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- 1 **Accounting for Child Support or Assistance.** Provides that a person who pays child support can ask the court to order the custodial parent to show how the child support is spent. Leaves it to the court's discretion whether or not to order the showing.

Provides five instances of improper or non-use of child support:

1. Support not being used for the benefit of the obligor's children.
2. Custodial parent dissipating support.
3. Custodial parent subsidizing or supporting a person the custodial parent has no obligation to support.
4. Custodial parent subsidizing or supporting a person the obligor has no obligation to support.
5. Custodial parent using less money on behalf of child than is paid by the obligor.

Provides four remedies for improper or non-use of child support:

1. Reduce or eliminate child support.
2. Order that the support be held in trust by the court or obligor for future educational or medical purposes.
3. Order that, in lieu of cash, the obligor provide "in kind" support (food, clothing, etc.).
4. Require the custodial parent to establish or enforce any right to support from another person.