

HB 2148 -- CHILD SUPPORT

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Currently, a parent's obligation to pay child support terminates when the child reaches 18 years of age unless the child is enrolled in and attending a secondary school program of instruction and other specified criteria are met, in which case the support obligation terminates when the child reaches 21 years of age. This bill specifies that a parent's obligation to pay child support terminates when a child reaches 18 years of age or receives a high school diploma or certificate of graduation, unless the child is physically or mentally incapacitated from supporting himself or herself and insolvent and unmarried.

The bill additionally provides that if child support is awarded, there shall be a rebuttable presumption in cases in which joint physical custody has been awarded where the child or children spend equal or substantially equal time with both parents that the calculation of child support begins with a 50% credit for overnight visitation or custody adjustment below the basic amount of child support authorized.

This bill is similar to HB 73 (2023) and HB 1557 (2018).