

1 H.798

2 Introduced by Representative Houghton of Essex

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Domestic relations; annulment and divorce; support

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow a court
7 to order child support to be continued until the child attains 26 years of age for
8 purposes of health insurance and cash medical support.

9 An act relating to allowing a court to order child support to be continued
10 until the child attains 26 years of age for purposes of health insurance and
11 cash medical support

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 15 V.S.A. § 658 is amended to read:

14 § 658. SUPPORT

15 (a) In an action under this chapter or under chapter 21 of this title, the court
16 shall order either or both parents owing a duty of support to a child to pay an
17 amount for the support of the child in accordance with the support guidelines
18 as set forth in this subchapter, unless otherwise determined under section 659
19 of this title.

20 (b) A request for support may be made by either parent, a guardian, or the
21 Department for Children and Families or the Department of Vermont Health

1 Access, if a party in interest. A court may also raise the issue of support on its
2 own motion.

3 (c) ~~the~~ The court may order support to be continued ~~until the child attains~~
4 ~~the age of majority or terminates secondary education, whichever is later~~
5 according to the following provisions:

6 (1) The court may order support to be continued until the child attains
7 the age of majority or terminates secondary education, whichever is later.

8 (2) The court may order support to be continued until the child attains
9 26 years of age for purposes of health insurance and cash medical support.

10 Cash medical support includes:

11 (A) a parent's monthly payment toward the premium paid for
12 coverage by either the other parent or the State, which represents the obligated
13 parent's proportionate share of the premium paid, but not more than 25 percent
14 of the obligated parent's basic support obligation; and

15 (B) a parent's proportionate share of uninsured medical expenses.

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17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.