

Emails to the Virginia Child Support Guidelines Review Panel February 27th, 2025 through May 22nd, 2025

From February 27th, 2024 through May 22nd, 2025 three emails were sent to the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel. Panel staff responded to three inquiries. One email requested an update on their comments submitted to the Panel, one email included a request for revision to child support enforcement policy, and the last requested more information and provided comment on SB 805. Names have been reduced to initials, other identifying information has been redacted, and salutations have been deleted. Text of emails has not been altered.

1. From: HB
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 11:35 PM
Subject: Re: Child support guidelines are excessive, violate federal child-support regulation, 45 CFR § 302.56(c)(1)

Text:

Was my email shared with the panel at its February 27 meeting?

My email has not yet been included in the "materials" for the meeting posted on the panel's web site for February 27, https://dls.virginia.gov/interim_studies_child_support.html, unlike in past meetings, where emails sent to the panel were included in the posted "materials."

Could you include it among those posted materials and forward my email to the panel members?

Panel Response: Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 1:32 PM

My apologies for the delayed response. Your email was shared with all members of the Panel in attendance at the February 27th meeting and was added to the materials posted on the Panel website here: [Division of Legislative Services: Interim Studies on March 10th](#).

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

2. From: RW
Sent: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 4:49 PM
Subject: VIRGINIA CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES REVIEW COMMISSION; SB 805 MEETING APRIL 10, 2025 AGENDA AND LIVE STREAMING

Text:

I just checked the Legislative Information Services website meeting calendar and do not see any agenda or link to live stream for the Thursday April 10, 2025 Child Support Guidelines Review Panel meeting shown.

I just reviewed a different website and see that the April 10, 2025 CSGRP meeting has been cancelled

No need to call but when known please provide the agenda for the next CSGRP meeting and link to live stream.

After the passage of SB 805 in the General Assembly in February 2025, the Governor added a re-enactment clause to the bill plus a clause to study the needs and ability to pay of low-income non-custodial parents.

I see now that the Senate rejected the Governor's proposed revisions to the legislation on April 2, 2025. An explanation of this rejection is hereby requested from Senator Surovell.

I asked an official previously why the DCSE CSGRP had only accepted one non-custodial parent to be a member of the current CSGRP. No reasonable explanation was provided. By copy of this message, please have the appropriate legislator or Governor's representative explain this omission.

I also noted previously that Senator Surovell and other legislator members of CSGRP did not attend the previous meetings or even discuss the proposed SB 805 legislation before the General Assembly session.

We used to live in a democracy but this year I heard on the news that certain bills submitted to the Virginia General Assembly by members were not even given the opportunity for a committee hearing.

Then, last week I watched, in dismay, as candidates for the Virginia Supreme Court and the Virginia Court of Appeals were interviewed at a joint House-Senate Courts of Justice Committee hearing. Somehow, in the darkness of judiciary chambers and offices of local bar association members, no competition for the openings for the high courts occurred. The COJ members do not appear to believe that public input is welcomed.

NOT ONE QUESTION WAS ASKED OF THE JUDICIAL CANDIDATES BY COURTS OF JUSTICE MEMBERS.

Welcome to the socialist-communist-Marxist world of the Virginia judiciary.

Panel Response: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 9:37 AM

I hope you are doing well. The April 10th meeting for the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel was cancelled. The next meeting, scheduled for May 22nd, will have the agenda posted and link available for livestream at the Division of Legislative Services website here: [Division of Legislative Services: Interim Studies](#).

The Child Support Guidelines Review Panel does not appoint its own members, that is at the discretion of the Governor and Board of Appointments. Please direct your inquiry regarding appointments to Brook Tribble at brook.tribble@governor.virginia.gov.

3. From: ND
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2024 at 7:08 PM
Subject: Re: Proposed Amendment: CS guidelines

Text:

I am writing to strongly urge the Virginia General Assembly to reform its child support enforcement policies, particularly those that impose punitive penalties on obligors who are unable to pay due to poverty, disability, or circumstances beyond their control.

Under current Virginia law, child support arrears cannot be modified retroactively, even when the underlying order was based on imputed or inaccurate income. This is unjust, especially for obligors who have spent years fighting to correct an error that the state refuses to acknowledge or fix. It creates a situation where debt continues to grow, even when it's based on false or outdated financial information.

At the same time, enforcement tools such as driver's license suspensions, passport revocations, and negative credit reporting are being used against those very same people. These actions do nothing to help obligors become compliant — instead, they cut them off from employment opportunities, worsen poverty, and increase the likelihood of prolonged arrears.

Today, most jobs require a valid driver's license or passport — not just for identification, but as a condition of hiring or continued employment. Damaging someone's credit or background check due to child support enforcement can disqualify them from jobs entirely. As someone personally impacted, I have now been out of

work for over three months because my license and passport were suspended over arrears that are based on income I didn't earn or make at the time order was created, when I tried to show my income. Total violation of due process right even when a parent has proof to show for mistakes or errors.

This system does not encourage compliance — it ensures failure. I urge the legislature and the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel to take immediate action to:

Allow retroactive modification of arrears in cases involving errors, imputed income, or lack of due process;

Eliminate or restrict enforcement penalties (license suspensions, passport holds, credit reporting, and background check flagging) for obligors who are low-income, disabled, or verified to lack the ability to pay;

Ensure that child support enforcement practices align with basic constitutional principles of fairness and due process.

I think review panel and dcse should listen to the many parents going to the office with same issues and work on changing that law first to make sure parents are not over paying on stuck on unfair arrears that creates consequences enforced above, not to mention possible jail time.

I think focusing on bill Sb805 only creates more issues than helps.

Now that many of us parents are learning how title Iv D funding, place a big factor in these decisions

How can you not see it as extortion and fraud

Only us parents are suffering from these decisions sadly, it's not what is in childrens best interest, is it really. Think about it

Extreme enforcement restrictions, let's take license away, passport, jail....keep parents in arrears even if they don't really owe amount inputted. Let's destroy these parents financially

And make it impossible. Than expected them to be in compliance to support kids.....

Panel response: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 11:56 AM

Thank you for your email to the Virginia Child Support Guidelines Review Panel. The Panel's next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2025. Your comments will be shared with the Panel members for their consideration at that time.

Again, thank you for your input. Please feel free to communicate anything further at any time.