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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

750 ILCS 60/214

from Ch. 40, par. 2312-14

Amends the Domestic Violence Act of 1986. Provides that the court shall include, as a remedy in an order of protection, a requirement that the respondent complete an anger management course.

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AN ACT concerning domestic violence.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986 is
amended by changing Section 214 as follows:

6 (750 ILCS 60/214) (from Ch. 40, par. 2312-14)

7 Sec. 214. Order of protection; remedies.

(a) Issuance of order. If the court finds that petitioner 8 9 has been abused by a family or household member or that petitioner is a high-risk adult who has been abused, neglected, 10 or exploited, as defined in this Act, an order of protection 11 12 prohibiting the abuse, neglect, or exploitation shall issue; 13 provided that petitioner must also satisfy the requirements of 14 one of the following Sections, as appropriate: Section 217 on emergency orders, Section 218 on interim orders, or Section 219 15 16 on plenary orders. Petitioner shall not be denied an order of 17 protection because petitioner or respondent is a minor. The court, when determining whether or not to issue an order of 18 19 protection, shall not require physical manifestations of abuse on the person of the victim. Modification and extension of 20 21 prior orders of protection shall be in accordance with this 22 Act.

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(b) Remedies and standards. The remedies to be included in

an order of protection shall be determined in accordance with this Section and one of the following Sections, as appropriate: Section 217 on emergency orders, Section 218 on interim orders, and Section 219 on plenary orders. The remedies listed in this subsection shall be in addition to other civil or criminal remedies available to petitioner.

7 (1) Prohibition of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. 8 Prohibit respondent's harassment, interference with 9 personal liberty, intimidation of a dependent, physical 10 abuse, or willful deprivation, neglect or exploitation, as 11 defined in this Act, or stalking of the petitioner, as 12 defined in Section 12-7.3 of the Criminal Code of 2012, if abuse, neglect, exploitation, or stalking has 13 such 14 occurred or otherwise appears likely to occur if not prohibited. 15

16 (2)Grant of exclusive possession of residence. Prohibit respondent from entering or remaining in any 17 residence, household, or premises of the petitioner, 18 19 including one owned or leased by respondent, if petitioner 20 has a right to occupancy thereof. The grant of exclusive 21 possession of the residence, household, or premises shall 22 not affect title to real property, nor shall the court be 23 limited by the standard set forth in subsection (c-2) of Section 501 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of 24 25 Marriage Act.

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(A) Right to occupancy. A party has a right to

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occupancy of a residence or household if it is solely 1 2 or jointly owned or leased by that party, that party's 3 spouse, a person with a legal duty to support that party or a minor child in that party's care, or by any 4 5 person or entity other than the opposing party that authorizes that party's occupancy (e.g., a domestic 6 7 violence shelter). Standards set forth in subparagraph 8 (B) shall not preclude equitable relief.

9 (B) Presumption of hardships. If petitioner and 10 respondent each has the right to occupancy of a 11 residence or household, the court shall balance (i) the 12 hardships to respondent and any minor child or 13 dependent adult in respondent's care resulting from 14 entry of this remedy with (ii) the hardships to 15 petitioner and any minor child or dependent adult in 16 petitioner's care resulting from continued exposure to 17 the risk of abuse (should petitioner remain at the residence or household) or from loss of possession of 18 19 the residence or household (should petitioner leave to 20 avoid the risk of abuse). When determining the balance 21 of hardships, the court shall also take into account 22 the accessibility of the residence or household. 23 Hardships need not be balanced if respondent does not 24 have a right to occupancy.

25The balance of hardships is presumed to favor26possession by petitioner unless the presumption is

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rebutted by a preponderance of the evidence, showing 1 2 to that the hardships respondent substantially 3 outweigh the hardships to petitioner and any minor child or dependent adult in petitioner's care. The 4 5 court, on the request of petitioner or on its own motion, may order respondent to provide suitable, 6 7 accessible, alternate housing for petitioner instead 8 of excluding respondent from a mutual residence or 9 household.

10 (3) Stay away order and additional prohibitions. Order 11 respondent to stay away from petitioner or any other person 12 protected by the order of protection, or prohibit 13 entering or remaining respondent from present at 14 petitioner's school, place of employment, or other 15 specified places at times when petitioner is present, or 16 both, if reasonable, given the balance of hardships. 17 Hardships need not be balanced for the court to enter a stay away order or prohibit entry if respondent has no 18 19 right to enter the premises.

20 (A) If an order of protection grants petitioner 21 exclusive possession of the residence, or prohibits 22 respondent from entering the residence, or orders 23 respondent to stay away from petitioner or other 24 protected persons, then the court may allow respondent 25 access to the residence to remove items of clothing and 26 personal adornment used exclusively by respondent,

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medications, and other items as the court directs. The right to access shall be exercised on only one occasion as the court directs and in the presence of an agreed-upon adult third party or law enforcement officer.

6 (B) When the petitioner and the respondent attend 7 the same public, private, or non-public elementary, middle, or high school, the court when issuing an order 8 of protection and providing relief shall consider the 9 10 severity of the act, any continuing physical danger or 11 emotional distress to the petitioner, the educational 12 rights guaranteed to the petitioner and respondent under federal and State law, the availability of a 13 14 transfer of the respondent to another school, a change 15 of placement or a change of program of the respondent, 16 the expense, difficulty, and educational disruption that would be caused by a transfer of the respondent to 17 another school, and any other relevant facts of the 18 19 case. The court may order that the respondent not 20 attend the public, private, or non-public elementary, 21 middle, or high school attended by the petitioner, 22 order that the respondent accept a change of placement 23 or change of program, as determined by the school 24 district or private or non-public school, or place 25 restrictions on the respondent's movements within the 26 school attended by the petitioner. The respondent

1 bears the burden of proving by a preponderance of the 2 evidence that a transfer, change of placement, or 3 change of program of the respondent is not available. The respondent also bears the burden of production with 4 5 respect to the expense, difficulty, and educational 6 disruption that would be caused by a transfer of the 7 respondent to another school. A transfer, change of 8 placement, or change of program is not unavailable to 9 the respondent solely on the ground that the respondent 10 does not agree with the school district's or private or 11 non-public school's transfer, change of placement, or 12 change of program or solely on the ground that the 13 respondent fails or refuses to consent or otherwise 14 does not take an action required to effectuate a 15 transfer, change of placement, or change of program. 16 When a court orders a respondent to stay away from the 17 public, private, or non-public school attended by the petitioner and the respondent requests a transfer to 18 19 another attendance center within the respondent's 20 school district or private or non-public school, the 21 school district or private or non-public school shall 22 have sole discretion to determine the attendance 23 center to which the respondent is transferred. In the 24 event the court order results in a transfer of the 25 minor respondent to another attendance center, a 26 change in the respondent's placement, or a change of

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the respondent's program, the parents, guardian, or legal custodian of the respondent is responsible for transportation and other costs associated with the transfer or change.

5 (C) The court may order the parents, guardian, or 6 legal custodian of a minor respondent to take certain 7 actions or to refrain from taking certain actions to ensure that the respondent complies with the order. In 8 9 the event the court orders a transfer of the respondent 10 to another school, the parents, quardian, or legal 11 custodian of the respondent is responsible for 12 transportation and other costs associated with the 13 change of school by the respondent.

14 (4) Counseling. Require or recommend the respondent to 15 undergo counseling for a specified duration with a social 16 worker, psychologist, clinical psychologist, psychiatrist, 17 family service agency, alcohol or substance abuse program, mental health center guidance counselor, agency providing 18 19 services to elders, program designed for domestic violence 20 abusers, or any other guidance service the court deems 21 appropriate. The Court may order the respondent in any 22 intimate partner relationship to report to an Illinois 23 Department of Human Services protocol approved partner 24 abuse intervention program for an assessment and to follow 25 all recommended treatment.

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(4.5) Require the respondent to complete an anger

1 management course.

2 (5) Physical care and possession of the minor child. In 3 order to protect the minor child from abuse, neglect, or unwarranted separation from the person who has been the 4 5 minor child's primary caretaker, or to otherwise protect 6 the well-being of the minor child, the court may do either 7 or both of the following: (i) grant petitioner physical 8 care or possession of the minor child, or both, or (ii) 9 order respondent to return a minor child to, or not remove 10 a minor child from, the physical care of a parent or person 11 in loco parentis.

12 If a court finds, after a hearing, that respondent has 13 committed abuse (as defined in Section 103) of a minor 14 child, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that 15 awarding physical care to respondent would not be in the 16 minor child's best interest.

(6) Temporary allocation of parental responsibilities: 17 18 significant decision-making. Award temporary 19 decision-making responsibility to petitioner in accordance 20 with this Section, the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of 21 Marriage Act, the Illinois Parentage Act of 2015, and this 22 State's Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement 23 Act.

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awarding temporary significant decision-making responsibility to respondent would not be in the child's best interest.

(7) Parenting time. Determine the parenting time, if 4 5 any, of respondent in any case in which the court awards 6 physical care or allocates temporary significant 7 decision-making responsibility of a minor child to 8 petitioner. The court shall restrict or deny respondent's 9 parenting time with a minor child if the court finds that 10 respondent has done or is likely to do any of the 11 following: (i) abuse or endanger the minor child during 12 parenting time; (ii) use the parenting time as an 13 opportunity to abuse or harass petitioner or petitioner's 14 family or household members; (iii) improperly conceal or detain the minor child; or (iv) otherwise act in a manner 15 16 that is not in the best interests of the minor child. The 17 court shall not be limited by the standards set forth in Section 603.10 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of 18 19 Marriage Act. If the court grants parenting time, the order 20 shall specify dates and times for the parenting time to 21 take place or other specific parameters or conditions that 22 are appropriate. No order for parenting time shall refer 23 merely to the term "reasonable parenting time".

Petitioner may deny respondent access to the minor child if, when respondent arrives for parenting time, respondent is under the influence of drugs or alcohol and

1 constitutes a threat to the safety and well-being of 2 petitioner or petitioner's minor children or is behaving in 3 a violent or abusive manner.

If necessary to protect any member of petitioner's 4 5 family or household from future abuse, respondent shall be prohibited from coming to petitioner's residence to meet 6 7 the minor child for parenting time, and the parties shall submit to the court their recommendations for reasonable 8 9 alternative arrangements for parenting time. A person may 10 be approved to supervise parenting time only after filing 11 affidavit accepting that responsibility an and 12 acknowledging accountability to the court.

13 (8) Removal or concealment of minor child. Prohibit
14 respondent from removing a minor child from the State or
15 concealing the child within the State.

16 (9) Order to appear. Order the respondent to appear in 17 court, alone or with a minor child, to prevent abuse, 18 neglect, removal or concealment of the child, to return the 19 child to the custody or care of the petitioner or to permit 20 any court-ordered interview or examination of the child or 21 the respondent.

(10) Possession of personal property. Grant petitioner
 exclusive possession of personal property and, if
 respondent has possession or control, direct respondent to
 promptly make it available to petitioner, if:

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(i) petitioner, but not respondent, owns the

1 property; or

(ii) the parties own the property jointly; sharing
it would risk abuse of petitioner by respondent or is
impracticable; and the balance of hardships favors
temporary possession by petitioner.

6 If petitioner's sole claim to ownership of the property 7 is that it is marital property, the court may award 8 petitioner temporary possession thereof under the 9 standards of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph only if a 10 proper proceeding has been filed under the Illinois 11 Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, as now or 12 hereafter amended.

13 No order under this provision shall affect title to 14 property.

(11) Protection of property. Forbid the respondent
from taking, transferring, encumbering, concealing,
damaging or otherwise disposing of any real or personal
property, except as explicitly authorized by the court, if:

19 (i) petitioner, but not respondent, owns the20 property; or

(ii) the parties own the property jointly, and thebalance of hardships favors granting this remedy.

If petitioner's sole claim to ownership of the property is that it is marital property, the court may grant petitioner relief under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph only if a proper proceeding has been filed under

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- the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, as
 now or hereafter amended.

3 The court may further prohibit respondent from 4 improperly using the financial or other resources of an 5 aged member of the family or household for the profit or 6 advantage of respondent or of any other person.

7 (11.5) Protection of animals. Grant the petitioner the 8 exclusive care, custody, or control of any animal owned, 9 possessed, leased, kept, or held by either the petitioner 10 or the respondent or a minor child residing in the residence or household of either the petitioner or the 11 12 respondent and order the respondent to stay away from the 13 forbid animal and the respondent from taking, harming, 14 transferring, encumbering, concealing, or 15 otherwise disposing of the animal.

16 (12) Order for payment of support. Order respondent to 17 pay temporary support for the petitioner or any child in the petitioner's care or over whom the petitioner has been 18 19 allocated parental responsibility, when the respondent has 20 a legal obligation to support that person, in accordance 21 with the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, 22 which shall govern, among other matters, the amount of 23 support, payment through the clerk and withholding of 24 income to secure payment. An order for child support may be 25 granted to a petitioner with lawful physical care of a 26 child, or an order or agreement for physical care of a

child, prior to entry of an order allocating significant decision-making responsibility. Such a support order shall expire upon entry of a valid order allocating parental responsibility differently and vacating the petitioner's significant decision-making authority, unless otherwise provided in the order.

7 (13) Order for payment of losses. Order respondent to 8 pay petitioner for losses suffered as a direct result of 9 the abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Such losses shall 10 include, but not be limited to, medical expenses, lost 11 earnings or other support, repair or replacement of 12 property damaged or taken, reasonable attorney's fees, 13 court costs and moving or other travel expenses, including 14 additional reasonable expenses for temporary shelter and 15 restaurant meals.

16 (i) Losses affecting family needs. If a party is 17 entitled to seek maintenance, child support or property distribution from the other party under the 18 19 Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, as 20 now or hereafter amended, the court may order respondent to reimburse petitioner's actual losses, to 21 22 the extent that such reimbursement would be "appropriate temporary relief", as 23 authorized by subsection (a) (3) of Section 501 of that Act. 24

(ii) Recovery of expenses. In the case of an
 improper concealment or removal of a minor child, the

court may order respondent to pay the reasonable expenses incurred or to be incurred in the search for and recovery of the minor child, including but not limited to legal fees, court costs, private investigator fees, and travel costs.

6 (14) Prohibition of entry. Prohibit the respondent 7 from entering or remaining in the residence or household 8 while the respondent is under the influence of alcohol or 9 drugs and constitutes a threat to the safety and well-being 10 of the petitioner or the petitioner's children.

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(14.5) Prohibition of firearm possession.

(a) Prohibit a respondent against whom an order of protection was issued from possessing any firearms during the duration of the order if the order:

(1) was issued after a hearing of which such
person received actual notice, and at which such
person had an opportunity to participate;

(2) restrains such person from harassing,
stalking, or threatening an intimate partner of
such person or child of such intimate partner or
person, or engaging in other conduct that would
place an intimate partner in reasonable fear of
bodily injury to the partner or child; and

(3) (i) includes a finding that such person
represents a credible threat to the physical
safety of such intimate partner or child; or (ii)

by its terms explicitly prohibits the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against such intimate partner or child that would reasonably be expected to cause bodily injury.

5 Any Firearm Owner's Identification Card in the 6 possession of the respondent, except as provided in 7 subsection (b), shall be ordered by the court to be 8 turned over to the local law enforcement agency. The 9 local law enforcement agency shall immediately mail 10 the card to the Department of State Police Firearm 11 Owner's Identification Card Office for safekeeping. 12 The court shall issue a warrant for seizure of any 13 firearm in the possession of the respondent, to be kept 14 by the local law enforcement agency for safekeeping, 15 except as provided in subsection (b). The period of 16 safekeeping shall be for the duration of the order of 17 protection. The firearm or firearms and Firearm Owner's Identification Card, if unexpired, shall at 18 19 the respondent's request, be returned to the 20 respondent at the end of the order of protection. It is 21 the respondent's responsibility to notify the 22 Department of State Police Firearm Owner's 23 Identification Card Office.

(b) If the respondent is a peace officer as defined
in Section 2-13 of the Criminal Code of 2012, the court
shall order that any firearms used by the respondent in

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the performance of his or her duties as a peace officer be surrendered to the chief law enforcement executive of the agency in which the respondent is employed, who shall retain the firearms for safekeeping for the duration of the order of protection.

6 (c) Upon expiration of the period of safekeeping, if the firearms or Firearm Owner's Identification Card 7 cannot be returned to respondent because respondent 8 9 cannot be located, fails to respond to requests to 10 retrieve the firearms, or is not lawfully eligible to 11 possess a firearm, upon petition from the local law 12 enforcement agency, the court may order the local law 13 enforcement agency to destroy the firearms, use the 14 firearms for training purposes, or for any other 15 application as deemed appropriate by the local law 16 enforcement agency; or that the firearms be turned over 17 to a third party who is lawfully eligible to possess firearms, and who does not reside with respondent. 18

(15) Prohibition of access to records. If an order of 19 20 protection prohibits respondent from having contact with the minor child, or if petitioner's address is omitted 21 22 under subsection (b) of Section 203, or if necessary to 23 prevent abuse or wrongful removal or concealment of a minor 24 child, the order shall deny respondent access to, and 25 prohibit respondent from inspecting, obtaining, or 26 attempting to inspect or obtain, school or any other

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1 records of the minor child who is in the care of 2 petitioner.

3 (16) Order for payment of shelter services. Order
4 respondent to reimburse a shelter providing temporary
5 housing and counseling services to the petitioner for the
6 cost of the services, as certified by the shelter and
7 deemed reasonable by the court.

8 (17) Order for injunctive relief. Enter injunctive 9 relief necessary or appropriate to prevent further abuse of 10 a family or household member or further abuse, neglect, or 11 exploitation of a high-risk adult with disabilities or to 12 effectuate one of the granted remedies, if supported by the balance of hardships. If the harm to be prevented by the 13 14 injunction is abuse or any other harm that one of the 15 remedies listed in paragraphs (1) through (16) of this 16 subsection is designed to prevent, no further evidence is 17 necessary that the harm is an irreparable injury.

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(18) Telephone services.

19 (A) Unless a condition described in subparagraph 20 (B) of this paragraph exists, the court may, upon 21 request by the petitioner, order a wireless telephone 22 service provider to transfer to the petitioner the 23 right to continue to use a telephone number or numbers 24 indicated by the petitioner and the financial 25 responsibility associated with the number or numbers, 26 as set forth in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph. For

purposes of this paragraph (18), the term "wireless 1 telephone service provider" means a provider of 2 commercial mobile service as defined in 47 U.S.C. 332. 3 The petitioner may request the transfer of each 4 5 telephone number that the petitioner, or a minor child in his or her custody, uses. The clerk of the court 6 7 shall serve the order on the wireless telephone service provider's agent for service of process provided to the 8 9 Illinois Commerce Commission. The order shall contain all of the following: 10

(i) The name and billing telephone number of the account holder including the name of the wireless telephone service provider that serves the account.

15 (ii) Each telephone number that will be16 transferred.

(iii) A statement that the provider transfers
to the petitioner all financial responsibility for
and right to the use of any telephone number
transferred under this paragraph.

21 (B) A wireless telephone service provider shall 22 terminate the respondent's use of, and shall transfer 23 to the petitioner use of, the telephone number or 24 numbers indicated in subparagraph (A) of this 25 paragraph unless it notifies the petitioner, within 72 hours after it receives the order, that one of the 26

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following applies:

(i) The account holder named in the order has terminated the account.

(ii) A difference in network technology would prevent or impair the functionality of a device on a network if the transfer occurs.

7 (iii) The transfer would cause a geographic or
8 other limitation on network or service provision
9 to the petitioner.

10(iv) Another technological or operational11issue would prevent or impair the use of the12telephone number if the transfer occurs.

petitioner assumes 13 all financial (C) The 14 responsibility for and right to the use of any 15 telephone number transferred under this paragraph. In 16 this paragraph, "financial responsibility" includes 17 monthly service costs and costs associated with any mobile device associated with the number. 18

19 (D) A wireless telephone service provider may 20 apply to the petitioner its routine and customary 21 requirements for establishing an account or 22 transferring a number, including requiring the identification, 23 petitioner to provide proof of 24 financial information, and customer preferences.

(E) Except for willful or wanton misconduct, a
 wireless telephone service provider is immune from

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civil liability for its actions taken in compliance with a court order issued under this paragraph.

(F) All wireless service providers that provide
services to residential customers shall provide to the
Illinois Commerce Commission the name and address of an
agent for service of orders entered under this
paragraph (18). Any change in status of the registered
agent must be reported to the Illinois Commerce
Commission within 30 days of such change.

10 (G) The Illinois Commerce Commission shall 11 maintain the list of registered agents for service for 12 each wireless telephone service provider on the 13 Commission's website. The Commission may consult with wireless telephone service providers and the Circuit 14 Court Clerks on the manner in which this information is 15 16 provided and displayed.

17 (c) Relevant factors; findings.

(1) In determining whether to grant a specific remedy,
other than payment of support, the court shall consider
relevant factors, including but not limited to the
following:

(i) the nature, frequency, severity, pattern and
consequences of the respondent's past abuse, neglect
or exploitation of the petitioner or any family or
household member, including the concealment of his or
her location in order to evade service of process or

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notice, and the likelihood of danger of future abuse,
 neglect, or exploitation to petitioner or any member of
 petitioner's or respondent's family or household; and

4 (ii) the danger that any minor child will be abused 5 or neglected or improperly relocated from the 6 jurisdiction, improperly concealed within the State or 7 improperly separated from the child's primary 8 caretaker.

9 (2) In comparing relative hardships resulting to the 10 parties from loss of possession of the family home, the 11 court shall consider relevant factors, including but not 12 limited to the following:

(i) availability, accessibility, cost, safety,
adequacy, location and other characteristics of
alternate housing for each party and any minor child or
dependent adult in the party's care;

(ii) the effect on the party's employment; and

(iii) the effect on the relationship of the party,
and any minor child or dependent adult in the party's
care, to family, school, church and community.

(3) Subject to the exceptions set forth in paragraph
(4) of this subsection, the court shall make its findings
in an official record or in writing, and shall at a minimum
set forth the following:

(i) That the court has considered the applicable
 relevant factors described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of

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this subsection.

(ii) Whether the conduct or actions of respondent, unless prohibited, will likely cause irreparable harm or continued abuse.

5 (iii) Whether it is necessary to grant the 6 requested relief in order to protect petitioner or 7 other alleged abused persons.

8 (4) For purposes of issuing an ex parte emergency order 9 of protection, the court, as an alternative to or as a 10 supplement to making the findings described in paragraphs 11 (c)(3)(i) through (c)(3)(iii) of this subsection, may use 12 the following procedure:

13 When a verified petition for an emergency order of 14 protection in accordance with the requirements of Sections 15 203 and 217 is presented to the court, the court shall 16 examine petitioner on oath or affirmation. An emergency 17 order of protection shall be issued by the court if it 18 appears from the contents of the petition and the 19 examination of petitioner that the averments are 20 sufficient to indicate abuse by respondent and to support 21 the granting of relief under the issuance of the emergency 22 order of protection.

(5) Never married parties. No rights or
 responsibilities for a minor child born outside of marriage
 attach to a putative father until a father and child
 relationship has been established under the Illinois

Parentage Act of 1984, the Illinois Parentage Act of 2015, 1 2 the Illinois Public Aid Code, Section 12 of the Vital 3 Records Act, the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, the Probate Act of 1975, the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of 4 5 Support Act, the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, the Expedited Child Support Act of 1990, any judicial, 6 7 administrative, or other act of another state or territory, 8 any other Illinois statute, or by any foreign nation 9 establishing the father and child relationship, any other 10 proceeding substantially in conformity with the Personal 11 Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 12 1996 (Pub. L. 104-193), or where both parties appeared in 13 open court or at an administrative hearing acknowledging under oath or admitting by affirmation the existence of a 14 15 father and child relationship. Absent such an 16 adjudication, finding, or acknowledgment, no putative 17 father shall be granted temporary allocation of parental responsibilities, including parenting time with the minor 18 19 child, or physical care and possession of the minor child, 20 nor shall an order of payment for support of the minor child be entered. 21

(d) Balance of hardships; findings. If the court finds that the balance of hardships does not support the granting of a remedy governed by paragraph (2), (3), (10), (11), or (16) of subsection (b) of this Section, which may require such balancing, the court's findings shall so indicate and shall include a finding as to whether granting the remedy will result in hardship to respondent that would substantially outweigh the hardship to petitioner from denial of the remedy. The findings shall be an official record or in writing.

5 (e) Denial of remedies. Denial of any remedy shall not be6 based, in whole or in part, on evidence that:

7 (1) Respondent has cause for any use of force, unless
8 that cause satisfies the standards for justifiable use of
9 force provided by Article 7 of the Criminal Code of 2012;

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(2) Respondent was voluntarily intoxicated;

11 (3) Petitioner acted in self-defense or defense of 12 another, provided that, if petitioner utilized force, such 13 force was justifiable under Article 7 of the Criminal Code 14 of 2012;

15 (4) Petitioner did not act in self-defense or defense
16 of another;

17 (5) Petitioner left the residence or household to avoid
18 further abuse, neglect, or exploitation by respondent;

19 (6) Petitioner did not leave the residence or household 20 to avoid further abuse, neglect, or exploitation by 21 respondent;

(7) Conduct by any family or household member excused
the abuse, neglect, or exploitation by respondent, unless
that same conduct would have excused such abuse, neglect,
or exploitation if the parties had not been family or
household members.

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