to protect any member of petitioner's family or household from future abuse, respondent shall be prohibited from coming to petitioner's residence to meet the minor child for visitation, and the parties shall submit to the court their recommendations for reasonable alternative arrangements for visitation. A person may be approved to supervise visitation only after filing an affidavit accepting that responsibility and acknowledging accountability to the court.

(8) Removal or concealment of minor child. Prohibit

respondent from removing a minor child from the State or concealing the child within the State.

- (9) Order to appear. Order the respondent to appear in court, alone or with a minor child, to prevent abuse, neglect, removal or concealment of the child, to return the child to the custody or care of the petitioner or to permit any court-ordered interview or examination of the child or the respondent.
- (10) Possession of personal property. Grant petitioner exclusive possession of personal property and, if respondent has possession or control, direct respondent to promptly make it available to petitioner, if:
  - (i) petitioner, but not respondent, owns the property; or
  - (ii) the parties own the property jointly; sharing it would risk abuse of petitioner by respondent or is impracticable; and the balance of hardships favors temporary possession by petitioner.

If petitioner's sole claim to ownership of the property is that it is marital property, the court may award petitioner temporary possession thereof under the standards of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph only if a proper proceeding has been filed under the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, as now or hereafter amended.

No order under this provision shall affect title to

property.

- (11) Protection of property. Forbid the respondent from taking, transferring, encumbering, concealing, damaging or otherwise disposing of any real or personal property, except as explicitly authorized by the court, if:
  - (i) petitioner, but not respondent, owns the property; or
  - (ii) the parties own the property jointly, and the balance of hardships favors granting this remedy.

If petitioner's sole claim to ownership of the property is that it is marital property, the court may grant petitioner relief under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph only if a proper proceeding has been filed under the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, as now or hereafter amended.

The court may further prohibit respondent from improperly using the financial or other resources of an aged member of the family or household for the profit or advantage of respondent or of any other person.

(12) Order for payment of support. Order respondent to pay temporary support for the petitioner or any child in the petitioner's care or custody, when the respondent has a legal obligation to support that person, in accordance with the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, which shall govern, among other matters, the amount of support, payment through the clerk and withholding of

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income to secure payment. An order for child support may be granted to a petitioner with lawful physical care or custody of a child, or an order or agreement for physical care or custody, prior to entry of an order for legal custody. Such a support order shall expire upon entry of a valid order granting legal custody to another, unless otherwise provided in the custody order.

- (13) Order for payment of losses. Order respondent to pay petitioner for losses suffered as a direct result of the abuse. Such losses shall include, but not be limited to, medical expenses, lost earnings or other support, repair or replacement of property damaged or taken, reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and moving or other travel expenses, including additional reasonable expenses for temporary shelter and restaurant meals.
  - (i) Losses affecting family needs. If a party is seek maintenance, child support entitled to property distribution from the other party under the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, as now or hereafter amended, the court may order respondent to reimburse petitioner's actual losses, to the extent that such reimbursement would be "appropriate temporary relief", as authorized by subsection (a)(3) of Section 501 of that Act.
  - (ii) Recovery of expenses. In the case of an improper concealment or removal of a minor child, the

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court may order respondent to pay the reasonable expenses incurred or to be incurred in the search for and recovery of the minor child, including but not limited to legal fees, court costs, private investigator fees, and travel costs.

- (14) Prohibition of entry. Prohibit the respondent from entering or remaining in the residence or household while the respondent is under the influence of alcohol or drugs and constitutes a threat to the safety and well-being of the petitioner or the petitioner's children.
- (14.5) Prohibition of firearm possession. (a) When a complaint is made under a request for an order of protection, that the respondent has threatened or is likely to use firearms illegally against the petitioner, and the respondent is present in court, or has failed to appear after receiving actual notice, the court shall examine on oath the petitioner, and any witnesses who may be produced. If the court is satisfied that there is any danger of the illegal use of firearms, it shall include in the order of protection the requirement that any firearms in the possession of the respondent, except as provided in subsection (b), be turned over to the local law enforcement agency for safekeeping. If the respondent fails to appear, or refuses or fails to surrender his or her firearms, the court shall issue a warrant for seizure of any firearm in the possession of the respondent. The period of safekeeping

shall be for a stated period of time not to exceed 2 years. The firearm or firearms shall be returned to the respondent at the end of the stated period or at expiration of the order of protection, whichever is sooner. (b) If the respondent is a peace officer as defined in Section 2-13 of the Criminal Code of 1961, the court shall order that any firearms used by the respondent in the performance of his or her duties as a peace officer be surrendered to the chief law enforcement executive of the agency in which the respondent is employed, who shall retain the firearms for safekeeping for the stated period not to exceed 2 years as set forth in the court order.

- (15) Prohibition of access to records. If an order of protection prohibits respondent from having contact with the minor child, or if petitioner's address is omitted under subsection (b) of Section 112A-5, or if necessary to prevent abuse or wrongful removal or concealment of a minor child, the order shall deny respondent access to, and prohibit respondent from inspecting, obtaining, or attempting to inspect or obtain, school or any other records of the minor child who is in the care of petitioner.
- (16) Order for payment of shelter services. Order respondent to reimburse a shelter providing temporary housing and counseling services to the petitioner for the cost of the services, as certified by the shelter and

deemed reasonable by the court.

- (17) Order for injunctive relief. Enter injunctive relief necessary or appropriate to prevent further abuse of a family or household member or to effectuate one of the granted remedies, if supported by the balance of hardships. If the harm to be prevented by the injunction is abuse or any other harm that one of the remedies listed in paragraphs (1) through (16) of this subsection is designed to prevent, no further evidence is necessary to establish that the harm is an irreparable injury.
- (c) Relevant factors; findings.
- (1) In determining whether to grant a specific remedy, other than payment of support, the court shall consider relevant factors, including but not limited to the following:
  - (i) the nature, frequency, severity, pattern and consequences of the respondent's past abuse of the petitioner or any family or household member, including the concealment of his or her location in order to evade service of process or notice, and the likelihood of danger of future abuse to petitioner or any member of petitioner's or respondent's family or household; and
  - (ii) the danger that any minor child will be abused or neglected or improperly removed from the jurisdiction, improperly concealed within the State or

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1	improperly separated from the child's primary
2	caretaker.
3	(2) In comparing relative hardships resulting to the
4	parties from loss of possession of the family home, the
5	court shall consider relevant factors, including but not
6	limited to the following:
7	(i) availability, accessibility, cost, safety,
8	adequacy, location and other characteristics of
9	alternate housing for each party and any minor child or
10	dependent adult in the party's care;
11	(ii) the effect on the party's employment; and
12	(iii) the effect on the relationship of the party,
13	and any minor child or dependent adult in the party's
14	care, to family, school, church and community.
15	(3) Subject to the exceptions set forth in paragraph
16	(4) of this subsection, the court shall make its findings
17	in an official record or in writing, and shall at a minimum
18	set forth the following:
19	(i) That the court has considered the applicable
20	relevant factors described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of
21	this subsection.
22	(ii) Whether the conduct or actions of respondent,
23	unless prohibited, will likely cause irreparable harm
24	or continued abuse.

(iii) Whether it is necessary to grant the

requested relief in order to protect petitioner or

other alleged abused persons.

(4) For purposes of issuing an ex parte emergency order of protection, the court, as an alternative to or as a supplement to making the findings described in paragraphs (c)(3)(i) through (c)(3)(iii) of this subsection, may use the following procedure:

When a verified petition for an emergency order of protection in accordance with the requirements of Sections 112A-5 and 112A-17 is presented to the court, the court shall examine petitioner on oath or affirmation. An emergency order of protection shall be issued by the court if it appears from the contents of the petition and the examination of petitioner that the averments are sufficient to indicate abuse by respondent and to support the granting of relief under the issuance of the emergency order of protection.

- (5) Never married parties. No rights or responsibilities for a minor child born outside of marriage attach to a putative father until a father and child relationship has been established under the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984. Absent such an adjudication, no putative father shall be granted temporary custody of the minor child, visitation with the minor child, or physical care and possession of the minor child, nor shall an order of payment for support of the minor child be entered.
- (d) Balance of hardships; findings. If the court finds that

the balance of hardships does not support the granting of a
remedy governed by paragraph (2), (3), (10), (11), or (16) of
subsection (b) of this Section, which may require such
balancing, the court's findings shall so indicate and shall
include a finding as to whether granting the remedy will result
in hardship to respondent that would substantially outweigh the
hardship to petitioner from denial of the remedy. The findings
shall be an official record or in writing.

- (e) Denial of remedies. Denial of any remedy shall not be based, in whole or in part, on evidence that:
  - (1) Respondent has cause for any use of force, unless that cause satisfies the standards for justifiable use of force provided by Article VII of the Criminal Code of 1961;
    - (2) Respondent was voluntarily intoxicated;
  - (3) Petitioner acted in self-defense or defense of another, provided that, if petitioner utilized force, such force was justifiable under Article VII of the Criminal Code of 1961;
  - (4) Petitioner did not act in self-defense or defense of another;
    - (5) Petitioner left the residence or household to avoid further abuse by respondent;
    - (6) Petitioner did not leave the residence or household to avoid further abuse by respondent;
    - (7) Conduct by any family or household member excused the abuse by respondent, unless that same conduct would

- 1 have excused such abuse if the parties had not been family
- 2 or household members.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 93-108, eff. 1-1-04.)
- 4 Section 25. The Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of
- 5 Marriage Act is amended by adding Sections 307, 404.05, 411.5,
- and 452.5 and by changing Sections 510 and 606 as follows:
- 7 (750 ILCS 5/307 new)
- 8 Sec. 307. Trial by jury. In accordance with the Code of
- 9 Civil Procedure, a party to an action for a declaration of
- 10 <u>invalidity of marriage may demand a trial by jury as to the</u>
- issues of fact raised in the action.
- 12 (750 ILCS 5/404.05 new)
- 13 Sec. 404.05. Counseling. Whether or not the court
- 14 concludes that there is a prospect of reconciliation, the court
- 15 may order the petitioner, the respondent, or a child of the
- 16 parties to undergo counseling as the court deems appropriate,
- 17 based on the evidence.
- 18 (750 ILCS 5/411.5 new)
- 19 Sec. 411.5. Trial by jury. In accordance with the Code of
- 20 Civil Procedure, a party to an action for dissolution of
- 21 marriage or for legal separation may demand a trial by jury as
- 22 to the issues of fact raised in the action. This Section does

1	not	apply,	however,	to	an	action	in	which	the	parties	have

- 2 filed a petition for simplified dissolution under Part IV-A.
- 3 (750 ILCS 5/452.5 new)
- 4 Sec. 452.5. No trial by jury. There is no right to a trial
- 5 by jury in an action in which the parties have filed a petition
- 6 for simplified dissolution under this Part IV-A.
- 7 (750 ILCS 5/510) (from Ch. 40, par. 510)
- 8 Sec. 510. Modification and termination of provisions for
- 9 maintenance, support, educational expenses, and property
- 10 disposition.
- 11 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (f) of
- 12 Section 502 and in subsection (b), clause (3) of Section 505.2,
- 13 the provisions of any judgment respecting maintenance or
- 14 support may be modified only as to installments accruing
- subsequent to due notice by the moving party of the filing of
- 16 the motion for modification. An order for child support may be
- 17 modified as follows:
- 18 (1) upon a showing of a substantial change in
- 19 circumstances; and
- 20 (2) without the necessity of showing a substantial
- 21 change in circumstances, as follows:
- 22 (A) upon a showing of an inconsistency of at least
- 23 20%, but no less than \$10 per month, between the amount
- of the existing order and the amount of child support

that results from application of the guidelines specified in Section 505 of this Act unless the inconsistency is due to the fact that the amount of the existing order resulted from a deviation from the guideline amount and there has not been a change in the circumstances that resulted in that deviation; or

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

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

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

1 and whether the change has been made in good faith;

- (2) the efforts, if any, made by the party receiving maintenance to become self-supporting, and the reasonableness of the efforts where they are appropriate;
- (3) any impairment of the present and future earning capacity of either party;
- (4) the tax consequences of the maintenance payments upon the respective economic circumstances of the parties;
- (5) the duration of the maintenance payments previously paid (and remaining to be paid) relative to the length of the marriage;
- (6) the property, including retirement benefits, awarded to each party under the judgment of dissolution of marriage, judgment of legal separation, or judgment of declaration of invalidity of marriage and the present status of the property;
- (7) the increase or decrease in each party's income since the prior judgment or order from which a review, modification, or termination is being sought;
- (8) the property acquired and currently owned by each party after the entry of the judgment of dissolution of marriage, judgment of legal separation, or judgment of declaration of invalidity of marriage; and
- (9) any other factor that the court expressly finds to be just and equitable.
- (b) The provisions as to property disposition may not be

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- revoked or modified, unless the court finds the existence of conditions that justify the reopening of a judgment under the laws of this State.
  - (c) Unless otherwise agreed by the parties in a written agreement set forth in the judgment or otherwise approved by the court, the obligation to pay future maintenance is terminated upon the death of either party, or the remarriage of the party receiving maintenance, or if the party receiving maintenance cohabits with another person on a resident, continuing conjugal basis.
  - (d) Unless otherwise provided in this Act, or as agreed in writing or expressly provided in the judgment, provisions for the support of a child are terminated by emancipation of the child, or if the child has attained the age of 18 and is still attending high school, provisions for the support of the child are terminated upon the date that the child graduates from high school or the date the child attains the age of 19, whichever is earlier, but not by the death of a parent obligated to support or educate the child. An existing obligation to pay for support or educational expenses, or both, is not terminated by the death of a parent. When a parent obligated to pay support or educational expenses, or both, dies, the amount of support or educational expenses, or both, may be enforced, modified, revoked or commuted to a lump sum payment, as equity may require, and that determination may be provided for at the time of the dissolution of the marriage or thereafter.

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- (e) The right to petition for support or educational expenses, or both, under Sections 505 and 513 is not extinguished by the death of a parent. Upon a petition filed before or after a parent's death, the court may award sums of money out of the decedent's estate for the child's support or educational expenses, or both, as equity may require. The time within which a claim may be filed against the estate of a decedent under Sections 505 and 513 and subsection (d) and this subsection shall be governed by the provisions of the Probate
- (f) A petition to modify or terminate child support, custody, or visitation shall not delay any child support enforcement litigation or supplementary proceeding on behalf of the obligee, including, but not limited to, a petition for a rule to show cause, for non-wage garnishment, or for a restraining order.

Act of 1975, as a barrable, noncontingent claim.

- 17 (g) In accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure, a party

  18 to an action to modify or terminate maintenance or support,

  19 including educational expenses, may demand a trial by jury as

  20 to the issues of fact raised in the action.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 92-289, eff. 8-9-01; 92-590, eff. 7-1-02; 92-651, eff. 7-11-02; 92-876, eff. 6-1-03; 93-353, eff. 1-1-04; revised 12-15-05.)
- 24 (750 ILCS 5/606) (from Ch. 40, par. 606)
- Sec. 606. Hearings.

- 1 (a) Custody proceedings shall receive priority in being set 2 for hearing.
  - (b) The court may tax as costs the payment of necessary travel and other expenses incurred by any person whose presence at the hearing the court deems necessary to determine the best interest of the child.
  - (c) The court, without a jury, shall determine questions of law and fact, except that in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure, a party to a custody proceeding may demand a trial by jury as to the issues of fact raised in the proceeding. If the court it finds that a public hearing may be detrimental to the child's best interest, the court may exclude the public from a custody hearing, but may admit any person who has a direct and legitimate interest in the particular case or a legitimate educational or research interest in the work of the court.
    - (d) If the court finds it necessary, in order to protect the child's welfare, that the record of any interview, report, investigation, or testimony in a custody proceeding be kept secret, the court may make an appropriate order sealing the record.
    - (e) Previous statements made by the child relating to any allegations that the child is an abused or neglected child within the meaning of the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, or an abused or neglected minor within the meaning of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, shall be admissible in evidence in

- 1 a hearing concerning custody of or visitation with the child.
- 2 No such statement, however, if uncorroborated and not subject
- 3 to cross-examination, shall be sufficient in itself to support
- 4 a finding of abuse or neglect.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 87-1081.)
- 6 (750 ILCS 5/103 rep.)
- 7 Section 26. The Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of
- 8 Marriage Act is amended by repealing Section 103.
- 9 Section 30. The Illinois Uniform Premarital Agreement Act
- is amended by adding Sections 8.5 and 8.10 as follows:
- 11 (750 ILCS 10/8.5 new)
- 12 Sec. 8.5. Trial by jury. In accordance with the Code of
- 13 Civil Procedure, a party to an action asserting a claim for
- relief under a premarital agreement may demand a trial by jury
- as to the issues of fact raised in the action.
- 16 (750 ILCS 10/8.10 new)
- 17 Sec. 8.10. Counseling. In an action asserting a claim for
- relief under a premarital agreement, the court may order one or
- both of the parties to undergo counseling as the court deems
- appropriate, based on the evidence.
- 21 Section 35. The Uniform Interstate Family Support Act is

- 1 amended by changing Section 301 as follows:
- 2 (750 ILCS 22/301)
- 3 Sec. 301. Proceedings under Act.
- 4 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, this Article
- 5 applies to all proceedings under this Act.
- 6 (b) An individual obligee or a support enforcement agency
- 7 may initiate a proceeding authorized under this Act by filing a
- 8 petition in an initiating tribunal for forwarding to a
- 9 responding tribunal or by filing a petition or a comparable
- 10 pleading directly in a tribunal of another state which has or
- 11 can obtain personal jurisdiction over the obligor.
- 12 (c) In accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure, a party
- to a proceeding described in subsection (b) may demand a trial
- by jury as to the issues of fact raised in the proceeding.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 93-479, eff. 1-1-04, operative 7-1-04.)
- 16 Section 40. The Income Withholding for Support Act is
- amended by changing Section 40 as follows:
- 18 (750 ILCS 28/40)
- 19 Sec. 40. Petitions to contest withholding or to modify,
- suspend, terminate, or correct income withholding notices.
- 21 (a) When an obligor files a petition to contest
- 22 withholding, the court, after due notice to all parties, shall
- 23 hear the matter as soon as practicable and shall enter an order

1	granting or denying relief, ordering service of an amended
2	income withholding notice, where applicable, or otherwise
3	resolving the matter. <u>In accordance with the Code of Civil</u>
4	Procedure, a party to a proceeding to contest withholding under
5	this subsection may demand a trial by jury as to the issues of
6	fact raised in the proceeding.

The court shall deny the obligor's petition if the court finds that when the income withholding notice was mailed, sent by facsimile transmission or other electronic means, or placed for personal delivery to or service on the payor:

- (1) a delinquency existed; or
- (2) the parties' written agreement providing an alternative arrangement to immediate withholding under subsection (a) of Section 20 no longer ensured payment of support.
- (b) At any time, an obligor, obligee, public office or Clerk of the Circuit Court may petition the court to:
  - (1) modify, suspend or terminate the income withholding notice because of a modification, suspension or termination of the underlying order for support; or
  - (2) modify the amount of income to be withheld to reflect payment in full or in part of the delinquency or arrearage by income withholding or otherwise; or
  - (3) suspend the income withholding notice because of inability to deliver income withheld to the obligee due to the obligee's failure to provide a mailing address or other

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- 1 means of delivery.
  - (c) At any time an obligor may petition the court to correct a term contained in an income withholding notice to conform to that stated in the underlying order for support for:
    - (1) the amount of current support;
- 6 (2) the amount of the arrearage;
- 7 (3) the periodic amount for payment of the arrearage; 8 or
- 9 (4) the periodic amount for payment of the delinquency.
  - (d) The obligor, obligee or public office shall serve on the payor, in the manner provided for service of income withholding notices in subsection (g) of Section 20, a copy of any order entered pursuant to this Section that affects the duties of the payor.
  - (e) At any time, a public office or Clerk of the Circuit Court may serve a notice on the payor to:
    - (1) cease withholding of income for payment of current support for a child when the support obligation for that child has automatically ceased under the order for support through emancipation or otherwise; or
    - (2) cease withholding of income for payment of delinquency or arrearage when the delinquency or arrearage has been paid in full.
    - (f) The notice provided for under subsection (e) of this Section shall be served on the payor in the manner provided for service of income withholding notices in subsection (g) of

- 1 Section 20, and a copy shall be provided to the obligor and the
- 2 obligee.
- 3 (g) The income withholding notice shall continue to be
- 4 binding upon the payor until service of an amended income
- 5 withholding notice or any order of the court or notice entered
- or provided for under this Section.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 90-673, eff. 1-1-99.)
- 8 Section 45. The Emancipation of Minors Act is amended by
- 9 adding Section 7.5 and changing Section 9 as follows:
- 10 (750 ILCS 30/7.5 new)
- 11 Sec. 7.5. Trial by jury. In accordance with the Code of
- 12 Civil Procedure, a party to a proceeding for emancipation under
- this Act may demand a trial by jury as to the issues of fact
- raised in the proceeding.
- 15 (750 ILCS 30/9) (from Ch. 40, par. 2209)
- Sec. 9. Hearing on petition.
- 17 (a) Mature minor. Before proceeding to a hearing on the
- 18 petition for emancipation of a mature minor the court shall
- 19 advise all persons present of the nature of the proceedings,
- 20 and their rights and responsibilities if an order of
- 21 emancipation should be entered.
- 22 If, after the hearing, the court determines that the minor
- is a mature minor who is of sound mind and has the capacity and

maturity to manage his own affairs including his finances, and that the best interests of the minor and his family will be promoted by declaring the minor an emancipated minor, the court shall enter a finding that the minor is an emancipated minor within the meaning of this Act, or that the mature minor is partially emancipated with such limitations as the court by order deems appropriate. The court may also order that the emancipated or partially emancipated minor or the minor's parent or parents or quardian undergo counseling as the court deems appropriate, based on the evidence. No order of complete or partial emancipation may be entered under this Act if there

is any objection by the minor, his parents or guardian.

(b) Homeless minor. Upon the verified petition of a homeless minor, the court shall immediately grant partial emancipation for the sole purpose of allowing the homeless minor to consent to the receipt of services and shelter or housing provided by the youth transitional housing program named in the petition and to other services that the youth transitional housing program may arrange by referral. The court may require that a youth transitional housing program employee appear before the court at the time of the filing of the petition and may inquire into the facts asserted in the petition. No other hearing shall be scheduled in the case of a petition affecting a homeless minor, unless, after notice, a parent or guardian requests such a hearing. If such a hearing is requested, then the homeless minor must be present at the

- 1 hearing. After the granting of partial emancipation to a
- 2 homeless youth, if the youth transitional housing program
- 3 determines that its facility and services are no longer
- 4 appropriate for the minor or that another program is more
- 5 appropriate for the minor, the program shall notify the court
- 6 and the court, after a hearing, may modify its order. At any
- 7 hearing under this subsection (b), the court may also order
- 8 that the minor or the minor's parent or parents or quardian
- 9 undergo counseling as the court deems appropriate, based on the
- 10 evidence.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 93-105, eff. 7-8-03.)
- Section 50. The Illinois Parentage Act of 1984 is amended
- by changing Sections 13 and 14 as follows:
- 14 (750 ILCS 45/13) (from Ch. 40, par. 2513)
- 15 Sec. 13. Civil Action.
- 16 (a) An action under this Act is a civil action governed by
- 17 the provisions of the "Code of Civil Procedure", approved
- 18 August 19, 1981, as amended, and the Supreme Court rules
- 19 applicable thereto, except where otherwise specified in this
- 20 Act.
- 21 (b) In accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure, a party
- 22 to an action under this Act may demand a trial by jury as to the
- 23 issues of fact raised in the action. Trial by jury is not
- 24 available under this Act.

- 1 (c) Certified copies of the bills for costs incurred for
- 2 pregnancy and childbirth shall be admitted into evidence at
- 3 judicial or administrative proceedings without foundation
- 4 testimony or other proof of authenticity or accuracy.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 90-18, eff. 7-1-97.)
- 6 (750 ILCS 45/14) (from Ch. 40, par. 2514)
- 7 Sec. 14. Judgment.
- 8 (a) (1) The judgment shall contain or explicitly reserve 9 provisions concerning any duty and amount of child support and 10 may contain provisions concerning the custody and guardianship
- of the child, visitation privileges with the child, the
- 12 furnishing of bond or other security for the payment of the
- judgment, which the court shall determine in accordance with
- 14 the relevant factors set forth in the Illinois Marriage and
- 15 Dissolution of Marriage Act and any other applicable law of
- 16 Illinois, to guide the court in a finding in the best interests
- of the child. In determining custody, joint custody, removal,
- or visitation, the court shall apply the relevant standards of
- 19 the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act,
- 20 including Section 609. Specifically, in determining the amount
- of any child support award or child health insurance coverage,
- 22 the court shall use the guidelines and standards set forth in
- 23 subsection (a) of Section 505 and in Section 505.2 of the
- 24 Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. For purposes
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Marriage Act, "net income" of the non-custodial parent shall include any benefits available to that person under the Illinois Public Aid Code or from other federal, State or local government-funded programs. The court shall, in any event and regardless of the amount of the non-custodial parent's net income, in its judgment order the non-custodial parent to pay child support to the custodial parent in a minimum amount of not less than \$10 per month, as long as such an order is consistent with the requirements of Title IV, Part D of the Social Security Act. In an action brought within 2 years after a child's birth, the judgment or order may direct either parent to pay the reasonable expenses incurred by either parent related to the mother's pregnancy and the delivery of the child. The judgment or order shall contain the father's social security number, which the father shall disclose to the court; however, failure to include the father's social security number on the judgment or order does not invalidate the judgment or order.

(2) If a judgment of parentage contains no explicit award of custody, the establishment of a support obligation or of visitation rights in one parent shall be considered a judgment granting custody to the other parent. If the parentage judgment contains no such provisions, custody shall be presumed to be with the mother; however, the presumption shall not apply if the father has had physical custody for at least 6 months prior to the date that the mother seeks to enforce custodial rights.

## (3) The court may also order that the child or the child's parent or parents undergo counseling as the court deems appropriate, based on the evidence.

- (b) The court shall order all child support payments, determined in accordance with such guidelines, to commence with the date summons is served. The level of current periodic support payments shall not be reduced because of payments set for the period prior to the date of entry of the support order. The Court may order any child support payments to be made for a period prior to the commencement of the action. In determining whether and the extent to which the payments shall be made for any prior period, the court shall consider all relevant facts, including the factors for determining the amount of support specified in the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act and other equitable factors including but not limited to:
  - (1) The father's prior knowledge of the fact and circumstances of the child's birth.
  - (2) The father's prior willingness or refusal to help raise or support the child.
  - (3) The extent to which the mother or the public agency bringing the action previously informed the father of the child's needs or attempted to seek or require his help in raising or supporting the child.
  - (4) The reasons the mother or the public agency did not file the action earlier.
    - (5) The extent to which the father would be prejudiced

1 by the delay in bringing the action.

For purposes of determining the amount of child support to be paid for any period before the date the order for current child support is entered, there is a rebuttable presumption that the father's net income for the prior period was the same as his net income at the time the order for current child support is entered.

- If (i) the non-custodial parent was properly served with a request for discovery of financial information relating to the non-custodial parent's ability to provide child support, (ii) the non-custodial parent failed to comply with the request, despite having been ordered to do so by the court, and (iii) the non-custodial parent is not present at the hearing to determine support despite having received proper notice, then any relevant financial information concerning the non-custodial parent's ability to provide child support that was obtained pursuant to subpoena and proper notice shall be admitted into evidence without the need to establish any further foundation for its admission.
- (c) Any new or existing support order entered by the court under this Section shall be deemed to be a series of judgments against the person obligated to pay support thereunder, each judgment to be in the amount of each payment or installment of support and each such judgment to be deemed entered as of the date the corresponding payment or installment becomes due under the terms of the support order. Each judgment shall have the

- full force, effect and attributes of any other judgment of this State, including the ability to be enforced. A lien arises by operation of law against the real and personal property of the noncustodial parent for each installment of overdue support owed by the noncustodial parent.
  - (d) If the judgment or order of the court is at variance with the child's birth certificate, the court shall order that a new birth certificate be issued under the Vital Records Act.
  - (e) On request of the mother and the father, the court shall order a change in the child's name. After hearing evidence the court may stay payment of support during the period of the father's minority or period of disability.
  - (f) If, upon a showing of proper service, the father fails to appear in court, or otherwise appear as provided by law, the court may proceed to hear the cause upon testimony of the mother or other parties taken in open court and shall enter a judgment by default. The court may reserve any order as to the amount of child support until the father has received notice, by regular mail, of a hearing on the matter.
  - (g) A one-time charge of 20% is imposable upon the amount of past-due child support owed on July 1, 1988 which has accrued under a support order entered by the court. The charge shall be imposed in accordance with the provisions of Section 10-21 of the Illinois Public Aid Code and shall be enforced by the court upon petition.
    - (h) All orders for support, when entered or modified, shall

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include a provision requiring the non-custodial parent to notify the court and, in cases in which party is receiving child support enforcement services under Article X of the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, within 7 days, (i) of the name and address of any new employer of the non-custodial parent, (ii) whether the non-custodial parent has access to health insurance coverage through the employer or other group coverage and, if so, the policy name and number and the names of persons covered under the policy, and (iii) of any new residential or mailing address or telephone number of the non-custodial parent. In any subsequent action to enforce a support order, upon a sufficient showing that a diligent effort has been made to ascertain the location of the non-custodial parent, service of process or provision of notice necessary in the case may be made at the last known address of the non-custodial parent in any manner expressly provided by the Code of Civil Procedure or this Act, which service shall be sufficient for purposes of due process.

(i) An order for support shall include a date on which the current support obligation terminates. The termination date shall be no earlier than the date on which the child covered by the order will attain the age of 18. However, if the child will not graduate from high school until after attaining the age of 18, then the termination date shall be no earlier than the earlier of the date on which the child's high school graduation will occur or the date on which the child will attain the age

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of 19. The order for support shall state that the termination date does not apply to any arrearage that may remain unpaid on that date. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the court from modifying the order or terminating the order in the event the child is otherwise emancipated.

(i-5) If there is an unpaid arrearage or delinquency (as those terms are defined in the Income Withholding for Support Act) equal to at least one month's support obligation on the termination date stated in the order for support or, if there is no termination date stated in the order, on the date the child attains the age of majority or is otherwise emancipated, the periodic amount required to be paid for current support of that child immediately prior to that date shall automatically continue to be an obligation, not as current support but as periodic payment toward satisfaction of the unpaid arrearage or delinquency. That periodic payment shall be in addition to any periodic payment previously required for satisfaction of the arrearage or delinquency. The total periodic amount to be paid toward satisfaction of the arrearage or delinquency may be enforced and collected by any method provided by law for enforcement and collection of child support, including but not limited to income withholding under the Income Withholding for Support Act. Each order for support entered or modified on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly must contain a statement notifying the parties of the requirements of this subsection. Failure to include the

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statement in the order for support does not affect the validity of the order or the operation of the provisions of this subsection with regard to the order. This subsection shall not be construed to prevent or affect the establishment or modification of an order for support of a minor child or the establishment or modification of an order for support of a non-minor child or educational expenses under Section 513 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.

(j) An order entered under this Section shall include a provision requiring the obligor to report to the obligee and to the clerk of court within 10 days each time the obligor obtains new employment, and each time the obligor's employment is terminated for any reason. The report shall be in writing and shall, in the case of new employment, include the name and address of the new employer. Failure to report new employment or the termination of current employment, if coupled with nonpayment of support for a period in excess of 60 days, is indirect criminal contempt. For any obligor arrested for failure to report new employment bond shall be set in the amount of the child support that should have been paid during the period of unreported employment. An order entered under this Section shall also include a provision requiring the obligor and obligee parents to advise each other of a change in residence within 5 days of the change except when the court finds that the physical, mental, or emotional health of a party that of a minor child, or both, would be seriously

- 1 endangered by disclosure of the party's address.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 93-139, eff. 7-10-03; 93-1061, eff. 1-1-05;
- 3 94-923, eff. 1-1-07; 94-1061, eff. 1-1-07; revised 8-3-06.)
- 4 Section 55. The Adoption Act is amended by adding Section
- 5 5.5 as follows:
- 6 (750 ILCS 50/5.5 new)
- 7 Sec. 5.5. Trial by jury. In accordance with the Code of
- 8 <u>Civil Procedure</u>, a party to a proceeding for adoption under
- 9 this Act may demand a trial by jury as to the issues of fact
- 10 raised in the proceeding.
- 11 Section 60. The Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986 is
- 12 amended by changing Sections 206 and 214 as follows:
- 13 (750 ILCS 60/206) (from Ch. 40, par. 2312-6)
- 14 Sec. 206. Trial by jury. In accordance with the Code of
- 15 Civil Procedure, the petitioner or the respondent may demand a
- 16 There shall be no right to trial by jury of the issues of fact
- in any proceeding to obtain, modify, vacate or extend an any
- order of protection under this Act. However, Nothing in this
- 19 Section shall deny any existing right to trial by jury in a
- 20 criminal proceeding.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 87-1186.)

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- 1 (750 ILCS 60/214) (from Ch. 40, par. 2312-14)
- 2 Sec. 214. Order of protection; remedies.
- (a) Issuance of order. If the court finds that petitioner 3 has been abused by a family or household member or that 5 petitioner is a high-risk adult who has been abused, neglected, or exploited, as defined in this Act, an order of protection 6 7 prohibiting the abuse, neglect, or exploitation shall issue; 8 provided that petitioner must also satisfy the requirements of 9 one of the following Sections, as appropriate: Section 217 on 10 emergency orders, Section 218 on interim orders, or Section 219 11 on plenary orders. Petitioner shall not be denied an order of 12 protection because petitioner or respondent is a minor. The court, when determining whether or not to issue an order of 13 protection, shall not require physical manifestations of abuse 14 on the person of the victim. Modification and extension of 15 16 prior orders of protection shall be in accordance with this 17 Act.
  - (b) Remedies and standards. The remedies to be included in an order of protection shall be determined in accordance with this Section and one of the following Sections, as appropriate: Section 217 on emergency orders, Section 218 on interim orders, and Section 219 on plenary orders. The remedies listed in this subsection shall be in addition to other civil or criminal remedies available to petitioner.
  - (1) Prohibition of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

    Prohibit respondent's harassment, interference with

personal liberty, intimidation of a dependent, physical abuse, or willful deprivation, neglect or exploitation, as defined in this Act, or stalking of the petitioner, as defined in Section 12-7.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961, if such abuse, neglect, exploitation, or stalking has occurred or otherwise appears likely to occur if not prohibited.

- (2) Grant of exclusive possession of residence. Prohibit respondent from entering or remaining in any residence or household of the petitioner, including one owned or leased by respondent, if petitioner has a right to occupancy thereof. The grant of exclusive possession of the residence shall not affect title to real property, nor shall the court be limited by the standard set forth in Section 701 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.
  - (A) Right to occupancy. A party has a right to occupancy of a residence or household if it is solely or jointly owned or leased by that party, that party's spouse, a person with a legal duty to support that party or a minor child in that party's care, or by any person or entity other than the opposing party that authorizes that party's occupancy (e.g., a domestic violence shelter). Standards set forth in subparagraph (B) shall not preclude equitable relief.
    - (B) Presumption of hardships. If petitioner and

respondent each has the right to occupancy of a residence or household, the court shall balance (i) the hardships to respondent and any minor child or dependent adult in respondent's care resulting from entry of this remedy with (ii) the hardships to petitioner and any minor child or dependent adult in petitioner's care resulting from continued exposure to the risk of abuse (should petitioner remain at the residence or household) or from loss of possession of the residence or household (should petitioner leave to avoid the risk of abuse). When determining the balance of hardships, the court shall also take into account the accessibility of the residence or household. Hardships need not be balanced if respondent does not have a right to occupancy.

The balance of hardships is presumed to favor possession by petitioner unless the presumption is rebutted by a preponderance of the evidence, showing that the hardships to respondent substantially outweigh the hardships to petitioner and any minor child or dependent adult in petitioner's care. The court, on the request of petitioner or on its own motion, may order respondent to provide suitable, accessible, alternate housing for petitioner instead of excluding respondent from a mutual residence or household.

(3) Stay away order and additional prohibitions. Order respondent to stay away from petitioner or any other person protected by the order of protection, or prohibit respondent from entering or remaining present at petitioner's school, place of employment, or other specified places at times when petitioner is present, or both, if reasonable, given the balance of hardships. Hardships need not be balanced for the court to enter a stay away order or prohibit entry if respondent has no right to enter the premises.

If an order of protection grants petitioner exclusive possession of the residence, or prohibits respondent from entering the residence, or orders respondent to stay away from petitioner or other protected persons, then the court may allow respondent access to the residence to remove items of clothing and personal adornment used exclusively by respondent, medications, and other items as the court directs. The right to access shall be exercised on only one occasion as the court directs and in the presence of an agreed-upon adult third party or law enforcement officer.

(4) Counseling. Require or recommend the respondent to undergo counseling for a specified duration with a social worker, psychologist, clinical psychologist, psychiatrist, family service agency, alcohol or substance abuse program, mental health center guidance counselor, agency providing services to elders, program designed for domestic violence

abusers or any other guidance service the court deems appropriate. The court may also require or recommend that the petitioner undergo counseling as the court deems appropriate, based on the evidence.

(5) Physical care and possession of the minor child. In order to protect the minor child from abuse, neglect, or unwarranted separation from the person who has been the minor child's primary caretaker, or to otherwise protect the well-being of the minor child, the court may do either or both of the following: (i) grant petitioner physical care or possession of the minor child, or both, or (ii) order respondent to return a minor child to, or not remove a minor child from, the physical care of a parent or person in loco parentis.

If a court finds, after a hearing, that respondent has committed abuse (as defined in Section 103) of a minor child, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that awarding physical care to respondent would not be in the minor child's best interest.

(6) Temporary legal custody. Award temporary legal custody to petitioner in accordance with this Section, the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, and this State's Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.

If a court finds, after a hearing, that respondent has committed abuse (as defined in Section 103) of a minor

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child, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that awarding temporary legal custody to respondent would not be in the child's best interest.

(7) Visitation. Determine the visitation rights, if any, of respondent in any case in which the court awards physical care or temporary legal custody of a minor child petitioner. The court shall restrict or respondent's visitation with a minor child if the court finds that respondent has done or is likely to do any of the following: (i) abuse or endanger the minor child during visitation; (ii) use the visitation as an opportunity to abuse or harass petitioner or petitioner's family or household members; (iii) improperly conceal or detain the minor child; or (iv) otherwise act in a manner that is not in the best interests of the minor child. The court shall not be limited by the standards set forth in Section 607.1 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. If the court grants visitation, the order shall specify dates and times for the visitation to take place or other specific parameters or conditions that are appropriate. No order for visitation shall refer merely to the term "reasonable visitation".

Petitioner may deny respondent access to the minor child if, when respondent arrives for visitation, respondent is under the influence of drugs or alcohol and constitutes a threat to the safety and well-being of

petitioner or petitioner's minor children or is behaving in a violent or abusive manner.

If necessary to protect any member of petitioner's family or household from future abuse, respondent shall be prohibited from coming to petitioner's residence to meet the minor child for visitation, and the parties shall submit to the court their recommendations for reasonable alternative arrangements for visitation. A person may be approved to supervise visitation only after filing an affidavit accepting that responsibility and acknowledging accountability to the court.

- (8) Removal or concealment of minor child. Prohibit respondent from removing a minor child from the State or concealing the child within the State.
- (9) Order to appear. Order the respondent to appear in court, alone or with a minor child, to prevent abuse, neglect, removal or concealment of the child, to return the child to the custody or care of the petitioner or to permit any court-ordered interview or examination of the child or the respondent.
- (10) Possession of personal property. Grant petitioner exclusive possession of personal property and, if respondent has possession or control, direct respondent to promptly make it available to petitioner, if:
  - (i) petitioner, but not respondent, owns the property; or

(ii) the parties own the property jointly; sharing it would risk abuse of petitioner by respondent or is impracticable; and the balance of hardships favors temporary possession by petitioner.

If petitioner's sole claim to ownership of the property is that it is marital property, the court may award petitioner temporary possession thereof under the standards of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph only if a proper proceeding has been filed under the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, as now or hereafter amended.

No order under this provision shall affect title to property.

- (11) Protection of property. Forbid the respondent from taking, transferring, encumbering, concealing, damaging or otherwise disposing of any real or personal property, except as explicitly authorized by the court, if:
  - (i) petitioner, but not respondent, owns the property; or
  - (ii) the parties own the property jointly, and the balance of hardships favors granting this remedy.

If petitioner's sole claim to ownership of the property is that it is marital property, the court may grant petitioner relief under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph only if a proper proceeding has been filed under the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, as

now or hereafter amended.

The court may further prohibit respondent from improperly using the financial or other resources of an aged member of the family or household for the profit or advantage of respondent or of any other person.

- (12) Order for payment of support. Order respondent to pay temporary support for the petitioner or any child in the petitioner's care or custody, when the respondent has a legal obligation to support that person, in accordance with the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, which shall govern, among other matters, the amount of support, payment through the clerk and withholding of income to secure payment. An order for child support may be granted to a petitioner with lawful physical care or custody of a child, or an order or agreement for physical care or custody, prior to entry of an order for legal custody. Such a support order shall expire upon entry of a valid order granting legal custody to another, unless otherwise provided in the custody order.
- (13) Order for payment of losses. Order respondent to pay petitioner for losses suffered as a direct result of the abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Such losses shall include, but not be limited to, medical expenses, lost earnings or other support, repair or replacement of property damaged or taken, reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and moving or other travel expenses, including

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- (i) Losses affecting family needs. If a party is entitled to seek maintenance, child support property distribution from the other party under the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, as hereafter amended, the court now or may order respondent to reimburse petitioner's actual losses, to the extent. t.hat. such reimbursement. would "appropriate temporary relief", as authorized by subsection (a) (3) of Section 501 of that Act.
- (ii) Recovery of expenses. In the case of an improper concealment or removal of a minor child, the court may order respondent to pay the reasonable expenses incurred or to be incurred in the search for and recovery of the minor child, including but not limited to legal fees, court costs, private investigator fees, and travel costs.
- (14) Prohibition of entry. Prohibit the respondent from entering or remaining in the residence or household while the respondent is under the influence of alcohol or drugs and constitutes a threat to the safety and well-being of the petitioner or the petitioner's children.
  - (14.5) Prohibition of firearm possession.
  - (a) When a complaint is made under a request for an order of protection, that the respondent has

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threatened or is likely to use firearms illegally against the petitioner, and the respondent is present in court, or has failed to appear after receiving actual notice, the court shall examine on oath the petitioner, and any witnesses who may be produced. If the court is satisfied that there is any danger of the illegal use of firearms, it shall issue an order that any firearms in the possession of the respondent, except as provided in subsection (b), be turned over to the local law enforcement agency for safekeeping. If the respondent has failed to appear, the court shall issue a warrant for seizure of any firearm in the possession of the respondent. The period safekeeping shall be for a stated period of time not to exceed 2 years. The firearm or firearms shall be returned to the respondent at the end of the stated period or at expiration of the order of protection, whichever is sooner.

(b) If the respondent is a peace officer as defined in Section 2-13 of the Criminal Code of 1961, the court shall order that any firearms used by the respondent in the performance of his or her duties as a peace officer be surrendered to the chief law enforcement executive of the agency in which the respondent is employed, who shall retain the firearms for safekeeping for the stated period not to exceed 2 years as set forth in the

- (15) Prohibition of access to records. If an order of protection prohibits respondent from having contact with the minor child, or if petitioner's address is omitted under subsection (b) of Section 203, or if necessary to prevent abuse or wrongful removal or concealment of a minor child, the order shall deny respondent access to, and prohibit respondent from inspecting, obtaining, or attempting to inspect or obtain, school or any other records of the minor child who is in the care of petitioner.
- (16) Order for payment of shelter services. Order respondent to reimburse a shelter providing temporary housing and counseling services to the petitioner for the cost of the services, as certified by the shelter and deemed reasonable by the court.
- (17) Order for injunctive relief. Enter injunctive relief necessary or appropriate to prevent further abuse of a family or household member or further abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a high-risk adult with disabilities or to effectuate one of the granted remedies, if supported by the balance of hardships. If the harm to be prevented by the injunction is abuse or any other harm that one of the remedies listed in paragraphs (1) through (16) of this subsection is designed to prevent, no further evidence is necessary that the harm is an irreparable injury.

- (c) Relevant factors; findings.
- (1) In determining whether to grant a specific remedy, other than payment of support, the court shall consider relevant factors, including but not limited to the following:
  - (i) the nature, frequency, severity, pattern and consequences of the respondent's past abuse, neglect or exploitation of the petitioner or any family or household member, including the concealment of his or her location in order to evade service of process or notice, and the likelihood of danger of future abuse, neglect, or exploitation to petitioner or any member of petitioner's or respondent's family or household; and
  - (ii) the danger that any minor child will be abused or neglected or improperly removed from the jurisdiction, improperly concealed within the State or improperly separated from the child's primary caretaker.
- (2) In comparing relative hardships resulting to the parties from loss of possession of the family home, the court shall consider relevant factors, including but not limited to the following:
  - (i) availability, accessibility, cost, safety, adequacy, location and other characteristics of alternate housing for each party and any minor child or dependent adult in the party's care;

1	(ii) the effect on the party's employment; and
2	(iii) the effect on the relationship of the party,
3	and any minor child or dependent adult in the party's
4	care, to family, school, church and community.
5	(3) Subject to the exceptions set forth in paragraph
6	(4) of this subsection, the court shall make its findings
7	in an official record or in writing, and shall at a minimum
8	set forth the following:
9	(i) That the court has considered the applicable
10	relevant factors described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of
11	this subsection.
12	(ii) Whether the conduct or actions of respondent,
13	unless prohibited, will likely cause irreparable harm
14	or continued abuse.
15	(iii) Whether it is necessary to grant the
16	requested relief in order to protect petitioner or
17	other alleged abused persons.
18	(4) For purposes of issuing an ex parte emergency order
19	of protection, the court, as an alternative to or as a
20	supplement to making the findings described in paragraphs
21	(c)(3)(i) through (c)(3)(iii) of this subsection, may use
22	the following procedure:
23	When a verified petition for an emergency order of
24	protection in accordance with the requirements of Sections
25	203 and 217 is presented to the court, the court shall

examine petitioner on oath or affirmation. An emergency

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order of protection shall be issued by the court if it appears from the contents of the petition and the examination of petitioner that the averments are sufficient to indicate abuse by respondent and to support the granting of relief under the issuance of the emergency order of protection.

(5) Never married parties. No rights or responsibilities for a minor child born outside of marriage attach to a putative father until a father and child relationship has been established under the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, the Illinois Public Aid Code, Section 12 of the Vital Records Act, the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, the Probate Act of 1985, the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, the Interstate Family Support Act, the Expedited Child Support Act of 1990, any judicial, administrative, or other act of another state or territory, any other Illinois statute, or by any foreign nation establishing the father and child relationship, any other proceeding substantially in conformity with the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-193), or where both parties appeared in open court or at an administrative hearing acknowledging under oath admitting by affirmation the existence of a father and child relationship. Absent such an adjudication, finding, or acknowledgement, no putative father shall be granted

temporary custody of the minor child, visitation with the minor child, or physical care and possession of the minor child, nor shall an order of payment for support of the minor child be entered.

- (d) Balance of hardships; findings. If the court finds that the balance of hardships does not support the granting of a remedy governed by paragraph (2), (3), (10), (11), or (16) of subsection (b) of this Section, which may require such balancing, the court's findings shall so indicate and shall include a finding as to whether granting the remedy will result in hardship to respondent that would substantially outweigh the hardship to petitioner from denial of the remedy. The findings shall be an official record or in writing.
- (e) Denial of remedies. Denial of any remedy shall not be based, in whole or in part, on evidence that:
  - (1) Respondent has cause for any use of force, unless that cause satisfies the standards for justifiable use of force provided by Article VII of the Criminal Code of 1961;
    - (2) Respondent was voluntarily intoxicated;
  - (3) Petitioner acted in self-defense or defense of another, provided that, if petitioner utilized force, such force was justifiable under Article VII of the Criminal Code of 1961:
- (4) Petitioner did not act in self-defense or defense of another;
  - (5) Petitioner left the residence or household to avoid

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- (6) Petitioner did not leave the residence or household to avoid further abuse, neglect, or exploitation by respondent;
  - (7) Conduct by any family or household member excused the abuse, neglect, or exploitation by respondent, unless that same conduct would have excused such abuse, neglect, or exploitation if the parties had not been family or household members.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 93-108, eff. 1-1-04.)

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