

Rhode Island Child Support Does Not Automatically Terminate When a Child Turns 18! RI Family Law

In Rhode Island (RI) child support does not automatically terminate when a child reaches 18 years old! A motion to terminate child support must be filed or the child support obligation will not stop. Article by a Rhode Island Child support Attorney.

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In Rhode Island (RI) child support does not automatically terminate when a child reaches 18 years old! Termination of a support order is not automatic in Rhode Island! An order / obligation will only terminate if a motion to terminate is granted by a Judge of The Rhode Island Family Court. Unlike a motion to modify, a DR6 financial statement is not necessary unless there is an additional child in which a child support obligation will continue. If there is an additional child under 18 then a motion to terminate is really in essence a motion for modification.

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Pursuant to RI law, child support is eligible to be terminated upon a child attaining the age of 18 and graduating high school but not longer than the child turning 19 years old. If the child is 18 years old and still in high school than child support may continue until the child graduates high school but not longer than the child attaining the age of 19. If the Judge finds good cause an order might continue for three months after graduation from high school. If a child is determined to be seriously disabled then child support may continue indefinitely. Under prior RI Law, Child support for seriously disabled children terminated upon the child's 21st birthday. Please consult with a Rhode Island Family Lawyer to see whether your Disabled child qualifies for indefinite child support.

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A person should file a motion to terminate support approximately 30-40 days prior to the child's graduation from high school. If the child did not finish high school then a person should file their motion 30-40 days prior to the child's 18th birthday. It will take a approximately 30-40 days until the clerk can schedule a hearing for the termination motion.

After the motion to terminate, the attorney must submit proper documentation and orders to the court, the obligors employer (to stop wage garnishment) and to the reciprocal clerk (to amend the computer records) If the computer records are not updated then the computer will continue to show an arrearage which may cause problems including automatic intercept of your tax refund, inability to obtain a passport among other problems.

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