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## **Rhode Island Statutes**

### **Title 15. Domestic Relations**

#### **Chapter 15-8. Uniform Law on Paternity**

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The father of a child which is or may be born out of lawful wedlock is liable to the same extent as the father of a child born in lawful wedlock, whether or not the child is born alive, for the reasonable expense of the mother's pregnancy and confinement, and the education, necessary support and maintenance, and medical and funeral expenses of the child and for reasonable counsel fees for the prosecution of paternity proceedings. A child born out of lawful wedlock also includes a child born to a married woman by a man other than her lawful husband.

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