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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF HAUSEN

UPON THE PETITION OF)

ROBIN R. HAUSEN,)

Petitioner-Appellee,)

AND CONCERNING)

NORMAN K. HAUSEN)

Respondent-Appellant.)

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Appeal from Montgomery District Court, Leo Connolly, Judge.

In his appeal, petitioner claims the child support award is excessive. We affirm, modify, and remand.

Thomas E. Stamets, Red Oak, for respondent-appellant.

Jeffrey B. Millhollin, Mullin & Millhollin, Corning, for petitioner-appellee.

Considered en banc.

In his appeal, petitioner claims the child support award is excessive. We affirm, modify and remand.

We have conducted our de novo review under the applicable criteria found in Iowa Code § 598.1, and we find the trial court was correct in the amount of its award. However, we delete the provision in the decree that increases the amount of child support automatically on September 1, 1982, and direct that the payments cease as each child becomes eighteen or self-supporting. The present award is at the outer reaches of petitioner's ability to pay, and we are unable to say that his financial picture will improve sufficiently to justify an automatic increase in the future.

The matter is remanded for entrance of modifications pursuant to this opinion. The decree is affirmed in all other respects.

AFFIRMED, MODIFIED AND REMANDED.