

## **Reduction of Child Support for Long Distance Visitation**

Courts sometimes consider (but are not required to consider) the parenting schedule; that is, how much time the children spend with each parent, in establishing the child support obligation. In some cases, a non-custodial parent with a robust parenting schedule (but not necessarily 50/50) may receive a reduction in the amount of child support he or she is required to pay.<sup>1</sup> A reduction is not always guaranteed, however, and sometimes are denied even when the visitation schedule is more robust than usual.<sup>2</sup>

In cases where the non-custodial parent lives far away or in another state, some cases say that the court should reduce the child support obligation to help offset the costs of travel.<sup>3</sup> Other cases say that the child support obligation maybe reduced – or eliminated – for the period of time that the child lives with the non-custodial parent<sup>4</sup> but this is not always the case.<sup>5</sup>

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