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My husband tells me that if he has to pay the amount of support set out in the Child Support Guidelines that he will just quit his job and I can support the children myself. Can he do that?

Your husband can, of course, quit his job if he chooses to do so. If he quits his job because he does not want to pay support to you, the Courts would likely attribute the same level of income to him that he had earned at his job. If he took a lesser paying job for the same reason, the Court may also attribute income to him at the higher paying level. People do change jobs but there must be a valid reason for their doing so such as

If they are laid off from work and receive severance pay, then their level of pay would be considered to be the same until the period for which the severance pay was intended to cover has expired. Support may then be adjusted to the level of any Employment Insurance they receive and/or any further employment.

By the way, it is not just your base salary that is considered for the purposes of calculating the level of support but also any overtime, commissions and bonuses.

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