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Georgia Commission on Child Support will review parenting time recommendations

Duluth, GA (June 6, 2022) – Equally Present commends the Georgia Commission on Child Support (<u>https://csc.georgiacourts.gov/</u>) for sending the Parenting Time Deviation (PTD) Study Committee Report to the Statute Review Committee for review and further action. In the Report, the Committee recommends that a parenting time adjustment is in the best interest of Georgia's children. The report is here: <u>https://csc.georgiacourts.gov/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/sites/8/2022/05/Georgia-2018-PTD-Study-Committee-Report_04-26-2022.pdf</u>

In 2018, the federally mandated quadrennial Review of the Georgia Child Support Guidelines noted that Georgia is only one of 13 states that does not provide a formula to adjust for parenting time. That same year, the Commission created the PTD Study Committee to review and recommend changes to Georgia's statutes to better meet the needs of Georgia's families in recognizing parent support obligations based on parenting time. Currently, Georgia's Basic Child Support Obligation (BCSO) table does not include an adjustment for the noncustodial parent's parenting time.

Equally Present urges the public to attend the next Statute Review Subcommittee virtual meeting on July 15, 2022 from 10am - 12pm (Website) and ask them to review and approve the Report's recommendations. You may contact the Commission by emailing the Program Manager at Elaine.Johnson@georgiacourts.gov or leaving a comment on their website (<u>https://csc.georgiacourts.gov/public-comments/</u>). You can also contact your state legislator and ask them to support the change. You can find your legislator by entering your home address at <u>www.openstates.org.</u>

Equally Present believes that Georgia should encourage both parents to be equally involved in their children's lives. This elevates families out of poverty, which in turn results in higher levels of education for children and lowers the propensity for children to engage in crime.

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