CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1794

Chapter 84, Laws of 2009

61st Legislature 2009 Regular Session

CALCULATION OF CHILD SUPPORT

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/09

Passed by the House March 3, 2009 Yeas 97 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 2, 2009 Yeas 45 Nays 0

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL** 1794 as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

BRAD OWEN

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Approved April 13, 2009, 3:52 p.m.

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April 14, 2009

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

Secretary of State State of Washington

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1794

Passed Legislature - 2009 Regular Session

State of Washington

61st Legislature

2009 Regular Session

By House Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representative Moeller)
READ FIRST TIME 02/20/09.

1 AN ACT Relating to calculating child support; amending RCW 2 26.19.020, 26.19.065, 26.19.071, 26.19.075, and 26.19.080; and

3 providing an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.19.020 and 1998 c 163 s 2 are each amended to read 6 as follows:

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ECONOMIC TABLE 8 9 MONTHLY BASIC SUPPORT OBLIGATION 10 PER CHILD KEY: A= AGE 0-11 B= AGE 12-18 11 12 13 COMBINED 14 MONTHLY ONE TWO 15 NET CHILD CHILDREN

INCOME

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2	100					
3	200					
4	300	For income less to	than \$6	00 the ob	ligation is	
5	400	based upon the re	esource	s and liv	ing expense	es of
6	500	each household.	Minin	num supp	ort shall no	ot be
		less than \$25 per	child p	er month	except wh	en
		allowed by RCW	/ 26.19.	065(2).		
7	600	133	164	103	127	
8	700	155	191	120	148	
9	800	177	218	137	170	
10	900	199	246	154	191))	
11		For income less t	than \$1	000 the o	bligation is	<u>s</u>
12		based upon the re	esource	s and liv	ing expense	es of
13		each household.	Minin	num supp	ort may no	ot be
14		less than \$50 per	child p	er month	except wh	<u>ien</u>
15		allowed by RCW	V 26.19.	065(2).		
16	1000	220	272	171	211	
17	1100	242	299	188	232	
18	1200	264	326	205	253	
19	1300	285	352	221	274	
20	1400	307	379	238	294	
21	1500	327	404	254	313	
22	1600	347	428	269	333	
23	1700	367	453	285	352	
24	1800	387	478	300	371	
25	1900	407	503	316	390	
26	2000	427	527	331	409	
27	2100	447	552	347	429	
28	2200	467	577	362	448	
29	2300	487	601	378	467	
30	2400	506	626	393	486	
31	2500	526	650	408	505	
32	2600	534	661	416	513	
33	2700	542	670	421	520	
34	2800	549	679	427	527	
35	2900	556	686	431	533	
36	3000	561	693	436	538	
37	3100	566	699	439	543	

1	3200	569	704	442	546
2	3300	573	708	445	549
3	3400	574	710	446	551
4	3500	575	711	447	552
5	3600	577	712	448	553
6	3700	578	713	449	554
7	3800	581	719	452	558
8	3900	596	736	463	572
9	4000	609	753	473	584
10	4100	623	770	484	598
11	4200	638	788	495	611
12	4300	651	805	506	625
13	4400	664	821	516	637
14	4500	677	836	525	649
15	4600	689	851	535	661
16	4700	701	866	545	673
17	4800	713	882	554	685
18	4900	726	897	564	697
19	5000	738	912	574	708
20	5100	751	928	584	720
21	5200	763	943	593	732
22	5300	776	959	602	744
23	5400	788	974	612	756
24	5500	800	989	622	768
25	5600	812	1004	632	779
26	5700	825	1019	641	791
27	5800	837	1035	650	803
28	5900	850	1050	660	815
29	6000	862	1065	670	827
30	6100	875	1081	680	839
31	6200	887	1096	689	851
32	6300	899	1112	699	863
33	6400	911	1127	709	875
34	6500	924	1142	718	887
35	6600	936	1157	728	899
36	6700	949	1172	737	911
37	6800	961	1188	747	923

1	6900	974	1203	757	935
2	7000	986	1218	767	946
3	<u>7100</u>	<u>998</u>	<u>1233</u>	<u>776</u>	<u>958</u>
4	<u>7200</u>	<u>1009</u>	<u>1248</u>	<u>785</u>	<u>971</u>
5	<u>7300</u>	<u>1021</u>	<u>1262</u>	<u>794</u>	<u>982</u>
6	<u>7400</u>	<u>1033</u>	<u>1276</u>	<u>803</u>	<u>993</u>
7	<u>7500</u>	<u>1044</u>	<u>1290</u>	<u>812</u>	<u>1004</u>
8	<u>7600</u>	<u>1055</u>	<u>1305</u>	<u>821</u>	<u>1015</u>
9	<u>7700</u>	<u>1067</u>	<u>1319</u>	<u>830</u>	<u>1026</u>
10	<u>7800</u>	<u>1078</u>	<u>1333</u>	<u>839</u>	<u>1037</u>
11	<u>7900</u>	<u>1089</u>	<u>1346</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>1048</u>
12	<u>8000</u>	<u>1100</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>857</u>	<u>1059</u>
13	<u>8100</u>	<u>1112</u>	<u>1374</u>	<u>865</u>	<u>1069</u>
14	<u>8200</u>	<u>1123</u>	<u>1387</u>	<u>874</u>	<u>1080</u>
15	<u>8300</u>	<u>1134</u>	<u>1401</u>	<u>882</u>	<u>1091</u>
16	<u>8400</u>	<u>1144</u>	<u>1414</u>	<u>891</u>	<u>1101</u>
17	<u>8500</u>	<u>1155</u>	<u>1428</u>	<u>899</u>	<u>1112</u>
18	<u>8600</u>	<u>1166</u>	<u>1441</u>	<u>908</u>	<u>1122</u>
19	<u>8700</u>	<u>1177</u>	<u>1454</u>	<u>916</u>	<u>1133</u>
20	<u>8800</u>	<u>1187</u>	<u>1467</u>	<u>925</u>	<u>1143</u>
21	<u>8900</u>	<u>1198</u>	<u>1481</u>	<u>933</u>	<u>1153</u>
22	9000	<u>1208</u>	<u>1493</u>	<u>941</u>	<u>1163</u>
23	<u>9100</u>	<u>1219</u>	<u>1506</u>	<u>949</u>	<u>1173</u>
24	<u>9200</u>	<u>1229</u>	<u>1519</u>	<u>957</u>	<u>1183</u>
25	<u>9300</u>	<u>1239</u>	<u>1532</u>	<u>966</u>	<u>1193</u>
26	<u>9400</u>	<u>1250</u>	<u>1545</u>	<u>974</u>	<u>1203</u>
27	<u>9500</u>	<u>1260</u>	<u>1557</u>	<u>982</u>	<u>1213</u>
28	<u>9600</u>	<u>1270</u>	<u>1570</u>	<u>989</u>	<u>1223</u>
29	<u>9700</u>	<u>1280</u>	<u>1582</u>	<u>997</u>	<u>1233</u>
30	<u>9800</u>	<u>1290</u>	<u>1594</u>	<u>1005</u>	<u>1242</u>
31	<u>9900</u>	<u>1300</u>	<u>1606</u>	<u>1013</u>	<u>1252</u>
32	<u>10000</u>	<u>1310</u>	<u>1619</u>	<u>1021</u>	<u>1262</u>
33	<u>10100</u>	<u>1319</u>	<u>1631</u>	<u>1028</u>	<u>1271</u>
34	<u>10200</u>	<u>1329</u>	<u>1643</u>	<u>1036</u>	<u>1281</u>
35	<u>10300</u>	<u>1339</u>	<u>1655</u>	<u>1044</u>	<u>1290</u>
36	<u>10400</u>	<u>1348</u>	<u>1666</u>	<u>1051</u>	<u>1299</u>
37	<u>10500</u>	<u>1358</u>	<u>1678</u>	<u>1059</u>	<u>1308</u>

1	<u>10600</u>	1367	169	<u>0</u> <u>1</u>	066	<u>1318</u>			
2	<u>10700</u>	1377	<u>170</u>	<u>1</u> 1	073	<u>1327</u>			
3	<u>10800</u>	1386	<u>171</u>	<u>3</u> <u>1</u>	081	<u>1336</u>			
4	<u>10900</u>	1395	<u>172</u>	<u>4</u> <u>1</u>	088	<u>1345</u>			
5	<u>11000</u>	<u>1404</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>6</u> <u>1</u>	095	<u>1354</u>			
6	<u>11100</u>	<u>1413</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>7</u> <u>1</u>	102	<u>1363</u>			
7	<u>11200</u>	1422	<u>175</u>	<u>8</u> <u>1</u>	110	<u>1371</u>			
8	<u>11300</u>	1431	176	<u>9</u> <u>1</u>	117	<u>1380</u>			
9	<u>11400</u>	1440	<u>178</u>	<u>0</u> <u>1</u>	124	<u>1389</u>			
10	<u>11500</u>	1449	<u>179</u>	<u>1</u> <u>1</u>	131	<u>1398</u>			
11	<u>11600</u>	1458	<u>180</u>	<u>2</u> <u>1</u>	138	<u>1406</u>			
12	<u>11700</u>	1467	181	<u>3</u> <u>1</u>	145	<u>1415</u>			
13	<u>11800</u>	1475	<u>182</u>	<u>3</u> <u>1</u>	151	<u>1423</u>			
14	<u>11900</u>	1484	183	<u>4</u> <u>1</u>	158	<u>1431</u>			
15	<u>12000</u>	<u>1492</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>4</u> <u>1</u>	165	<u>1440</u>			
16	COMBINED								
17	MONTHLY	THREE		FO	UR	FIVE			
18	NET	CHILDREN		CHIL	DREN	CH	ILDREN		
19	INCOME	FAMIL	Y	FAMILY		FA	AMILY		
20		A	В	A	В	A	В		
21	((0								
22	100								
23	200								
24	300	For inco	me less	than S	\$600 tl	ne obliga	ntion is		
25	400	based upon the resources and living							
26	500	expenses of each household. Minimum							
		support s	shall no	t be le	ess thar	1 \$25 pe	rchild		
		per month except when allowed by RCW					₹ CW		
		26.19.06	55(2).						
27	600	86	106	73	90	63	78		
28	700	100	124	85	105	74	91		
29	800	115	142	97	120	84	104		
30	900	129	159	109	135	95	118))		

1		For income less than \$1000 the obligation								
2		is based upon the resources and living								
3		expenses of each household. Minimum								
4		support may not be less than \$50 per child								
5		per month except when allowed by RCW								
6		<u>26.19.065(2).</u>								
7	1000	143	177	121	149	105	130			
8	1100	157	194	133	164	116	143			
9	1200	171	211	144	179	126	156			
10	1300	185	228	156	193	136	168			
11	1400	199	246	168	208	147	181			
12	1500	212	262	179	221	156	193			
13	1600	225	278	190	235	166	205			
14	1700	238	294	201	248	175	217			
15	1800	251	310	212	262	185	228			
16	1900	264	326	223	275	194	240			
17	2000	277	342	234	289	204	252			
18	2100	289	358	245	303	213	264			
19	2200	302	374	256	316	223	276			
20	2300	315	390	267	330	233	288			
21	2400	328	406	278	343	242	299			
22	2500	341	421	288	356	251	311			
23	2600	346	428	293	362	256	316			
24	2700	351	435	298	368	259	321			
25	2800	356	440	301	372	262	324			
26	2900	360	445	305	376	266	328			
27	3000	364	449	308	380	268	331			
28	3100	367	453	310	383	270	334			
29	3200	369	457	312	386	272	336			
30	3300	371	459	314	388	273	339			
31	3400	372	460	315	389	274	340			
32	3500	373	461	316	390	275	341			
33	3600	374	462	317	391	276	342			
34	3700	375	463	318	392	277	343			
35	3800	377	466	319	394	278	344			
36	3900	386	477	326	404	284	352			
37	4000	395	488	334	413	291	360			

1	4100	404	500	341	422	298	368
2	4200	413	511	350	431	305	377
3	4300	422	522	357	441	311	385
4	4400	431	532	364	449	317	392
5	4500	438	542	371	458	323	400
6	4600	446	552	377	467	329	407
7	4700	455	562	384	475	335	414
8	4800	463	572	391	483	341	422
9	4900	470	581	398	491	347	429
10	5000	479	592	404	500	353	437
11	5100	487	602	411	509	359	443
12	5200	494	611	418	517	365	451
13	5300	503	621	425	525	371	458
14	5400	511	632	432	533	377	466
15	5500	518	641	439	542	383	473
16	5600	527	651	446	551	389	480
17	5700	535	661	452	559	395	488
18	5800	543	671	459	567	401	495
19	5900	551	681	466	575	407	502
20	6000	559	691	473	584	413	509
21	6100	567	701	479	593	418	517
22	6200	575	710	486	601	424	524
23	6300	583	721	493	609	430	532
24	6400	591	731	500	617	436	539
25	6500	599	740	506	626	442	546
26	6600	607	750	513	635	448	554
27	6700	615	761	520	643	454	561
28	6800	623	770	527	651	460	568
29	6900	631	780	533	659	466	575
30	7000	639	790	540	668	472	583
31	<u>7100</u>	<u>647</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>547</u>	<u>677</u>	<u>478</u>	<u>591</u>
32	<u>7200</u>	<u>654</u>	<u>809</u>	<u>554</u>	<u>684</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>598</u>
33	<u>7300</u>	<u>662</u>	<u>818</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>693</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>605</u>
34	<u>7400</u>	<u>670</u>	<u>828</u>	<u>567</u>	<u>701</u>	<u>496</u>	<u>613</u>
35	<u>7500</u>	<u>677</u>	<u>837</u>	<u>574</u>	<u>709</u>	<u>502</u>	<u>620</u>
36	<u>7600</u>	<u>685</u>	<u>846</u>	<u>581</u>	<u>718</u>	<u>507</u>	<u>627</u>
37	<u>7700</u>	<u>692</u>	<u>855</u>	<u>587</u>	<u>726</u>	<u>513</u>	<u>634</u>

1	<u>7800</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>865</u>	<u>594</u>	<u>734</u>	<u>519</u>	<u>642</u>
2	<u>7900</u>	<u>707</u>	<u>874</u>	<u>601</u>	<u>742</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>649</u>
3	<u>8000</u>	<u>714</u>	<u>883</u>	<u>607</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>531</u>	<u>656</u>
4	<u>8100</u>	<u>722</u>	<u>892</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>759</u>	<u>536</u>	<u>663</u>
5	<u>8200</u>	<u>729</u>	<u>901</u>	<u>620</u>	<u>767</u>	<u>542</u>	<u>670</u>
6	<u>8300</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>910</u>	<u>627</u>	<u>775</u>	<u>548</u>	<u>677</u>
7	<u>8400</u>	<u>743</u>	<u>919</u>	<u>633</u>	<u>783</u>	<u>553</u>	<u>684</u>
8	<u>8500</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>928</u>	<u>640</u>	<u>791</u>	<u>559</u>	<u>691</u>
9	<u>8600</u>	<u>758</u>	<u>936</u>	<u>646</u>	<u>799</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>698</u>
10	<u>8700</u>	<u>765</u>	<u>945</u>	<u>653</u>	<u>807</u>	<u>570</u>	<u>705</u>
11	<u>8800</u>	<u>772</u>	<u>954</u>	<u>659</u>	<u>815</u>	<u>576</u>	<u>712</u>
12	<u>8900</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>962</u>	<u>665</u>	<u>822</u>	<u>582</u>	<u>719</u>
13	9000	<u>786</u>	<u>971</u>	<u>672</u>	<u>830</u>	<u>587</u>	<u>726</u>
14	<u>9100</u>	<u>792</u>	<u>980</u>	<u>678</u>	<u>838</u>	<u>593</u>	<u>732</u>
15	<u>9200</u>	<u>799</u>	<u>988</u>	<u>684</u>	<u>846</u>	<u>598</u>	<u>739</u>
16	<u>9300</u>	<u>806</u>	<u>996</u>	<u>691</u>	<u>854</u>	<u>604</u>	<u>746</u>
17	9400	<u>813</u>	<u>1005</u>	<u>697</u>	<u>861</u>	<u>609</u>	<u>753</u>
18	<u>9500</u>	<u>820</u>	<u>1013</u>	<u>703</u>	<u>869</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>759</u>
19	<u>9600</u>	<u>826</u>	<u>1021</u>	<u>709</u>	<u>877</u>	<u>620</u>	<u>766</u>
20	<u>9700</u>	<u>833</u>	<u>1030</u>	<u>716</u>	<u>884</u>	<u>625</u>	<u>773</u>
21	<u>9800</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>1038</u>	<u>722</u>	<u>892</u>	<u>631</u>	<u>779</u>
22	9900	<u>846</u>	<u>1046</u>	<u>728</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>636</u>	<u>786</u>
23	<u>10000</u>	<u>853</u>	<u>1054</u>	<u>734</u>	<u>907</u>	<u>641</u>	<u>793</u>
24	<u>10100</u>	<u>859</u>	<u>1062</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>915</u>	<u>647</u>	<u>799</u>
25	10200	<u>866</u>	<u>1070</u>	<u>746</u>	<u>922</u>	<u>652</u>	<u>806</u>
26	<u>10300</u>	<u>872</u>	<u>1078</u>	<u>752</u>	<u>930</u>	<u>657</u>	<u>812</u>
27	<u>10400</u>	<u>879</u>	<u>1086</u>	<u>758</u>	<u>937</u>	<u>662</u>	<u>819</u>
28	<u>10500</u>	<u>885</u>	<u>1094</u>	<u>764</u>	<u>944</u>	<u>668</u>	<u>825</u>
29	<u>10600</u>	<u>891</u>	<u>1102</u>	<u>770</u>	<u>952</u>	<u>673</u>	<u>832</u>
30	<u>10700</u>	<u>898</u>	<u>1109</u>	<u>776</u>	<u>959</u>	<u>678</u>	<u>838</u>
31	<u>10800</u>	<u>904</u>	<u>1117</u>	<u>782</u>	<u>966</u>	<u>683</u>	<u>844</u>
32	<u>10900</u>	<u>910</u>	<u>1125</u>	<u>788</u>	<u>974</u>	<u>688</u>	<u>851</u>
33	<u>11000</u>	<u>916</u>	<u>1132</u>	<u>794</u>	<u>981</u>	<u>693</u>	<u>857</u>
34	<u>11100</u>	<u>922</u>	<u>1140</u>	<u>799</u>	<u>988</u>	<u>698</u>	<u>863</u>
35	<u>11200</u>	<u>928</u>	<u>1147</u>	<u>805</u>	<u>995</u>	<u>703</u>	<u>869</u>
36	<u>11300</u>	<u>934</u>	<u>1155</u>	<u>811</u>	<u>1002</u>	<u>708</u>	<u>876</u>
37	<u>11400</u>	<u>940</u>	<u>1162</u>	<u>817</u>	<u>1009</u>	<u>714</u>	882

1	<u>11500</u>	<u>946</u>	<u>1170</u>	<u>822</u>	<u>1017</u>	<u>719</u>	<u>888</u>
2	<u>11600</u>	<u>952</u>	<u>1177</u>	<u>828</u>	<u>1024</u>	<u>723</u>	<u>894</u>
3	<u>11700</u>	<u>958</u>	<u>1184</u>	<u>834</u>	<u>1031</u>	<u>728</u>	<u>900</u>
4	<u>11800</u>	<u>964</u>	<u>1191</u>	<u>839</u>	<u>1038</u>	<u>733</u>	<u>906</u>
5	<u>11900</u>	<u>970</u>	<u>1199</u>	<u>845</u>	<u>1045</u>	<u>738</u>	<u>912</u>
6	<u>12000</u>	<u>975</u>	<u>1206</u>	<u>851</u>	<u>1051</u>	<u>743</u>	<u>919</u>

The economic table is presumptive for combined monthly net incomes up to and including ((five)) twelve thousand dollars. ((When combined monthly net income exceeds five thousand dollars, support shall not be set at an amount lower than the presumptive amount of support set for combined monthly net incomes of five thousand dollars unless the court finds a reason to deviate below that amount. The economic table is advisory but not presumptive for combined monthly net incomes exceed ((seven)) twelve thousand dollars, the court may ((set support at an advisory amount of support set for combined monthly net incomes between five thousand and seven thousand dollars or the court may)) exceed the ((advisory)) presumptive amount of support set for combined monthly net incomes of ((seven)) twelve thousand dollars upon written findings of fact.

- **Sec. 2.** RCW 26.19.065 and 1998 c 163 s 1 are each amended to read 22 as follows:
 - (1) Limit at forty-five percent of a parent's net income. Neither parent's ((total)) child support obligation owed for all his or her biological or legal children may exceed forty-five percent of net income except for good cause shown. ((Good cause includes but is not limited to possession of substantial wealth, children with day care expenses, special medical need, educational need, psychological need, and larger families.))
- 30 <u>(a) Each child is entitled to a pro rata share of the income</u> 31 <u>available for support, but the court only applies the pro rata share to</u> 32 <u>the children in the case before the court.</u>
- 33 (b) Before determining whether to apply the forty-five percent
 34 limitation, the court must consider whether it would be unjust to apply
 35 the limitation after considering the best interests of the child and
 36 the circumstances of each parent. Such circumstances include, but are

- not limited to, leaving insufficient funds in the custodial parent's household to meet the basic needs of the child, comparative hardship to the affected households, assets or liabilities, and any involuntary limits on either parent's earning capacity including incarceration, disabilities, or incapacity.
 - (c) Good cause includes, but is not limited to, possession of substantial wealth, children with day care expenses, special medical need, educational need, psychological need, and larger families.
 - (2) ((Income below six hundred dollars)) Presumptive minimum support obligation. (a) When ((combined)) a parent's monthly net income is ((less than six hundred dollars)) below one hundred twenty-five percent of the federal poverty quideline, a support order of not less than ((twenty five)) fifty dollars per child per month shall be entered ((for each parent)) unless the obligor parent establishes that it would be unjust ((or inappropriate)) to do so in that particular case. The decision whether there is a sufficient basis to deviate below the presumptive minimum payment must take into consideration the best interests of the child and the circumstances of each parent. Such circumstances can include leaving insufficient funds in the custodial parent's household to meet the basic needs of the child, comparative hardship to the affected households, assets or liabilities, and earning capacity. ((A parent's))
 - (b) The basic support obligation of the parent making the transfer payment, excluding health care, day care, and special child-rearing expenses, shall not reduce his or her net income below ((the-need standard for one person established pursuant to RCW-74.04.770)) the self-support reserve of one hundred twenty-five percent of the federal poverty level, except for the presumptive minimum payment of ((twenty-five)) fifty dollars per child per month or ((in cases where the court finds-reasons-for-deviation)) when it would be unjust to apply the self-support reserve limitation after considering the best interests of the child and the circumstances of each parent. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to, leaving insufficient funds in the custodial parent's household to meet the basic needs of the child, comparative hardship to the affected households, assets or liabilities, and earning capacity. This section shall not be construed to require monthly substantiation of income.

- (3) Income above ((five-thousand-and-seven)) twelve thousand 1 2 The economic table is presumptive for combined monthly net incomes up to and including ((five)) twelve thousand dollars. ((When 3 combined-monthly-net-income-exceeds-five-thousand-dollars,-support 4 5 shall-not-be-set-at-an-amount-lower-than-the-presumptive-amount-of support set for combined monthly net incomes of five thousand dollars 6 7 unless-the-court-finds-a-reason-to-deviate-below-that-amount. The economic table is advisory but not presumptive for combined monthly net 8 9 incomes that exceed five thousand dollars.)) When combined monthly net 10 income exceeds ((seven)) twelve thousand dollars, the court may ((set support at an advisory amount of support set for combined monthly net 11 12 incomes between five thousand and seven thousand dollars or the court 13 may)) exceed the ((advisory)) presumptive amount of support set for 14 combined monthly net incomes of ((seven)) twelve thousand dollars upon 15 written findings of fact.
- 16 **Sec. 3.** RCW 26.19.071 and 2008 c 6 s 1038 are each amended to read 17 as follows:
 - (1) Consideration of all income. All income and resources of each parent's household shall be disclosed and considered by the court when the court determines the child support obligation of each parent. Only the income of the parents of the children whose support is at issue shall be calculated for purposes of calculating the basic support obligation. Income and resources of any other person shall not be included in calculating the basic support obligation.
 - (2) **Verification of income.** Tax returns for the preceding two years and current paystubs shall be provided to verify income and deductions. Other sufficient verification shall be required for income and deductions which do not appear on tax returns or paystubs.
 - (3) Income sources included in gross monthly income. Except as specifically excluded in subsection (4) of this section, monthly gross income shall include income from any source, including:
 - (a) Salaries;
- 33 (b) Wages;

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- 34 (c) Commissions;
- 35 (d) Deferred compensation;
- 36 (e) Overtime, except as excluded for income in subsection (4)(h) of
 37 this section;

- 1 (f) Contract-related benefits;
- 2 (g) Income from second jobs, except as excluded for income in subsection (4)(h) of this section;
 - (h) Dividends;
- 5 (i) Interest;

- 6 (j) Trust income;
- 7 (k) Severance pay;
- 8 (1) Annuities;
- 9 (m) Capital gains;
- 10 (n) Pension retirement benefits;
- (o) Workers' compensation;
- 12 (p) Unemployment benefits;
- 13 (q) Maintenance actually received;
- 14 (r) Bonuses;
- 15 (s) Social security benefits; ((and))
- 16 (t) Disability insurance benefits; and
- 17 <u>(u) Income from self-employment, rent, royalties, contracts,</u>
 18 proprietorship of a business, or joint ownership of a partnership or
- 19 <u>closely held corporation</u>.
- 20 (4) Income sources excluded from gross monthly income. The 21 following income and resources shall be disclosed but shall not be 22 included in gross income:
- 23 (a) Income of a new spouse or new domestic partner or income of other adults in the household;
 - (b) Child support received from other relationships;
- 26 (c) Gifts and prizes;
- 27 (d) Temporary assistance for needy families;
- 28 (e) Supplemental security income;
- 29 (f) General assistance; ((and))
- 30 (q) Food stamps; and
- (h) Overtime or income from second jobs beyond forty hours per week
 averaged over a twelve-month period worked to provide for a current
 family's needs, to retire past relationship debts, or to retire child
 support debt, when the court finds the income will cease when the party
- 35 has paid off his or her debts.
- Receipt of income and resources from temporary assistance for needy families, supplemental security income, general assistance, and food stamps shall not be a reason to deviate from the standard calculation.

- 1 (5) **Determination of net income.** The following expenses shall be disclosed and deducted from gross monthly income to calculate net monthly income:
 - (a) Federal and state income taxes;

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- (b) Federal insurance contributions act deductions;
- (c) Mandatory pension plan payments;
- (d) Mandatory union or professional dues;
- (e) State industrial insurance premiums;
- (f) Court-ordered maintenance to the extent actually paid;
- (g) Up to ((two)) <u>five</u> thousand dollars per year in voluntary ((pension-payments)) <u>retirement contributions</u> actually made if the contributions ((were made for the two tax years preceding the earlier of the (i) tax year in which the parties separated with intent to live separate and apart or (ii) tax year in which the parties filed for dissolution)) show a pattern of contributions during the one-year period preceding the action establishing the child support order unless there is a determination that the contributions were made for the purpose of reducing child support; and
- (h) Normal business expenses and self-employment taxes for self-employed persons. Justification shall be required for any business expense deduction about which there is disagreement.

Items deducted from gross income under this subsection shall not be a reason to deviate from the standard calculation.

(6) Imputation of income. The court shall impute income to a parent when the parent is voluntarily unemployed or voluntarily underemployed. The court shall determine whether the parent is voluntarily underemployed or voluntarily unemployed based upon that parent's work history, education, health, and age, or any other relevant factors. A court shall not impute income to a parent who is gainfully employed on a full-time basis, unless the court finds that the parent is voluntarily underemployed and finds that the parent is purposely underemployed to reduce the parent's child obligation. Income shall not be imputed for an unemployable parent. Income shall not be imputed to a parent to the extent the parent is unemployed or significantly underemployed due to the parent's efforts to comply with court-ordered reunification efforts under chapter 13.34 RCW or under a voluntary placement agreement with an agency supervising the child. ((In the absence of information to the contrary, a parent's

- 1 imputed income shall be based on the median income of year-round full-
- 2 time-workers-as-derived-from-the-United-States-bureau-of-census,
- 3 current populations reports, or such replacement report as published by
- 4 the bureau of census.)) In the absence of records of a parent's actual
- 5 <u>earnings, the court shall impute a parent's income in the following</u>
- 6 <u>order of priority:</u>
 - (a) Full-time earnings at the current rate of pay;
- 8 (b) Full-time earnings at the historical rate of pay based on 9 reliable information, such as employment security department data;
- 10 <u>(c) Full-time earnings at a past rate of pay where information is</u>
 11 <u>incomplete or sporadic;</u>
- 12 <u>(d) Full-time earnings at minimum wage in the jurisdiction where</u>
 13 the parent resides if the parent has a recent history of minimum wage
- 14 <u>earnings</u>, is recently coming off public assistance, general assistance-
- 15 <u>unemployable</u>, supplemental security income, or disability, has recently
- been released from incarceration, or is a high school student;
- 17 <u>(e) Median net monthly income of year-round full-time workers as</u>
- 18 <u>derived from the United States bureau of census, current population</u>
- 19 reports, or such replacement report as published by the bureau of
- census.

- 21 **Sec. 4.** RCW 26.19.075 and 2008 c 6 s 1039 are each amended to read 22 as follows:
- 23 (1) Reasons for deviation from the standard calculation include but 24 are not limited to the following:
 - (a) **Sources of income and tax planning.** The court may deviate from the standard calculation after consideration of the following:
- 27 (i) Income of a new spouse or new domestic partner if the parent 28 who is married to the new spouse or in a partnership with a new
- domestic partner is asking for a deviation based on any other reason.
- Income of a new spouse or new domestic partner is not, by itself, a sufficient reason for deviation;
- 32 (ii) Income of other adults in the household if the parent who is
- 33 living with the other adult is asking for a deviation based on any
- 34 other reason. Income of the other adults in the household is not, by
- 35 itself, a sufficient reason for deviation;
- 36 (iii) Child support actually received from other relationships;
- 37 (iv) Gifts;

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- (vi) Possession of wealth, including but not limited to savings, investments, real estate holdings and business interests, vehicles, boats, pensions, bank accounts, insurance plans, or other assets;
 - (vii) Extraordinary income of a child; ((or))
- 6 (viii) Tax planning considerations. A deviation for tax planning 7 may be granted only if the child would not receive a lesser economic 8 benefit due to the tax planning; or
 - (ix) Income that has been excluded under RCW 26.19.071(4)(h) if the person earning that income asks for a deviation for any other reason.
 - (b) Nonrecurring income. The court may deviate from the standard calculation based on a finding that a particular source of income included in the calculation of the basic support obligation is not a recurring source of income. Depending on the circumstances, nonrecurring income may include overtime, contract-related benefits, bonuses, or income from second jobs. Deviations for nonrecurring income shall be based on a review of the nonrecurring income received in the previous two calendar years.
 - (c) **Debt and high expenses.** The court may deviate from the standard calculation after consideration of the following expenses:
 - (i) Extraordinary debt not voluntarily incurred;
- (ii) A significant disparity in the living costs of the parents due to conditions beyond their control;
 - (iii) Special needs of disabled children;
 - (iv) Special medical, educational, or psychological needs of the children; or
 - (v) Costs incurred or anticipated to be incurred by the parents in compliance with court-ordered reunification efforts under chapter 13.34 RCW or under a voluntary placement agreement with an agency supervising the child.
 - (d) Residential schedule. The court may deviate from the standard calculation if the child spends a significant amount of time with the parent who is obligated to make a support transfer payment. The court may not deviate on that basis if the deviation will result in insufficient funds in the household receiving the support to meet the basic needs of the child or if the child is receiving temporary assistance for needy families. When determining the amount of the deviation, the court shall consider evidence concerning the increased

- expenses to a parent making support transfer payments resulting from the significant amount of time spent with that parent and shall consider the decreased expenses, if any, to the party receiving the support resulting from the significant amount of time the child spends with the parent making the support transfer payment.
 - (e) Children from other relationships. The court may deviate from the standard calculation when either or both of the parents before the court have children from other relationships to whom the parent owes a duty of support.
 - (i) The child support schedule shall be applied to the mother, father, and children of the family before the court to determine the presumptive amount of support.
 - (ii) Children from other relationships shall not be counted in the number of children for purposes of determining the basic support obligation and the standard calculation.
 - (iii) When considering a deviation from the standard calculation for children from other relationships, the court may consider only other children to whom the parent owes a duty of support. The court may consider court-ordered payments of child support for children from other relationships only to the extent that the support is actually paid.
 - (iv) When the court has determined that either or both parents have children from other relationships, deviations under this section shall be based on consideration of the total circumstances of both households. All child support obligations paid, received, and owed for all children shall be disclosed and considered.
 - (2) All income and resources of the parties before the court, new spouses or new domestic partners, and other adults in the households shall be disclosed and considered as provided in this section. The presumptive amount of support shall be determined according to the child support schedule. Unless specific reasons for deviation are set forth in the written findings of fact and are supported by the evidence, the court shall order each parent to pay the amount of support determined by using the standard calculation.
 - (3) The court shall enter findings that specify reasons for any deviation or any denial of a party's request for any deviation from the standard calculation made by the court. The court shall not consider

- 1 reasons for deviation until the court determines the standard 2 calculation for each parent.
- 3 (4) When reasons exist for deviation, the court shall exercise 4 discretion in considering the extent to which the factors would affect 5 the support obligation.
- 6 (5) Agreement of the parties is not by itself adequate reason for 7 any deviations from the standard calculation.
- 8 **Sec. 5.** RCW 26.19.080 and 1996 c 216 s 1 are each amended to read 9 as follows:

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- (1) The basic child support obligation derived from the economic table shall be allocated between the parents based on each parent's share of the combined monthly net income.
- (2) ((Ordinary)) Health care ((expenses)) costs are not included in the economic table. Monthly health care ((expenses that exceed five percent of the basic support obligation)) costs shall be ((considered extraordinary health care expenses. Extraordinary health care expenses shall be)) shared by the parents in the same proportion as the basic child support obligation. Health care costs shall include, but not be limited to, medical, dental, orthodontia, vision, chiropractic, mental health treatment, prescription medications, and other similar costs for care and treatment.
- (3) Day care and special child rearing expenses, such as tuition and long-distance transportation costs to and from the parents for visitation purposes, are not included in the economic table. These expenses shall be shared by the parents in the same proportion as the basic child support obligation. If an obligor pays court administratively ordered day care or special child rearing expenses that are not actually incurred, the obligee must reimburse the obligor for the overpayment if the overpayment amounts to at least twenty percent of the obligor's annual day care or special child rearing expenses. The obligor may institute an action in the superior court or file an application for an adjudicative hearing with the department of social and health services for reimbursement of day care and special child rearing expense overpayments that amount to twenty percent or more of the obligor's annual day care and special child rearing expenses. Any ordered overpayment reimbursement shall be applied first as an offset to child support arrearages of the obligor.

- 1 obligor does not have child support arrearages, the reimbursement may
- 2 be in the form of a direct reimbursement by the obligee or a credit
- 3 against the obligor's future support payments. If the reimbursement is
- 4 in the form of a credit against the obligor's future child support
- 5 payments, the credit shall be spread equally over a twelve-month
- 6 period. Absent agreement of the obligee, nothing in this section
- 7 entitles an obligor to pay more than his or her proportionate share of
- 8 day care or other special child rearing expenses in advance and then
- 9 deduct the overpayment from future support transfer payments.
- 10 (4) The court may exercise its discretion to determine the 11 necessity for and the reasonableness of all amounts ordered in excess
- 12 of the basic child support obligation.
- 13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. This act takes effect October 1, 2009.

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