

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 6581

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STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS FOR PERSONS
WITH INCOMES OF LESS THAN SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS--REVISIONS

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President of the Senate

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CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

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CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6581** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MIKE O'CONNELL

Secretary

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SENATE BILL 6581

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By Senators Roach and Fairley

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1 AN ACT Relating to standards for determining child support
2 obligations for parents with a combined monthly net income of less than
3 six hundred dollars; and amending RCW 26.19.065 and 26.19.020.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.19.065 and 1991 c 367 s 33 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) **Limit at forty-five percent of a parent's net income.** Neither
8 parent's total child support obligation may exceed forty-five percent
9 of net income except for good cause shown. Good cause includes but is
10 not limited to possession of substantial wealth, children with day care
11 expenses, special medical need, educational need, psychological need,
12 and larger families.

13 (2) **Income below six hundred dollars.** When combined monthly net
14 income is less than six hundred dollars, a support order of not less
15 than twenty-five dollars per child per month shall be entered for each
16 parent unless the obligor parent establishes that it would be unjust or
17 inappropriate to do so in that particular case. The decision whether
18 there is a sufficient basis to deviate below the presumptive minimum
19 payment must take into consideration the best interests of the child

1 and the circumstances of each parent. Such circumstances can include
 2 comparative hardship to the affected households, assets or liabilities,
 3 and earning capacity. A parent's support obligation shall not reduce
 4 his or her net income below the need standard for one person
 5 established pursuant to RCW 74.04.770, except for the ((mandatory))
 6 presumptive minimum payment of twenty-five dollars per child per month
 7 ((as required in this section)) or in cases where the court finds
 8 reasons for deviation ((under section 32 of this act)). This section
 9 shall not be construed to require monthly substantiation of income.

10 (3) **Income above five thousand and seven thousand dollars.** The
 11 economic table is presumptive for combined monthly net incomes up to
 12 and including five thousand dollars. When combined monthly net income
 13 exceeds five thousand dollars, support shall not be set at an amount
 14 lower than the presumptive amount of support set for combined monthly
 15 net incomes of five thousand dollars unless the court finds a reason to
 16 deviate below that amount. The economic table is advisory but not
 17 presumptive for combined monthly net incomes that exceed five thousand
 18 dollars. When combined monthly net income exceeds seven thousand
 19 dollars, the court may set support at an advisory amount of support set
 20 for combined monthly net incomes between five thousand and seven
 21 thousand dollars or the court may exceed the advisory amount of support
 22 set for combined monthly net incomes of seven thousand dollars upon
 23 written findings of fact.

24 **Sec. 2.** RCW 26.19.020 and 1991 c 367 s 25 are each amended to read
 25 as follows:

26 ECONOMIC TABLE
 27 MONTHLY BASIC SUPPORT OBLIGATION
 28 PER CHILD
 29 KEY: A = AGE 0-11 B = AGE 12-18

30 COMBINED	31 ONE		32 TWO	
31 MONTHLY	32 CHILD		33 CHILDREN	
32 NET	33 FAMILY		34 FAMILY	
33 INCOME	34		35	
	35 A	35 B	35 A	35 B
	36	36	36	36

1 0
 2 100
 3 200
 4 300 For income less than \$600 the obligation
 5 400 is based upon the resources and living expenses
 6 500 of each household. Minimum support shall not
 7 be less than \$25 per child per month except when
 8 allowed by RCW 26.19.065(2).

9	600	133	164	103	127
10	700	155	191	120	148
11	800	177	218	137	170
12	900	199	246	154	191
13	1000	220	272	171	211
14	1100	242	299	188	232
15	1200	264	326	205	253
16	1300	285	352	221	274
17	1400	307	379	238	294
18	1500	327	404	254	313
19	1600	347	428	269	333
20	1700	367	453	285	352
21	1800	387	478	300	371
22	1900	407	503	316	390
23	2000	427	527	331	409
24	2100	447	552	347	429
25	2200	467	577	362	448
26	2300	487	601	378	467
27	2400	506	626	393	486
28	2500	526	650	408	505
29	2600	534	661	416	513
30	2700	542	670	421	520
31	2800	549	679	427	527
32	2900	556	686	431	533
33	3000	561	693	436	538
34	3100	566	699	439	543
35	3200	569	704	442	546
36	3300	573	708	445	549
37	3400	574	710	446	551
38	3500	575	711	447	552
39	3600	577	712	448	553

1	3700	578	713	449	554
2	3800	581	719	452	558
3	3900	596	736	463	572
4	4000	609	753	473	584
5	4100	623	770	484	598
6	4200	638	788	495	611
7	4300	651	805	506	625
8	4400	664	821	516	637
9	4500	677	836	525	649
10	4600	689	851	535	661
11	4700	701	866	545	673
12	4800	713	882	554	685
13	4900	726	897	564	697
14	5000	738	912	574	708
15	5100	751	928	584	720
16	5200	763	943	593	732
17	5300	776	959	602	744
18	5400	788	974	612	756
19	5500	800	989	622	768
20	5600	812	1004	632	779
21	5700	825	1019	641	791
22	5800	837	1035	650	803
23	5900	850	1050	660	815
24	6000	862	1065	670	827
25	6100	875	1081	680	839
26	6200	887	1096	689	851
27	6300	899	1112	699	863
28	6400	911	1127	709	875
29	6500	924	1142	718	887
30	6600	936	1157	728	899
31	6700	949	1172	737	911
32	6800	961	1188	747	923
33	6900	974	1203	757	935
34	7000	986	1218	767	946

1	COMBINED						
2	MONTHLY	THREE		FOUR		FIVE	
3	NET	CHILDREN		CHILDREN		CHILDREN	
4	INCOME	FAMILY		FAMILY		FAMILY	
5							
6		A	B	A	B	A	B
7							
8	0						
9	100						
10	200						
11	300	For income less than \$600 the obligation					
12	400	is based upon the resources and living expenses					
13	500	of each household. Minimum support shall not be					
14		less than \$25 per child per month <u>except when allowed by</u>					
15		<u>RCW 26.19.065(2).</u>					
16	600	86	106	73	90	63	78
17	700	100	124	85	105	74	91
18	800	115	142	97	120	84	104
19	900	129	159	109	135	95	118
20	1000	143	177	121	149	105	130
21	1100	157	194	133	164	116	143
22	1200	171	211	144	179	126	156
23	1300	185	228	156	193	136	168
24	1400	199	246	168	208	147	181
25	1500	212	262	179	221	156	193
26	1600	225	278	190	235	166	205
27	1700	238	294	201	248	175	217
28	1800	251	310	212	262	185	228
29	1900	264	326	223	275	194	240
30	2000	277	342	234	289	204	252
31	2100	289	358	245	303	213	264
32	2200	302	374	256	316	223	276
33	2300	315	390	267	330	233	288
34	2400	328	406	278	343	242	299
35	2500	341	421	288	356	251	311
36	2600	346	428	293	362	256	316
37	2700	351	435	298	368	259	321
38	2800	356	440	301	372	262	324
39	2900	360	445	305	376	266	328

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2	3100	367	453	310	383	270	334
3	3200	369	457	312	386	272	336
4	3300	371	459	314	388	273	339
5	3400	372	460	315	389	274	340
6	3500	373	461	316	390	275	341
7	3600	374	462	317	391	276	342
8	3700	375	463	318	392	277	343
9	3800	377	466	319	394	278	344
10	3900	386	477	326	404	284	352
11	4000	395	488	334	413	291	360
12	4100	404	500	341	422	298	368
13	4200	413	511	350	431	305	377
14	4300	422	522	357	441	311	385
15	4400	431	532	364	449	317	392
16	4500	438	542	371	458	323	400
17	4600	446	552	377	467	329	407
18	4700	455	562	384	475	335	414
19	4800	463	572	391	483	341	422
20	4900	470	581	398	491	347	429
21	5000	479	592	404	500	353	437
22	5100	487	602	411	509	359	443
23	5200	494	611	418	517	365	451
24	5300	503	621	425	525	371	458
25	5400	511	632	432	533	377	466
26	5500	518	641	439	542	383	473
27	5600	527	651	446	551	389	480
28	5700	535	661	452	559	395	488
29	5800	543	671	459	567	401	495
30	5900	551	681	466	575	407	502
31	6000	559	691	473	584	413	509
32	6100	567	701	479	593	418	517
33	6200	575	710	486	601	424	524
34	6300	583	721	493	609	430	532
35	6400	591	731	500	617	436	539
36	6500	599	740	506	626	442	546
37	6600	607	750	513	635	448	554
38	6700	615	761	520	643	454	561

1	6800	623	770	527	651	460	568
2	6900	631	780	533	659	466	575
3	7000	639	790	540	668	472	583

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