

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4888**

By Delegates Bridges, Vance, Foggin, Chiarelli,  
Masters, and Willis

[Introduced January 28, 2026; referred to the  
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.