1   On page 8, after line 30, insert the following:

2   "**PART III**

3   **ANNUAL FEE FOR SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SERVICES**

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5   **Sec. 4.** RCW 74.20.040 and 2012 1st sp.s. c 4 s 1 are each

6 amended to read as follows:

7   (1) Whenever the department receives an application for public

8 assistance on behalf of a child, the department shall take

9 appropriate action under the provisions of this chapter, chapter

10 74.20A RCW, or other appropriate statutes of this state to establish

11 or enforce support obligations against the parent or other persons

12 owing a duty to pay support moneys.

13   (2) The secretary may accept a request for support enforcement

14 services on behalf of persons who are not recipients of public

15 assistance and may take appropriate action to establish or enforce

16 support obligations against the parent or other persons owing a duty

17 to pay moneys. The secretary may condition requests accepted under

18 this subsection ((may be conditioned)) upon the payment of a fee as

19 required by subsection (6) of this section or through regulation

20 issued by the secretary. The secretary may establish by regulation,

21 reasonable standards and qualifications for support enforcement

22 services ((under this subsection)) provided to persons who are not

23 currently receiving public assistance.

24   (3) The secretary may accept requests for support enforcement

25 services from child support enforcement agencies in other states

26 operating child support programs under Title IV-D of the social

27 security act or from foreign countries, and may take appropriate

action to establish and enforce support obligations, or to enforce
subpoenas, information requests, orders for genetic testing, and
collection actions issued by the other agency against the parent or
other person owing a duty to pay support moneys, the parent or other
person's employer, or any other person or entity properly subject to
child support collection or information-gathering processes. The
request shall contain and be accompanied by such information and
documentation as the secretary may by rule require, and be signed by
an authorized representative of the agency. The secretary may adopt
rules setting forth the duration and nature of services provided
under this subsection.

(4) The department may take action to establish, enforce, and
collect a support obligation, including performing related services,
under this chapter and chapter 74.20A RCW, or through the attorney
general or prosecuting attorney for action under chapter 26.09,
26.18, 26.20, 26.21A, 26.26A, or ((26.26)) 26.26B RCW or other
appropriate statutes or the common law of this state.

(5) Whenever a support order is filed with the Washington state
support registry under chapter 26.23 RCW, the department may take
appropriate action under the provisions of this chapter, chapter
26.23 or 74.20A RCW, or other appropriate law of this state to
establish or enforce the support obligations contained in that order
against the responsible parent or other persons owing a duty to pay
support moneys.

(6)(a) Effective October 1, 2019, the secretary((, in the case
of an individual who has never received assistance under a state
program funded under part A and for whom the state has collected at
least five hundred dollars of support,)) shall impose an annual fee
of ((twenty-five)) thirty-five dollars for each case in which
support enforcement services are furnished((, which)) where:

(i) The person entitled to receive support has never received
assistance under the temporary assistance for needy families
program, the aid for dependent families and children program, or a
tribal temporary assistance for needy families program; and

1   (ii) The state has collected at least five hundred fifty dollars
2 of support.
3   (b) The annual fee shall be retained by the state from support
4 collected on behalf of the ((individual)) person entitled to receive
5 support, but not from the first five hundred fifty dollars of support.
6   (c) The secretary may, on showing of necessity, waive or defer
7 any such fee or cost.
8   (7) Fees, due and owing, may be retained from support payments
9 directly or collected as delinquent support moneys utilizing any of
10 the remedies in this chapter ((74.20 RCW)), chapter 74.20A ((RCW,
11 chapter)) or 26.21A RCW, or any other remedy at law or equity
12 available to the department or any agencies with whom it has a
13 cooperative or contractual arrangement to establish, enforce, or
14 collect support moneys or support obligations.
15   (8) The secretary may waive the fee, or any portion thereof, as
16 a part of a compromise of disputed claims or may grant partial or
17 total charge off of said fee if the secretary finds there are no
18 available, practical, or lawful means by which said fee may be
19 collected or to facilitate payment of the amount of delinquent
20 support moneys or fees owed.
21   (9) The secretary shall adopt rules conforming to federal laws,
22 including but not limited to complying with section 7310 of the
23 federal deficit reduction act of 2005, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 654, and rules
24 and regulations required to be observed in maintaining the state child
25 support enforcement program required under Title IV-D of the federal
26 social security act. The adoption of these rules shall be calculated
27 to promote the cost-effective use of the agency's resources and not
28 otherwise cause the agency to divert its resources from its essential
29 functions."
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31   Correct the title.
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   EFFECT: Changes requirements governing the fee for support
 enforcement services for persons who have never received certain

public assistance by: (a) increasing the fee from $25 to $35; and
(b) providing that the fee may be retained from collected support
after $550 (rather than $500) of child support is collected.

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