

HB 2653---Summary

HB 2653 would require the Kansas Supreme Court to adopt child support guidelines that would include child support for an unborn child. The bill requires the guideline provide for the direct medical and pregnancy-related expenses of the mother if the child is an unborn child.

The maximum amount of child support to be ordered for the support of an unborn child shall not exceed the direct medical and pregnancy-related expenses of the mother of the unborn child. Pregnancy related expenses shall not include any costs related to an elective abortion.

The amount of child support determined pursuant to shall be calculated from the date of conception of such unborn child. Interest shall accrue for any such amount of child support at the statutory rate provided under K.S.A. 16-204, and shall continue to accrue until the payment of such child support is no longer in arrearage.

"Elective abortion" means an abortion for any reason other than to prevent the death of the mother upon whom the abortion is performed, except that an abortion may not be deemed one to prevent the death of the mother based on a claim or diagnosis that such mother will engage in conduct that would result in such mother's death.

"Unborn child" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 23-3001--
ie."unborn child" means a living individual organism of the species homo sapiens, in utero, at any stage of gestation from fertilization to birth.

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