

## **2008 , Guideline # 18, Travel Expenses**

The Current Guideline # 18 reads:

### **18. TRAVEL EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH PARENTING TIME**

The court may allocate travel expenses of the child associated with parenting time in cases where one-way travel exceeds 100 miles. In doing so, the court shall consider the means of the parents and may consider how their conduct (such as a change of residence) has affected the costs of parenting time. To the extent possible, any allocation shall ensure that the child has continued contact with each parent. A parent who is entitled to receive reimbursement from the other parent for allocated parenting time expenses shall, upon request of the other parent, provide receipts or other evidence of payments actually made. The allocation of expenses does not change the amount of the child support ordered.

Proposed change by KCS:

### **18. TRAVEL EXPENSES**

Travel expenses may include airfare, lodging or mileage. The court may allocate long-distance or time-consuming travel expenses between the parents. When doing so, the court shall consider the financial resources of the parents, the responsibility of each parent for travel and how their conduct (such as a voluntary versus necessary change of residence) increases or decreases the travel costs. The purpose of allocating costs is to maintain frequent and continued contact between the child and each parent. If the court allocates travel expenses, the Court shall assign a percentage share to each parent. A parent who is entitled to reimbursement shall, upon request of the other parent, provide receipts or other evidence of travel costs. Reimbursement shall occur within 45 days of proof of payment. The allocation of expenses does not change the amount of the child support ordered. Upon stipulation, the parties may request that the estimated travel expenses be incorporated into the child support order.