

## HB 2434 -- Child Support Orders

Sponsor: Lembke

This bill changes the laws regarding child support orders and requires documentation to verify the income of the parties for the initial order of child support and for any modification of the order. Documentation includes, but is not limited to, current wage stubs, a current W-2 form, statements from a party's employer, a wage match with the Division of Employment Security within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, and bank statements. No child support will be awarded when the court orders joint physical custody and the difference in the verified incomes of the parents is less than 25%. Any party submitting false documentation of income will be liable for the support that would have been awarded under the guidelines plus an additional 25%.

The court is required to follow the Missouri Supreme Court's child support award guidelines without deviation. In any appeal from an order of child support, the State of Missouri will be designated as a party of interest and the Office of the Attorney General will be the legal counsel responsible for arguing in support of the lower court's award of child support.

The court is required to make all appointments of guardians ad litem subject on a rotation basis without preference.