

**252H.8 Certification to court — hearing — default.**

1. For actions initiated under [section 252H.15](#), either parent or the unit may request a court hearing within fifteen days from the date of issuance of the notice of decision under [section 252H.16](#), or within ten days of the date of issuance of the second notice of decision under [section 252H.17](#), whichever is later.

2. For actions initiated under [section 252H.14A](#), either parent or the unit may request a court hearing within ten days of the issuance of the second notice of decision under [section 252H.17](#).

3. For actions initiated under [subchapter III](#), either parent or the unit may request a court hearing within the latest of any of the following time periods:

a. Twenty days from the date of successful service of the notice of intent to modify required under [section 252H.19](#).

b. Ten days from the date scheduled for a conference to discuss the modification action.

c. Ten days from the date of issuance of a second notice of a proposed modification action.

4. The time limitations for requesting a court hearing under [this section](#) may be extended by the unit.

5. If a timely written request for a hearing is received by the unit, a hearing shall be held in district court, and the unit shall certify the matter to the district court in the county in which the order subject to adjustment or modification is filed. The certification shall include the following, as applicable:

a. Copies of the notice of intent to review or notice of intent to modify.

b. The return of service, proof of service, acceptance of service, or signed statement by the parent requesting review and adjustment or requesting modification, waiving service of the notice.

c. Copies of the notice of decision and any revised notice as provided in [section 252H.16](#).

d. Copies of any written objections to and request for a second review or conference or hearing.

e. Copies of any second notice of decision issued pursuant to [section 252H.17](#), or second notice of proposed modification action issued pursuant to [section 252H.20](#).

f. Copies of any financial statements and supporting documentation provided by the parents including proof of a substantial change in circumstances for a request filed pursuant to [section 252H.18A](#).

g. Copies of any computation worksheet prepared by the unit to determine the amount of support calculated using the mandatory child support guidelines established under [section 598.21B](#), and, if appropriate and the social security disability provisions of [sections 598.22](#) and [598.22C](#) apply, a determination of the amount of delinquent support due.

h. A certified copy of each order, issued by another state or foreign country, considered in determining the controlling order.

6. The court shall set the matter for hearing and notify the parties of the time and place of the hearing.

7. For actions initiated under [section 252H.15](#), a hearing shall not be held for at least sixteen days following the date of issuance of the notice of decision unless the parents have jointly waived, in writing, the fifteen-day postreview period.

8. Pursuant to [section 252H.3](#), the district court shall review the matter as an original hearing before the court.

9. Issues subject to review by the court in any hearing resulting from an action initiated under [this chapter](#) shall be limited to the issues identified in [section 252H.3](#).

10. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if more than one support order exists involving children with the same legally established parents, one hearing on all of the affected support orders shall be held in the district court in the county where the unit files the action. For the purposes of [this subsection](#), the district court hearing the matter shall have jurisdiction over all other support orders entered by a court of this state and affected under [this subsection](#).

11. The court shall establish the amount of child support pursuant to [section 598.21B](#), or medical support pursuant to [chapter 252E](#), or both.

12. If a party fails to appear at the hearing, upon a showing of proper notice to the party, the court may find the party in default and enter an appropriate order.

93 Acts, ch 78, §31; 96 Acts, ch 1141, §1, 2; 97 Acts, ch 175, §100; 98 Acts, ch 1170, §37; 2002 Acts, ch 1018, §12; 2004 Acts, ch 1116, §21; 2005 Acts, ch 69, §22, 23; 2007 Acts, ch 218, §144 – 147, 156; 2010 Acts, ch 1142, §6; 2015 Acts, ch 110, §105

Referred to in §252H.5, §252H.7, §252H.9, §252H.11, §252H.14A

Subsection 5, paragraph h amended