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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

750 ILCS 5/503	from Ch. 40, par. 503
750 ILCS 5/504	from Ch. 40, par. 504
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750 ILCS 5/510	from Ch. 40, par. 510

Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. Provides that life insurance benefits deemed to be marital property must be allocated equitably between the parties by the court. Provides that a maintenance award ordered by a court may be secured by existing or court-ordered life insurance and, if applicable, that a judgment shall expressly set forth that payments for such insurance are excludable under the Internal Revenue Code from the gross income of the maintenance payee. Provides that in determining an award for child support, net income does not include life insurance premiums for life insurance ordered by the court to secure child support or maintenance. Provides that upon death of either party or remarriage of the party receiving maintenance, any obligation under the new provisions is terminated without a prior inconsistent agreement between the parties.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

- Section 5. The Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act is amended by changing Sections 503, 504, 505, and 510 as follows:
- 7 (750 ILCS 5/503) (from Ch. 40, par. 503)
- 8 Sec. 503. Disposition of property.
- 9 (a) For purposes of this Act, "marital property" means all 10 property acquired by either spouse subsequent to the marriage, 11 except the following, which is known as "non-marital property":
- 12 (1) property acquired by gift, legacy or descent;
- 13 (2) property acquired in exchange for property
 14 acquired before the marriage or in exchange for property
 15 acquired by gift, legacy or descent;
- 16 (3) property acquired by a spouse after a judgment of legal separation;
- 18 (4) property excluded by valid agreement of the parties;
- 20 (5) any judgment or property obtained by judgment 21 awarded to a spouse from the other spouse;
- 22 (6) property acquired before the marriage;
- 23 (7) the increase in value of property acquired by a

- method listed in paragraphs (1) through (6) of this subsection, irrespective of whether the increase results from a contribution of marital property, non-marital property, the personal effort of a spouse, or otherwise, subject to the right of reimbursement provided in subsection (c) of this Section; and
- (8) income from property acquired by a method listed in paragraphs (1) through (7) of this subsection if the income is not attributable to the personal effort of a spouse.
- (b) (1) For purposes of distribution of property pursuant to this Section, all property acquired by either spouse after the marriage and before a judgment of dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage, including non-marital property transferred into some form of co-ownership between the spouses, is presumed to be marital property, regardless of whether title is held individually or by the spouses in some form of co-ownership such as joint tenancy, tenancy in common, tenancy by the entirety, or community property. The presumption of marital property is overcome by a showing that the property was acquired by a method listed in subsection (a) of this Section.
- (2) For purposes of distribution of property pursuant to this Section, all pension benefits (including pension benefits under the Illinois Pension Code) acquired by either spouse after the marriage and before a judgment of dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of the marriage are

presumed to be marital property, regardless of which spouse participates in the pension plan. The presumption that these pension benefits are marital property is overcome by a showing that the pension benefits were acquired by a method listed in subsection (a) of this Section. The right to a division of pension benefits in just proportions under this Section is enforceable under Section 1-119 of the Illinois Pension Code.

The value of pension benefits in a retirement system subject to the Illinois Pension Code shall be determined in accordance with the valuation procedures established by the retirement system.

The recognition of pension benefits as marital property and the division of those benefits pursuant to a Qualified Illinois Domestic Relations Order shall not be deemed to be a diminishment, alienation, or impairment of those benefits. The division of pension benefits is an allocation of property in which each spouse has a species of common ownership.

(3) For purposes of distribution of property under this Section, all stock options granted to either spouse after the marriage and before a judgment of dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage, whether vested or non-vested or whether their value is ascertainable, are presumed to be marital property. This presumption of marital property is overcome by a showing that the stock options were acquired by a method listed in subsection (a) of this Section. The court shall allocate stock options between the parties at

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- the time of the judgment of dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage recognizing that the value of the stock options may not be then determinable and that the actual division of the options may not occur until a future date. In making the allocation between the parties, the court shall consider, in addition to the factors set forth in subsection (d) of this Section, the following:
 - (i) All circumstances underlying the grant of the stock option including but not limited to whether the grant was for past, present, or future efforts, or any combination thereof.
 - (ii) The length of time from the grant of the option to the time the option is exercisable.
 - (b-5) As to any policy of life insurance insuring the life of either spouse, or any interest in such policy, that constitutes marital property, whether whole life, term life, group term life, universal life, or other form of life insurance policy, and whether or not the value is ascertainable, the court shall allocate ownership, death benefits or the right to assign death benefits, and the obligation for premium payments, if any, equitably between the parties at the time of the judgment for dissolution or declaration of invalidity of marriage.
 - (c) Commingled marital and non-marital property shall be treated in the following manner, unless otherwise agreed by the spouses:

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- (1)When marital and non-marital property commingled by contributing one estate of property into another resulting in a loss of identity of the contributed property, the classification of the contributed property is transmuted to the estate receiving the contribution, subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) subsection; provided that if marital and non-marital property are commingled into newly acquired property resulting in a loss of identity of the contributing estates, the commingled property shall be deemed transmuted to marital property, subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection.
- (2) When one estate of property makes a contribution to another estate of property, or when a spouse contributes personal effort to non-marital property, the contributing estate shall be reimbursed from the estate receiving the contribution notwithstanding any transmutation; provided, that no such reimbursement shall be made with respect to a contribution which is not retraceable by clear and convincing evidence, or was a gift, or, in the case of a contribution of personal effort of a spouse to non-marital property, unless the effort is significant and results in substantial appreciation of the non-marital property. Personal effort of a spouse shall be deemed a contribution by the marital estate. The court may provide for reimbursement out of the marital property to be divided or

by imposing a lien against the non-marital property which received the contribution.

- (d) In a proceeding for dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage, or in a proceeding for disposition of property following dissolution of marriage by a court which lacked personal jurisdiction over the absent spouse or lacked jurisdiction to dispose of the property, the court shall assign each spouse's non-marital property to that spouse. It also shall divide the marital property without regard to marital misconduct in just proportions considering all relevant factors, including:
 - (1) the contribution of each party to the acquisition, preservation, or increase or decrease in value of the marital or non-marital property, including (i) any such decrease attributable to a payment deemed to have been an advance from the parties' marital estate under subsection (c-1)(2) of Section 501 and (ii) the contribution of a spouse as a homemaker or to the family unit;
 - (2) the dissipation by each party of the marital or non-marital property;
 - (3) the value of the property assigned to each spouse;
 - (4) the duration of the marriage;
 - (5) the relevant economic circumstances of each spouse when the division of property is to become effective, including the desirability of awarding the family home, or the right to live therein for reasonable periods, to the

- 1 spouse having custody of the children;
- 2 (6) any obligations and rights arising from a prior 3 marriage of either party;
 - (7) any antenuptial agreement of the parties;
 - (8) the age, health, station, occupation, amount and sources of income, vocational skills, employability, estate, liabilities, and needs of each of the parties;
 - (9) the custodial provisions for any children;
 - (10) whether the apportionment is in lieu of or in addition to maintenance;
 - (11) the reasonable opportunity of each spouse for future acquisition of capital assets and income; and
 - (12) the tax consequences of the property division upon the respective economic circumstances of the parties.
 - (e) Each spouse has a species of common ownership in the marital property which vests at the time dissolution proceedings are commenced and continues only during the pendency of the action. Any such interest in marital property shall not encumber that property so as to restrict its transfer, assignment or conveyance by the title holder unless such title holder is specifically enjoined from making such transfer, assignment or conveyance.
 - (f) In a proceeding for dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage or in a proceeding for disposition of property following dissolution of marriage by a court that lacked personal jurisdiction over the absent spouse

- or lacked jurisdiction to dispose of the property, the court,
- 2 in determining the value of the marital and non-marital
- 3 property for purposes of dividing the property, shall value the
- 4 property as of the date of trial or some other date as close to
- 5 the date of trial as is practicable.
- 6 (g) The court if necessary to protect and promote the best
- 7 interests of the children may set aside a portion of the
- 8 jointly or separately held estates of the parties in a separate
- 9 fund or trust for the support, maintenance, education, physical
- and mental health, and general welfare of any minor, dependent,
- or incompetent child of the parties. In making a determination
- 12 under this subsection, the court may consider, among other
- things, the conviction of a party of any of the offenses set
- 14 forth in Section 12-3.3, 12-4, 12-4.1, 12-4.2, 12-4.3, 12-13,
- 15 12-14, 12-14.1, 12-15, or 12-16 of the Criminal Code of 1961 if
- 16 the victim is a child of one or both of the parties, and there
- is a need for, and cost of, care, healing and counseling for
- 18 the child who is the victim of the crime.
- 19 (h) Unless specifically directed by a reviewing court, or
- 20 upon good cause shown, the court shall not on remand consider
- 21 any increase or decrease in the value of any "marital" or
- 22 "non-marital" property occurring since the assessment of such
- 23 property at the original trial or hearing, but shall use only
- that assessment made at the original trial or hearing.
- 25 (i) The court may make such judgments affecting the marital
- 26 property as may be just and may enforce such judgments by

- ordering a sale of marital property, with proceeds therefrom to be applied as determined by the court.
 - (j) After proofs have closed in the final hearing on all other issues between the parties (or in conjunction with the final hearing, if all parties so stipulate) and before judgment is entered, a party's petition for contribution to fees and costs incurred in the proceeding shall be heard and decided, in accordance with the following provisions:
 - (1) A petition for contribution, if not filed before the final hearing on other issues between the parties, shall be filed no later than 30 days after the closing of proofs in the final hearing or within such other period as the court orders.
 - (2) Any award of contribution to one party from the other party shall be based on the criteria for division of marital property under this Section 503 and, if maintenance has been awarded, on the criteria for an award of maintenance under Section 504.
 - (3) The filing of a petition for contribution shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of the attorney-client privilege between the petitioning party and current or former counsel; and such a waiver shall not constitute a prerequisite to a hearing for contribution. If either party's presentation on contribution, however, includes evidence within the scope of the attorney-client privilege, the disclosure or disclosures shall be narrowly

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construed and shall not be deemed by the court to constitute a general waiver of the privilege as to matters beyond the scope of the presentation.

- (4) No finding on which a contribution award is based or denied shall be asserted against counsel or former counsel for purposes of any hearing under subsection (c) or (e) of Section 508.
- (5) A contribution award (payable to either the petitioning party or the party's counsel, or jointly, as the court determines) may be in the form of either a set dollar amount or a percentage of fees and costs (or a portion of fees and costs) to be subsequently agreed upon by the petitioning party and counsel or, alternatively, thereafter determined in a hearing pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 508 or previously or thereafter determined in an independent proceeding under subsection (e) of Section 508.
- (6) The changes to this Section 503 made by this amendatory Act of 1996 apply to cases pending on or after June 1, 1997, except as otherwise provided in Section 508.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 95-374, eff. 1-1-08; 96-583, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 22 (750 ILCS 5/504) (from Ch. 40, par. 504)
- Sec. 504. Maintenance.
- 24 (a) In a proceeding for dissolution of marriage or legal 25 separation or declaration of invalidity of marriage, or a

proceeding for maintenance following dissolution of the marriage by a court which lacked personal jurisdiction over the absent spouse, the court may grant a temporary or permanent maintenance award for either spouse in amounts and for periods of time as the court deems just, without regard to marital misconduct, in gross or for fixed or indefinite periods of time, and the maintenance may be paid from the income or property of the other spouse after consideration of all relevant factors, including:

- (1) the income and property of each party, including marital property apportioned and non-marital property assigned to the party seeking maintenance;
 - (2) the needs of each party;
- (3) the present and future earning capacity of each party;
- (4) any impairment of the present and future earning capacity of the party seeking maintenance due to that party devoting time to domestic duties or having forgone or delayed education, training, employment, or career opportunities due to the marriage;
- (5) the time necessary to enable the party seeking maintenance to acquire appropriate education, training, and employment, and whether that party is able to support himself or herself through appropriate employment or is the custodian of a child making it appropriate that the custodian not seek employment;

1	(6)	the	standard	of	living	established	during	the
2	marriage	e;						

- (7) the duration of the marriage;
- (8) the age and the physical and emotional condition of both parties;
 - (9) the tax consequences of the property division upon the respective economic circumstances of the parties;
 - (10) contributions and services by the party seeking maintenance to the education, training, career or career potential, or license of the other spouse;
 - (11) any valid agreement of the parties; and
- (12) any other factor that the court expressly finds to be just and equitable.
- (b) (Blank).
- (b-5) Any maintenance obligation including any unallocated maintenance and child support obligation, or any portion of any support obligation, that becomes due and remains unpaid shall accrue simple interest as set forth in Section 505 of this Act.
- (b-7) Any new or existing maintenance order including any unallocated maintenance and child 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,

except no judgment shall arise as to any installment coming due after the termination of maintenance as provided by Section 510 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act or the provisions of any order for maintenance. Each such 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 obligor for each installment of overdue support owed by the obligor.

- (c) The court may grant and enforce the payment of maintenance during the pendency of an appeal as the court shall deem reasonable and proper.
- (d) No maintenance shall accrue during the period in which a party is imprisoned for failure to comply with the court's order for the payment of such maintenance.
- (e) When maintenance is to be paid through the clerk of the court in a county of 1,000,000 inhabitants or less, the order shall direct the obligor to pay to the clerk, in addition to the maintenance payments, all fees imposed by the county board under paragraph (3) of subsection (u) of Section 27.1 of the Clerks of Courts Act. Unless paid in cash or pursuant to an order for withholding, the payment of the fee shall be by a separate instrument from the support payment and shall be made to the order of the Clerk.
- (f) An award ordered by a court may be reasonably secured, in whole or in part, by life insurance on the payor's life on

1	terms as to which the parties agree, or, if they do not agree,
2	on such terms determined by the court, subject to the
3	<pre>following:</pre>
4	(1) With respect to existing life insurance, provided
5	the court is apprised through evidence, stipulation, or
6	otherwise as to level of death benefits, premium, and other
7	relevant data and makes findings relative thereto, the
8	court may allocate death benefits, the right to assign
9	death benefits, or the obligation for future premium
10	payments between the parties as it deems just.
11	(2) To the extent the court determines that its award
12	should be secured, in whole or in part, by new life
13	insurance on the payor's life, the court may only order:
14	(i) that the payor cooperate on all appropriate
15	steps for the payee to obtain such new life insurance;
16	<u>and</u>
17	(ii) that the payee, at his or her sole option and
18	expense, may obtain such new life insurance on the
19	payor's life up to a maximum level of death benefit
20	coverage, or descending death benefit coverage, as is
21	set by the court, such level not to exceed a reasonable
22	amount in light of the court's award, with the payee or
23	the payee's designee being the beneficiary of such life
24	insurance.
25	(3) A judgment shall expressly set forth that all death

benefits paid under life insurance on a payor's life

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maintained or obtained pursuant to this subsection to

secure maintenance are designated as excludable from the

gross income of the maintenance payee under Section

71(b)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, unless an

agreement or stipulation of the parties otherwise

provides.

7 (Source: P.A. 94-89, eff. 1-1-06.)

8 (750 ILCS 5/505) (from Ch. 40, par. 505)

Sec. 505. Child support; contempt; penalties.

(a) In a proceeding for dissolution of marriage, legal separation, declaration of invalidity of marriage, proceeding for child support following dissolution of the marriage by a court which lacked personal jurisdiction over the absent spouse, a proceeding for modification of a previous order for child support under Section 510 of this Act, or any proceeding authorized under Section 501 or 601 of this Act, the court may order either or both parents owing a duty of support to a child of the marriage to pay an amount reasonable and necessary for his support, without regard to marital misconduct. The duty of support owed to a child includes the obligation to provide for the reasonable and necessary physical, mental and emotional health needs of the child. For purposes of this Section, the term "child" shall include any child under age 18 and any child under age 19 who is still attending high school.

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1	(1) The Court shall determine the minimum amount of
2	support by using the following guidelines:
3	Number of Children Percent of Supporting Party's
4	Net Income
5	1 20%
6	2 28%
7	3 32%
8	4 40%
9	5 45%
10	6 or more 50%
11	(2) The above guidelines shall be applied in each case
12	unless the court makes a finding that application of the
13	guidelines would be inappropriate, after considering the
14	best interests of the child in light of evidence including
15	but not limited to one or more of the following relevant
16	factors:
17	(a) the financial resources and needs of the child;
18	(b) the financial resources and needs of the
19	custodial parent;
20	(c) the standard of living the child would have
21	enjoyed had the marriage not been dissolved;

child, and his educational needs; and

non-custodial parent.

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If the court deviates from the guidelines, the court's

1	finding shall state the amount of support that would have
2	been required under the guidelines, if determinable. The
3	court shall include the reason or reasons for the variance
4	from the guidelines.
5	(3) "Net income" is defined as the total of all income
6	from all sources, minus the following deductions:
7	(a) Federal income tax (properly calculated
8	withholding or estimated payments);
9	(b) State income tax (properly calculated
10	withholding or estimated payments);
11	(c) Social Security (FICA payments);
12	(d) Mandatory retirement contributions required by
13	law or as a condition of employment;
14	(e) Union dues;
15	(f) Dependent and individual
16	health/hospitalization insurance premiums <u>and life</u>
17	insurance premiums for life insurance ordered by the
18	court to reasonably secure child support or support
19	ordered pursuant to Section 513, any such order to
20	entail provisions on which the parties agree or,
21	otherwise, in accordance with the limitations set
22	<pre>forth in subsection 504(f)(1) and(2);</pre>
23	(g) Prior obligations of support or maintenance
24	actually paid pursuant to a court order;
25	(h) Expenditures for repayment of debts that

represent reasonable and necessary expenses for the

production of income, medical expenditures necessary to preserve life or health, reasonable expenditures for the benefit of the child and the other parent, exclusive of gifts. The court shall reduce net income in determining the minimum amount of support to be ordered only for the period that such payments are due and shall enter an order containing provisions for its self-executing modification upon termination of such payment period;

- (i) Foster care payments paid by the Department of Children and Family Services for providing licensed foster care to a foster child.
- (4) In cases where the court order provides for health/hospitalization insurance coverage pursuant to Section 505.2 of this Act, the premiums for that insurance, or that portion of the premiums for which the supporting party is responsible in the case of insurance provided through an employer's health insurance plan where the employer pays a portion of the premiums, shall be subtracted from net income in determining the minimum amount of support to be ordered.
- (4.5) In a proceeding for child support following dissolution of the marriage by a court that lacked personal jurisdiction over the absent spouse, and in which the court is requiring payment of support for the period before the date an order for current support is entered, there is a

rebuttable presumption that the supporting party's net income for the prior period was the same as his or her net income at the time the order for current support is entered.

- (5) If the net income cannot be determined because of default or any other reason, the court shall order support in an amount considered reasonable in the particular case. The final order in all cases shall state the support level in dollar amounts. However, if the court finds that the child support amount cannot be expressed exclusively as a dollar amount because all or a portion of the payor's net income is uncertain as to source, time of payment, or amount, the court may order a percentage amount of support in addition to a specific dollar amount and enter such other orders as may be necessary to determine and enforce, on a timely basis, the applicable support ordered.
- (6) 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.

- (a-5) In an action to enforce an order for support based on the respondent's failure to make support payments as required by the order, notice of proceedings to hold the respondent in contempt for that failure may be served on the respondent by personal service or by regular mail addressed to the respondent's last known address. The respondent's last known address may be determined from records of the clerk of the court, from the Federal Case Registry of Child Support Orders, or by any other reasonable means.
- (b) Failure of either parent to comply with an order to pay support shall be punishable as in other cases of contempt. In addition to other penalties provided by law the Court may, after finding the parent guilty of contempt, order that the parent be:
 - (1) placed on probation with such conditions of probation as the Court deems advisable;
 - (2) sentenced to periodic imprisonment for a period not to exceed 6 months; provided, however, that the Court may permit the parent to be released for periods of time during the day or night to:
 - (A) work; or
- 25 (B) conduct a business or other self-employed occupation.

The Court may further order any part or all of the earnings of a parent during a sentence of periodic imprisonment paid to the Clerk of the Circuit Court or to the parent having custody or to the guardian having custody of the children of the sentenced parent for the support of said children until further order of the Court.

If there is a unity of interest and ownership sufficient to render no financial separation between a non-custodial parent and another person or persons or business entity, the court may pierce the ownership veil of the person, persons, or business entity to discover assets of the non-custodial parent held in the name of that person, those persons, or that business entity. The following circumstances are sufficient to authorize a court to order discovery of the assets of a person, persons, or business entity and to compel the application of any discovered assets toward payment on the judgment for support:

- (1) the non-custodial parent and the person, persons, or business entity maintain records together.
- (2) the non-custodial parent and the person, persons, or business entity fail to maintain an arms length relationship between themselves with regard to any assets.
- (3) the non-custodial parent transfers assets to the person, persons, or business entity with the intent to perpetrate a fraud on the custodial parent.
- With respect to assets which are real property, no order

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entered under this paragraph shall affect the rights of bona fide purchasers, mortgagees, judgment creditors, or other lien holders who acquire their interests in the property prior to the time a notice of lis pendens pursuant to the Code of Civil Procedure or a copy of the order is placed of record in the office of the recorder of deeds for the county in which the real property is located.

The court may also order in cases where the parent is 90 days or more delinquent in payment of support or has been adjudicated in arrears in an amount equal to 90 days obligation or more, that the parent's Illinois driving privileges be suspended until the court determines that the parent is in compliance with the order of support. The court may also order that the parent be issued a family financial responsibility driving permit that would allow limited driving privileges for employment and medical purposes in accordance with Section 7-702.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. The clerk of the circuit court shall certify the order suspending the driving privileges of the parent or granting the issuance of a family financial responsibility driving permit to the Secretary of State on forms prescribed by the Secretary. Upon receipt of the authenticated documents, the Secretary of State shall suspend the parent's driving privileges until further order of the court and shall, if ordered by the court, subject to the provisions of Section 7-702.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, issue a family financial responsibility driving permit to the parent.

In addition to the penalties or punishment that may be imposed under this Section, any person whose conduct constitutes a violation of Section 15 of the Non-Support Punishment Act may be prosecuted under that Act, and a person convicted under that Act may be sentenced in accordance with that Act. The sentence may include but need not be limited to a requirement that the person perform community service under Section 50 of that Act or participate in a work alternative program under Section 50 of that Act. A person may not be required to participate in a work alternative program under Section 50 of that Act if the person is currently participating in a work program pursuant to Section 505.1 of this Act.

A support obligation, or any portion of a support obligation, which becomes due and remains unpaid as of the end of each month, excluding the child support that was due for that month to the extent that it was not paid in that month, shall accrue simple interest as set forth in Section 12-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure. An order for support entered or modified on or after January 1, 2006 shall contain a statement that a support obligation required under the order, or any portion of a support obligation required under the order, that becomes due and remains unpaid as of the end of each month, excluding the child support that was due for that month to the extent that it was not paid in that month, shall accrue simple interest as set forth in Section 12-109 of the Code of Civil

- Procedure. Failure to include the statement in the order for support does not affect the validity of the order or the accrual of interest as provided in this Section.
 - (c) 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.
 - (d) 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. 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.
 - (e) When child support is to be paid through the clerk of the court in a county of 1,000,000 inhabitants or less, the order shall direct the obligor to pay to the clerk, in addition to the child support payments, all fees imposed by the county board under paragraph (3) of subsection (u) of Section 27.1 of

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- the Clerks of Courts Act. Unless paid in cash or pursuant to an order for withholding, the payment of the fee shall be by a separate instrument from the support payment and shall be made to the order of the Clerk.
 - (f) All orders for support, when entered or modified, shall include a provision requiring the obligor to notify the court and, in cases in which a party is receiving child and spouse 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 obligor, (ii) whether the obligor 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.
 - (g) 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

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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 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.

(q-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 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 this Act.

(h) 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

- 1 obligor and obligee parents to advise each other of a change in
- 2 residence within 5 days of the change except when the court
- 3 finds that the physical, mental, or emotional health of a party
- 4 or that of a child, or both, would be seriously endangered by
- 5 disclosure of the party's address.
- 6 (i) The court does not lose the powers of contempt,
- 7 driver's license suspension, or other child support
- 8 enforcement mechanisms, including, but not limited to,
- 9 criminal prosecution as set forth in this Act, upon the
- 10 emancipation of the minor child or children.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 96-1134, eff. 7-21-10.)
- 12 (750 ILCS 5/510) (from Ch. 40, par. 510)
- 13 Sec. 510. Modification and termination of provisions for
- 14 maintenance, support, educational expenses, and property
- disposition.
- 16 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (f) of
- 17 Section 502 and in subsection (b), clause (3) of Section 505.2,
- 18 the provisions of any judgment respecting maintenance or
- 19 support may be modified only as to installments accruing
- 20 subsequent to due notice by the moving party of the filing of
- 21 the motion for modification. An order for child support may be
- 22 modified as follows:
- 23 (1) upon a showing of a substantial change in
- 24 circumstances; and
- 25 (2) without the necessity of showing a substantial

change in circumstances, as follows:

- (A) upon a showing of an inconsistency of at least 20%, but no less than \$10 per month, between the amount of the existing order and the amount of child support that results from application of the guidelines specified in Section 505 of this Act unless the inconsistency is due to the fact that the amount of the existing order resulted from a deviation from the guideline amount and there has not been a change in the circumstances that resulted in that deviation; or
- (B) Upon a showing of a need to provide for the health care needs of the child under the order through health insurance or other means. In no event shall the eligibility for or receipt of medical assistance be considered to meet the need to provide for the child's health care needs.

The provisions of subparagraph (a)(2)(A) shall apply only in cases in which a party is receiving child support enforcement services from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services 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

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- shall consider the applicable factors set forth in subsection 1 2 (a) of Section 504 and the following factors:
 - (1) any change in the employment status of either party and whether the change has been made in good faith;
 - (2) the efforts, if any, made by the party receiving maintenance to become self-supporting, 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) duration of maintenance the the 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

- 1 (9) any other factor that the court expressly finds to 2 be just and equitable.
 - (b) The provisions as to property disposition may not be revoked or modified, unless the court finds the existence of conditions that justify the reopening of a judgment under the laws of this State.
 - (c) Unless otherwise agreed by the parties in a written agreement set forth in the judgment or otherwise approved by the court, the obligation to pay future maintenance is terminated upon the death of either party, or the remarriage of the party receiving maintenance, or if the party receiving maintenance cohabits with another person on a resident, continuing conjugal basis. Any obligation of a payor party for premium payments respecting insurance on such party's life imposed under subsection (f) of Section 504 is also terminated on the occurrence of any of the foregoing events, unless otherwise agreed by the parties. Any termination of an obligation for maintenance as a result of the death of the payor party, however, shall be inapplicable to any right of the other party or such other party's designee to receive a death benefit under such insurance on the payor party's life.
 - (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

of the dissolution of the marriage or thereafter.

- (e) The right to petition for support or educational expenses, or both, under Sections 505 and 513 is not extinguished by the death of a parent. Upon a petition filed before or after a parent's death, the court may award sums of money out of the decedent's estate for the child's support or educational expenses, or both, as equity may require. The time within which a claim may be filed against the estate of a decedent under Sections 505 and 513 and subsection (d) and this subsection shall be governed by the provisions of the Probate Act of 1975, as a barrable, noncontingent claim.
- (f) A petition to modify or terminate child support, custody, or visitation shall not delay any child support enforcement litigation or supplementary proceeding on behalf of the obligee, including, but not limited to, a petition for a rule to show cause, for non-wage garnishment, or for a

- 1 restraining order.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)