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**SHB 2155 - H AMD 178 ADOPTED 3-18-91**

2 By Representatives Scott, Appelwick, Locke and Silver

3 On page 7, beginning on line 13, strike section 9 and 10 and  
4 insert the following section:

5 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. (1) Any state funds appropriated in the  
6 omnibus operating budget appropriations act for the 1991-93  
7 biennium to the office of the administrator for the courts for the  
8 purposes of funding county family courts and county family court  
9 services shall be distributed to the eligible counties as provided  
10 in this section.

11 (2) Any appropriation in the omnibus operating budget  
12 appropriations act for the purposes of implementing this section is  
13 contingent on an equal amount of money being provided by the county  
14 from nonstate sources, whether public or private.

15 (3) Any county that has implemented or has committed to  
16 implement a family court and family court services on or before  
17 January 1, 1993, is eligible for available appropriated state funds  
18 if the county: (a) Obtains approval of an application under  
19 subsection (4) of this section; and (b) Commits to spend money from  
20 public or private nonstate funding sources over a one-year period  
21 beginning on the date the county receives state funding, in an  
22 amount that is equal to or greater than the state funds distributed  
23 to the county under subsection (4) of this section. Any state  
24 funding is contingent on the county maintaining the family court

1 and the family court services over the one-year period after  
2 disbursement of state funds to the county.

3 (4) The office of the administrator for the courts shall  
4 accept applications for state funds until March 1, 1992. After the  
5 application period expires, the office of the administrator for the  
6 courts shall determine each eligible county's percentage of the  
7 funds appropriated for family courts and family court services. An  
8 eligible county's percentage share of the appropriated funds shall  
9 be the same percentage as the number of cases filed in that county  
10 under Title 26 RCW, divided by the number of cases filed under  
11 Title 26 in all the eligible counties. The initial determination of  
12 the number of case filings in each eligible county shall be based  
13 upon the office of the administrator for the courts' most recent  
14 annual report. The office of the administrator for the courts shall  
15 adjust the calculation of the number of filings in each county if  
16 any county has a disproportionate number of filings due to changes  
17 of venue or cases in which both parties live in another county. The  
18 office of the administrator for the courts may begin disbursing the  
19 state funds by July 1, 1992 to eligible counties. The office of  
20 the administrator for the courts shall disburse the state funds not  
21 later than January 1, 1993 to eligible counties. The counties must  
22 use the state funds over a one year period from the date of  
23 disbursement.

24 (5) The office of the administrator for the courts shall  
25 develop an application form for applying for state funds under this  
26 subsection. The office of the administrator for the courts shall

1 develop rules to determine whether a county applying for state  
2 funds a) has implemented or has committed to implement a family  
3 court and family court services under this chapter; b) has  
4 committed nonstate funds for a one year period following  
5 disbursement of the state funds to continue the family court and  
6 the family court services through that one year period; and c) has  
7 spent the matching funds required to obtain the state funds.

8 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct internal  
9 references accordingly

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11 By Representative Pat Scott

12 On page 8, line 8, after "through" strike "10" and insert "8"

13 On page 8, line 12, strike "sections 9 and 10" and insert  
14 "section 9"

15 On page 8, line 13, strike "sections 9 and 10" and insert  
16 "section 9"

17 On page 8, line 13, strike "are" and insert "is"

EFFECT: The section requiring the counties to implement family court services no later than January 1, 1993 is stricken. Instead, subject to funding in the budget, the counties that implement a family court and family court services may apply to the office of the administrator for the courts for state funding. The funds will be distributed according to a percentage formula based upon the

number of domestic relations cases filed in the county divided by the total number of domestic relations cases filed by the eligible counties. The counties must continue to match the state appropriation and must continue the family court and family court services for one year following the award. The office of the administrator for the courts must develop rules to implement the section.

Technical references to the amended sections are made.