

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1317

Introduced by

Representatives Weisz, DeKrey

Senators Klein, Wanzek

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 14-09-09.7 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to requirements of the child support guidelines.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 14-09-09.7 of the 1995
5 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 6 1. The department of human services shall establish child support guidelines to assist
7 courts in determining the amount that a parent should be expected to contribute
8 toward the support of the child under this section. The guidelines must:
- 9 a. Include consideration of gross income as calculated under the federal Internal
10 Revenue Code.
 - 11 b. Authorize an expense deduction as calculated under the federal Internal
12 Revenue Code for determining net income.
 - 13 c. ~~Designate other available resources to be considered.~~
 - 14 d. Specify the circumstances ~~which~~ that should be considered in reducing
15 support contributions on the basis of hardship.
 - 16 d. Use a five-year average of net income to determine the net income of a
17 self-employed individual.