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STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT
C9-85-1134

COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT TO CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES

AMENDED ORDER

Minnesota Statutes section 518.551, subd. 5(k) requires the Supreme Court to change the dollar amount of the income limit for application of the child support guidelines on July 1 of each even numbered year, to reflect changes in the cost of living index. This statute also requires that the Supreme Court select the index for the cost of living adjustment. The adjustment to the income limit must be made available to courts and the public on or before April 30, 2006. Our order filed April 13, 2006, selecting the cost of living index and setting the new income limit is hereby amended to better reflect the relationship between existing statutory provisions and related new legislation.

Act of June 3, 2005, ch. 164, § 26, 2005 Minn. Laws 1878, 1919, adopts a new child support guidelines table that will provide an actual dollar amount, rather than a percentage amount, for the basic child support obligation as determined by the combined gross income of both parents. Under the new table, the combined parental income limit for application of the child support guidelines is $15,000. The new child support guidelines table, including the $15,000 income limit, is effective January 1, 2007, and applies to orders adopted or modified after that date. Act of June 3, 2005, ch. 164, § 32, 2005 Minn. Laws 1878, 1925.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That the Minneapolis – St. Paul (CPI-U) figure for the last half of 2005 shall be used to adjust the child support guidelines cap.

2. That the new dollar amount of the income limit for application of the child support guidelines, modified in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 518.551, subd. 5(k) (2004) shall be $7,360.00, effective July 1, 2006.

DATED: May 16, 2006

BY THE COURT:

Russell A. Anderson
Chief Justice