

## **Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Child Support Guideline Changes Pierre**

The Commission on Child Support will conduct a public hearing on August 26, 2021 at the DSS Kneip Building, Conference Room #3, 700 Governors Drive, **Pierre**, SD 57501, from 6-8 p.m. CDT, to gather public input on potential changes to South Dakota's child support guidelines and related statutes.

The Child Support Commission is conducting the review of South Dakota's child support guidelines required by SDCL 25-7-6.12. The Commission is comprised of representatives of custodial and non-custodial parents, family law attorneys, the judiciary, the legislature, and the Department of Social Services (DSS). The Commission may recommend changes reflecting adjustments in the costs of raising children and other related issues. The Commission will submit its report and recommendations to Governor Kristi Noem and the legislature by December 31, 2021, to be considered during the 2022 legislative session.

Discussions during the public hearing will be limited to potential changes to the child support guidelines and statutes. The hearing is not intended to address individual child support cases, parenting time, or custody concerns.

Members of the public have several options to present public testimony:

- Written comments may be submitted at any time for consideration by the full Commission by mailing them to the Department of Social Services, Attn: Child Support Commission, 700 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501-2291. All written comments must be received by Monday, November 1, 2021.
- Email comments to [DCS@state.sd.us](mailto:DCS@state.sd.us). All emailed comments must be received by Monday, November 1, 2021.
- Members of the public may attend and testify at the hearing in person
- Members of the public may also attend and testify remotely. To provide adequate time and ensure individuals who wish to be heard have the opportunity to speak, individuals wishing to testify remotely for the public hearing must register at <https://dss.sd.gov/docs/childsupport/commissionpublictestimony.pdf> by August 19, 2021.

Additional public hearings will be held on the following dates:

- Thursday, September 30, 2021, from 6-8 p.m. CDT in the Rushmore Room of the DSS office at 811 E 10th St, Sioux Falls. Individuals wishing to testify remotely for the public hearing must register at <https://dss.sd.gov/docs/childsupport/commissionpublictestimony.pdf> by September 23, 2021; and
- Wednesday, October 27, 2021, from 6-8 p.m. MDT in the Angostura Room at the DSS office at 510 N Cambell St, Rapid City. Individuals wishing to testify remotely for the public hearing must register at <https://dss.sd.gov/docs/childsupport/commissionpublictestimony.pdf> by October 20, 2021.

For Persons with Disabilities, this hearing will be located at a physically accessible place. Please contact the Department of Social Services at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements can be made by calling 605.773.3641.

The Commission's final report will be available on the DSS website at [dss.sd.gov](http://dss.sd.gov).