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SENATE BILL 6012

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By Senators West, Swecker, Strannigan and Wojahn

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1            AN ACT Relating to child support; creating new sections; providing  
2 a contingent expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    (1)(a) The office of support enforcement  
5 shall establish a pilot project to enter into contracts with private  
6 collection agencies for collection of accounts that the office of  
7 support enforcement is unsuccessful in collecting after twelve months.  
8 The listing collection agency shall not assess the department any fee.  
9 All fees collected shall be in addition to the amount of the debt owed  
10 by the delinquent party and shall be assessed to the delinquent party  
11 not to exceed twenty percent of the amount owed.

12            (b) Debts owed to individuals receiving aid to families with  
13 dependent children, exclusive of any collection fee, shall be paid to  
14 the state.

15            (c) Debts owed to individuals not receiving aid to families with  
16 dependent children, exclusive of any collection fee, shall be paid  
17 directly to the individual.

18            (2) The department shall monitor each case that it refers to a  
19 collection agency.

1 (3) The department shall evaluate the effectiveness of entering  
2 into contracts for services under this section.

3 (4) The pilot project shall begin July 1, 1995, and end July 1,  
4 1997.

5 (5) The department shall report to the legislature on the results  
6 of its analysis under subsections (2) and (3) of this section by  
7 December 1, 1998.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The governor and the department of social  
9 and health services shall seek all necessary exemptions and waivers  
10 from and amendments to federal statutes, rules, and regulations and  
11 shall report to the appropriate committees in the house of  
12 representatives and senate quarterly on the efforts to secure the  
13 federal changes to permit full implementation of section 1 of this act  
14 at the earliest possible date.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** In the event that the department of social  
16 and health services is not able to obtain the necessary exemptions,  
17 waivers, or amendments referred to in section 2 of this act before  
18 January 1, 1998, this act shall expire on that date and shall have no  
19 further force or effect.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
22 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
23 effect immediately.

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