

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 130 (HB 154)

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

New law 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.

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

New 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.

New 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.

New 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.

New 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.

Effective August 1, 2026.

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