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HOUSE BILL 2558

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1 AN ACT Relating to child support health care expenses; and amending  
2 RCW 26.19.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.19.080 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 2 s 7 are each amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The basic child support obligation derived from the economic  
7 table shall be allocated between the parents based on each parent's  
8 share of the combined monthly net income.

9 (2)(a) Ordinary health care expenses are included in the economic  
10 table and are calculated on an annual, calendar-year basis by  
11 multiplying five percent of the basic child support obligation by  
12 twelve. The parent receiving the transfer payment shall be responsible  
13 for the payment of all ordinary health care expenses. ((Monthly))  
14 Annual health care expenses that exceed five percent of the annual  
15 basic support obligation shall be considered extraordinary health care  
16 expenses. Extraordinary health care expenses shall be shared by the  
17 parents in the same proportion as the basic child support obligation.  
18 Once the obligee has incurred the annual ordinary health care expenses,  
19 the obligee shall notify the obligor that all future health care

1 expenses incurred in that calendar year are extraordinary health care  
2 expenses to be shared by the parents in the same proportion as the  
3 basic child support obligation. The obligee shall provide the obligor  
4 with documentation, such as receipts or records, showing that the  
5 annual ordinary health care expenses have been incurred. The obligor  
6 shall reimburse the obligee for extraordinary health care expenses as  
7 the expenses are incurred.

8 (b) For the purposes of this section, "health care expenses" means  
9 those expenses allowed as a federal income tax deduction for medical  
10 care, as provided in the federal Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. Sec.  
11 1 et seq.

12 (3) Day care and special child rearing expenses, such as tuition  
13 and long-distance transportation costs to and from the parents for  
14 visitation purposes, are not included in the economic table. These  
15 expenses shall be shared by the parents in the same proportion as the  
16 basic child support obligation.

17 (4) The court may exercise its discretion to determine the  
18 necessity for and the reasonableness of all amounts ordered in excess  
19 of the basic child support obligation.

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