

HOUSE BILL 1185

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,
Chapter 5, Part 1, relative to child support.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-101(e), is amended by inserting the following as a new subdivision (5) thereto:

(5) The child support guidelines shall require that, subject to those deductions or subtractions identified in the child support guidelines that may be taken from a parent's income to take into account the specific expenses related to any given child, a parent shall pay twenty-seven percent (27%) of that parent's net income for the support of one (1) child regardless of the amount of that parent's net income. For each additional child, the department shall determine by rule the additional amount that a parent shall be required to pay in child support, which shall be a percentage of a parent's net income regardless of the amount of that parent's net income.

SECTION 2. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect October 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.