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1   AN ACT Relating to implementing recommendations of the 2023 child
2 support schedule work group; amending RCW 26.19.065, 26.19.071,
3 26.19.080, 26.09.170, 26.23.050, 74.20A.055, 74.20A.056, 74.20A.059,
4 and 26.19.020; reenacting and amending RCW 26.09.004; adding new
5 sections to chapter 26.09 RCW; creating a new section; and providing
6 an expiration date.

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

8   **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.19.065 and 2018 c 150 s 401 are each amended to
9 read as follows:
10   (1) **Limit at ((forty-five)) 45 percent of a parent's net income.**
11 Neither parent's child support obligation owed for all his or her
12 biological or legal children may exceed ((forty-five)) 45 percent of
13 net income except for good cause shown.
14   (a) Each child is entitled to a pro rata share of the income
15 available for support, but the court only applies the pro rata share
16 to the children in the case before the court.
17   (b) Before determining whether to apply the ((forty-five)) 45
18 percent limitation, the court must consider whether it would be
19 unjust to apply the limitation after considering the best interests
20 of the child and the circumstances of each parent. Such circumstances
21 include, but are not limited to, leaving insufficient funds in the

1 custodial parent's household to meet the basic needs of the child,
2 comparative hardship to the affected households, assets or
3 liabilities, and any involuntary limits on either parent's earning
4 capacity including incarceration, disabilities, or incapacity.

5   (c) Good cause includes, but is not limited to, possession of
6 substantial wealth, children with day care expenses, special medical
7 need, educational need, psychological need, and larger families.

8   (2) **Presumptive minimum support obligation.** (a) When a parent's
9 monthly net income is below ((one hundred twenty-five)) 125 percent
10 of the federal poverty guideline for a one-person family, a support
11 order of not less than ((fifty dollars)) $50 per child per month
12 shall be entered unless the obligor parent establishes that it would
13 be unjust to do so in that particular case. The decision whether
14 there is a sufficient basis to deviate below the presumptive minimum
15 payment must take into consideration the best interests of the child
16 and the circumstances of each parent. Such circumstances can include
17 leaving insufficient funds in the custodial parent's household to
18 meet the basic needs of the child, comparative hardship to the
19 affected households, assets or liabilities, and earning capacity.

20   (b) The basic support obligation of the parent making the
21 transfer payment, excluding health care, day care, and special child-
22 rearing expenses, shall not reduce his or her net income below the
23 self-support reserve of ((one hundred twenty-five)) 180 percent of
24 the federal poverty level for a one-person family, except for the
25 presumptive minimum payment of ((fifty dollars)) $50 per child per
26 month or when it would be unjust to apply the self-support reserve
27 limitation after considering the best interests of the child and the
28 circumstances of each parent. Such circumstances include, but are not
29 limited to, leaving insufficient funds in the custodial parent's
30 household to meet the basic needs of the child, comparative hardship
31 to the affected households, assets or liabilities, and earning
32 capacity. This section shall not be construed to require monthly
33 substantiation of income.

34   (c)(i) When a parent's income is greater than the self-support
35 reserve of 180 percent of the federal poverty level for a one-person
36 household, neither parent's basic child support obligation owed for
37 all of his or her biological or legal children may reduce that
38 parent's income below the self-support reserve of 180 percent of the
39 federal poverty guideline for a one-person household except for the
40 presumptive minimum of $50 per child per month.

1   (ii) Each child is entitled to a pro rata share of the income
2   available for support but the court only applies the pro rata share
3   to the children in the case before the court. Before determining
4   whether to apply this limitation, the court should consider whether
5   it would be unjust to apply the limitation after considering the best
6   interests of the child and the circumstances of each parent. Such
7   circumstances may include leaving insufficient funds in the custodial
8   parent's household to meet the basic needs of the child, comparative
9   hardship to the affected households, assets or liabilities, and
10   earning capacity.

11   (3) **Income above ((twelve thousand dollars)) $50,000**. The
12   economic table is presumptive for combined monthly net incomes up to
13   and including ((twelve thousand dollars)) $50,000. When combined
14   monthly net income exceeds ((twelve thousand dollars)) $50,000, the
15   court may exceed the presumptive amount of support set for combined
16   monthly net incomes of ((twelve thousand dollars)) $50,000 upon
17   written findings of fact.

18   **Sec. 2.** RCW 26.19.071 and 2020 c 227 s 2 are each amended to
19   read as follows:
20   (1) **Consideration of all income.** All income and resources of each
21   parent's household shall be disclosed and considered by the court
22   when the court determines the child support obligation of each
23   parent. Only the income of the parents of the children whose support
24   is at issue shall be calculated for purposes of calculating the basic
25   support obligation. Income and resources of any other person shall
26   not be included in calculating the basic support obligation.
27   (2) **Verification of income.** Tax returns for the preceding two
28   years and current paystubs shall be provided to verify income and
29   deductions. Other sufficient verification shall be required for
30   income and deductions which do not appear on tax returns or paystubs.
31   (3) **Income sources included in gross monthly income**. Except as
32   specifically excluded in subsection (4) of this section, monthly
33   gross income shall include income from any source, including:
34   (a) Salaries;
35   (b) Wages;
36   (c) Commissions;
37   (d) Deferred compensation;
38   (e) Overtime, except as excluded for income in subsection (4)(i)
39   of this section;

(f) Contract-related benefits;

(g) Income from second jobs, except as excluded for income in subsection (4)(i) of this section;

(h) Dividends;

(i) Interest;

(j) Trust income;

(k) Severance pay;

(l) Annuities;

(m) Capital gains;

(n) Pension retirement benefits;

(o) Workers' compensation;

(p) Unemployment benefits;

(q) Maintenance actually received;

(r) Bonuses;

(s) Social security benefits;

(t) Disability insurance benefits; and

(u) Income from self-employment, rent, royalties, contracts, proprietorship of a business, or joint ownership of a partnership or closely held corporation.

(4) **Income sources excluded from gross monthly income.** The following income and resources shall be disclosed but shall not be included in gross income:

(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;

(c) Gifts and prizes;

(d) Temporary assistance for needy families;

(e) Supplemental security income;

(f) Aged, blind, or disabled assistance benefits;

(g) Pregnant women assistance benefits;

(h) Food stamps; and

(i) Overtime or income from second jobs beyond ((forty)) 40 hours per week averaged over a ((twelve)) 12-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 has paid off his or her debts.

Receipt of income and resources from temporary assistance for needy families, supplemental security income, aged, blind, or disabled assistance benefits, and food stamps shall not be a reason to deviate from the standard calculation.

(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;

(b) Federal insurance contributions act deductions;

(c) Mandatory pension plan payments;

(d) Mandatory union or professional dues;

(e) Mandatory state insurance premiums actually paid;

(f) State industrial insurance premiums;

((~~(f)~~)) (g) Court-ordered maintenance to the extent actually paid;

((~~(g)~~)) (h) Up to ((~~five thousand dollars~~)) $5,000 per year in voluntary retirement contributions actually made if the contributions 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)~~)) (i) 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 assets, residence, employment and earnings history, job skills, educational attainment, literacy, health, age, criminal record, dependency court obligations, and other employment barriers, record of seeking work, the local job market, the availability of employers willing to hire the parent, the prevailing earnings level in the local community, 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 support 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-

1 ordered reunification efforts under chapter 13.34 RCW or under a
2 voluntary placement agreement with an agency supervising the child.
3   (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, in the absence
4 of records of a parent's actual earnings, the court shall impute a
5 parent's income in the following order of priority:
6   (i) Full-time earnings at the current rate of pay;
7   (ii) Full-time earnings at the historical rate of pay based on
8 reliable information, such as employment security department data;
9   (iii) Full-time earnings at a past rate of pay where information
10 is incomplete or sporadic;
11   (iv) Earnings of ((thirty-two)) 32 hours per week at minimum wage
12 in the jurisdiction where the parent resides if the parent is on or
13 recently coming off temporary assistance for needy families or
14 recently coming off aged, blind, or disabled assistance benefits,
15 pregnant women assistance benefits, essential needs and housing
16 support, supplemental security income, or disability, has recently
17 been released from incarceration, or is a recent high school
18 graduate. Imputation of earnings at ((thirty-two)) 32 hours per week
19 under this subsection is a rebuttable presumption;
20   (v) Full-time earnings at minimum wage in the jurisdiction where
21 the parent resides if the parent has a recent history of minimum wage
22 earnings, has never been employed and has no earnings history, or has
23 no significant earnings history;
24   (vi) Median net monthly income of year-round full-time workers as
25 derived from the United States bureau of census, current population
26 reports, or such replacement report as published by the bureau of
27 census.
28   (b) When a parent is currently enrolled in high school full-time,
29 the court shall consider the totality of the circumstances of both
30 parents when determining whether each parent is voluntarily
31 unemployed or voluntarily underemployed. If a parent who is currently
32 enrolled in high school is determined to be voluntarily unemployed or
33 voluntarily underemployed, the court shall impute income at earnings
34 of ((twenty)) 20 hours per week at minimum wage in the jurisdiction
35 where that parent resides. Imputation of earnings at ((twenty)) 20
36 hours per week under this subsection is a rebuttable presumption.

37   **Sec. 3.** RCW 26.19.080 and 2009 c 84 s 5 are each amended to read
38 as follows:

1   (1) The basic child support obligation derived from the economic
2   table shall be allocated between the parents based on each parent's
3   share of the combined monthly net income.

4   (2) Health care costs are not included in the economic table.
5   Monthly health care costs shall be shared by the parents in the same
6   proportion as the basic child support obligation. Health care costs
7   shall include, but not be limited to, medical, dental, orthodontia,
8   vision, chiropractic, mental health treatment, prescription
9   medications, and other similar costs for care and treatment.

10   (3) Day care and special child rearing expenses, such as tuition
11   and long-distance transportation costs to and from the parents for
12   visitation purposes, are not included in the economic table. These
13   expenses shall be shared by the parents in the same proportion as the
14   basic child support obligation. If an obligor pays court or
15   administratively ordered day care or special child rearing expenses
16   that are not actually incurred, the obligee must reimburse the
17   obligor for the overpayment if the overpayment amounts to at least
18   ((twenty)) 20 percent of the obligor's annual day care or special
19   child rearing expenses. The obligor may institute an action in the
20   superior court or file an application for an adjudicative hearing
21   with the department of social and health services for reimbursement
22   of day care and special child rearing expense overpayments that
23   amount to ((twenty)) 20 percent or more of the obligor's annual day
24   care and special child rearing expenses. Any ordered overpayment
25   reimbursement shall be applied first as an offset to child support
26   arrearages of the obligor. If the obligor does not have child support
27   arrearages, the reimbursement may be in the form of a direct
28   reimbursement by the obligee or a credit against the obligor's future
29   support payments. If the reimbursement is in the form of a credit
30   against the obligor's future child support payments, the credit shall
31   be spread equally over a ((twelve)) 12-month period. Absent agreement
32   of the obligee, nothing in this section entitles an obligor to pay
33   more than his or her proportionate share of day care or other special
34   child rearing expenses in advance and then deduct the overpayment
35   from future support transfer payments.

36   (4) Mandatory educational expenses and optional educational
37   expenses are not included in the economic table. These expenses must
38   be shared by the parents in the same proportion as the basic child
39   support obligation. Mandatory educational expenses include, but are
40   not limited to, tuition, books and materials, required electronic

1 devices, and required school payments or fees. Optional educational
2 expenses are expenses that a student incurs to fully participate in
3 school activities including, but not limited to, sports fees, sports
4 uniforms, band fees, band uniforms, yearbooks, driving classes, and
5 other expenses for participation in school programs or activities.

6   (5) The court may exercise its discretion to determine the
7 necessity for and the reasonableness of all amounts ordered in excess
8 of the basic child support obligation.

9   **Sec. 4.** RCW 26.09.004 and 2009 c 502 s 1 are each reenacted and
10 amended to read as follows:
11   The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.
12   (1) "Department" means the department of social and health
13 services.
14   (2) "Incapacitation" or "incapacitated" means the inability to
15 pay child support due to participation in court-ordered treatment for
16 a behavioral health disorder, as defined in RCW 71.05.020.
17   (3) "Military duties potentially impacting parenting functions"
18 means those obligations imposed, voluntarily or involuntarily, on a
19 parent serving in the armed forces that may interfere with that
20 parent's abilities to perform his or her parenting functions under a
21 temporary or permanent parenting plan. Military duties potentially
22 impacting parenting functions include, but are not limited to:
23   (a) "Deployment," which means the temporary transfer of a service
24 member serving in an active-duty status to another location in
25 support of a military operation, to include any tour of duty
26 classified by the member's branch of the armed forces as "remote" or
27 "unaccompanied";
28   (b) "Activation" or "mobilization," which means the call-up of a
29 national guard or reserve service member to extended active-duty
30 status. For purposes of this definition, "mobilization" does not
31 include national guard or reserve annual training, inactive duty
32 days, or drill weekends; or
33   (c) "Temporary duty," which means the transfer of a service
34 member from one military base or the service member's home to a
35 different location, usually another base, for a limited period of
36 time to accomplish training or to assist in the performance of a
37 noncombat mission.
38   (((2))) (4) "Parenting functions" means those aspects of the
39 parent-child relationship in which the parent makes decisions and

performs functions necessary for the care and growth of the child.
Parenting functions include:

(a) Maintaining a loving, stable, consistent, and nurturing relationship with the child;

(b) Attending to the daily needs of the child, such as feeding, clothing, physical care and grooming, supervision, health care, and day care, and engaging in other activities which are appropriate to the developmental level of the child and that are within the social and economic circumstances of the particular family;

(c) Attending to adequate education for the child, including remedial or other education essential to the best interests of the child;

(d) Assisting the child in developing and maintaining appropriate interpersonal relationships;

(e) Exercising appropriate judgment regarding the child's welfare, consistent with the child's developmental level and the family's social and economic circumstances; and

(f) Providing for the financial support of the child.

(((3))) (5) "Permanent parenting plan" means a plan for parenting the child, including allocation of parenting functions, which plan is incorporated in any final decree or decree of modification in an action for dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership, declaration of invalidity, or legal separation.

(((4))) (6) "Temporary parenting plan" means a plan for parenting of the child pending final resolution of any action for dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership, declaration of invalidity, or legal separation which is incorporated in a temporary order.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 26.09 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Either the department, the person required to pay support, the payee under the order, or the person entitled to receive support may make a request for abatement of child support based on incapacitation of the person required to pay support.

(2) When a child support order contains language providing for abatement based on incapacitation of the person required to pay child support, there is a rebuttable presumption that an incapacitated person is unable to pay the child support obligation. The presumption may be rebutted by evidence demonstrating that the person required to pay support has possession of, or access to, income or assets

available to provide support while incapacitated. Unless the presumption is rebutted, the provisions of subsection (4) of this section apply.

(3)(a) If the child support order does not contain language providing for abatement based on incapacitation of the person required to pay support, the department, the person required to pay support, the payee under the order, or the person entitled to receive support may commence an action in the appropriate forum to:

(i) Modify the support order to contain abatement language; and

(ii) Abate the person's child support obligation due to current incapacitation for a maximum of six months.

(b) In a proceeding brought under this subsection, there is a rebuttable presumption that an incapacitated person is unable to pay the child support obligation. The department, the payee under the order, or the person entitled to receive support, may rebut the presumption by demonstrating that the person required to pay support has possession of, or access to, income or assets available to provide support while incapacitated.

(c) Unless the presumption is rebutted, the provisions of subsection (4) of this section apply.

(4) If the court or administrative forum determines that abatement of support is appropriate, the court or administrative forum must enter an order providing that:

(a) The child support obligation under the order in front of the court is abated to $50 per month, without regard to the number of children covered by that order, while the person required to pay support is undergoing court-ordered behavioral health treatment.

(b) Abatement of the support obligation to $50 per month will remain in place until the earlier of: The last day of the month in which the person is discharged from court-ordered behavioral health treatment; or the last day of the six months after the effective date of the abatement order.

(c) After abatement of support is terminated, the support obligation of the person required to pay support under the order is automatically reinstated at 100 percent of the support amount provided in the underlying order.

(i) Upon a showing of good cause by a party that the circumstances of the case allow it, the court or administrative forum may add specific provisions to the order abating the child support obligation regarding when and how the abatement may terminate.

(ii) During the period of abatement, the department, the person required to pay support, the payee under the order, or the person entitled to receive support may commence an action to modify the child support order under RCW 26.09.170 or 74.20A.059.

(5) If the incapacitated person's support obligation under the order has been abated and then reinstated under subsection (4) of this section:

(a) Either the department, the person required to pay support, the payee under the order, or the person entitled to receive support may file an action to modify or adjust the order in the appropriate forum, if:

(i) The provisions of subsection (4)(c) of this section do not apply; and

(ii) The person required to pay support has completed court-ordered behavioral health treatment.

(b) An action to modify or adjust the order based on the completion of court-ordered behavioral health treatment of the person required to pay support may be filed even if there is no other change of circumstances.

(6) The effective date of abatement of a child support obligation based on incapacitation to $50 per month per order is the date on which the person required to pay support is approved for abatement by the court or administrative forum.

(7) Abatement of a child support obligation based on incapacitation of the person required to pay support does not constitute modification or adjustment of the order.

(8) Abatement of a child support obligation based on incapacitation of the person required to pay support shall only be approved one time in a person's lifetime, regardless of whether the abatement lasted the full six months.

(9) A request for the abatement of child support owed under one child support order does not automatically qualify as a request for abatement of support owed under every order that may exist requiring that person to pay support. However, the request applies to any support order which is being enforced by the department at the time of the request.

(10) If there are multiple orders requiring the incapacitated person to pay child support, the issue of whether abatement of support due to incapacitation is appropriate must be considered for each order.

1   (a) The payee or person entitled to receive support under each
2 support order is entitled to notice and an opportunity to be heard
3 regarding the potential abatement of support under that order.

4   (b) If the child or children covered by a support order are not
5 residing with the payee under the order, any other person entitled to
6 receive support for the child or children must be provided notice and
7 an opportunity to be heard regarding the potential abatement of
8 support under that order.

9   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 26.09
10 RCW to read as follows:
11   (1) When a child support order contains language regarding
12 abatement to $50 per month per order based on incapacitation of the
13 person required to pay support, and the department is notified that
14 the person is currently undergoing court-ordered behavioral health
15 treatment, the department must:
16   (a) Review the support order for abatement once the department
17 receives notice from the person required to pay support or someone
18 acting on his or her behalf that the person may qualify for abatement
19 of support;
20   (b) Review its records and other available information to
21 determine if the person required to pay support has possession of, or
22 access to, income or assets available to provide support while
23 incapacitated; and
24   (c) Decide whether abatement of the person's support obligation
25 is appropriate.
26   (2) If the department decides that abatement of the person's
27 support obligation is appropriate, the department must notify the
28 person required to pay support, and the payee under the order or the
29 person entitled to receive support, that the person's support
30 obligation has been abated and that the abatement will continue while
31 the person is undergoing court-ordered behavioral health treatment
32 for a maximum of six months. The notification must include the
33 following information:
34   (a) That the payee under the order or the person entitled to
35 receive support may object to the abatement of support due to
36 incapacitation;
37   (i) An objection must be received within 20 days of the
38 notification of abatement;

1   (ii) Any objection will be forwarded to the office of
2 administrative hearings for an adjudicative proceeding under chapter
3 34.05 RCW;

4   (iii) The department, the person required to pay support, and the
5 payee under the order or the person entitled to receive support, all
6 have the right to participate in the administrative hearing as
7 parties; and

8   (iv) The burden of proof is on the party objecting to the
9 abatement of support to show that the person required to pay support
10 has possession of, or access to, income or assets available to
11 provide support while incapacitated;

12   (b) The effective date of the abatement of support;

13   (c) The estimated date that the abatement will end;

14   (d) That the person required to pay support, the payee under the
15 order, the person entitled to receive support, or the department may
16 file an action to modify the underlying support order once the person
17 required to pay support is no longer undergoing court-ordered
18 behavioral health treatment, as provided under section 5(5) of this
19 act; and

20   (e) That if the abated obligation was established by a court
21 order, the department will file a copy of the notification in the
22 court file.

23   (3) If the department decides that abatement of the person's
24 support obligation is not appropriate, the department must notify the
25 person required to pay support and the payee under the order or the
26 person entitled to receive support, that the department does not
27 believe that abatement of the support obligation should occur. The
28 notification must include the following information:

29   (a) The reasons why the department decided that abatement of the
30 support obligation is not appropriate;

31   (b) The person required to pay support and the payee under the
32 order or the person entitled to receive support may object to the
33 department's decision not to abate the support obligation;

34   (i) An objection must be received within 20 days of the
35 notification of abatement;

36   (ii) Any objection will be forwarded to the office of
37 administrative hearings for an adjudicative proceeding under chapter
38 34.05 RCW; and

39   (iii) The department, the incapacitated person, and the payee
40 under the order or the person entitled to receive support all have

the right to participate in the administrative hearing as parties;
and

(c) That, if the administrative law judge enters an order
providing that abatement is appropriate, the department will take
appropriate steps to document the abatement and will provide
notification to the parties as required in subsection (2) of this
section.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 26.09
RCW to read as follows:

When a court or administrative order does not contain language
regarding abatement based on incapacitation of the person required to
pay support and the department receives notice that the person is
currently undergoing court-ordered behavioral health treatment, the
department must refer the case to the appropriate forum for a
determination of whether the order should be modified to:

(1) Contain abatement language as provided in section 5 of this
act; and

(2) Abate the person's child support obligation due to current
incapacitation in accordance with section 5 of this act.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 26.09
RCW to read as follows:

(1) At any time during abatement based on incapacitation of the
person required to pay support, the department, the payee under the
order, or the person entitled to receive support may file a request
to reverse or terminate the abatement of support by demonstrating
that the incapacitated person has possession of, or access to, income
or assets available to provide support while undergoing court-ordered
behavioral health treatment.

(a) A request for reversal or termination of the abatement may be
filed with the department or with the office of administrative
hearings.

(b) The request must include documents or other evidence showing
that the person has possession of, or access to, income or assets
available to provide support while undergoing court-ordered
behavioral health treatment.

(c) If the request for a hearing does not include documents or
evidence showing that the person has possession of, or access to,
income or assets, the department may file a motion asking that the

request for a hearing be dismissed before a hearing is scheduled or held.

(d) The party seeking to reverse or terminate the abatement may seek to vacate the dismissal order by filing a motion which includes the required proof.

(e) Depending on the type of evidence provided at the hearing, the administrative law judge may order that the abatement of the support obligation be:

(i) Reversed, meaning that the determination that support should be abated is vacated and all amounts owed under the support order are reinstated; or

(ii) Terminated, meaning that the abatement of support ends as of the date specified in the order.

(2) At any time during the period of abatement based on incapacitation, the person required to pay support may file a request to reverse or terminate the abatement of support.

(a) The request for reversal or termination of the abatement may be filed with the department or with the office of administrative hearings.

(b) The person required to pay support is not required to provide any documents or other evidence to support the request.

(3) Abatement of a support obligation does not constitute modification or adjustment of the order.

Sec. 9. RCW 26.09.170 and 2020 c 227 s 13 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in RCW 26.09.070(7), the provisions of any decree respecting maintenance or support may be modified: (a) Only as to installments accruing subsequent to the petition for modification or motion for adjustment except motions to compel court-ordered adjustments, which shall be effective as of the first date specified in the decree for implementing the adjustment; and, (b) except as otherwise provided in this section, only upon a showing of a substantial change of circumstances. The provisions as to property disposition may not be revoked or modified, unless the court finds the existence of conditions that justify the reopening of a judgment under the laws of this state.

(2) Unless otherwise agreed in writing or expressly provided in the decree the obligation to pay future maintenance is terminated upon the death of either party or the remarriage of the party

1 receiving maintenance or registration of a new domestic partnership
2 of the party receiving maintenance.

3   (3) Unless otherwise agreed in writing or expressly provided in
4 the decree, provisions for the support of a child are terminated by
5 emancipation of the child or by the death of the person required to
6 pay support for the child.

7   (4) Unless expressly provided by an order of the superior court
8 or a court of comparable jurisdiction, provisions for the support of
9 a child are terminated upon the marriage or registration of a
10 domestic partnership to each other of parties to a paternity or
11 parentage order, or upon the remarriage or registration of a domestic
12 partnership to each other of parties to a decree of dissolution. The
13 remaining provisions of the order, including provisions establishing
14 parentage, remain in effect.

15   (5)(a) A party to an order of child support may petition for a
16 modification based upon a showing of substantially changed
17 circumstances at any time.

18   (b) The voluntary unemployment or voluntary underemployment of
19 the person required to pay support, by itself, is not a substantial
20 change of circumstances.

21   (6) An order of child support may be modified at any time to add
22 language regarding abatement to ((ten dollars)) $10 per month per
23 order due to the incarceration of the person required to pay support,
24 as provided in RCW 26.09.320, or abatement to $50 per month per order
25 due to incapacitation of the person required to pay support, as
26 provided in section 5 of this act.

27   (a) The department of social and health services, the person
28 entitled to receive support or the payee under the order, or the
29 person required to pay support may petition for a prospective
30 modification of a child support order if ((the)): (i) The person
31 required to pay support is currently confined in a jail, prison, or
32 correctional facility for at least six months or is serving a
33 sentence greater than six months in a jail, prison, or correctional
34 facility, and the support order does not contain language regarding
35 abatement due to incarceration; or (ii) the person required to pay
36 support is currently undergoing court-ordered behavioral health
37 treatment and the support order does not contain language regarding
38 abatement due to incapacitation.

39   (b) The petition may only be filed if the person required to pay
40 support is currently incarcerated or incapacitated.

(c) As part of the petition for modification, the petitioner may also request that the support obligation be abated to ((ten dollars)) $10 per month per order due to incarceration, as provided in RCW 26.09.320, or abated to $50 per month per order due to incapacitation, as provided in section 5 of this act.

(7) An order of child support may be modified without showing a substantial change of circumstances if the requested modification is to ((modify)): (a) Modify an existing order when the person required to pay support has been released from incarceration, as provided in RCW 26.09.320(3)(d); or (b) modify an existing order when the person required to pay support has completed court-ordered behavioral health treatment, as provided in section 5(5) of this act.

(8) An order of child support may be modified one year or more after it has been entered without a showing of substantially changed circumstances:

(a) If the order in practice works a severe economic hardship on either party or the child;

(b) If a child is still in high school, upon a finding that there is a need to extend support beyond the eighteenth birthday to complete high school; or

(c) To add an automatic adjustment of support provision consistent with RCW 26.09.100.

(9)(a) If ((twenty-four)) 24 months have passed from the date of the entry of the order or the last adjustment or modification, whichever is later, the order may be adjusted without a showing of substantially changed circumstances based upon:

(i) Changes in the income of the person required to pay support, or of the payee under the order or the person entitled to receive support who is a parent of the child or children covered by the order; or

(ii) Changes in the economic table or standards in chapter 26.19 RCW.

(b) Either party may initiate the adjustment by filing a motion and child support worksheets.

(c) If the court adjusts or modifies a child support obligation pursuant to this subsection by more than ((thirty)) 30 percent and the change would cause significant hardship, the court may implement the change in two equal increments, one at the time of the entry of the order and the second six months from the entry of the order.

1   Twenty-four months must pass following the second change before a
2   motion for another adjustment under this subsection may be filed.
3   (10)(a) The department of social and health services may file an
4   action to modify or adjust an order of child support if public
5   assistance money is being paid to or for the benefit of the child and
6   the department has determined that the child support order is at
7   least ((fifteen)) 15 percent above or below the appropriate child
8   support amount set forth in the standard calculation as defined in
9   RCW 26.19.011.
10   (b) The department of social and health services may file an
11 action to modify or adjust an order of child support in a
12 nonassistance case if:
13   (i) The department has determined that the child support order is
14 at least ((fifteen)) 15 percent above or below the appropriate child
15 support amount set forth in the standard calculation as defined in
16 RCW 26.19.011;
17   (ii) The department has determined the case meets the
18 department's review criteria; and
19   (iii) A party to the order or another state or jurisdiction has
20 requested a review.
21   (c) If incarceration of the person required to pay support is the
22 basis for the difference between the existing child support order
23 amount and the proposed amount of support determined as a result of a
24 review, the department may file an action to modify or adjust an
25 order of child support even if:
26   (i) There is no other change of circumstances; and
27   (ii) The change in support does not meet the ((fifteen)) 15
28 percent threshold.
29   (d) The determination of whether the child support order is at
30 least ((fifteen)) 15 percent above or below the appropriate child
31 support amount must be based on the current income of the parties.
32   (11) The department of social and health services may file an
33 action to modify or adjust an order of child support under
34 subsections (5) through (9) of this section if:
35   (a) Public assistance money is being paid to or for the benefit
36 of the child;
37   (b) A party to the order in a nonassistance case has requested a
38 review; or
39   (c) Another state or jurisdiction has requested a modification of
40 the order.

1   (12) If testimony other than affidavit is required in any
2 proceeding under this section, a court of this state shall permit a
3 party or witness to be deposed or to testify under penalty of perjury
4 by telephone, audiovisual means, or other electronic means, unless
5 good cause is shown.

6   **Sec. 10.** RCW 26.23.050 and 2022 c 243 s 4 are each amended to
7 read as follows:
8   (1) If the division of child support is providing support
9 enforcement services under RCW 26.23.045, or if a party is applying
10 for support enforcement services by signing the application form on
11 the bottom of the support order, the superior court shall include in
12 all court orders that establish or modify a support obligation:
13   (a) A provision that orders and directs the person required to
14 pay support to make all support payments to the Washington state
15 support registry;
16   (b) A statement that withholding action may be taken against
17 wages, earnings, assets, or benefits, and liens enforced against real
18 and personal property under the child support statutes of this or any
19 other state, without further notice to the person required to pay
20 support at any time after entry of the court order, unless:
21   (i) One of the parties demonstrates, and the court finds, that
22 there is good cause not to require immediate income withholding and
23 that withholding should be delayed until a payment is past due; or
24   (ii) The parties reach a written agreement that is approved by
25 the court that provides for an alternate arrangement;
26   (c) A statement that the payee under the order or the person
27 entitled to receive support might be required to submit an accounting
28 of how the support, including any cash medical support, is being
29 spent to benefit the child;
30   (d) A statement that a party to the support order who is required
31 to provide health care coverage for the child or children covered by
32 the order must notify the division of child support and the other
33 party to the support order when the coverage terminates;
34   (e) A statement that any privilege of the person required to pay
35 support to obtain and maintain a license, as defined in RCW
36 74.20A.320, may not be renewed, or may be suspended if the person is
37 not in compliance with a support order as provided in RCW 74.20A.320;
38 ((and))

1   (f) A statement that the support obligation under the order may
2 be abated as provided in RCW 26.09.320 if the person required to pay
3 support is confined in a jail, prison, or correctional facility for
4 at least six months, or is serving a sentence greater than six months
5 in a jail, prison, or correctional facility; and
6   (g) A statement that the support obligation under the order may
7 be abated as provided in section 5 of this act if the person required
8 to pay support is undergoing court-ordered behavioral health
9 treatment.
10   As used in this subsection and subsection (3) of this section,
11 "good cause not to require immediate income withholding" means a
12 written determination of why implementing immediate wage withholding
13 would not be in the child's best interests and, in modification
14 cases, proof of timely payment of previously ordered support.
15   (2) In all other cases not under subsection (1) of this section,
16 the court may order the person required to pay support to make
17 payments directly to the person entitled to receive the payments, to
18 the Washington state support registry, or may order that payments be
19 made in accordance with an alternate arrangement agreed upon by the
20 parties.
21   (a) The superior court shall include in all orders under this
22 subsection that establish or modify a support obligation:
23   (i) A statement that withholding action may be taken against
24 wages, earnings, assets, or benefits, and liens enforced against real
25 and personal property under the child support statutes of this or any
26 other state, without further notice to the person required to pay
27 support at any time after entry of the court order, unless:
28   (A) One of the parties demonstrates, and the court finds, that
29 there is good cause not to require immediate income withholding and
30 that withholding should be delayed until a payment is past due; or
31   (B) The parties reach a written agreement that is approved by the
32 court that provides for an alternate arrangement;
33   (ii) A statement that the payee under the order or the person
34 entitled to receive support may be required to submit an accounting
35 of how the support is being spent to benefit the child;
36   (iii) A statement that any party to the order required to provide
37 health care coverage for the child or children covered by the order
38 must notify the division of child support and the other party to the
39 order when the coverage terminates; and

(iv) A statement that a party to the order seeking to enforce the other party's obligation to provide health care coverage may:

(A) File a motion in the underlying superior court action; or

(B) If there is not already an underlying superior court action, initiate an action in the superior court.

As used in this subsection, "good cause not to require immediate income withholding" is any reason that the court finds appropriate.

(b) The superior court may order immediate or delayed income withholding as follows:

(i) Immediate income withholding may be ordered if the person required to pay support has earnings. If immediate income withholding is ordered under this subsection, all support payments shall be paid to the Washington state support registry. The superior court shall issue a mandatory wage assignment order as set forth in chapter 26.18 RCW when the support order is signed by the court. The payee under the order or the person entitled to receive the transfer payment is responsible for serving the employer with the order and for its enforcement as set forth in chapter 26.18 RCW.

(ii) If immediate income withholding is not ordered, the court shall require that income withholding be delayed until a payment is past due. The support order shall contain a statement that withholding action may be taken against wages, earnings, assets, or benefits, and liens enforced against real and personal property under the child support statutes of this or any other state, without further notice to the person required to pay support, after a payment is past due.

(c) If a mandatory income withholding order under chapter 26.18 RCW is issued under this subsection and the division of child support provides support enforcement services under RCW 26.23.045, the existing wage withholding assignment is prospectively superseded upon the division of child support's subsequent service of an income withholding order.

(3) The office of administrative hearings and the department of social and health services shall require that all support obligations established as administrative orders include a provision which orders and directs that the person required to pay support shall make all support payments to the Washington state support registry. All administrative orders shall also state that any privilege of the person required to pay support to obtain and maintain a license, as defined in RCW 74.20A.320, may not be renewed, or may be suspended if

the person is not in compliance with a support order as provided in
RCW 74.20A.320. All administrative orders shall also state that
withholding action may be taken against wages, earnings, assets, or
benefits, and liens enforced against real and personal property under
the child support statutes of this or any other state without further
notice to the person required to pay support at any time after entry
of the order, unless:

(a) One of the parties demonstrates, and the presiding officer
finds, that there is good cause not to require immediate income
withholding; or

(b) The parties reach a written agreement that is approved by the
presiding officer that provides for an alternate agreement.

(4) If the support order does not include the provision ordering
and directing that all payments be made to the Washington state
support registry and a statement that withholding action may be taken
against wages, earnings, assets, or benefits if a support payment is
past due or at any time after the entry of the order, or that
licensing privileges of the person required to pay support may not be
renewed, or may be suspended, the division of child support may serve
a notice on the person stating such requirements and authorizations.
Service may be by personal service or any form of mail requiring a
return receipt.

(5) Every support order shall state:

(a) The address where the support payment is to be sent;

(b) That withholding action may be taken against wages, earnings,
assets, or benefits, and liens enforced against real and personal
property under the child support statutes of this or any other state,
without further notice to the person required to pay support at any
time after entry of a support order, unless:

(i) One of the parties demonstrates, and the court finds, that
there is good cause not to require immediate income withholding; or

(ii) The parties reach a written agreement that is approved by
the court that provides for an alternate arrangement;

(c) The income of the parties, if known, or that their income is
unknown and the income upon which the support award is based;

(d) The support award as a sum certain amount;

(e) The specific day or date on which the support payment is due;

(f) The names and ages of the dependent children;

(g) A provision requiring both the person required to pay
support, and the payee under the order or the person entitled to

receive support who is a parent of the child or children covered by
the order, to keep the Washington state support registry informed of
whether he or she has access to health care coverage at reasonable
cost and, if so, the health care coverage information;

(h) That either or both the person required to pay support, and
the payee under the order or the person entitled to receive support
who is a parent of the child or children covered by the order, shall
be obligated to provide medical support for a child or children
covered by the order through health care coverage if:

(i) The person obligated to provide medical support provides
accessible coverage for the child or children through private or
public health care coverage; or

(ii) Coverage that can be extended to cover the child or children
is or becomes available to the person obligated to provide medical
support through employment or is union-related; or

(iii) In the absence of such coverage, through an additional sum
certain amount, as that obligated person's monthly payment toward the
premium as provided under RCW 26.09.105;

(i) That a person obligated to provide medical support who is
providing health care coverage must notify both the division of child
support and the other party to the order when coverage terminates;

(j) That if proof of health care coverage or proof that the
coverage is unavailable is not provided within ((twenty)) 20 days,
the person seeking enforcement or the department may seek direct
enforcement of the coverage through the employer or union of the
person required to provide medical support without further notice to
the person as provided under chapter 26.18 RCW;

(k) The reasons for not ordering health care coverage if the
order fails to require such coverage;

(l) That any privilege of the person required to pay support to
obtain and maintain a license, as defined in RCW 74.20A.320, may not
be renewed, or may be suspended if the person is not in compliance
with a support order as provided in RCW 74.20A.320;

(m) That each party to the support order must:

(i) Promptly file with the court and update as necessary the
confidential information form required by subsection (7) of this
section; and

(ii) Provide the state case registry and update as necessary the
information required by subsection (7) of this section; and

(n) That parties to administrative support orders shall provide to the state case registry and update as necessary their residential addresses and the address of the employer of the person required to pay support. The division of child support may adopt rules that govern the collection of parties' current residence and mailing addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, social security numbers, the names of the children, social security numbers of the children, dates of birth of the children, driver's license numbers, and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the parties' employers to enforce an administrative support order. The division of child support shall not release this information if the division of child support determines that there is reason to believe that release of the information may result in physical or emotional harm to the party or to the child, or a restraining order or protective order is in effect to protect one party from the other party.

(6) After the person required to pay support has been ordered or notified to make payments to the Washington state support registry under this section, that person shall be fully responsible for making all payments to the Washington state support registry and shall be subject to payroll deduction or other income-withholding action. The person required to pay support shall not be entitled to credit against a support obligation for any payments made to a person or agency other than to the Washington state support registry except as provided under RCW 74.20.101. A civil action may be brought by the person required to pay support to recover payments made to persons or agencies who have received and retained support moneys paid contrary to the provisions of this section.

(7) All petitioners and parties to all court actions under chapters 26.09, 26.12, 26.18, 26.21A, 26.23, 26.26A, 26.26B, and 26.27 RCW and minor guardianships under chapter 11.130 RCW shall complete to the best of their knowledge a verified and signed confidential information form or equivalent that provides the parties' current residence and mailing addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, social security numbers, driver's license numbers, and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the parties' employers, to ensure that the parties' information is added to the judicial information system's person database. The clerk of the court shall not accept petitions, except in parentage actions initiated by the state, orders of child support, decrees of dissolution, or parentage orders for filing in such actions unless accompanied by the

confidential information form or equivalent, or unless the
confidential information form or equivalent is already on file with
the court clerk. In lieu of or in addition to requiring the parties
to complete a separate confidential information form, the clerk may
collect the information in electronic form. The clerk of the court
shall transmit the confidential information form or its data to the
division of child support with a copy of the order of child support
or parentage order, and may provide copies of the confidential
information form or its data and any related findings, decrees,
parenting plans, orders, or other documents to the state
administrative agency that administers Title IV-A, IV-D, IV-E, or XIX
of the federal social security act. In state initiated parentage
actions, the parties adjudicated the parents of the child or children
shall complete the confidential information form or equivalent or the
state's attorney of record may complete that form to the best of the
attorney's knowledge.

(8) The department has rule-making authority to enact rules
consistent with 42 U.S.C. Sec. 652(f) and 42 U.S.C. Sec. 666(a)(19)
as amended by section 7307 of the deficit reduction act of 2005.
Additionally, the department has rule-making authority to implement
regulations required under 45 C.F.R. Parts 302, 303, 304, 305, and
308.

   Sec. 11. RCW 74.20A.055 and 2020 c 227 s 10 are each amended to
read as follows:

   (1) The secretary may, if there is no order that establishes a
person's support obligation or specifically relieves the person
required to pay support of a support obligation or pursuant to an
establishment of parentage under chapter 26.26A or 26.26B RCW, serve
on the person or persons required to pay support and the person
entitled to receive support a notice and finding of financial
responsibility requiring those persons to appear and show cause in an
adjudicative proceeding why the finding of responsibility and/or the
amount thereof is incorrect, should not be finally ordered, but
should be rescinded or modified. This notice and finding shall relate
to the support debt accrued and/or accruing under this chapter and/or
RCW 26.16.205, including periodic payments to be made in the future.
The hearing shall be held pursuant to this section, chapter 34.05
RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act, and the rules of the

1 department. A person who has physical custody of a child has the same
2 rights under this section as a parent with whom the child resides.
3   (2) The notice and finding of financial responsibility shall be
4 served in the same manner prescribed for the service of a summons in
5 a civil action or may be served on the person required to pay support
6 by certified mail, return receipt requested. The receipt shall be
7 prima facie evidence of service. The notice shall be served upon the
8 person required to pay support within ((sixty)) 60 days from the date
9 the state assumes responsibility for the support of the dependent
10 child or children on whose behalf support is sought. If the notice is
11 not served within ((sixty)) 60 days from such date, the department
12 shall lose the right to reimbursement of payments made after the
13 ((sixty)) 60-day period and before the date of notification:
14 PROVIDED, That if the department exercises reasonable efforts to
15 locate the person required to pay support and is unable to do so the
16 entire ((sixty)) 60-day period is tolled until such time as the
17 person can be located. The notice may be served upon the person
18 entitled to receive support who is the nonassistance applicant or
19 public assistance recipient by first-class mail to the last known
20 address. If the person entitled to receive support is not the
21 nonassistance applicant or public assistance recipient, service shall
22 be in the same manner as for the person required to pay support.
23   (3) The notice and finding of financial responsibility shall set
24 forth the amount the department has determined the person required to
25 pay support owes, the support debt accrued and/or accruing, and
26 periodic payments to be made in the future. The notice and finding
27 shall also include:
28   (a) A statement of the name of the person entitled to receive
29 support and the name of the child or children for whom support is
30 sought;
31   (b) A statement of the amount of periodic future support payments
32 as to which financial responsibility is alleged;
33   (c) A statement that the person required to pay support or the
34 person entitled to receive support may object to all or any part of
35 the notice and finding, and file an application for an adjudicative
36 proceeding to show cause why the terms set forth in the notice should
37 not be ordered;
38   (d) A statement that, if neither the person required to pay
39 support nor the person entitled to receive support files in a timely
40 fashion an application for an adjudicative proceeding, the support

debt and payments stated in the notice and finding, including
periodic support payments in the future, shall be assessed and
determined and ordered by the department and that this debt and
amounts due under the notice shall be subject to collection action;

(e) A statement that the property of the person required to pay
support, without further advance notice or hearing, will be subject
to lien and foreclosure, distraint, seizure and sale, order to
withhold and deliver, notice of payroll deduction or other collection
action to satisfy the debt and enforce the support obligation
established under the notice;

(f) A statement that the person required to pay support, and the
payee under the order or the person entitled to receive support who
is a parent of the child or children covered by the order, are
responsible for either:

(i) Providing health care coverage for the child if accessible
coverage that can cover the child:

(A) Is available through health insurance or public health care
coverage; or

(B) Is or becomes available to the obligated person through that
person's employment or union; or

(ii) Paying a monthly payment toward the premium if no such
coverage is available, as provided under RCW 26.09.105; ((and))

(g) A statement that the support obligation under the order may
be abated to ten dollars per month per order as provided in RCW
26.09.320 if the person required to pay support is confined in a
jail, prison, or correctional facility for at least six months, or is
serving a sentence greater than six months in a jail, prison, or
correctional facility; and

(h) A statement that the support obligation under the order may
be abated to $50 per month per order as provided in section 5 of this
act if the person required to pay support is undergoing court-ordered
behavioral health treatment.

(4) A person required to pay support or a person entitled to
receive support who objects to the notice and finding of financial
responsibility may file an application for an adjudicative proceeding
within ((twenty)) 20 days of the date of service of the notice or
thereafter as provided under this subsection.

(a) If the person required to pay support or the person entitled
to receive support files the application within ((twenty)) 20 days,
the office of administrative hearings shall schedule an adjudicative

1 proceeding to hear the party's or parties' objection and determine
2 the support obligation for the entire period covered by the notice
3 and finding of financial responsibility. The filing of the
4 application stays collection action pending the entry of a final
5 administrative order;

6 (b) If both the person required to pay support and the person
7 entitled to receive support fail to file an application within
8 ((twenty)) 20 days, the notice and finding shall become a final
9 administrative order. The amounts for current and future support and
10 the support debt stated in the notice are final and subject to
11 collection, except as provided under (c) and (d) of this subsection;

12 (c) If the person required to pay support or the person entitled
13 to receive support files the application more than ((twenty)) 20 days
14 after, but within one year of the date of service, the office of
15 administrative hearings shall schedule an adjudicative proceeding to
16 hear the party's or parties' objection and determine the support
17 obligation for the entire period covered by the notice and finding of
18 financial responsibility. The filing of the application does not stay
19 further collection action, pending the entry of a final
20 administrative order, and does not affect any prior collection
21 action;

22 (d) If the person required to pay support or the person entitled
23 to receive support files the application more than one year after the
24 date of service, the office of administrative hearings shall schedule
25 an adjudicative proceeding at which the party who requested the late
26 hearing must show good cause for failure to file a timely
27 application. The filing of the application does not stay future
28 collection action and does not affect prior collection action:

29 (i) If the presiding officer finds that good cause exists, the
30 presiding officer shall proceed to hear the party's objection to the
31 notice and determine the support obligation;

32 (ii) If the presiding officer finds that good cause does not
33 exist, the presiding officer shall treat the application as a
34 petition for prospective modification of the amount for current and
35 future support established under the notice and finding. In the
36 modification proceeding, the presiding officer shall set current and
37 future support under chapter 26.19 RCW. The petitioning party need
38 show neither good cause nor a substantial change of circumstances to
39 justify modification of current and future support;

(e) If the support obligation was based upon imputed median net
income, the grant standard, or the family need standard, the division
of child support may file an application for adjudicative proceeding
more than ((twenty)) 20 days after the date of service of the notice.
The office of administrative hearings shall schedule an adjudicative
proceeding and provide notice of the hearing to the person required
to pay support and the person entitled to receive support. The
presiding officer shall determine the support obligation for the
entire period covered by the notice, based upon credible evidence
presented by the division of child support, the person required to
pay support, or the person entitled to receive support, or may
determine that the support obligation set forth in the notice is
correct. The division of child support demonstrates good cause by
showing that the support obligation was based upon imputed median net
income, the grant standard, or the family need standard. The filing
of the application by the division of child support does not stay
further collection action, pending the entry of a final
administrative order, and does not affect any prior collection
action;

(f) The department shall retain and/or shall not refund support
money collected more than ((twenty)) 20 days after the date of
service of the notice. Money withheld as the result of collection
action shall be delivered to the department. The department shall
distribute such money, as provided in published rules.

(5) If an application for an adjudicative proceeding is filed,
the presiding or reviewing officer shall determine the past liability
and responsibility, if any, of the person required to pay support and
shall also determine the amount of periodic payments to be made in
the future, which amount is not limited by the amount of any public
assistance payment made to or for the benefit of the child. If
deviating from the child support schedule in making these
determinations, the presiding or reviewing officer shall apply the
standards contained in the child support schedule and enter written
findings of fact supporting the deviation.

(6) If either the person required to pay support or the person
entitled to receive support fails to attend or participate in the
hearing or other stage of an adjudicative proceeding, upon a showing
of valid service, the presiding officer shall enter an order of
default against each party who did not appear and may enter an
administrative order declaring the support debt and payment

provisions stated in the notice and finding of financial
responsibility to be assessed and determined and subject to
collection action. The parties who appear may enter an agreed
settlement or consent order, which may be different than the terms of
the department's notice. Any party who appears may choose to proceed
to the hearing, after the conclusion of which the presiding officer
or reviewing officer may enter an order that is different than the
terms stated in the notice, if the obligation is supported by
credible evidence presented by any party at the hearing.

(7) The final administrative order establishing liability and/or
future periodic support payments shall be superseded upon entry of a
superior court order for support to the extent the superior court
order is inconsistent with the administrative order.

(8) Debts determined pursuant to this section, accrued and not
paid, are subject to collection action under this chapter without
further necessity of action by a presiding or reviewing officer.

(9) The department has rule-making authority to enact rules
consistent with 42 U.S.C. Sec. 652(f) and 42 U.S.C. Sec. 666(a)(19)
as amended by section 7307 of the deficit reduction act of 2005.
Additionally, the department has rule-making authority to implement
regulations required under 45 C.F.R. Parts 302, 303, 304, 305, and
308.

Sec. 12. RCW 74.20A.056 and 2020 c 227 s 11 are each amended to
read as follows:

(1)(a) If an acknowledged parent has signed an acknowledgment of
parentage that has been filed with the state registrar of vital
statistics:

(i) The division of child support may serve a notice and finding
of financial responsibility under RCW 74.20A.055 based on the
acknowledgment. The division of child support shall attach a copy of
the acknowledgment or certification of the birth record information
advising of the existence of a filed acknowledgment of parentage to
the notice;

(ii) The notice shall include a statement that the acknowledged
parent or any other signatory may commence a proceeding in court to
rescind or challenge the acknowledgment or denial of parentage under
RCW 26.26A.235 and 26.26A.240;

(iii) A statement that the person required to pay support, and
the payee under the order or the person entitled to receive support

1   who is a parent of the child or children covered by the order, are
2   responsible for providing health care coverage for the child if
3   accessible coverage that can be extended to cover the child is or
4   becomes available to the obligated person through employment or is
5   union-related as provided under RCW 26.09.105;

6   (iv) The party commencing the action to rescind or challenge the
7   acknowledgment or denial must serve notice on the division of child
8   support and the office of the prosecuting attorney in the county in
9   which the proceeding is commenced. Commencement of a proceeding to
10 rescind or challenge the acknowledgment or denial stays the
11 establishment of the notice and finding of financial responsibility,
12 if the notice has not yet become a final order; ((and))

13   (v) A statement that the support obligation under the order may
14 be abated to ((ten dollars)) $10 per month per order as provided in
15 RCW 26.09.320 if the person required to pay support is confined in a
16 jail, prison, or correctional facility for at least six months, or is
17 serving a sentence greater than six months in a jail, prison, or
18 correctional facility; and

19   (vi) A statement that the support obligation under the order may
20 be abated to $50 per month per order as provided in section 5 of this
21 act if the person required to pay support is undergoing court-ordered
22 behavioral health treatment.

23   (b) If neither party to the notice files an application for an
24 adjudicative proceeding or the signatories to the acknowledgment or
25 denial do not commence a proceeding to rescind or challenge the
26 acknowledgment of parentage, the amount of support stated in the
27 notice and finding of financial responsibility becomes final, subject
28 only to a subsequent determination under RCW 26.26A.400 through
29 26.26A.515 that the parent-child relationship does not exist. The
30 division of child support does not refund nor return any amounts
31 collected under a notice that becomes final under this section or RCW
32 74.20A.055, even if a court later determines that the acknowledgment
33 is void.

34   (c) An acknowledged parent or other party to the notice who
35 objects to the amount of support requested in the notice may file an
36 application for an adjudicative proceeding up to ((twenty)) 20 days
37 after the date the notice was served. An application for an
38 adjudicative proceeding may be filed within one year of service of
39 the notice and finding of parental responsibility without the
40 necessity for a showing of good cause or upon a showing of good cause

thereafter. An adjudicative proceeding under this section shall be pursuant to RCW 74.20A.055. The only issues shall be the amount of the accrued debt and the amount of the current and future support obligation.

(i) If the application for an adjudicative proceeding is filed within ((twenty)) 20 days of service of the notice, collection action shall be stayed pending a final decision by the department.

(ii) If the application for an adjudicative proceeding is not filed within ((twenty)) 20 days of the service of the notice, any amounts collected under the notice shall be neither refunded nor returned if the person required to pay support under the notice is later found not to be required to pay support.

(d) If neither the acknowledged parent nor the person entitled to receive support requests an adjudicative proceeding, or if no timely action is brought to rescind or challenge the acknowledgment or denial after service of the notice, the notice of financial responsibility becomes final for all intents and purposes and may be overturned only by a subsequent superior court order entered under RCW 26.26A.400 through 26.26A.515.

(2) Acknowledgments of parentage are subject to requirements of chapters 26.26A, 26.26B, and 70.58A RCW.

(3) The department and the department of health may adopt rules to implement the requirements under this section.

(4) The department has rule-making authority to enact rules consistent with 42 U.S.C. Sec. 652(f) and 42 U.S.C. Sec. 666(a)(19) as amended by section 7307 of the deficit reduction act of 2005. Additionally, the department has rule-making authority to implement regulations required under 45 C.F.R. Parts 302, 303, 304, 305, and 308.

Sec. 13. RCW 74.20A.059 and 2020 c 227 s 12 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The department, the payee under the order or the person entitled to receive support, or the person required to pay support may petition for a prospective modification of a final administrative order if:

(a) The administrative order has not been superseded by a superior court order; and

(b) There has been a substantial change of circumstances, except as provided under RCW 74.20A.055(4)(d) or subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The department, the person entitled to receive support, the payee under the order, or ((the)): (a) The person required to pay support may petition for a prospective modification of a final administrative order if the person required to pay support is currently confined in a jail, prison, or correctional facility for at least six months or is serving a sentence greater than six months in a jail, prison, or correctional facility, and the support order does not contain language regarding abatement due to incarceration; or (b) the person required to pay support is currently undergoing court-ordered behavioral health treatment and the support order does not contain language regarding abatement due to incapacitation.

((~~(a)~~)) (i) The petition may be filed at any time after the administrative support order became a final order, as long as the person required to pay support is currently incarcerated or undergoing court-ordered behavioral health treatment.

((~~(b)~~)) (ii) As part of the petition for modification, the petitioner may also request that the support obligation be abated to ((~~ten dollars~~)) $10 per month per order due to incarceration, as provided in RCW 26.09.320, or abated to $50 per month per order due to incapacitation, as provided in section 5 of this act.

(3) An order of child support may be modified at any time without a showing of substantially changed circumstances if incarceration of the person required to pay support is the basis for the inconsistency between the existing child support order amount and the amount of support determined as a result of a review.

(4) An order of child support may be modified one year or more after it has been entered without showing a substantial change of circumstances:

(a) If the order in practice works a severe economic hardship on either party or the child; or

(b) If a child is a full-time student and reasonably expected to complete secondary school or the equivalent level of vocational or technical training before the child becomes ((~~nineteen~~)) 19 years of age upon a finding that there is a need to extend support beyond the eighteenth birthday.

(5) An order may be modified without showing a substantial change of circumstances if the requested modification is to:

(a) Require medical support under RCW 26.09.105 for a child covered by the order;

(b) Modify an existing order for health care coverage; or

(c) Modify an existing order when the person required to pay support has been released from incarceration, as provided in RCW 26.09.320(3)(d), or when the person has completed court-ordered behavioral health treatment, as provided in section 5(5) of this act.

(6) Support orders may be adjusted once every ((twenty-four)) 24 months based upon changes in the income of the parties to the order without a showing of substantially changed circumstances. This provision does not mean that the income of a person entitled to receive support who is not a parent of the child or children covered by the order must be disclosed or be included in the calculations under chapter 26.19 RCW when determining the support obligation.

(7)(a) All administrative orders entered on, before, or after September 1, 1991, may be modified based upon changes in the child support schedule established in chapter 26.19 RCW without a substantial change of circumstances. The petition may be filed based on changes in the child support schedule after ((twelve)) 12 months has expired from the entry of the administrative order or the most recent modification order setting child support, whichever is later. However, if a party is granted relief under this provision, ((twenty-four)) 24 months must pass before another petition for modification may be filed pursuant to subsection (6) of this section.

(b) If, pursuant to subsection (6) of this section or (a) of this subsection, the order modifies a child support obligation by more than ((thirty)) 30 percent and the change would cause significant hardship, the change may be implemented in two equal increments, one at the time of the entry of the order and the second six months from the entry of the order. Twenty-four months must pass following the second change before a petition for modification under subsection (6) of this section may be filed.

(8) An increase in the wage or salary of the person entitled to receive the support transfer payments is not a substantial change in circumstances for purposes of modification under subsection (1)(b) of this section. The voluntary unemployment or voluntary underemployment of the person required to pay support, by itself, is not a substantial change of circumstances. The income of the person entitled to receive support is only disclosed or considered if that person is a parent of the child or children covered by the order.

1 (9) The department shall file the petition and a supporting
2 affidavit with the office of administrative hearings when the
3 department petitions for modification.
4 (10) The person required to pay support or the payee under the
5 order or the person entitled to receive support shall follow the
6 procedures in this chapter for filing an application for an
7 adjudicative proceeding to petition for modification.
8 (11) Upon the filing of a proper petition or application, the
9 office of administrative hearings shall issue an order directing each
10 party to appear and show cause why the order should not be modified.
11 (12) If the presiding or reviewing officer finds a modification
12 is appropriate, the officer shall modify the order and set current
13 and future support under chapter 26.19 RCW.

14 NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. (1) The administrative office of the
15 courts shall revise the child support worksheets and instructions to
16 clarify language regarding how parties should round up income amounts
17 consistent with the recommendations of the 2023 child support
18 schedule work group.
19 (2) This section expires August 1, 2025.

20 Sec. 15. RCW 26.19.020 and 2018 c 150 s 301 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

ECONOMIC TABLE

MONTHLY BASIC SUPPORT OBLIGATION

PER CHILD

COMBINED		
MONTHLY	ONE	TWO
NET	CHILD	CHILDREN
INCOME	FAMILY	FAMILY

For income less than ((\$1000)) \$1,600 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).

((1000	216	167
1100	238	184
1200	260	200

1	~~1300~~	~~281~~	~~217~~
2	~~1400~~	~~303~~	~~234~~
3	~~1500~~	~~325~~	~~251~~))
4	1600	346	267
5	1700	368	284
6	1800	390	301
7	1900	412	317
8	2000	433	334
9	2100	455	350
10	2200	477	367
11	2300	499	384
12	2400	521	400
13	2500	543	417
14	2600	565	433
15	2700	587	450
16	2800	609	467
17	2900	630	483
18	3000	652	500
19	3100	674	516
20	3200	696	533
21	3300	718	550
22	3400	740	566
23	3500	762	583
24	3600	784	599
25	3700	803	614
26	3800	816	624
27	3900	830	634
28	4000	843	643
29	4100	857	653
30	4200	867	660
31	4300	877	668
32	~~4400~~	887	675

1	4500	896	682
2	4600	906	689
3	4700	916	697
4	4800	927	705
5	4900	939	714
6	5000	951	723
7	5100	963	732
8	5200	975	741
9	5300	987	750
10	5400	999	759
11	5500	1011	768
12	5600	1023	777
13	5700	1030	782
14	5800	1036	786
15	5900	1042	791
16	6000	1048	795
17	6100	1054	800
18	6200	1061	804
19	6300	1067	809
20	6400	1073	813
21	6500	1081	819
22	6600	1096	830
23	6700	1111	842
24	6800	1126	853
25	6900	1141	864
26	7000	1156	875
27	7100	1170	886
28	7200	1185	898
29	7300	1200	909
30	7400	1212	918
31	7500	1222	925
32	7600	1231	932

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3	7900	1261	953
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5	8100	1280	968
6	8200	1290	975
7	8300	1299	981
8	8400	1308	987
9	8500	1316	994
10	8600	1325	1000
11	8700	1334	1007
12	8800	1343	1013
13	8900	1352	1019
14	9000	1361	1026
15	9100	1370	1032
16	9200	1379	1040
17	9300	1387	1047
18	9400	1396	1055
19	9500	1405	1062
20	9600	1414	1069
21	9700	1423	1077
22	9800	1432	1084
23	9900	1441	1092
24	10000	1451	1099
25	10100	1462	1107
26	10200	1473	1114
27	10300	1484	1122
28	10400	1495	1129
29	10500	1507	1136
30	10600	1518	1144
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32	10800	1539	1159

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8	11600	1562	1179
9	11700	1565	1182
10	11800	1568	1184
11	11900	1571	1187
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19	44700	3719	5942
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21	44900	3727	5951
22	45000	3731	5955
23	45100	3735	5959
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29	45700	3759	5984
30	45800	3763	5988
31	45900	3767	5991
32	46000	3771	5995

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50000	3916	6117	

COMBINED MONTHLY NET INCOME	THREE CHILDREN FAMILY	FOUR CHILDREN FAMILY	FIVE CHILDREN FAMILY

For income less than ((\$1000)) \$1,600 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).

((1000	136	114	100
1100	150	125	110
1200	163	137	120
1300	177	148	130
1400	191	160	141
1500	204	171	151))
1600	218	182	161
1700	231	194	171
1800	245	205	180
1900	258	216	190
2000	271	227	200
2100	285	239	210
2200	298	250	220
2300	311	261	230
2400	325	272	239
2500	338	283	249

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2	2700	365	305	269
3	2800	378	317	279
4	2900	391	328	288
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6	3100	418	350	308
7	3200	431	361	318
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14	3900	511	428	377
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17	4200	531	445	392
18	4300	537	450	396
19	4400	543	455	400
20	4500	548	459	404
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22	4700	559	469	412
23	4800	566	474	417
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25	5000	580	486	428
26	5100	587	492	433
27	5200	594	498	438
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30	5500	616	516	454
31	5600	623	522	459
32	5700	627	525	462

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10	6700	674	564	497
11	6800	683	572	503
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13	7000	701	587	516
14	7100	710	594	523
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16	7300	727	609	536
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18	7500	740	620	545
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20	7700	751	629	554
21	7800	756	634	558
22	7900	762	638	562
23	8000	767	643	566
24	8100	773	647	570
25	8200	778	652	574
26	8300	783	656	577
27	8400	788	660	581
28	8500	793	664	584
29	8600	797	668	588
30	8700	802	672	591
31	8800	807	676	595
32	8900	812	680	599

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3	9200	828	694	611
4	9300	835	699	616
5	9400	841	705	620
6	9500	848	710	625
7	9600	854	716	630
8	9700	861	721	635
9	9800	867	727	639
10	9900	874	732	644
11	10000	879	737	648
12	10100	885	741	652
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14	10300	895	750	660
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16	10500	906	759	668
17	10600	911	763	672
18	10700	916	767	675
19	10800	921	772	679
20	10900	924	774	681
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22	11100	928	778	684
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24	11300	933	782	688
25	11400	936	784	690
26	11500	938	786	692
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28	11700	943	790	695
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11	16400	3751	4207	4639
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16	16900	3848	4319	4764
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20	17300	3925	4407	4862
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32	21700	4733	5337	5908

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24	24100	5141	5811	6446
25	24200	5157	5831	6468
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28	24500	5206	5888	6533
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30	24700	5239	5926	6577
31	24800	5255	5945	6598
32	24900	5271	5964	6620

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1	25000	5287	5983	6642
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13	26200	5478	6208	6898
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12	32500	6386	7291	8147
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14	32700	6412	7323	8184
15	32800	6426	7338	8202
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17	33000	6451	7370	8239
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11	35600	6775	7766	8703
12	35700	6787	7780	8720
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29	37400	6983	8024	9008
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24	49700	8056	9440	10748
25	49800	8063	9449	10760
26	49900	8069	9458	10772
27	50000	8075	9467	10783

28   The economic table is presumptive for combined monthly net
29 incomes up to and including ((twelve thousand dollars)) $50,000. When
30 combined monthly net income exceeds ((twelve thousand dollars))
31 $50,000, the court may exceed the presumptive amount of support set

1   for combined monthly net incomes of ((~~twelve thousand dollars~~))
2    $50,000 upon written findings of fact.

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