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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF FAMILY SUPPORT MAGISTRATES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 46b-215a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) The Commission for Child Support Guidelines is established (1)  
6 to review the child support guidelines promulgated pursuant to  
7 section 8 of public act 85-548\*, (2) to establish criteria for the  
8 establishment of guidelines to ensure the appropriateness of child  
9 support awards, and (3) to issue updated guidelines not later than  
10 October 1, 1993, and every four years thereafter, until the effective date  
11 of this section, after which date such guidelines shall be updated as  
12 provided in subsection (c) of this section.

13 (b) Not later than January 1, 1992, the commission shall also  
14 establish criteria and promulgate guidelines to ensure that such orders

15 of payment on any arrearage and past due support shall be based on  
16 the obligor's ability to pay. Such guidelines shall also ensure the  
17 appropriateness of periodic payments of arrearages when the obligor  
18 (1) is the child's legal guardian and resides with the child or (2) is not  
19 the child's legal guardian but has resided with the child either for at  
20 least six months immediately preceding the order of payment of  
21 arrearage or for at least six months of the twelve months immediately  
22 preceding such order. In such cases, the commission shall consider  
23 exemptions similar to those in the uniform contribution scale adopted  
24 pursuant to section 4a-12.

25 (c) Updated arrearage guidelines shall be issued at the same time as  
26 the child support guidelines. Not later than August 1, 2009, the  
27 commission shall examine the arrearage and child support guidelines  
28 that became effective August 1, 2005, and shall issue updated  
29 guidelines not later than January 1, 2010, and every two years  
30 thereafter.

31 (d) (1) The commission shall consist of eleven members as follows:

32 (A) The Chief Court Administrator, or [his] a designee; [, the]

33 (B) The Commissioner of Social Services, or [his] a designee; [, the]

34 (C) The Attorney General, or [his] a designee; [, the]

35 (D) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
36 committee on judiciary, or their designees; [and a]

37 (E) A representative of the Connecticut Bar Association; [, a]

38 (F) A representative of legal services; [, a]

39 (G) A person who represents the financial concerns of child support  
40 obligors; and [a]

41 (H) A representative of the Permanent Commission on the Status of  
42 Women; [, all of whom]

43     (2) Members under subparagraphs (E) to (H), inclusive, of  
44     subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be appointed by the Governor.

45     (3) The chairperson of the commission shall be elected by the  
46     members of the commission."