

House Bill 1687

By: Representative Stephens of the 164th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 19-6-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child
2 support guidelines for determining amount of award, continuation of duty of support, and
3 duration of support, so as to authorize child support for disabled adults; to provide for a
4 definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 19-6-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child support
8 guidelines for determining amount of award, continuation of duty of support, and duration
9 of support, is amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) and revising
10 subsection (e) to read as follows:

11 "(10.1) 'Disabled child' means an individual who has a physical or mental impairment
12 that substantially limits one or more major life activities and who meets the criteria for
13 a disability under state or federal law."

14 **"(e) Duration of child support responsibility.**

15 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (2) of this subsection, the ~~The~~ duty to
16 provide support for a minor child shall continue until the child reaches the age of

17 majority, dies, marries, or becomes emancipated, whichever first occurs; provided,
18 however, that, in any temporary, final, or modified order for child support with respect
19 to any proceeding for divorce, separate maintenance, legitimacy, or paternity entered on
20 or after July 1, 1992, the court, in the exercise of sound discretion, may direct either or
21 both parents to provide financial assistance to a child who has not previously married or
22 become emancipated, who is enrolled in and attending a secondary school, and who has
23 attained the age of majority before completing his or her secondary school education,
24 provided that such financial assistance shall not be required after a child attains 20 years
25 of age. The provisions for child support provided in this subsection may be enforced by
26 either parent, by any nonparent custodian, by a guardian appointed to receive child
27 support for the child for whose benefit the child support is ordered, or by the child for
28 whose benefit the child support is ordered.

29 (2) The duty to provide support for a disabled child shall continue until the child dies,
30 marries, or becomes emancipated, whichever first occurs."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.