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IMPORTANT NOTICE - CHILD SUPPORT

Effective July 1, 2012, the age of emancipation for purposes of child support changes from 21 to 19

The Indiana General Assembly recently passed legislation (SEA18) which lowers the age, from 21 to 19, at which the duty to support a child ends. **This change is effective July 1, 2012.**

What does this mean for me?

Custodial parents will no longer have the right to receive current child support once their youngest child turns 19 (*unless* the court has found the child(ren) to be disabled).

Payments on past-due child support are not affected by this legislative change. Also, please note that the court may have ordered the payment of educational support, which is separate from child support.

Non-custodial parents will no longer be obligated to pay current child support once their youngest child turns 19 (*unless* the court has found the child(ren) to be disabled). This legislation does not impact child support arrearages, and payments on past-due child support are still owed. Also, orders for the payment of educational support are still due.

Please note that if your case involves court orders from state(s) other than Indiana, this legislative change applies only to original Indiana child support court orders.

Parents should consult an attorney (or their Prosecuting Attorney's Office if they have signed up for Title IV-D child support services) if they need assistance. *Pro Se* packets to petition the court for a modification of a child support order or other actions are available at the Indiana Judicial Center's *Self Service Legal Center* under the "Court Forms" section: www.in.gov/judiciary/selfservice/

Other information about SEA18 is available at: [Senate Enrolled Act 18](#)



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