

## **Child Support for Unborn Children; House Sub. for Sub. for SB 232**

**House Sub. for Sub. for SB 232** amends law regarding child support guidelines established by the Kansas Supreme Court to require the guidelines to include unborn children.

The bill requires the Supreme Court to adopt rules that consider the direct medical and pregnancy-related expenses for the mother of an unborn child and the unborn child. The bill limits the maximum amount of ordered child support of an unborn child to the direct medical and pregnancy-related expenses of the mother of the unborn child, excluding any costs related to an elective abortion.

### ***Child Support Amount Determination***

The bill requires determination of the child support amount to be calculated from the date of conception of the unborn child, and accruing interest at the current statutory rate.

### ***Definitions***

The bill defines the following terms:

- “Elective abortion,” to mean an abortion for any reason other than to prevent the death of the mother upon whom the abortion is performed, except that an abortion may not be deemed one to prevent the death of the mother based on a claim or diagnosis that such mother will engage in conduct that would result in such mother’s death; and
- “Unborn child,” to mean a living individual organism of the species *Homo sapiens*, in utero, at any stage of gestation from fertilization to birth.