

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members of the Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on
Child Support Guidelines and Enforcement

FROM: Jack W. Hughes, Chairman

DATE: May 4, 2006

RE: Next Committee Meeting Date; Written Transcript from
March 31, 2006, Meeting; and Other Items

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **Friday, June 30, 2006, beginning at 10:00 a.m., on the Mezzanine Level of the Heflin-Torbert Judicial Building, 300 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery.**

Parking is available in the Center for Commerce deck with the entrance on Hull Street roughly two blocks south of the Building. **The parking deck code is 543*.**

It is important that you attend this meeting. Please call Wayne Jones, Esq. of the Supreme Court Clerk's Office at (334) 242-4862 to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

At this meeting, a vote of the Committee members will be taken concerning which Schedule of Basic Child Support Obligations should be used and regarding other matters, including but not limited to, tax credits, adjustments for parenting time, credits for other children (preexisting only or after-born children), child care costs, medical or health insurance, and income (overtime, alimony, etc.). **I highly encourage each of you to review all of the reports and materials you have received in the past 2 years to be able to make an informed decision as to the above items.**

Attached is a copy of a proposed "ballot," which I drafted and which may be used at the June 30th meeting to record the votes of the members on the above items. **PLEASE DO NOT MARK THIS BALLOT AT THIS TIME.** Instead, I would request that you review this ballot and give me any suggestions regarding additions, deletions, or changes by e-mailing me directly at jack.hughes@alacourt.gov.

In addition, attached is a copy of a written transcript of the March 31, 2006, meeting of the Committee. This transcript is available for downloading from the Administrative Office of Courts' website, www.alacourt.gov, under the box entitled, "Child Support," on the right hand side of the first page.

Also attached is a copy of a letter dated April 26, 2006, from Jane C. Venohr, Ph.D., Economist with Policy Studies, Inc., to the Committee members providing follow-up information to her presentation at the Committee's March 31, 2006, meeting.

A copy of the latest USDA document entitled, "Expenditures on Child by Families, 2005" is also attached.

The materials distributed in hard copy form to those Committee members present at the March 31, 2006, meeting are also available to be downloaded from the Administrative Office of Courts' website under the box entitled, "Child Support," on the right hand side of the first page. The documents distributed at the March 31st meeting will have that date beside them.

Written transcripts of two previous Committee meetings and a public hearing held during Calendar Years 2004 and 2005, as well as a copy of the Policy Studies, Inc. (PSI) report from February 25, 2004, are also available to be downloaded.

If you are unable to download any of the documents above, hard copies may be obtained by contacting Bob Maddox at the Administrative Office of Courts at (334) 954-5032.

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