



CHAPTER 50

ARTICLE 2 - EXPEDITED PROCESS FOR CHILD SUPPORT CASES

N.C.G.S. § 50-35.

Authority and duties of a child support hearing officer.

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A child support hearing officer who is properly qualified and designated under this Article has the following authority and responsibilities in all child support cases:

To conduct hearings and to ensure that the parties' due process rights are protected;

To take testimony and establish a record;

To evaluate evidence and make decisions regarding the establishment or enforcement of child support orders;

To accept and approve voluntary acknowledgements of support liability and stipulated agreements setting the amount of support obligations;

To accept and approve voluntary acknowledgements and affirmations of paternity;

Except as otherwise provided in this Article, to enter child support orders that have the same force and effect as orders entered by a district court judge;

To enter temporary child support orders pending the resolution of unusual or complicated issues by a district court judge;

To enter default orders; and

To subpoena witnesses and documents. (1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 993, s. 1.)

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