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HOUSE FILE 184

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to obligations for child support related to
 2 postsecondary education costs.
 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 598.21, subsection 4, paragraph a,
2 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1995, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 Upon every judgment of annulment, dissolution, or separate
5 maintenance, the court may order either parent or both parents
6 to pay an amount reasonable and necessary for supporting a
7 child. In establishing the amount of support, consideration
8 shall be given to the responsibility of both parents to
9 support and provide for the welfare of the minor child and of
10 a child's need, whenever practicable, for a close relationship
11 with both parents. There shall be a rebuttable presumption
12 that the amount of child support which would result from the
13 application of the guidelines prescribed by the supreme court
14 is the correct amount of child support to be awarded. A
15 variation from the guidelines shall not be considered by a
16 court without a record or written finding, based on stated
17 reasons, that the guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate
18 as determined under the criteria prescribed by the supreme
19 court. In determining support for a child relating to payment
20 of postsecondary education expenses, the court shall require
21 that, if support for these expenses is ordered, both parents
22 contribute in an equal manner.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill provides that if support for a child relating to
25 payment of postsecondary education expenses is ordered in a
26 judgment of annulment, dissolution, or separate maintenance,
27 both parents are to contribute in an equal manner.

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