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By Senators Hargrove, Niemi, A. Smith, Nelson and Spanel

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1            AN ACT Relating to child dependency cases; and amending RCW  
2 13.34.160.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.34.160 and 1987 c 435 s 14 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            In ~~((any case in which))~~ an action brought under this chapter, the  
7 court shall ~~((find the child dependent, it may in the same or~~  
8 ~~subsequent proceeding upon the parent or parents, guardian, or other~~  
9 ~~person having custody of said child, being duly summoned or voluntarily~~  
10 ~~appearing, proceed to))~~ inquire into the ability of ~~((such persons or~~  
11 ~~person able))~~ the parent or parents of the subject child to pay child  
12 support ~~((the child or contribute thereto, the court may))~~ and shall  
13 enter ~~((such))~~ a child support order or decree ~~((as shall be according~~  
14 ~~to equity in the premises, and may enforce the same by execution, or in~~  
15 ~~any way in which a court of equity may enforce its decrees. All child~~  
16 ~~support orders entered pursuant to this chapter shall be in compliance~~  
17 ~~with the provisions of RCW 26.23.050)).~~ The order shall be generally  
18 consistent with chapter 26.19 RCW, however, in determining a parent's  
19 income, the court shall consider how the dependency action, including

1 anticipated reunification efforts, may affect that parent's  
2 availability for work. The child support obligation shall not be set  
3 at a level so as to interfere with reunification efforts. In addition  
4 to the bases for deviation set forth in RCW 26.19.075, the court shall  
5 also consider, as bases for deviation, parental responsibility for  
6 costs relating to reunification efforts, the special needs of the  
7 child, and the parents' expenses of litigation related to the  
8 dependency.

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