

232C.4 Effect of emancipation order.

1. An emancipation order shall have the same effect as a child reaching the age of majority with respect to but not limited to the following:

- a. The ability to sue or be sued in the child's own name.
- b. The right to enter into a binding contract.
- c. The right to establish a legal residence.
- d. The right to incur debts.
- e. The right to consent to medical, dental, or psychiatric care.

2. An emancipation order shall have the same effect as the child reaching the age of majority and the parents are exempt from the following:

- a. Future child support obligations for the emancipated child.
- b. An obligation to provide medical support for the emancipated child, unless deemed necessary by the court.
- c. A right to the income or property of the emancipated child.
- d. A responsibility for the debts of the emancipated child.

3. An emancipated minor shall remain subject to voting restrictions under [chapter 48A](#), gambling restrictions under [chapter 99B](#), [99D](#), [99F](#), [99G](#), or [725](#), alcohol restrictions under [chapter 123](#), compulsory attendance requirements under [chapter 299](#), and cigarette tobacco restrictions under [chapter 453A](#).

4. An emancipated child shall not be considered an adult for prosecution except as provided in [section 232.8](#).

5. Notwithstanding [sections 232.147 through 232.151](#), the emancipation order shall be released by the juvenile court subject to rules prescribed by the supreme court.

6. A parent who is absolved of child support obligations pursuant to an emancipation order shall notify the child support recovery unit of the department of human services of the emancipation.

2009 Acts, ch 153, §6