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Illinois

Child support penalties of employee's work state apply, court rules. The Illinois Supreme Court has ruled that the child support penalty laws of an employee's work state, not the state of the court that issued the income withholding order, apply under the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) where an employer failed to withhold child support [*In re Marriage of Suzanne Gulla*, No. 106612, 2009 Ill. LEXIS 920 (Ill. Sup. Ct., 6-4-09; rehearing denied, 9-28-09)].

UI contribution rate calculation method changed, online reporting programs updated. The method used to calculate unemployment insurance (UI) contribution rates has been changed. The change can create a rate with up to three digits to the right of the decimal point. The new rate takes effect for first quarter contribution and wage reports due 4-30-10. Because the QWIS (Quarterly Wage Information System) and SWATS (State Wage and Tax System) programs cannot accommodate the calculation change, employers are encouraged to use the TaxNet system, which is available at <https://taxnet.ides.state.il.us/login/default.aspx>. The Department of Employment Security (DES) is currently working on a new free software program to replace QWIS and SWATS [DES, Notice for QWIS and SWATS Users, 1-1-10].