

1 **2SHB 1481** - H AMD **ADOPTED 3/3/95 098**

2 By Representative Patterson

3 On page 9, after line 2, insert the following new section:

4 "**Sec. 12.** RCW 26.16.205 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 2 s 13 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 The expenses of the family and the education of the children,
7 including stepchildren and including any child of whom their minor
8 child is a biological parent, are chargeable upon the property of
9 both husband and wife, or either of them, and they may be sued
10 jointly or separately. When a petition for dissolution of marriage
11 or a petition for legal separation is filed, the court may, upon
12 motion of the stepparent, terminate the obligation to support the
13 stepchildren or children of the stepchildren. The obligation to
14 support stepchildren and children of stepchildren shall cease upon
15 the entry of a decree of dissolution, decree of legal separation,
16 or death. The obligation of a husband and wife to support a child
17 of their minor child terminates when their minor child reaches
18 eighteen years of age. However, this termination rule does not
19 apply in the case of a stepparent provided an earlier termination
20 date under this section."

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22 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively, correct internal
23 references accordingly, and correct the title accordingly.

EFFECT: Generally, requires both the paternal and maternal grandparents to financially support their grandchild if their minor son or minor daughter is a parent of the grandchild. This obligation would end when their minor child reaches eighteen years of age.