

Introduced by

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 the impact extended visitation has on child support orders.

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 North Dakota
5 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.
 - 10 b. Authorize an expense deduction for determining net income.
 - 11 c. Designate other available resources to be considered.
 - 12 d. Specify the circumstances ~~which~~ that should be considered in reducing
13 support contributions on the basis of hardship.
 - 14 e. Include consideration of extended visitation a child spends with a noncustodial
15 parent. This consideration must include a monthly deduction equal to
16 one-twelfth of the amount of child support ordered, for each fifty-day period of
17 extended visitation exclusive of periodic visitation with the custodial parent.
18 The monthly deduction must be calculated yearly and applied against any
19 child support to be paid during the year following the year of extended
20 visitation.