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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for guidance with respect to deviations from the child support guidelines and the establishment of paternity for minor parents.

Present law (R.S. 9:315.1(C)(8)) provides for deviations from the child support guidelines.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the court may consider additional factors including the status of a parent as an unemancipated minor, the availability of other sources of support, and the desirability of continuing the minor parent's education.

Proposed law (R.S. 9:315.1(C)(9)) provides for considerations by the court in determining whether to deviate from the child support guidelines.

Proposed law (R.S. 9:405.1) provides that unemancipated minors who are under the age of 16 may not execute an acknowledgment of paternity, but unemancipated minors who are 16 or 17 years of age may, with judicial authorization, execute an acknowledgment of paternity.

Proposed law (R.S. 9:405.2) provides that minor parents may submit a request for judicial authorization in either the parish in which they are domiciled or in the parish in which the child to be acknowledged is domiciled.

Proposed law (R.S. 9:405.3) provides that the court may authorize the execution of an acknowledgment ex parte after a consideration of the best interest of the minor parent and the child to be acknowledged.

Proposed law further provides that the court may require the presence of the minor parent to evaluate whether the minor parent understands the nature and effects of the acknowledgment of paternity, has been informed of his right to seek blood and tissue tests, and has discussed the matter with his parents or tutor.

(Amends R.S. 9:315.1(C)(8); Adds R.S. 9:315.1(C)(9) and 405.1-405.3)