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SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1037

State of Washington 64th Legislature 2015 Regular Session

By House Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Moeller, Ormsby, and Kilduff)

READ FIRST TIME 01/26/15.

- AN ACT Relating to implementing changes to child support based on the child support schedule work group report; amending RCW 26.19.011, 26.19.020, 26.19.065, 26.19.075, and 26.19.090; adding a new section to chapter 26.19 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

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

- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) To comply with the federal requirement that all states review their child support laws every four years, the legislature has mandated that a child support work group be convened every four years to examine current laws, administrative rules, and practices regarding child support.
- 12 (2) The 2011 child support schedule work group was convened in 13 January and conducted a total of ten in-person meetings and numerous 14 meetings using telephone conference calls. The work group produced a 15 final report and recommendations in September 2011.
- 16 (3) The work group's September 2011 final report and 17 recommendations contain, among other things, a new economic table based on more current data and a formula for calculating adjustments 18 to take into consideration children not before the court. 19
- 20 (4) The legislature intends to implement recommendations made by 21 the 2011 child support schedule work group.

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1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 26.19.011 and 2005 c 282 s 35 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

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Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

- (1) "Basic child support obligation" means the monthly child support obligation determined from the economic table based on the parties' combined monthly net income and the number of children for whom support is owed.
- 9 (2) "Child support schedule" means the standards, economic table, 10 worksheets, and instructions, as defined in this chapter.
 - (3) "Court" means a superior court judge, court commissioner, and presiding and reviewing officers who administratively determine or enforce child support orders.
- 14 (4) "Deviation" means a child support amount that differs from 15 the standard calculation.
- 16 (5) "Economic table" means the child support table for the basic 17 support obligation provided in RCW 26.19.020.
 - (6) "Instructions" means the instructions developed by the administrative office of the courts pursuant to RCW 26.19.050 for use in completing the worksheets.
- 21 (7) "Standards" means the standards for determination of child 22 support as provided in this chapter.
 - (8) "Standard calculation" means the presumptive amount of child support owed as determined from the child support schedule before the court makes any adjustments or considers any reasons for deviation.
 - (9) "Support transfer payment" means the amount of money the court orders one parent to pay to another parent or custodian for child support after determination of the standard calculation, adjustments, and deviations. If certain expenses or credits are expected to fluctuate and the order states a formula or percentage to determine the additional amount or credit on an ongoing basis, the term "support transfer payment" does not mean the additional amount or credit.
- 34 (10) "Worksheets" means the forms developed by the administrative 35 office of the courts pursuant to RCW 26.19.050 for use in determining 36 the amount of child support.
 - (11) "Children not before the court" means children for whom support is not being determined in the current proceeding, but who are the children of one of the parents involved in the proceeding based on a parent-child relationship consistent with RCW 26.26.101,

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or who are the children of one of the parents based on a court order which established the parent as a de facto parent.

Sec. 3. RCW 26.19.020 and 2009 c 84 s 1 are each amended to read

((ECONOMIC TABLE

MONTHLY BASIC SUPPORT OBLIGATION

PER CHILD

KEY: A= AGE 0-11 B= AGE 12-18

as follows:

10	COMBINED		
11	MONTHLY	ONE	TWO
12	NET	CHILD	CHILDREN
13	INCOME	FAMILY	FAMILY
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For income less than \$1000 the obligation is based upon the resources and living expenses of each household. Minimum support may not be less than \$50 per child per month except when allowed by RCW 26.19.065(2).

299 232 264 205 1300 307 379 294 269 1700 367 285 300 1900 2000 527 552 577 362 2300 487 378 506

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1	2500	526	650	408	505
2	2600	534	661	416	513
3	2700	542	670	421	520
4	2800	549	679	427	527
5	2900	556	686	431	533
6	3000	561	693	436	538
7	3100	566	699	439	543
8	3200	569	704	442	546
9	3300	573	708	445	549
10	3400	574	710	446	551
11	3500	575	711	447	552
12	3600	577	712	448	553
13	3700	578	713	449	554
14	3800	581	719	4 52	558
15	3900	596	736	463	572
16	4000	609	753	473	584
17	4100	623	770	484	598
18	4200	638	788	495	611
19	4300	651	805	506	625
20	4400	664	821	516	637
21	4500	677	836	525	649
22	4600	689	851	535	661
23	4700	701	866	545	673
24	4800	713	882	554	685
25	4900	726	897	564	697
26	5000	738	912	574	708
27	5100	751	928	584	720
28	5200	763	943	593	732
29	5300	776	959	602	744
30	5400	788	974	612	756
31	5500	800	989	622	768
32	5600	812	1004	632	779
33	5700	825	1019	641	791
34	5800	837	1035	650	803
35	5900	850	1050	660	815
36	6000	862	1065	670	827

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1	6100	875	1081	680	839
2	6200	887	1096	689	851
3	6300	899	1112	699	863
4	6400	911	1127	709	875
5	6500	924	1142	718	887
6	6600	936	1157	728	899
7	6700	949	1172	737	911
8	6800	961	1188	747	923
9	6900	974	1203	757	935
10	7000	986	1218	767	946
11	7100	998	1233	776	958
12	7200	1009	1248	785	971
13	7300	1021	1262	794	982
14	7400	1033	1276	803	993
15	7500	1044	1290	812	1004
16	7600	1055	1305	821	1015
17	7700	1067	1319	830	1026
18	7800	1078	1333	839	1037
19	7900	1089	1346	848	1048
20	8000	1100	1360	857	1059
21	8100	1112	1374	865	1069
22	8200	1123	1387	874	1080
23	8300	1134	1401	882	1091
24	8400	1144	1414	891	1101
25	8500	1155	1428	899	1112
26	8600	1166	1441	908	1122
27	8700	1177	1454	916	1133
28	8800	1187	1467	925	1143
29	8900	1198	1481	933	1153
30	9000	1208	1493	941	1163
31	9100	1219	1506	949	1173
32	9200	1229	1519	957	1183
33	9300	1239	1532	966	1193
34	9400	1250	1545	974	1203
35	9500	1260	1557	982	1213
36	9600	1270	1570	989	1223

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1	9700	1280	1582	997	1233	
2	9800	1290	1594	1005	1242	
3	9900	1300	1606	1013	1252	
4	10000	1310	1619	1021	1262	
5	10100	1319	1631	1028	1271	
6	10200	1329	1643	1036	1281	
7	10300	1339	1655	1044	1290	
8	10400	1348	1666	1051	1299	
9	10500	1358	1678	1059	1308	
10	10600	1367	1690	1066	1318	
11	10700	1377	1701	1073	1327	
12	10800	1386	1713	1081	1336	
13	10900	1395	1724	1088	1345	
14	11000	1404	1736	1095	1354	
15	11100	1413	1747	1102	1363	
16	11200	1422	1758	1110	1371	
17	11300	1431	1769	1117	1380	
18	11400	1440	1780	1124	1389	
19	11500	1449	1791	1131	1398	
20	11600	1458	1802	1138	1406	
21	11700	1467	1813	1145	1415	
22	11800	1475	1823	1151	1423	
23	11900	1484	1834	1158	1431	
24	12000	1492	1844	1165	1440	
25	COMBINED					
26	MONTHLY	THREE	1	FOUR	FF	VE
27	NET	CHILDREN	CH	ILDREN	CHIL	DREN
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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	4 59	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

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1	3700	375	463	318	392	277	343
2	3800	377	466	319	394	278	344
3	3900	386	477	326	404	284	352
4	4000	395	488	334	413	291	360
5	4100	404	500	341	422	298	368
6	4200	413	511	350	431	305	377
7	4300	422	522	357	441	311	385
8	4400	431	532	364	449	317	392
9	4500	438	542	371	458	323	400
10	4600	446	552	377	467	329	407
11	4700	455	562	384	475	335	414
12	4800	463	572	391	483	341	422
13	4900	470	581	398	491	347	429
14	5000	479	592	404	500	353	437
15	5100	487	602	411	509	359	443
16	5200	494	611	418	517	365	451
17	5300	503	621	425	525	371	458
18	5400	511	632	432	533	377	466
19	5500	518	641	439	542	383	473
20	5600	527	651	446	551	389	480
21	5700	535	661	452	559	395	488
22	5800	543	671	459	567	401	495
23	5900	551	681	466	575	407	502
24	6000	559	691	473	584	413	509
25	6100	567	701	479	593	418	517
26	6200	575	710	486	601	424	524
27	6300	583	721	493	609	430	532
28	6400	591	731	500	617	436	539
29	6500	599	740	506	626	442	546
30	6600	607	750	513	635	448	554
31	6700	615	761	520	643	454	561
32	6800	623	770	527	651	460	568

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1	6900	631	780	533	659	466	575
2	7000	639	790	540	668	472	583
3	7100	647	800	547	677	478	591
4	7200	654	809	554	684	484	598
5	7300	662	818	560	693	490	605
6	7400	670	828	567	701	496	613
7	7500	677	837	574	709	502	620
8	7600	685	846	581	718	507	627
9	7700	692	855	587	726	513	634
10	7800	700	865	594	734	519	642
11	7900	707	874	601	742	525	649
12	8000	714	883	607	750	531	656
13	8100	722	892	614	759	536	663
14	8200	729	901	620	767	542	670
15	8300	736	910	627	775	548	677
16	8400	743	919	633	783	553	684
17	8500	750	928	640	791	559	691
18	8600	758	936	646	799	565	698
19	8700	765	945	653	807	570	705
20	8800	772	954	659	815	576	712
21	8900	779	962	665	822	582	719
22	9000	786	971	672	830	587	726
23	9100	792	980	678	838	593	732
24	9200	799	988	684	846	598	739
25	9300	806	996	691	854	604	746
26	9400	813	1005	697	861	609	753
27	9500	820	1013	703	869	614	759
28	9600	826	1021	709	877	620	766
29	9700	833	1030	716	884	625	773
30	9800	840	1038	722	892	631	779
31	9900	846	1046	728	900	636	786
32	10000	853	1054	734	907	641	793

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1	10100	859	1062	740	915	647	799
2	10200	866	1070	746	922	652	806
3	10300	872	1078	752	930	657	812
4	10400	879	1086	758	937	662	819
5	10500	885	1094	764	944	668	825
6	10600	891	1102	770	952	673	832
7	10700	898	1109	776	959	678	838
8	10800	904	1117	782	966	683	844
9	10900	910	1125	788	974	688	851
10	11000	916	1132	794	981	693	857
11	11100	922	1140	799	988	698	863
12	11200	928	1147	805	995	703	869
13	11300	934	1155	811	1002	708	876
14	11400	940	1162	817	1009	714	882
15	11500	946	1170	822	1017	719	888
16	11600	952	1177	828	1024	723	894
17	11700	958	1184	834	1031	728	900
18	11800	964	1191	839	1038	733	906
19	11900	970	1199	845	1045	738	912
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29	For income le	ess tha	n \$1000	the obl	igation i	s based	upon
30	the resources	and li	ving exp	enses o	f each h	ouseho!	<u>ld.</u>
31	Minimum su	pport r	nay not b	e less t	han \$50	per ch	ild per
32	month excep	t when	allowed	by RC	<u>W 26.19</u>	0.065(2)	<u>).</u>
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1	<u>1200</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>200</u>
2	<u>1300</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>217</u>
3	<u>1400</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>234</u>
4	<u>1500</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>251</u>
5	<u>1600</u>	<u>346</u>	<u>267</u>
6	<u>1700</u>	<u>368</u>	<u>284</u>
7	<u>1800</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>301</u>
8	<u>1900</u>	<u>412</u>	<u>317</u>
9	<u>2000</u>	<u>433</u>	<u>334</u>
10	<u>2100</u>	<u>455</u>	<u>350</u>
11	<u>2200</u>	<u>477</u>	<u>367</u>
12	<u>2300</u>	<u>499</u>	<u>384</u>
13	<u>2400</u>	<u>521</u>	<u>400</u>
14	<u>2500</u>	<u>543</u>	<u>417</u>
15	<u>2600</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>433</u>
16	<u>2700</u>	<u>587</u>	<u>450</u>
17	<u>2800</u>	<u>609</u>	<u>467</u>
18	<u>2900</u>	<u>630</u>	<u>483</u>
19	<u>3000</u>	<u>652</u>	<u>500</u>
20	<u>3100</u>	<u>674</u>	<u>516</u>
21	<u>3200</u>	<u>696</u>	<u>533</u>
22	<u>3300</u>	<u>718</u>	<u>550</u>
23	<u>3400</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>566</u>
24	<u>3500</u>	<u>762</u>	<u>583</u>
25	<u>3600</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>599</u>
26	<u>3700</u>	<u>803</u>	<u>614</u>
27	<u>3800</u>	<u>816</u>	<u>624</u>
28	<u>3900</u>	<u>830</u>	<u>634</u>
29	<u>4000</u>	<u>843</u>	<u>643</u>
30	<u>4100</u>	<u>857</u>	<u>653</u>
31	<u>4200</u>	<u>867</u>	<u>660</u>
32	<u>4300</u>	<u>877</u>	<u>668</u>

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1	4400	<u>887</u>	<u>675</u>
2	<u>4500</u>	<u>896</u>	<u>682</u>
3	<u>4600</u>	<u>906</u>	<u>689</u>
4	<u>4700</u>	<u>916</u>	<u>697</u>
5	<u>4800</u>	<u>927</u>	<u>705</u>
6	<u>4900</u>	<u>939</u>	<u>714</u>
7	<u>5000</u>	<u>951</u>	<u>723</u>
8	<u>5100</u>	<u>963</u>	<u>732</u>
9	<u>5200</u>	<u>975</u>	<u>741</u>
10	<u>5300</u>	<u>987</u>	<u>750</u>
11	<u>5400</u>	<u>999</u>	<u>759</u>
12	<u>5500</u>	<u>1011</u>	<u>768</u>
13	<u>5600</u>	<u>1023</u>	<u>777</u>
14	<u>5700</u>	<u>1030</u>	<u>782</u>
15	<u>5800</u>	<u>1036</u>	<u>786</u>
16	<u>5900</u>	<u>1042</u>	<u>791</u>
17	<u>6000</u>	<u>1048</u>	<u>795</u>
18	<u>6100</u>	<u>1054</u>	800
19	<u>6200</u>	<u>1061</u>	<u>804</u>
20	<u>6300</u>	<u>1067</u>	<u>809</u>
21	<u>6400</u>	<u>1073</u>	<u>813</u>
22	<u>6500</u>	<u>1081</u>	<u>819</u>
23	<u>6600</u>	<u>1096</u>	<u>830</u>
24	<u>6700</u>	<u>1111</u>	<u>842</u>
25	<u>6800</u>	<u>1126</u>	<u>853</u>
26	<u>6900</u>	<u>1141</u>	<u>864</u>
27	<u>7000</u>	<u>1156</u>	<u>875</u>
28	<u>7100</u>	<u>1170</u>	<u>886</u>
29	<u>7200</u>	<u>1185</u>	<u>898</u>
30	<u>7300</u>	<u>1200</u>	909
31	<u>7400</u>	<u>1212</u>	<u>918</u>
32	<u>7500</u>	1222	<u>925</u>

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1	<u>7600</u>	<u>1231</u>	932
2	<u>7700</u>	<u>1241</u>	939
3	<u>7800</u>	<u>1251</u>	<u>946</u>
4	<u>7900</u>	<u>1261</u>	<u>953</u>
5	8000	<u>1270</u>	<u>960</u>
6	<u>8100</u>	1280	<u>968</u>
7	<u>8200</u>	<u>1290</u>	<u>975</u>
8	<u>8300</u>	<u>1299</u>	<u>981</u>
9	<u>8400</u>	<u>1308</u>	<u>987</u>
10	<u>8500</u>	<u>1316</u>	<u>994</u>
11	<u>8600</u>	<u>1325</u>	<u>1000</u>
12	<u>8700</u>	1334	<u>1007</u>
13	8800	<u>1343</u>	<u>1013</u>
14	<u>8900</u>	<u>1352</u>	<u>1019</u>
15	9000	<u>1361</u>	<u>1026</u>
16	<u>9100</u>	<u>1370</u>	<u>1032</u>
17	9200	<u>1379</u>	<u>1040</u>
18	<u>9300</u>	<u>1387</u>	<u>1047</u>
19	<u>9400</u>	<u>1396</u>	<u>1055</u>
20	<u>9500</u>	<u>1405</u>	<u>1062</u>
21	<u>9600</u>	<u>1414</u>	<u>1069</u>
22	<u>9700</u>	<u>1423</u>	<u>1077</u>
23	<u>9800</u>	<u>1432</u>	<u>1084</u>
24	<u>9900</u>	<u>1441</u>	<u>1092</u>
25	<u>10000</u>	<u>1451</u>	<u>1099</u>
26	<u>10100</u>	<u>1462</u>	<u>1107</u>
27	<u>10200</u>	<u>1473</u>	<u>1114</u>
28	<u>10300</u>	<u>1484</u>	<u>1122</u>
29	<u>10400</u>	<u>1495</u>	<u>1129</u>
30	10500	<u>1507</u>	<u>1136</u>
31	<u>10600</u>	<u>1518</u>	<u>1144</u>
32	<u>10700</u>	<u>1529</u>	<u>1151</u>

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1	<u>10800</u>	1539	<u>)</u>	<u>1159</u>
2	<u>10900</u>	<u>1542</u>	2	<u>1161</u>
3	<u>11000</u>	<u>1545</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1164</u>
4	<u>11100</u>	<u>1548</u>	3	<u>1166</u>
5	<u>11200</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>1169</u>
6	<u>11300</u>	<u>155</u> 4	<u>1</u>	<u>1172</u>
7	<u>11400</u>	1550	<u>5</u>	<u>1174</u>
8	<u>11500</u>	1559	<u>)</u>	<u>1177</u>
9	<u>11600</u>	<u>1562</u>	2	<u>1179</u>
10	<u>11700</u>	<u>1565</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1182</u>
11	<u>11800</u>	<u>1568</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1184</u>
12	<u>11900</u>	157	<u>L</u>	<u>1187</u>
13	12000	<u>1573</u>		<u>1190</u>
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15	COMBINED			
16	<u>MONTHLY</u>	THREE	<u>FOUR</u>	<u>FIVE</u>
17	<u>NET</u>	<u>CHILDREN</u>	<u>CHILDREN</u>	<u>CHILDREN</u>
18	INCOME	<u>FAMILY</u>	<u>FAMILY</u>	<u>FAMILY</u>
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20	For income less t	han \$1000 th	e obligation is l	pased upon
21	the resources and living expenses of each household.			
22	Minimum support may not be less than \$50 per child per			
23	month except when allowed by RCW 26.19.065(2).			
24	<u>1000</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>100</u>
25	<u>1100</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>110</u>
26	1200			
	<u>1200</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>120</u>
27	<u>1300</u>	163177	137 148	120 130
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	1300	<u>177</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>130</u>
28	1300 1400	<u>177</u> <u>191</u>	148 160	130 141
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1	<u>2000</u>	<u>271</u>	<u>227</u>	<u>200</u>
2	<u>2100</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>239</u>	<u>210</u>
3	<u>2200</u>	<u>298</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>220</u>
4	<u>2300</u>	<u>311</u>	<u>261</u>	<u>230</u>
5	<u>2400</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>239</u>
6	<u>2500</u>	<u>338</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>249</u>
7	<u>2600</u>	<u>351</u>	<u>294</u>	<u>259</u>
8	<u>2700</u>	<u>365</u>	<u>305</u>	<u>269</u>
9	<u>2800</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>317</u>	<u>279</u>
10	<u>2900</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>328</u>	<u>288</u>
11	<u>3000</u>	<u>405</u>	<u>339</u>	<u>298</u>
12	<u>3100</u>	<u>418</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>308</u>
13	<u>3200</u>	<u>431</u>	<u>361</u>	<u>318</u>
14	<u>3300</u>	<u>444</u>	<u>372</u>	<u>328</u>
15	<u>3400</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>337</u>
16	<u>3500</u>	<u>471</u>	<u>395</u>	<u>347</u>
17	<u>3600</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>406</u>	<u>357</u>
18	<u>3700</u>	<u>496</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>366</u>
19	<u>3800</u>	<u>503</u>	<u>422</u>	<u>371</u>
20	<u>3900</u>	<u>511</u>	<u>428</u>	<u>377</u>
21	4000	<u>518</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>382</u>
22	4100	<u>526</u>	<u>440</u>	<u>388</u>
23	<u>4200</u>	<u>531</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>392</u>
24	4300	<u>537</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>396</u>
25	<u>4400</u>	<u>543</u>	<u>455</u>	<u>400</u>
26	<u>4500</u>	<u>548</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>404</u>
27	<u>4600</u>	<u>554</u>	<u>464</u>	<u>408</u>
28	<u>4700</u>	<u>559</u>	<u>469</u>	<u>412</u>
29	<u>4800</u>	<u>566</u>	<u>474</u>	<u>417</u>
30	<u>4900</u>	<u>573</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>422</u>
31	<u>5000</u>	<u>580</u>	<u>486</u>	<u>428</u>
32	<u>5100</u>	<u>587</u>	<u>492</u>	<u>433</u>

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1	<u>5200</u>	<u>594</u>	498	<u>438</u>
2	<u>5300</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>504</u>	<u>443</u>
3	<u>5400</u>	<u>609</u>	<u>510</u>	<u>449</u>
4	<u>5500</u>	<u>616</u>	<u>516</u>	<u>454</u>
5	<u>5600</u>	<u>623</u>	<u>522</u>	<u>459</u>
6	<u>5700</u>	<u>627</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>462</u>
7	<u>5800</u>	<u>630</u>	<u>528</u>	<u>465</u>
8	<u>5900</u>	<u>634</u>	<u>531</u>	<u>467</u>
9	<u>6000</u>	<u>637</u>	<u>534</u>	<u>470</u>
10	<u>6100</u>	<u>641</u>	<u>537</u>	<u>472</u>
11	<u>6200</u>	<u>644</u>	<u>540</u>	<u>475</u>
12	<u>6300</u>	<u>648</u>	<u>543</u>	<u>477</u>
13	<u>6400</u>	<u>651</u>	<u>545</u>	<u>480</u>
14	<u>6500</u>	<u>656</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>483</u>
15	<u>6600</u>	<u>665</u>	<u>557</u>	<u>490</u>
16	<u>6700</u>	<u>674</u>	<u>564</u>	<u>497</u>
17	<u>6800</u>	<u>683</u>	<u>572</u>	<u>503</u>
18	<u>6900</u>	<u>692</u>	<u>579</u>	<u>510</u>
19	<u>7000</u>	<u>701</u>	<u>587</u>	<u>516</u>
20	<u>7100</u>	<u>710</u>	<u>594</u>	<u>523</u>
21	<u>7200</u>	<u>719</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>530</u>
22	<u>7300</u>	<u>727</u>	<u>609</u>	<u>536</u>
23	<u>7400</u>	<u>734</u>	<u>615</u>	<u>541</u>
24	<u>7500</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>620</u>	<u>545</u>
25	<u>7600</u>	<u>745</u>	<u>624</u>	<u>549</u>
26	<u>7700</u>	<u>751</u>	<u>629</u>	<u>554</u>
27	<u>7800</u>	<u>756</u>	<u>634</u>	<u>558</u>
28	<u>7900</u>	<u>762</u>	<u>638</u>	<u>562</u>
29	8000	<u>767</u>	<u>643</u>	<u>566</u>
30	<u>8100</u>	<u>773</u>	<u>647</u>	<u>570</u>
31	<u>8200</u>	<u>778</u>	<u>652</u>	<u>574</u>
32	8300	<u>783</u>	<u>656</u>	<u>577</u>

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1	<u>8400</u>	<u>788</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>581</u>
2	<u>8500</u>	<u>793</u>	<u>664</u>	<u>584</u>
3	8600	<u>797</u>	<u>668</u>	<u>588</u>
4	8700	<u>802</u>	<u>672</u>	<u>591</u>
5	8800	807	<u>676</u>	<u>595</u>
6	<u>8900</u>	<u>812</u>	<u>680</u>	<u>599</u>
7	9000	<u>817</u>	<u>684</u>	<u>602</u>
8	9100	<u>822</u>	<u>689</u>	<u>606</u>
9	9200	<u>828</u>	<u>694</u>	<u>611</u>
10	9300	<u>835</u>	<u>699</u>	<u>616</u>
11	9400	<u>841</u>	<u>705</u>	<u>620</u>
12	<u>9500</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>710</u>	<u>625</u>
13	<u>9600</u>	<u>854</u>	<u>716</u>	<u>630</u>
14	<u>9700</u>	<u>861</u>	<u>721</u>	<u>635</u>
15	<u>9800</u>	<u>867</u>	<u>727</u>	<u>639</u>
16	9900	<u>874</u>	<u>732</u>	<u>644</u>
17	10000	<u>879</u>	<u>737</u>	<u>648</u>
18	<u>10100</u>	<u>885</u>	<u>741</u>	<u>652</u>
19	10200	<u>890</u>	<u>745</u>	<u>656</u>
20	10300	<u>895</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>660</u>
21	<u>10400</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>754</u>	<u>664</u>
22	10500	<u>906</u>	<u>759</u>	<u>668</u>
23	<u>10600</u>	<u>911</u>	<u>763</u>	<u>672</u>
24	<u>10700</u>	<u>916</u>	<u>767</u>	<u>675</u>
25	<u>10800</u>	<u>921</u>	<u>772</u>	<u>679</u>
26	10900	<u>924</u>	<u>774</u>	<u>681</u>
27	<u>11000</u>	<u>926</u>	<u>776</u>	<u>683</u>
28	<u>11100</u>	<u>928</u>	<u>778</u>	<u>684</u>
29	<u>11200</u>	<u>931</u>	<u>780</u>	<u>686</u>
30	<u>11300</u>	<u>933</u>	<u>782</u>	<u>688</u>
31	<u>11400</u>	<u>936</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>690</u>
32	11500	<u>938</u>	<u>786</u>	<u>692</u>

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1	<u>11600</u>	<u>940</u>	<u>788</u>	<u>693</u>
2	<u>11700</u>	<u>943</u>	<u>790</u>	<u>695</u>
3	<u>11800</u>	<u>945</u>	<u>792</u>	<u>697</u>
4	<u>11900</u>	<u>948</u>	<u>794</u>	<u>699</u>
5	12000	<u>950</u>	<u>796</u>	<u>700</u>

The economic table is presumptive for combined monthly net incomes up to and including twelve thousand dollars. When combined monthly net income exceeds twelve thousand dollars, the court may exceed the presumptive amount of support set for combined monthly net incomes of twelve thousand dollars upon written findings of fact.

- **Sec. 4.** RCW 26.19.065 and 2009 c 84 s 2 are each amended to read 12 as follows:
 - (1) Limit at forty-five percent of a parent's net income. Neither parent's 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.
 - (a) Each child is entitled to a pro rata share of the income available for support, but the court only applies the pro rata share to the children in the case before the court.
 - (b) Before determining whether to apply the forty-five percent limitation, the court must consider whether it would be unjust to apply the 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 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) Presumptive minimum support obligation. (a) When a parent's monthly net income is below one hundred twenty-five percent of the federal poverty guideline for a one-person family, a support order of not less than fifty dollars per child per month shall be entered unless the obligor parent establishes that it would be unjust to do so in that particular case. The decision whether there is a

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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.

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- 7 The basic support obligation of the parent making the transfer payment, excluding health care, day care, and special child-8 rearing expenses, shall not reduce his or her net income below the 9 self-support reserve of one hundred twenty-five percent of the 10 federal poverty level for a one-person family, except for the 11 presumptive minimum payment of fifty dollars per child per month or 12 when it would be unjust to apply the self-support reserve limitation 13 14 after considering the best interests of the child circumstances of each parent. Such circumstances include, but are not 15 16 limited to, leaving insufficient funds in the custodial parent's 17 household to meet the basic needs of the child, comparative hardship to the affected households, assets or liabilities, and earning 18 capacity. This section shall not be construed to require monthly 19 substantiation of income. 20
 - (3) Income above twelve thousand dollars. The economic table is presumptive for combined monthly net incomes up to and including twelve thousand dollars. When combined monthly net income exceeds twelve thousand dollars, the court may exceed the presumptive amount of support set for combined monthly net incomes of twelve thousand dollars upon written findings of fact.
- 27 **Sec. 5.** RCW 26.19.075 and 2009 c 84 s 4 are each amended to read 28 as follows:
- 29 (1) Reasons for deviation from the standard calculation include 30 but are not limited to the following:
- 31 (a) Sources of income and tax planning. The court may deviate 32 from the standard calculation after consideration of the following:
- (i) Income of a new spouse or new domestic partner if the parent 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;
- 38 (ii) Income of other adults in the household if the parent who is 39 living with the other adult is asking for a deviation based on any

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- other reason. Income of the other adults in the household is not, by itself, a sufficient reason for deviation;
- 3 (iii) Child support actually received from other relationships;
- 4 (iv) Gifts;
- 5 (v) Prizes;

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- 6 (vi) Possession of wealth, including but not limited to savings, 7 investments, real estate holdings and business interests, vehicles, 8 boats, pensions, bank accounts, insurance plans, or other assets;
- 9 (vii) Extraordinary income of a child;
- 10 (viii) Tax planning considerations. A deviation for tax planning 11 may be granted only if the child would not receive a lesser economic 12 benefit due to the tax planning; or
- (ix) Income that has been excluded under RCW $26.19.071(4)((\frac{h}{h}))$ 14 (i) 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.
- 24 (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;
- 27 (ii) A significant disparity in the living costs of the parents 28 due to conditions beyond their control;
 - (iii) Special needs of disabled children;
- 30 (iv) Special medical, educational, or psychological needs of the 31 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

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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

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- 1 consider reasons for deviation until the court determines the 2 standard 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 5 affect the support obligation.
- 6 (5) Agreement of the parties is not by itself adequate reason for any deviations from the standard calculation.
- 8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 26.19 9 RCW to read as follows:
- 10 (1) The court may make an adjustment to the standard calculation 11 when the obligor has children not before the court, subject to the 12 provisions in this section and the limitations in RCW 26.19.065. If 13 the court adjusts the standard calculation, it shall use the whole 14 family formula as provided in this section.
- 15 (2) The child support schedule must first be applied to the 16 parents and the children before the court to determine the standard 17 amount of support.

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- (3) Children not before the court must not be counted in the number of children for purposes of determining the standard calculation, but must be counted in the adjusted calculation for the obligor parent.
- 22 (4) Stepchildren are not considered children not before the court 23 but may be considered as a reason to deviate from either the standard 24 or the adjusted calculation of support.
- (5) When the court has determined that either or both parents have children not before the court, adjustments under this section must be based on considerations of the total circumstances of both households including the children of either parent who do not live in the household of the parents. Both parents shall disclose, and the court shall consider, all child support obligations paid, received, and owed for all children.
 - (6) The court may not adjust the standard calculation on the basis of children not before the court if:
 - (a) Adjusting the standard calculation would result in insufficient funds to meet the basic needs of the children in the receiving household and, when taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances, the application of the adjustment would be unjust;

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- (b) The obligee's net income before receiving the support transfer payment is at or below one hundred twenty-five percent of the federal poverty level guidelines for the obligee's household size, including both children before the court and children not before the court; or
- 6 (c) It is shown that the obligor parent has not actually paid the
 7 child support owed for the obligor's children not before the court
 8 who do not live with the obligor, unless there is a reasonable
 9 justification for the obligor's nonpayment. When considering whether
 10 a reasonable justification exists, the court shall consider the
 11 obligor's ability to make full payments of the child support owed for
 12 the obligor's children not before the court.
 - (7) The whole family formula requires the court to:

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- 14 (a) Determine the total number of children before the court and 15 the total number of children not before the court for the obligor 16 parent;
 - (b) Determine the monthly basic support obligation from the economic table based on the combined monthly net income of the parents before the court and the obligor's total number of children as determined in (a) of this subsection;
 - (c) Multiply the monthly basic child support obligation by the obligor's proportional share of the combined monthly net income. This amount is the adjusted basic support obligation owed by the obligor parent for the children before the court.
- 25 (8) If the court does not establish the adjusted calculation 26 determined by this section, the court shall set forth specific 27 findings for not doing so in the order of child support.
- 28 **Sec. 7.** RCW 26.19.090 and 1991 sp.s. c 28 s 7 are each amended 29 to read as follows:
- 30 (1) The child support schedule shall be advisory and not 31 mandatory for postsecondary educational support.
- 32 (2)(a) When considering whether to order support for 33 postsecondary educational expenses, the court shall determine whether 34 the child is in fact dependent and is relying upon the parents for 35 the reasonable necessities of life.
- (b) Before determining the parents' obligations for postsecondary
 educational support, the court shall consider all grants and
 scholarships awarded to the child, including work-study opportunities
 if an actual work-study position is available for the child, and

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- subtract those amounts from the total cost of postsecondary educational support to determine the unmet need for postsecondary educational support.
- (3) The court shall exercise its discretion when determining whether and for how long to award postsecondary educational support based upon consideration of factors that include but are not limited to the following:
 - (a) Age of the child;
- 9 (b) The child's needs;

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- 10 <u>(c) The expectations of the parties for their children when the</u> 11 parents were together;
- 12 <u>(d)</u> The child's prospects, desires, aptitudes, abilities or 13 disabilities;
 - (e) The nature of the postsecondary education sought; ((and))
- 15 <u>(f)</u> The parents' level of education, standard of living, and current and future resources((. Also to be considered are)); and
- 17 <u>(g) The amount and type of support that the child would have been</u> 18 afforded if the parents had stayed together.
 - (((3)))(4) If one or both parents saved separately for postsecondary educational support and paid those amounts directly to the educational institution or the child, those amounts should be considered part of the parent's share of postsecondary educational support.
 - (5) The child must enroll in an accredited academic or vocational school, must be actively pursuing a course of study commensurate with the child's vocational goals, and must be in good academic standing as defined by the institution. ((The court-ordered postsecondary educational support shall be automatically suspended during the period or periods the child fails to comply with these conditions.
 - (4))(6)(a) Unless the support order provides otherwise, a parent may suspend payment of postsecondary educational support based on the child's failure to be enrolled in an accredited academic or vocational school, failure to actively pursue a course of study commensurate with the child's vocational goals, or failure to be in good academic standing as defined by the institution.
- 36 <u>(b) The obligation to pay postsecondary educational support</u>
 37 <u>remains suspended until the child is in compliance with subsection</u>
 38 <u>(5) of this section.</u>
- (c) If there is a dispute between the parents or between the parent and the child regarding the child's compliance, either parent

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1 may file a motion with the court to seek resolution of the dispute, unless the order establishing the obligation to pay postsecondary educational support provides otherwise. 3

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(7) The child shall also make available all academic records and grades to both parents as a condition of receiving postsecondary educational support. Each parent shall have full and equal access to the postsecondary education records as provided in RCW 26.09.225.

(((5)))(8) The court shall not order the payment of postsecondary educational expenses beyond the child's twenty-third birthday, except for exceptional circumstances, such as mental, physical, or emotional disabilities.

(((6)))(9)(a) The court shall direct that either or both parents' payments for postsecondary educational expenses be made directly to the educational institution if feasible.

(b) If direct payments are not feasible, then the court in its discretion may order that either or both parents' payments be made directly to the child if the child does not reside with either parent.

(c) If the child resides with one of the parents the court may direct that the parent making the postsecondary educational support transfer payments make the payments to the child or to the parent ((who has been receiving the support transfer payments)) with whom the child is residing. If the child's living situation changes, that change shall be a basis to change the terms of the postsecondary educational support transfer payment to the other parent.

(d) If the child's living situation changes so that the child is no longer residing with either parent, both parents shall make the payments to the educational institution, if feasible, or to the child.

30 NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. This act takes effect October 1, 2015.

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