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Introduced

House Bill 4888

By Delegates Bridges, Vance, Foggin, Chiarelli,

Masters, and Willis

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Committee on the Judiciary]

- 1 A BILL to amend and reenact §48-13-201 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
2 relating to child support; and removing child support when both parents get equal custody
3 and both parents work.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 13. GUIDELINES FOR CHILD SUPPORT AWARDS.

PART 2. CALCULATION OF CHILD SUPPORT ORDER.

§48-13-201. ~~Use of both parents' income~~ Income used in determining child support.

- 1 (a) A child support order is determined by dividing the total child support obligation
2 between the parents in proportion to their income. Both parents' adjusted gross income is used to
3 determine the amount of child support.
- 4 (b) When a court allocates custodial responsibility so that, except to the extent required
5 under §48-9-209 of this code, the custodial time the child spends with each parent shall be equal
6 (50-50) and both parents work, there shall be no child support payments sent by either parent.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to remove child support when both parents get equal custody and both parents work.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.