



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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<b>Description</b> calculating the child support obligation					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Generally, Assembly Bill 96 reorders provisions in Chapter DCF 150 relating to calculations of child support obligations under various circumstances, deletes the definition of the terms "standard" and "percentage standard," and creates the term "designated percentage" for purposes of determining the amount of a parent's monthly income available for child support.

Currently, Chapter DCF 150 specifies how to determine child support orders considering various factors for parents. This chapter treats use of the percentage standard as the primary method of determining child support orders, and considers variations on the child support calculation in situations where there are shared-placement parents, serial-family parents, split-placement parents, low-income payers, high-income payers, or any combination of these factors to be special circumstances affecting calculation of child support.

Assembly Bill 96 reorganizes provisions of DCF 150 so that in determining a child support obligation, the shared physical placement formula appears first, followed by the percentage standard calculation for cases where physical placement is not shared. Shared placement cases would no longer be considered special circumstances under DCF 150.04, but the bill would retain the other special circumstances described under current administrative code.

Because the bill does not appear to substantially change how child support is calculated, the department does not anticipate a fiscal effect from the changes to DCF 150.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications