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Overview

Under the current child support laws, the terms of a child support order may be modified upon the showing of certain specified changes that render the order unreasonable and unfair. Section 518A.39 lays out rebuttable presumptions relating to substantial changes in circumstances, for the purpose of child support modifications. Currently, a change in law is presumed not to be a substantial change in circumstances for modification purposes; this bill, if passed, would reverse that presumption.

Section

1 Modification. Amends § 518A.39, subd. 2. Reverses the presumption in a child support modification relating to an enactment, amendment, or repeal of law, by stating that such a change does constitute a substantial change in circumstances, when the change meets the criteria for modification under paragraph (a) of the subdivision.