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Report and Recommendations of the 2011 Child Support Workgroup

The 2011 Child Support Workgroup focused on four topics:

- The Economic Table
- Children from Other Relationships
- Residential Schedule Credit
- Postsecondary Educational Support

The Workgroup recommended that a New Economic Table be adopted:

- The new economic table should be based on more current data.
- Go to \$12,000 combined monthly net income.
- The table should not differentiate between two age groups of children.
- The table should be based on the review of recent economic data used by Dr. Betson to produce a report for California that other states are also using.

The Workgroup recommended that the Whole Family Formula be adopted.

- A presumptive adjustment of support should be adopted using the Whole Family Formula, rather than a deviation, when a parent has children not before the court.
- The court may not grant this adjustment when doing so would leave insufficient funds in the custodial parent's household.

The Self-support reserve should be clarified that it is 125% of the federal poverty level for a one-person family.

Residential credit should:

- Be available in both superior court and the administrative forum.
- Be adjusted when there are changes in the amount of time a child spends with a parent that varies from the residential time granted in the support order giving credit.
- Not be considered a deviation; and
- Not be granted if it leaves insufficient funds in the custodial parent's household.

The statute regarding postsecondary educational support should be amended to provide more guidance on when to order postsecondary educational support, how to set the amounts, and how and when it may be suspended, reinstated, and/or terminated.

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