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AN ACT Relating to implementing the federal personal responsibility 1 2 and work opportunity reconciliation act of 1996; amending RCW 74.08.025, 74.08.340, 74.09.510, 74.09.800, 74.08.331, 28A.630.876, 3 50.16.030, 74.04.050, 41.06.380, 74.12A.020, 74.13.0903, 74.25.040, 4 74.12.255, 74.04.0052, 13.34.160, 74.12.250, 74.12.410, 74.20A.020, 5 46.20.291, 46.20.311, 18.04.335, 18.11.160, 18.27.060, 18.39.181, 6 7 18.46.050, 18.96.120, 18.104.110, 18.130.150, 18.160.080, 18.165.160, 8 18.170.170, 43.20A.205, 43.70.115, 19.28.310, 19.28.580, 19.30.060, 19.16.120, 19.31.130, 19.32.060, 19.105.380, 19.105.440, 19.138.130, 9 19.158.050, 19.166.040, 21.20.110, 67.08.100, 19.02.100, 43.24.080, 10 43.24.110, 43.24.120, 70.74.110, 70.74.130, 70.74.370, 66.24.010, 11 12 43.63B.040, 70.95D.040, 17.21.130, 64.44.060, 19.146.220, 75.28.010, 26.09.160, 26.23.050, 26.18.100, 26.23.060, 74.20.040, 26.23.090, 13 74.20A.100, 26.23.045, 26.23.030, 74.20A.080, 26.23.120, 26.04.160, 14 26.09.170, 26.21.005, 26.21.115, 26.21.135, 15 26.21.235, 26.21.245, 16 26.21.255, 26.21.265, 26.21.450, 26.21.490, 26.21.520, 26.21.530, 17 26.21.580, 26.21.590, 26.21.620, 26.23.035, 74.20A.030, 74.20.320, 18 74.20.330, 70.58.080, 26.26.040, 74.20A.055, 26.23.040, 26.23.040, 19 26.26.130, 70.58.055, 50.13.060, and 74.04.062; reenacting and amending 74.04.005, 74.20A.270, 42.17.310, 74.20A.060, 74.20A.056, 20 26.09.020, and 26.26.100; adding new sections to chapter 74.12 RCW; 21

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adding new sections to chapter 74.04 RCW; adding a new section to 1 chapter 28A.630 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.30 RCW; adding 2 a new section to chapter 50.62 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 3 4 43.330 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 44.28 RCW; adding new 5 sections to chapter 74.20A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.22 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 2.48 RCW; adding a new section to 6 7 chapter 18.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.08 RCW; adding a 8 new section to chapter 18.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.20 9 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.28 RCW; adding a new section to 10 chapter 18.39 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.43 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.44 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.51 11 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.76 RCW; adding a new section to 12 13 chapter 18.85 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.106 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.130 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 14 18.140 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.145 RCW; adding a new 15 16 section to chapter 18.165 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.170 17 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.175 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.185 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.410 RCW; 18 19 adding a new section to chapter 20.01 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.17 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.15 RCW; adding a 20 new section to chapter 47.68 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 71.12 21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 66.20 RCW; adding a new section to 22 23 chapter 66.24 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 88.02 RCW; adding a 24 new section to chapter 43.24 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 25 70.95B RCW; adding a new section to chapter 75.25 RCW; adding a new 26 section to chapter 77.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 75.28 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 75.30 RCW; adding a new section to 27 28 chapter 26.09 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 74.20 RCW; adding new 29 sections to chapter 26.23 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 26.21 30 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 26.26 RCW; adding a new section to 31 chapter 26.18 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.20A RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 74 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 32 74.12.420, 74.12.425, 74.04.660, 74.25.010, 74.25.020, 74.25.030, 33 34 74.25.900, 74.25.901, 74.04.770, 74.08.120, and 74.08.125; providing 35 effective dates; providing expiration dates; and declaring 36 emergency.

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

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The legislature finds that at least one-third of public assistance recipients have experience in the work force and sufficient training to enable them to obtain unsubsidized employment. The legislature intends to put a priority on finding jobs, which may include on-the-job training, for this group of public assistance recipients. The legislature intends that state agencies involved in welfare reform shall reorganize to accomplish this priority. The legislature intends that state agencies solicit from businesses information about job opportunities and make the information available to public assistance recipients.

 The legislature intends that legal immigrants who obey the laws of Washington, and who were granted permission to immigrate by the federal government, should be treated as equitably as possible under the state's enactment and implementation of public assistance programs.

The legislature finds that Washington state's goals in implementing the federal act include promoting the American values of work, education, and responsibility, including responsible childbearing and dedication by both parents to protecting, supporting, and bringing up children to become responsible, productive Americans. This has been the goal and the dream of generations of Americans, whether native born or naturalized citizens.

The legislature finds that it is necessary, to enable people to leave welfare, to encourage a new alliance of state and local government, business, churches, nonprofit organizations, and individuals to dedicate themselves, within the letter and the spirit of the law, to helping families in poverty overcome barriers, obtain support, direction, and encouragement, and become contributors to the American way of life.

The legislature finds that, in pursuance of these goals, it is also necessary to establish policy that recognizes our moral imperative to protect children when their parents or other adults in a child's life are unable or unwilling to do so, and to continue our commitment to the elderly, frail, and vulnerable for whom work is not an option.

The legislature reaffirms its commitment to provide medical services to eligible legal immigrants under the children's health program established under RCW 74.04.405. The legislature affirms its commitment to provide the benefits of the maternity care access program under RCW 74.09.800 to documented and undocumented immigrants who qualify.

- The legislature finds that family structure and relationships are critical to the long-term success and economic self-sufficiency of recipients of temporary assistance for needy families and their children. The department and its employees shall communicate clearly to recipients of temporary assistance for needy families the importance of healthy and safe marriages and family relationships.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. SHORT TITLE. This act may be known and cited as the Washington WorkFirst temporary assistance for needy families act.

10 I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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- 11 **Sec. 101.** RCW 74.08.025 and 1981 1st ex.s. c 6 s 9 are each 12 amended to read as follows:
- 13 (1) Public assistance ((shall)) may be awarded to any applicant:
- 14 $((\frac{1}{1}))$ <u>(a)</u> Who is in need and otherwise meets the eligibility 15 requirements of department assistance programs; and
- 16 $((\frac{(2)}{(2)}))$ Who has not made a voluntary assignment of property or 17 cash for the purpose of qualifying for an assistance grant; and

(((3))) (c) Who is not an inmate of a public institution except as

- a patient in a medical institution or except as an inmate in a public institution who could qualify for federal aid assistance: PROVIDED, That the assistance paid by the department to recipients in nursing homes, or receiving nursing home care, may cover the cost of clothing
- and incidentals and general maintenance exclusive of medical care and health services. The department may pay a grant to cover the cost of
- 25 clothing and personal incidentals in public or private medical
- 26 institutions and institutions for tuberculosis. The department shall
- 27 allow recipients in nursing homes to retain, in addition to the grant
- $28\,$ to cover the cost of clothing and incidentals, wages received for work
- 29 as a part of a training or rehabilitative program designed to prepare
- 30 the recipient for less restrictive placement to the extent permitted
- 31 under Title XIX of the federal social security act.
- 32 (2) Any person otherwise qualified for temporary assistance for
- 33 <u>needy families under this title who has resided in the state of</u>
- 34 Washington for fewer than twelve consecutive months immediately
- 35 preceding application for assistance is limited to the benefit level in
- 36 the state in which the person resided immediately before Washington,

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- 1 that was obtainable on the date of application in Washington state, if
- 2 the benefit level of the prior state is lower than the level provided
- 3 to similarly situated applicants in Washington state. The benefit
- 4 <u>level under this subsection shall be in effect for the first twelve</u>
- 5 months a recipient is on temporary assistance for needy families in
- 6 <u>Washington state</u>.
- 7 (3) Any person otherwise qualified for temporary assistance for
- 8 needy families who is assessed through the state alcohol and substance
- 9 abuse program as drug or alcohol-dependent and requiring treatment to
- 10 become employable shall be required by the department to participate in
- 11 <u>a drug or alcohol treatment program as a condition of benefit receipt.</u>
- 12 (4) In order to be eligible for temporary assistance for needy
- 13 <u>families and food stamp program benefits, any applicant with a felony</u>
- 14 conviction after August 21, 1996, involving drug use or possession,
- 15 <u>must: (a) Have been assessed as chemically dependent by a chemical</u>
- 16 <u>dependency program approved under chapter 70.96A RCW and be</u>
- 17 participating in or have completed a coordinated rehabilitation plan
- 18 consisting of chemical dependency treatment and vocational services;
- 19 and (b) have not been convicted of a felony involving drug use or
- 20 possession in the three years prior to the most current conviction.
- 21 **Sec. 102.** RCW 74.08.340 and 1959 c 26 s 74.08.340 are each amended
- 22 to read as follows:
- 23 All assistance granted under this title shall be deemed to be
- 24 granted and to be held subject to the provisions of any amending or
- 25 repealing act that may hereafter be enacted, and no recipient shall
- 26 have any claim for compensation, or otherwise, by reason of his
- 27 assistance being affected in any way by such amending or repealing act.
- 28 There is no legal entitlement to public assistance.
- 29 NEW SECTION. Sec. 103. TIME LIMITS. (1) A family that includes an
- 30 adult who has received temporary assistance for needy families for
- 31 sixty months after the effective date of this section shall be
- 32 ineligible for further temporary assistance for needy families
- 33 assistance.
- 34 (2) For the purposes of applying the rules of this section, the
- 35 department shall count any month in which an adult family member
- 36 received a temporary assistance for needy families cash assistance
- 37 grant unless the assistance was provided when the family member was a

- 1 minor child and not the head of the household or married to the head of 2 the household.
- 3 (3) The department shall refer recipients who require specialized 4 assistance to appropriate department programs, crime victims' programs 5 through the department of community, trade, and economic development, 6 or the crime victims' compensation program of the department of labor 7 and industries.
- 8 (4) The department may exempt a recipient and the recipient's 9 family from the application of subsection (1) of this section by reason 10 of hardship or if the recipient meets the family violence options of section 402(A)(7) of Title IVA of the federal social security act as 11 amended by P.L. 104-193. The number of recipients and their families 12 exempted from subsection (1) of this section for a fiscal year shall 13 not exceed twenty percent of the average monthly number of recipients 14 and their families to which assistance is provided under the temporary 15 assistance for needy families program. 16
- 17 (5) The department shall not exempt a recipient and his or her 18 family from the application of subsection (1) of this section until 19 after the recipient has received fifty-two months of assistance under 20 this chapter.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 104. ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER. By October 2002, the department shall develop and implement an electronic benefit transfer system to be used for the delivery of public assistance benefits, including without limitation, food assistance.
- 25 The department shall comply with P.L. 104-193, and shall cooperate 26 with relevant federal agencies in the design and implementation of the 27 electronic benefit transfer system.
- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 105.** The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:
- 30 (1) RCW 74.12.420 and 1994 c 299 s 9;
- 31 (2) RCW 74.12.425 and 1994 c 299 s 10; and
- 32 (3) RCW 74.04.660 and 1994 c 296 s 1, 1993 c 63 s 1, 1989 c 11 s
- 33 26, 1985 c 335 s 3, & 1981 1st ex.s. c 6 s 6.
- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 106.** (1) The department shall allow religiously affiliated organizations to provide services to families receiving temporary assistance for needy families on the same basis as any other

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- 1 nongovernmental provider, without impairing the religious character of
- 2 such organizations, and without diminishing the religious freedom of
- 3 beneficiaries of assistance funded under chapter 74.12 RCW.
- 4 (2) The department shall adopt rules implementing this section, and
- 5 the applicable sections of P.L. 104-193 related to services provided by
- 6 charitable, religious, or private organizations.
- 7 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 107.** A new section is added to chapter 74.12
- 8 RCW to read as follows:
- 9 The department shall (1) provide eligible Indian tribes ongoing,
- 10 meaningful opportunities to participate in the development, oversight,
- 11 and operation of the state temporary assistance for needy families
- 12 program; (2) certify annually that it is providing equitable access to
- 13 the state temporary assistance for needy families program to Indian
- 14 people whose tribe is not administering a tribal temporary assistance
- 15 for needy families program; (3) coordinate and cooperate with eligible
- 16 Indian tribes that elect to operate a tribal temporary assistance for
- Thoram cribes that effect to operate a cribal temporary assistance for
- 17 needy families program as provided for in P.L. 104-193; and (4) upon
- 18 approval by the secretary of the federal department of health and human
- 19 services of a tribal temporary assistance for needy families program,
- 20 transfer a fair and equitable amount of the state maintenance of effort
- 21 funds to the eligible Indian tribe. The legislature shall specify the
- 22 amount of state maintenance of effort funds to be transferred in the
- 23 biennial appropriations act.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 108. A new section is added to chapter 74.12
- 25 RCW to read as follows:
- 26 An eligible Indian tribe exercising its authority under P.L.
- 27 104-193 to operate a tribal temporary assistance for needy families
- 28 program shall operate the program on a state fiscal year basis. If a
- 29 tribe decides to cancel a tribal temporary assistance for needy
- 30 families program, it shall notify the department no later than ninety
- 31 days prior to the start of the state fiscal year.
- 32 <u>NEW SECTION</u>. **Sec. 109.** A new section is added to chapter 74.12
- 33 RCW to read as follows:
- FOOD STAMP WORK REQUIREMENTS. Single adults without dependents
- 35 between eighteen and fifty years of age shall comply with federal food
- 36 stamp work requirements as a condition of eligibility. The department

1 shall not exempt any counties or subcounty areas from the federal food

2 stamp work requirements in P.L. 104-193.

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II. IMMIGRANT PROTECTION

Sec. 201. RCW 74.09.510 and 1991 sp.s. c 8 s 8 are each amended to read as follows:

6 Medical assistance may be provided in accordance with eligibility 7 requirements established by the department ((of social and health 8 services)), as defined in the social security Title XIX state plan for 9 mandatory categorically needy persons and: (1) Individuals who would be eligible for cash assistance except for their institutional status; 10 11 (2) individuals who are under twenty-one years of age, who would be eligible for aid to families with dependent children, but do not 12 13 qualify as dependent children and who are in (a) foster care, (b) subsidized adoption, (c) a nursing facility or an intermediate care 14 facility for the mentally retarded, or (d) inpatient psychiatric 15 facilities; (3) the aged, blind, and disabled who: (a) Receive only a 16 17 state supplement, or (b) would not be eligible for cash assistance if 18 they were not institutionalized; (4) <u>categorically eliqible</u> individuals who ((would be eligible for but choose not to receive cash assistance)) 19 20 meet the income and resource requirements of the cash assistance programs; (5) individuals who are enrolled in managed health care 21 22 systems, who have otherwise lost eligibility for medical assistance, 23 but who have not completed a current six-month enrollment in a managed 24 health care system, and who are eligible for federal financial participation under Title XIX of the social security act; (6) children 25 and pregnant women allowed by federal statute for whom funding is 26 27 appropriated; ((and)) (7) other individuals eligible for medical 28 services under RCW 74.09.035 and 74.09.700 for whom federal financial 29 participation is available under Title XIX of the social security act: and (8) persons allowed by section 1931 of the social security act for 30 whom funding is appropriated. 31

NEW SECTION. Sec. 202. IMMIGRANTS--ELIGIBILITY. It is the intent of the legislature that all legal immigrants who resided in the United States before August 21, 1996, retain eligibility for assistance programs the same as or similar to those from which they lost benefits as a result of P.L. 104-193. The legislature also intends that

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1 sponsors' incomes continue to be deemed for these individuals in the 2 same manner it was addressed prior to August 22, 1996.

Accordingly, the state shall exercise its option under P.L. 104-193 3 4 to continue services to legal immigrants under temporary assistance for needy families, medicaid, and social services block grant programs. 5 Legal immigrants who lose benefits under the supplemental security 6 7 income program as a result of P.L. 104-193 are immediately eligible for 8 benefits under the state's general assistance-unemployable program. 9 The department shall redetermine income and resource eligibility at 10 least annually, in accordance with existing state policy. 11 policy of the legislature to distinguish between legal immigrants living in the United States prior to August 22, 1996, and those who 12 13 immigrated on or after the enactment of P.L. 104-193. The postenactment legal immigrants are subject to a five-year benefit 14 15 exclusion for means-tested public assistance programs and are subject to the sponsor-deeming provisions of section 206 of this act, which 16 17 shall be strictly construed in favor of benefit denial.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 203. INCOME AVERAGING-BENEFIT DETERMINATION. 19 In the case of applicants for temporary assistance for needy families whose principal source of earned income is seasonal employment, the 20 shall determine eligibility and benefit 21 22 retrospectively considering the applicant's earned income for the 23 twelve-month period immediately preceding the application 24 assistance. The earned income shall be prorated on an annual basis, 25 and the prorated amount used for eligibility and benefit determination in the prospective month. Assistance shall be denied until the 26 applicant's prorated prior twelve months of income equals a monthly 27 amount at or below the eligibility level. 28 The intent of the 29 legislature is to ensure that persons with seasonal earned income that, 30 if prorated on an annual basis, would have exceeded the level qualifying them for assistance will be denied assistance until such 31 32 time as they qualify on a prorated basis.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 204. NATURALIZATION FACILITATION. The department shall make an affirmative effort to identify and proactively contact legal immigrants receiving public assistance to facilitate their applications for naturalization. The department shall obtain a complete list of legal immigrants in Washington who are receiving

correspondence regarding their eligibility from the social security 1 administration. The department shall inform immigrants regarding how 2 citizenship may be attained. In order to facilitate the citizenship 3 4 process, the department shall coordinate and contract, to the extent 5 necessary, with existing public and private resources and shall, within available funds, ensure that those immigrants who qualify to apply for 6 7 naturalization are referred to or otherwise offered classes. The 8 department shall assist eligible immigrants in obtaining appropriate 9 test exemptions, and other exemptions in the naturalization process, to 10 the extent permitted under federal law. The department shall report annually by December 15th to the legislature regarding the progress and 11 barriers of the immigrant naturalization facilitation effort. It is 12 13 the intent of the legislature that persons receiving naturalization 14 assistance be facilitated in obtaining citizenship within two years of 15 their eligibility to apply.

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 205. SPONSOR DEEMING. (1) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, qualified aliens and aliens permanently residing under color of law who are recipients of public assistance under this title as of August 22, 1996, shall have their eligibility for assistance redetermined.
- 21 (2) Qualified aliens who enter the United States of America after 22 August 22, 1996, are ineligible to receive public assistance under this 23 title for a period of five years, except as provided in subsection (6) 24 of this section. Following their period of ineligibility, their 25 eligibility for public assistance shall be determined as provided for 26 in this section.

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- (3) In determining the eligibility and the amount of benefits of a qualified alien or an alien permanently residing under color of law for public assistance under this title, the income and resources of the alien shall be deemed to include the income and resources of any person and his or her spouse who executed an affidavit of support pursuant to section 213A of the federal immigration and naturalization act on behalf of the alien. The deeming provisions of this subsection shall be waived if the sponsor dies or is permanently incapacitated during the period the affidavit of support is valid.
- 36 (4) As used in this section, "qualified alien" has the meaning 37 provided it in P.L. 104-183.

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- 1 (5)(a) Qualified aliens specified under sections 403, 412, and 552 (e) and (f), subtitle B, Title IV, of P.L. 104-193 and in P.L. 104-208, are exempt from this section.
- 4 (b) Qualified aliens who served in the armed forces of an allied 5 country, or were employed by an agency of the federal government, 6 during a military conflict between the United States of America and a 7 military adversary are exempt from the provisions of this section.
- 8 (c) Qualified aliens who are victims of domestic violence and 9 petition for legal status under the federal violence against women act 10 are exempt from the provisions of this section.
- 11 (6) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply to the following 12 state benefits:
- 13 (a) Assistance described in P.L. 104-193 sections 403(c)(H) through 14 (K), 411(b)(1), 421(b), and P.L. 104-208;
- 15 (b) Short-term, noncash, in-kind emergency disaster relief;
- 16 (c) Programs comparable to assistance or benefits under the federal 17 national school lunch act;
- 18 (d) Programs comparable to assistance or benefits under the federal 19 child nutrition act of 1966;
- (e) Public health assistance for immunizations with respect to immunizable diseases and for testing and treatment of symptoms of communicable diseases whether or not the symptoms are caused by a communicable disease;
 - (f) Payments for foster care and adoption assistance;
- (g) Programs, services, or assistance where eligibility is not determined by employees of the department of social and health services;
- (h) Programs, services, or assistance such as meals from a soup kitchen, crisis counseling and intervention, and short-term shelter, specified by the attorney general, after consultation with appropriate agencies and departments, that:
- (i) Deliver in-kind services at the community level, including through public or private nonprofit agencies;
- (ii) Do not condition the provision of assistance, the amount of assistance provided, or the cost of assistance provided on the individual recipient's income or resources; and
- 37 (iii) Are necessary for the protection of life or safety.
- 38 (7) Otherwise qualified legal immigrants arriving after the 39 enactment of P.L. 104-193, and subject to the five-year federal means-

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- 1 tested benefit exclusion, shall, after the five-year exclusion, be
- 2 eligible for medical assistance in cases where their sponsors have
- 3 died.
- 4 NEW SECTION. Sec. 206. A new section is added to chapter 74.04
- 5 RCW to read as follows:
- 6 FOOD ASSISTANCE. (1) The department may establish a food
- 7 assistance program for persons whose immigrant status meets the
- 8 eligibility requirements of the federal food stamp program as of August
- 9 21, 1996, but who are no longer eligible solely due to their immigrant
- 10 status under P.L. 104-193.
- 11 (2) The rules for the state food assistance program shall follow
- 12 exactly the rules of the federal food stamp program as they existed on
- 13 the effective date of this section except for the provisions pertaining
- 14 to immigrant status under P.L. 104-193.
- 15 (3) The benefit under the state food assistance program shall be
- 16 established by the legislature in the biennial operating budget.
- 17 (4) The department may enter into a contract with the United States
- 18 department of agriculture to use the existing federal food stamp
- 19 program coupon system for the purposes of administering the state food
- 20 assistance program.
- 21 (5) In the event the department is unable to enter into a contract
- 22 with the United States department of agriculture, the department may
- 23 issue vouchers to eligible households for the purchase of eligible
- 24 foods at participating retailers.
- 25 **Sec. 207.** RCW 74.09.800 and 1993 c 407 s 10 are each amended to
- 26 read as follows:
- 27 The department shall, consistent with the state budget act, develop
- 28 a maternity care access program designed to ensure healthy birth
- 29 outcomes as follows:
- 30 (1) Provide maternity care services to low-income pregnant women
- 31 and health care services to children in poverty to the maximum extent
- 32 allowable under the medical assistance program, Title XIX of the
- 33 federal social security act;
- 34 (2) Provide maternity care services to low-income women who are not
- 35 eligible to receive such services under the medical assistance program,
- 36 Title XIX of the federal social security act;

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- 1 (3) By January 1, 1990, have the following procedures in place to 2 improve access to maternity care services and eligibility 3 determinations for pregnant women applying for maternity care services 4 under the medical assistance program, Title XIX of the federal social 5 security act:
 - (a) Use of a shortened and simplified application form;

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- 7 (b) Outstationing department staff to make eligibility 8 determinations;
- 9 (c) Establishing local plans at the county and regional level, 10 coordinated by the department; and
- (d) Conducting an interview for the purpose of determining medical assistance eligibility within five working days of the date of an application by a pregnant woman and making an eligibility determination within fifteen working days of the date of application by a pregnant woman;
- (4) Establish a maternity care case management system that shall assist at-risk eligible persons with obtaining medical assistance benefits and receiving maternity care services, including transportation and child care services;
- 20 (5) Within available resources, establish appropriate reimbursement 21 levels for maternity care providers;
- (6) Implement a broad-based public education program that stresses the importance of obtaining maternity care early during pregnancy;
 - (7) Refer persons eligible for maternity care services under the program established by this section to persons, agencies, or organizations with maternity care service practices that primarily emphasize healthy birth outcomes;
- (8) Provide family planning services including information about the synthetic progestin capsule implant form of contraception, for twelve months immediately following a pregnancy to women who were eligible for medical assistance under the maternity care access program during that pregnancy or who were eligible only for emergency labor and delivery services during that pregnancy; and
- 34 (9) Within available resources, provide family planning services to 35 women who meet the financial eligibility requirements for services 36 under subsections (1) and (2) of this section.
- The legislature reaffirms its commitment to provide health care services under this section to eligible immigrants, regardless of documented or undocumented status.

- 2 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 301.** It is the intent of the legislature that
- 3 all applicants to the Washington WorkFirst program shall be focused on
- 4 obtaining paid, unsubsidized employment. The focus of the Washington
- 5 WorkFirst program shall be work for all recipients.
- 6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 302.** DIVERSION ASSISTANCE. (1) In order to
- 7 prevent some families from developing dependency on temporary
- 8 assistance for needy families, the department shall make available to
- 9 qualifying applicants a diversion program designed to provide brief,
- 10 emergency assistance for families in crisis whose income and assets
- 11 would otherwise qualify them for temporary assistance for needy
- 12 families.
- 13 (2) Diversion assistance may include cash or vouchers in payment
- 14 for the following needs:
- 15 (a) Child care;
- 16 (b) Housing assistance;
- 17 (c) Transportation-related expenses;
- 18 (d) Medical costs for the recipient's immediate family;
- 19 (e) Employment-related expenses which are necessary to keep or
- 20 obtain paid unsubsidized employment.
- 21 (3) Diversion assistance is available once in each twelve-month
- 22 period for each adult applicant. Recipients of diversion assistance
- 23 are not included in the temporary assistance for needy families
- 24 program.
- 25 (4) Diversion assistance may not exceed one thousand five hundred
- 26 dollars for each instance.
- 27 (5) To be eligible for diversion assistance, a family must
- 28 otherwise be eligible for temporary assistance for needy families.
- 29 (6) Families ineligible for temporary assistance for needy families
- 30 or general assistance due to sanction, noncompliance, the lump sum
- 31 income rule, or any other reason are not eligible for diversion
- 32 assistance.
- 33 (7) Families must provide evidence showing that a bona fide need
- 34 exists according to subsection (2) of this section in order to be
- 35 eligible for diversion assistance.
- 36 An adult applicant may receive diversion assistance of any type no
- 37 more than once per twelve-month period. If the recipient of diversion

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- 1 assistance is placed on the temporary assistance for needy families
- 2 program within twelve months of receiving diversion assistance, the
- 3 prorated dollar value of the assistance shall be treated as a loan from
- 4 the state, and recovered by deduction from the recipient's cash grant.

5 **Sec. 303.** RCW 74.08.331 and 1992 c 7 s 59 are each amended to read 6 as follows:

7 Any person who by means of a willfully false statement, or representation, or impersonation, or a willful failure to reveal any 8 9 material fact, condition or circumstance affecting eligibility ((of [or])) or need for assistance, including medical care, surplus 10 11 commodities and food stamps, as required by law, or a willful failure 12 to promptly notify the county office in writing as required by law or any change in status in respect to resources, or income, or need, or 13 14 family composition, money contribution and other support, from whatever 15 source derived, including unemployment insurance, or any other change 16 in circumstances affecting the person's eligibility or need for assistance, or other fraudulent device, obtains, or attempts to obtain, 17 18 or aids or abets any person to obtain any public assistance to which 19 the person is not entitled or greater public assistance than that to which he or she is justly entitled shall be quilty of grand larceny and 20 21 upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in a state 22 correctional facility for not more than fifteen years.

Any person who by means of a willfully false statement or representation or by impersonation or other fraudulent device aids or abets in buying, selling, or in any other way disposing of the real property of a recipient of public assistance without the consent of the secretary shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year in the county jail or a fine of not to exceed one thousand dollars or by both.

- 31 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 304.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.630
- 32 RCW to read as follows:

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- 33 SCHOOL-TO-WORK TRANSITIONS. (1) The legislature finds that
- 34 noncollege-bound and at-risk youth are more likely than college-bound
- 35 youth to become dependent on state assistance programs and that long-
- 36 term employment and earning outcomes for noncollege-bound and at-risk
- 37 youth can be significantly improved through school-to-work efforts,

particularly through work-based learning. The legislature intends that every effort be made by school-to-work programs in the state to involve school drop-outs, noncollege-bound youth, and at-risk youth.

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- (2) All school-to-work transition projects in the state, whether 4 funded with state or federal funds, shall contain an outreach component 5 directed toward school age youth not currently enrolled in school, 6 7 noncollege-bound youth, and at-risk youth. At the time a school-to-8 work grant is made, the superintendent of public instruction shall 9 withhold twenty percent of the grant award and release the funds upon 10 a showing that the project has satisfactorily included drop-outs, noncollege-bound youth, and at-risk youth. 11
- 12 (3) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall 13 provide technical assistance to school-to-work transition projects to 14 help establish and operate outreach efforts under this section, and to 15 include drop-outs, noncollege-bound youth, and at-risk youth in school-16 to-work efforts within available funds.
- 17 **Sec. 305.** RCW 28A.630.876 and 1993 c 335 s 8 are each amended to 18 read as follows:
- 19 (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall report to the 20 education committees of the legislature <u>and committees of the</u> 21 <u>legislature handling economic development and social welfare issues</u> on 22 the progress of the schools for the school-to-work transitions program 23 by December 15 of each odd-numbered year.
- (2) Each school district selected to participate in the ((academic and vocational integration development)) school-to-work transitions program shall submit an annual report to the superintendent of public instruction on the progress of the project as a condition of receipt of continued funding.
- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 306.** A new section is added to chapter 43.30 RCW to read as follows:
- JOBS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS. In any jobs for the environment program designed to train and employ displaced natural resource workers and operated by the department of natural resources, recipients of temporary assistance for needy families from natural resource areas who are engaged in work search activities are eligible for training and employment on the same basis as displaced natural resource workers within available funds.

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- 1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 307.** A new section is added to chapter 50.62
- 2 RCW to read as follows:
- 3 SELF-EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE. (1) The legislature finds that
- 4 individuals who exhaust their unemployment insurance benefits may
- 5 become dependent on state assistance programs. The federal government
- 6 has authorized states that pass enabling legislation to provide self-
- 7 employment assistance to those individuals profiled as likely to
- 8 exhaust their unemployment insurance benefits. The legislature further
- 9 finds that the establishment of a self-employment assistance program
- 10 for individuals who are likely to exhaust their unemployment insurance
- 11 benefits and have an interest in starting a business would create new
- 12 businesses and job opportunities in Washington state. The legislature
- 13 intends that every effort be made, within available funds, by the state
- 14 to support self-employment by individuals who are profiled as likely to
- 15 exhaust their unemployment insurance benefits.
- 16 (2) An unemployed individual is eligible to participate in a self-
- 17 employment assistance program if it has been determined that the
- 18 individual:
- 19 (a) Is otherwise eligible for regular unemployment benefits as
- 20 defined in RCW 50.22.010(5);
- 21 (b) Has been identified as likely to exhaust regular unemployment
- 22 benefits under a profiling system established by the commissioner as
- 23 defined in P.L. 103-152;
- 24 (c) Is enrolled in a self-employment assistance program that is
- 25 approved by the commissioner, and that includes entrepreneurial
- 26 training, business counseling, and technical assistance; and
- 27 (d) Is actively engaged on a full-time basis in activities relating
- 28 to the establishment of a business and becoming self-employed. The
- 29 self-employment assistance program administrators shall determine
- 30 whether the claimant is engaged on a full-time basis.
- 31 (3) Individuals participating in a self-employment assistance
- 32 program approved by the commissioner are eligible to receive a self-
- 33 employment allowance in lieu of regular benefits, payable in the same
- 34 weekly benefit amount, at the same interval, on the same terms, and
- 35 subject to the same conditions as regular unemployment benefits, except
- 36 that:
- 37 (a) The requirements of RCW 50.20.010(3) and 50.20.080 relating to
- 38 availability for work, active search for work, and refusal to accept
- 39 suitable work are not applicable to such individuals;

(b) Income earned from self-employment shall not be considered remuneration and is not deductible from the weekly benefit amount by reason of the application of RCW 50.20.130; and

- 4 (c) An individual who meets the requirements of this chapter is considered to be unemployed under RCW 50.04.310 and 50.20.010.
 - (4) An individual who fails to participate in his or her approved self-employment assistance program or who fails to actively engage on a full-time basis in activities relating to establishing a business is disqualified from self-employment allowances for the week the failure occurs. An individual who is disqualified from self-employment allowances due to a failure under this subsection may be eligible for regular benefits for that week if the individual meets all eligibility requirements for regular benefits.
- (5) The commissioner shall take all steps necessary in carrying out this section to assure collaborative involvement of interested parties in program development and to ensure that the self-employment assistance programs and self-employment allowances meet all federal criteria for withdrawal from the unemployment fund. The commissioner may approve, as self-employment assistance programs, existing self-employment training programs available through community colleges, private industry councils, or other organizations and is not obligated by this section to expend any departmental funds for the operation of self-employment assistance programs, unless specific funding is provided to the department for that purpose through federal or state appropriations. No payments to individuals may be made under this section until such time as a plan for such payments is approved by the Unites States department of labor.
 - (6) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to address the relationship of this section to eligibility for conventional unemployment insurance benefits, definitions, program eligibility, program review, and compliance with applicable federal laws and regulations.
 - (7) If any part of this section is found to be in conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to the allocation of federal funds to the state or the eligibility of employers in this state for federal unemployment tax credits, the conflicting part of this section is hereby declared to be inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict, and such finding or determination shall not affect the operation of the remainder of this section. The rules under this

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- l section shall meet federal requirements that are a necessary condition
- 2 to the receipt of federal funds by the state or the granting of federal
- 3 unemployment tax credits to employers in this state.

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- **Sec. 308.** RCW 50.16.030 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 7 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) Moneys shall be requisitioned from this state's account in the 6 7 unemployment trust fund solely for the payment of benefits, self-8 employment allowances, and repayment of loans from the federal 9 government to guarantee solvency of the unemployment compensation fund 10 in accordance with regulations prescribed by the commissioner, except 11 that money credited to this state's account pursuant to section 903 of 12 the social security act, as amended, shall be used exclusively as provided in RCW 50.16.030(5). The commissioner shall from time to time 13 14 requisition from the unemployment trust fund such amounts, not 15 exceeding the amounts standing to its account therein, as he deems necessary for the payment of benefits for a reasonable future period. 16 Upon receipt thereof the treasurer shall deposit such moneys in the 17 18 benefit account and shall issue his warrants for the payment of benefits solely from such benefits account. 19
 - (2) Expenditures of such moneys in the benefit account and refunds from the clearing account shall not be subject to any provisions of law requiring specific appropriations or other formal release by state officers of money in their custody, and RCW 43.01.050, as amended, shall not apply. All warrants issued by the treasurer for the payment of benefits, self-employment allowances, and refunds shall bear the signature of the treasurer and the countersignature of the commissioner, or his duly authorized agent for that purpose.
 - (3) Any balance of moneys requisitioned from the unemployment trust fund which remains unclaimed or unpaid in the benefit account after the expiration of the period for which sums were requisitioned shall either be deducted from estimates for, and may be utilized for the payment of, benefits and self-employment allowances during succeeding periods, or in the discretion of the commissioner, shall be redeposited with the secretary of the treasury of the United States of America to the credit of this state's account in the unemployment trust fund.
- 36 (4) Money credited to the account of this state in the unemployment 37 trust fund by the secretary of the treasury of the United States of 38 America pursuant to section 903 of the social security act, as amended,

- may be requisitioned and used for the payment of expenses incurred for the administration of this title pursuant to a specific appropriation by the legislature, provided that the expenses are incurred and the money is requisitioned after the enactment of an appropriation law which:
- 6 (a) specifies the purposes for which such money is appropriated and 7 the amounts appropriated therefor,

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- (b) limits the period within which such money may be obligated to a period ending not more than two years after the date of the enactment of the appropriation law, and
- (c) limits the amount which may be obligated during a twelve-month 11 period beginning on July 1st and ending on the next June 30th to an 12 13 amount which does not exceed the amount by which (i) the aggregate of the amounts credited to the account of this state pursuant to section 14 15 903 of the social security act, as amended, during the same twelvemonth period and the thirty-four preceding twelve-month periods, 16 exceeds (ii) the aggregate of the amounts obligated pursuant to RCW 17 50.16.030 (4), (5) and (6) and charged against the amounts credited to 18 19 the account of this state during any of such thirty-five twelve-month 20 periods. For the purposes of RCW 50.16.030 (4), (5) and (6), amounts obligated during any such twelve-month period shall be charged against 21 equivalent amounts which were first credited and which are not already 22 so charged; except that no amount obligated for administration during 23 24 any such twelve-month period may be charged against any amount credited 25 during such a twelve-month period earlier than the thirty-fourth 26 twelve-month period preceding such period: PROVIDED, That any amount credited to this state's account under section 903 of the social 27 security act, as amended, which has been appropriated for expenses of 28 29 administration, whether or not withdrawn from the trust fund shall be 30 excluded from the unemployment compensation fund balance for the purpose of experience rating credit determination. 31
 - (5) Money credited to the account of this state pursuant to section 903 of the social security act, as amended, may not be withdrawn or used except for the payment of benefits and self-employment allowances and for the payment of expenses of administration and of public employment offices pursuant to RCW 50.16.030 (4), (5) and (6).
- 37 (6) Money requisitioned as provided in RCW 50.16.030 (4), (5) and 38 (6) for the payment of expenses of administration shall be deposited in 39 the unemployment compensation fund, but until expended, shall remain a

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- 1 part of the unemployment compensation fund. The commissioner shall
- 2 maintain a separate record of the deposit, obligation, expenditure and
- 3 return of funds so deposited. Any money so deposited which either will
- 4 not be obligated within the period specified by the appropriation law
- 5 or remains unobligated at the end of the period, and any money which
- 6 has been obligated within the period but will not be expended, shall be
- 7 returned promptly to the account of this state in the unemployment
- 8 trust fund.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 309.** INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS. The department shall carry out a program to fund individual development accounts established by recipients eligible for assistance under the temporary assistance for needy families program.
- (1) An individual development account may be established by or on behalf of a recipient eligible for assistance provided under the temporary assistance for needy families program operated under this title for the purpose of enabling the recipient to accumulate funds for a qualified purpose described in subsection (2) of this section.
- 18 (2) A qualified purpose as described in this subsection is one or 19 more of the following, as provided by the qualified entity providing 20 assistance to the individual:
- 21 (a) Postsecondary expenses paid from an individual development 22 account directly to an eligible educational institution;
- (b) Qualified acquisition costs with respect to a qualified principal residence for a qualified first-time home buyer, if paid from an individual development account directly to the persons to whom the amounts are due;
- (c) Amounts paid from an individual development account directly to a business capitalization account which is established in a federally insured financial institution and is restricted to use solely for qualified business capitalization expenses.
- 31 (3) A recipient may only contribute to an individual development 32 account such amounts as are derived from earned income, as defined in 33 section 911(d)(2) of the internal revenue code of 1986.
- 34 (4) The department shall establish rules to ensure funds held in an 35 individual development account are only withdrawn for a qualified 36 purpose as provided in this section.
- 37 (5) An individual development account established under this 38 section shall be a trust created or organized in the United States and

- funded through periodic contributions by the establishing recipient and matched by or through a qualified entity for a qualified purpose as provided in this section.
- 4 (6) For the purpose of determining eligibility for any assistance 5 provided under this title, all funds in an individual development 6 account under this section shall be disregarded for such purpose with 7 respect to any period during which such individual maintains or makes 8 contributions into such an account.
- 9 (7) The department shall adopt rules authorizing the use of 10 organizations using microcredit and microenterprise approaches to 11 assisting low-income families to become financially self-sufficient.
- 12 (8) The department shall adopt rules implementing the use of 13 individual development accounts by recipients of temporary assistance 14 for needy families.
- 15 (9) For the purposes of this section, "eligible educational 16 institution, " "postsecondary educational expenses, " "qualified acquisition costs," "qualified business," 17 "qualified business capitalization expenses," "qualified expenditures," "qualified 18 19 first-time home buyer, " "date of acquisition, " "qualified plan, " and 20 "qualified principal residence" include the meanings provided for them in P.L. 104-193. 21
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 310. EARNINGS DISREGARDS AND EARNED INCOME CUTOFFS. (1) In addition to their monthly benefit payment, a family may earn and keep one-half of its earnings during every month it is eligible to receive assistance under this section.
- (2) In no event may a family be eligible for temporary assistance for needy families if its monthly gross earned income exceeds the maximum earned income level as set by the department. In calculating a household's gross earnings, the department shall disregard the earnings of a minor child who is:
- 31 (a) A full-time student; or
- 32 (b) A part-time student carrying at least half the normal school 33 load and working fewer than thirty-five hours per week.
- 34 **Sec. 311.** RCW 74.04.005 and 1992 c 165 s 1 and 1992 c 136 s 1 are 35 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- For the purposes of this title, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following definitions shall apply:

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- 1 (1) "Public assistance" or "assistance" Public aid to persons in 2 need thereof for any cause, including services, medical care, 3 assistance grants, disbursing orders, work relief, general assistance 4 and federal-aid assistance.
 - (2) "Department" «The department of social and health services.

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- 6 (3) "County or local office" «The administrative office for one or 7 more counties or designated service areas.
- 8 (4) "Director" or "secretary" means the secretary of social and 9 health services.
- 10 (5) "Federal-aid assistance" The specific categories of assistance for which provision is made in any federal law existing or hereafter passed by which payments are made from the federal government to the state in aid or in respect to payment by the state for public assistance rendered to any category of needy persons for which provision for federal funds or aid may from time to time be made, or a federally administered needs-based program.
 - (6)(a) "General assistance" «Aid to persons in need who:
- (i) Are not eligible to receive federal-aid assistance, other than food stamps and medical assistance; however, an individual who refuses or fails to cooperate in obtaining federal-aid assistance, without good cause, is not eligible for general assistance;
 - (ii) Meet one of the following conditions:
- (A) Pregnant: PROVIDED, That need is based on the current income and resource requirements of the federal ((aid to families with dependent children)) temporary assistance for needy families program((÷ PROVIDED FURTHER, That during any period in which an aid for dependent children employable program is not in operation, only those pregnant women who are categorically eligible for medicaid are eligible for general assistance)); or
- 30 (B) Subject to chapter 165, Laws of 1992, incapacitated from 31 gainful employment by reason of bodily or mental infirmity that will 32 likely continue for a minimum of ninety days as determined by the 33 department.
- 34 (C) Persons who are unemployable due to alcohol or drug addiction 35 are not eligible for general assistance. Persons receiving general 36 assistance on July 26, 1987, or becoming eligible for such assistance 37 thereafter, due to an alcohol or drug-related incapacity, shall be 38 referred to appropriate assessment, treatment, shelter, or supplemental 39 security income referral services as authorized under chapter 74.50

- RCW. Referrals shall be made at the time of application or at the time 1 2 of eligibility review. Alcoholic and drug addicted clients who are receiving general assistance on July 26, 1987, may remain on general 3 4 assistance if they otherwise retain their eligibility until they are 74.50 RCW. 5 assessed for services under chapter (6)(a)(ii)(B) of this section shall not be construed to prohibit the 6 department from granting general assistance benefits to alcoholics and 7 drug addicts who are incapacitated due to other physical or mental 8 9 conditions that meet the eligibility criteria for the general 10 assistance program;
- (iii) Are citizens or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence or otherwise residing in the United States under color of law; and
- 14 (iv) Have furnished the department their social security account
 15 number. If the social security account number cannot be furnished
 16 because it has not been issued or is not known, an application for a
 17 number shall be made prior to authorization of assistance, and the
 18 social security number shall be provided to the department upon
 19 receipt.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (6)(a)(i), (ii), and (c) of this section, general assistance shall be provided to the following recipients of federal-aid assistance:
- (i) Recipients of supplemental security income whose need, as defined in this section, is not met by such supplemental security income grant because of separation from a spouse; or

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- (ii) To the extent authorized by the legislature in the biennial appropriations act, to recipients of ((aid to families with dependent children)) temporary assistance for needy families whose needs are not being met because of a temporary reduction in monthly income below the entitled benefit payment level caused by loss or reduction of wages or unemployment compensation benefits or some other unforeseen circumstances. The amount of general assistance authorized shall not exceed the difference between the entitled benefit payment level and the amount of income actually received.
- 35 (c) General assistance shall be provided only to persons who are 36 not members of assistance units receiving federal aid assistance, 37 except as provided in subsection (6)(a)(ii)(A) and (b) of this section, 38 and will accept available services which can reasonably be expected to 39 enable the person to work or reduce the need for assistance unless

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- 1 there is good cause to refuse. Failure to accept such services shall
- 2 result in termination until the person agrees to cooperate in accepting
- 3 such services and subject to the following maximum periods of
- 4 ineligibility after reapplication:
- 5 (i) First failure: One week;
- 6 (ii) Second failure within six months: One month;
- 7 (iii) Third and subsequent failure within one year: Two months.
- 8 (d) Persons found eligible for general assistance based on
- 9 incapacity from gainful employment may, if otherwise eligible, receive
- 10 general assistance pending application for federal supplemental
- 11 security income benefits. Any general assistance that is subsequently
- 12 duplicated by the person's receipt of supplemental security income for
- 13 the same period shall be considered a debt due the state and shall by
- 14 operation of law be subject to recovery through all available legal
- 15 remedies.
- 16 (e) The department shall adopt by rule medical criteria for general
- 17 assistance eligibility to ensure that eligibility decisions are
- 18 consistent with statutory requirements and are based on clear,
- 19 objective medical information.
- 20 (f) The process implementing the medical criteria shall involve
- 21 consideration of opinions of the treating or consulting physicians or
- 22 health care professionals regarding incapacity, and any eligibility
- 23 decision which rejects uncontroverted medical opinion must set forth
- 24 clear and convincing reasons for doing so.
- 25 (g) Recipients of general assistance based upon a finding of
- 26 incapacity from gainful employment who remain otherwise eligible shall
- 27 not have their benefits terminated absent a clear showing of material
- 28 improvement in their medical or mental condition or specific error in
- 29 the prior determination that found the recipient eligible by reason of
- 30 incapacitation. Recipients of general assistance based upon pregnancy
- 31 who relinquish their child for adoption, remain otherwise eligible, and
- 32 are not eligible to receive benefits under the federal ((aid to
- 33 families with dependent children)) temporary assistance for needy
- 34 <u>families</u> program shall not have their benefits terminated until the end
- 35 of the month in which the period of six weeks following the birth of
- 36 the recipient's child falls. Recipients of the federal ((aid to
- 37 families with dependent children)) temporary assistance for needy
- 38 <u>families</u> program who lose their eligibility solely because of the birth
- 39 and relinquishment of the qualifying child may receive general

assistance through the end of the month in which the period of six weeks following the birth of the child falls.

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- 3 (7) "Applicant"« Any person who has made a request, or on behalf of 4 whom a request has been made, to any county or local office for 5 assistance.
- 6 (8) "Recipient" Any person receiving assistance and in addition 7 those dependents whose needs are included in the recipient's 8 assistance.
- 9 (9) "Standards of assistance" «The level of income required by an 10 applicant or recipient to maintain a level of living specified by the 11 department.
- (10) "Resource" Any asset, tangible or intangible, owned by or available to the applicant at the time of application, which can be applied toward meeting the applicant's need, either directly or by conversion into money or its equivalent: PROVIDED, That an applicant may retain the following described resources and not be ineligible for public assistance because of such resources.
 - (a) A home, which is defined as real property owned and used by an applicant or recipient as a place of residence, together with a reasonable amount of property surrounding and contiguous thereto, which is used by and useful to the applicant. Whenever a recipient shall cease to use such property for residential purposes, either for himself or his dependents, the property shall be considered as a resource which can be made available to meet need, and if the recipient or his dependents absent themselves from the home for a period of ninety consecutive days such absence, unless due to hospitalization or health reasons or a natural disaster, shall raise a rebuttable presumption of abandonment: PROVIDED, That if in the opinion of three physicians the recipient will be unable to return to the home during his lifetime, and the home is not occupied by a spouse or dependent children or disabled sons or daughters, such property shall be considered as a resource which can be made available to meet need.
- 33 (b) Household furnishings and personal effects and other personal 34 property having great sentimental value to the applicant or recipient, 35 as limited by the department consistent with limitations on resources 36 and exemptions for federal aid assistance.
- 37 (c) A motor vehicle, other than a motor home, used and useful 38 having an equity value not to exceed ((one)) five thousand ((five 39 hundred)) dollars.

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- 1 (d) A motor vehicle necessary to transport a physically disabled 2 household member. This exclusion is limited to one vehicle per 3 physically disabled person.
- 4 (e) All other resources, including any excess of values exempted,
 5 not to exceed one thousand dollars or other limit as set by the
 6 department, to be consistent with limitations on resources and
 7 exemptions necessary for federal aid assistance. The department shall
 8 also allow recipients of temporary assistance for needy families to
 9 exempt savings accounts with combined balances of up to an additional
 10 three thousand dollars.
- (((e))) <u>(f)</u> Applicants for or recipients of general assistance shall have their eligibility based on resource limitations consistent with the ((aid to families with dependent children)) <u>temporary</u> assistance for needy families program rules adopted by the department.
 - ((\(\frac{(++)}{(++)}\)) (g) If an applicant for or recipient of public assistance possesses property and belongings in excess of the ceiling value, such value shall be used in determining the need of the applicant or recipient, except that: (i) The department may exempt resources or income when the income and resources are determined necessary to the applicant's or recipient's restoration to independence, to decrease the need for public assistance, or to aid in rehabilitating the applicant or recipient or a dependent of the applicant or recipient; and (ii) the department may provide grant assistance for a period not to exceed nine months from the date the agreement is signed pursuant to this section to persons who are otherwise ineligible because of excess real property owned by such persons when they are making a good faith effort to dispose of that property: PROVIDED, That:
 - (A) The applicant or recipient signs an agreement to repay the lesser of the amount of aid received or the net proceeds of such sale;
- 30 (B) If the owner of the excess property ceases to make good faith 31 efforts to sell the property, the entire amount of assistance may 32 become an overpayment and a debt due the state and may be recovered 33 pursuant to RCW 43.20B.630;
- 34 (C) Applicants and recipients are advised of their right to a fair 35 hearing and afforded the opportunity to challenge a decision that good 36 faith efforts to sell have ceased, prior to assessment of an 37 overpayment under this section; and
- 38 (D) At the time assistance is authorized, the department files a 39 lien without a sum certain on the specific property.

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property (cash or kind) or other assets, which are received by or 2 become available for use and enjoyment by an applicant or recipient 3 4 during the month of application or after applying for or receiving 5 public assistance. The department may by rule and regulation exempt income received by an applicant for or recipient of public assistance 6 which can be used by him to decrease his need for public assistance or 7 8 to aid in rehabilitating him or his dependents, but such exemption 9 shall not, unless otherwise provided in this title, exceed the 10 exemptions of resources granted under this chapter to an applicant for 11 public assistance. In determining the amount of assistance to which an 12 applicant or recipient of ((aid to families with dependent children)) 13 temporary assistance for needy families is entitled, the department is hereby authorized to disregard as a resource or income the earned 14 15 income exemptions consistent with federal requirements. The department may permit the above exemption of earnings of a child to be retained by 16 17 such child to cover the cost of special future identifiable needs even though the total exceeds the exemptions or resources granted to 18 19 applicants and recipients of public assistance, but consistent with 20 federal requirements. In formulating rules and regulations pursuant to this chapter, the department shall define income and resources and the 21 availability thereof, consistent with federal requirements. 22 23 resources and income not specifically exempted, and any income or other 24 economic benefit derived from the use of, or appreciation in value of, 25 exempt resources, shall be considered in determining the need of an 26 applicant or recipient of public assistance. 27 (b) If, under applicable federal requirements, the state has the option of considering property in the form of lump sum compensatory 28

(11) "Income" (a) All appreciable gains in real or personal

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- (b) If, under applicable federal requirements, the state has the option of considering property in the form of lump sum compensatory awards or related settlements received by an applicant or recipient as income or as a resource, the department shall consider such property to be a resource.
- (12) "Need"« The difference between the applicant's or recipient's standards of assistance for himself and the dependent members of his family, as measured by the standards of the department, and value of all nonexempt resources and nonexempt income received by or available to the applicant or recipient and the dependent members of his family.
- (13) For purposes of determining eligibility for public assistance and participation levels in the cost of medical care, the department shall exempt restitution payments made to people of Japanese and Aleut

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- 1 ancestry pursuant to the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and the Aleutian
- 2 and Pribilof Island Restitution Act passed by congress, P.L. 100-383,
- 3 including all income and resources derived therefrom.
- 4 (14) In the construction of words and phrases used in this title,
- 5 the singular number shall include the plural, the masculine gender
- 6 shall include both the feminine and neuter genders and the present
- 7 tense shall include the past and future tenses, unless the context
- 8 thereof shall clearly indicate to the contrary.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 312.** NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS IN WORK PROGRAMS.
- 10 The department may provide Washington WorkFirst activities or make
- 11 cross-referrals to existing programs to qualifying noncustodial parents
- 12 of children receiving temporary assistance for needy families who are
- 13 unable to meet their child support obligations. Services authorized
- 14 under this section shall be provided within available funds.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 313. DEFINITIONS. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, as used in this chapter, "work activity" means:
- 17 (1) Unsubsidized paid employment in the private or public sector;
- 18 (2) Subsidized paid employment in the private or public sector;
- 19 (3) Work experience, including work associated with the 20 refurbishing of publicly assisted housing, if sufficient paid
- 21 employment is not available;
- 22 (4) On-the-job training;
- 23 (5) Job search and job readiness assistance;
- 24 (6) Community service programs;
- 25 (7) Vocational educational training, not to exceed twelve months
- 26 with respect to any individual;
- 27 (8) Job skills training directly related to employment;
- 28 (9) Education directly related to employment, in the case of a
- 29 recipient who has not received a high school diploma or a GED;
- 30 (10) Satisfactory attendance at secondary school or in a course of
- 31 study leading to a GED, in the case of a recipient who has not
- 32 completed secondary school or received such a certificate; and
- 33 (11) The provision of child care services to an individual who is
- 34 participating in a community service program.
- 35 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 314.** JOB SEARCH OR WORK ACTIVITY. (1) There is
- 36 established in the department the Washington WorkFirst program. The

- department shall administer the program consistent with the temporary assistance for needy families provisions of P.L. 104-193. In operating the WorkFirst program the department shall meet the minimum work participation rates specified in federal law, and shall require recipients of assistance to engage in job search and work activities as an ongoing condition of eligibility.
- 7 (2) Upon application to the temporary assistance for needy families 8 program, each recipient shall be placed in the job search component. 9 For recipients who have been approved for assistance before the 10 effective date of this section, the job search component shall be 11 completed no later than one hundred eighty days after the effective 12 date of this section.
- 13 (3) The Washington WorkFirst program shall include a job search component in which each nonexempt recipient of temporary assistance for 14 15 needy families shall participate. The job search component may not 16 last more than four weeks for each recipient. Each recipient shall be 17 required to attend job search component activities at least thirty-six hours per week. Failure to participate in the job search component 18 19 shall result in sanctions under section 315 of this act. 20 search component shall serve as the assessment tool to comply with federal law. If a recipient fails to find paid employment during the 21 22 job search component, the department may refer the recipient to those 23 work activities that are directly related to improving the recipient's 24 employability.
- (4) As used in this section, "job search component" means an activity in which nonexempt recipients engage each weekday upon entering the Washington WorkFirst program. The component shall provide at least three hours per weekday of classroom instruction on how to secure a job and at least three hours per weekday of individual job search activities.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 315. PLACEMENT INTO WORK ACTIVITY. Recipients who have not obtained paid, unsubsidized employment by the end of the job search component authorized in section 314 of this act shall be referred to a work activity.
- 35 (1) Each recipient shall be assessed immediately upon completion of 36 the job search component. Assessments shall be based upon factors that 37 are critical to obtaining employment, including but not limited to 38 education, employment strengths, and employment history. Assessments

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- may be performed by the department or by a contracted entity. 2 assessment shall be based on a uniform, consistent, transferable format that will be accepted by all agencies and organizations serving the 3 4 recipient. Based on the assessment, an individual responsibility plan 5 shall be prepared that: (a) Sets forth an employment goal and a plan for moving the recipient immediately into private sector employment; 6 7 (b) contains the obligation of the recipient to become and remain 8 employed in the private sector; (c) moves the recipient into whatever private sector employment the recipient is capable of handling as 9
- quickly as possible; and (d) describes the services available to the recipient to enable the recipient to obtain and keep employment in the private sector.
- (2) Recipients who are not engaged in work and work activities, and do not qualify for a good cause exemption under section 316 of this act, shall engage in self-directed service as provided in section 328 of this act.
- 17 (3) If a recipient refuses to engage in work and work activities 18 required by the department, the family's grant shall be reduced by the 19 recipient's share, and may, if the department determines it 20 appropriate, be terminated.
- 21 (4) The department may waive the penalties required under 22 subsection (3) of this section, subject to a finding that the recipient 23 refused to engage in work for good cause provided in section 316 of 24 this act.
- (5) In implementing this section, the department shall assign the highest priority to the most employable clients, including adults in two-parent families and parents in single-parent families that include older preschool or school age children to be engaged in work activities.
- 30 (6) In consultation with the recipient, the department or 31 contractor shall place the recipient into a work activity that is 32 available in the local area where the recipient resides.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 316. GOOD CAUSE. Good cause reasons for failure to participate in WorkFirst program components include: (1)
 Situations where the recipient is a parent or other relative personally providing care for a child under the age of six years, and formal or informal child care, or day care for an incapacitated individual living in the same home as a dependent child, is necessary for an individual

to participate or continue participation in the program or accept employment, and such care is not available, and the department fails to provide such care; or (2) until June 30, 1999, if the recipient is a parent with a child under the age of one year. A parent may only receive this exemption for a total of twelve months, which may be consecutive or nonconsecutive; or (3) after June 30, 1999, if the recipient is a parent with a child under three months of age.

8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 317. WORKFIRST--GOALS--CONTRACTS--SERVICE 9 AREAS--PLANS. (1) The legislature finds that moving those eligible for assistance to self-sustaining employment is a goal of the WorkFirst 10 program. It is the intent of WorkFirst to aid a participant's progress 11 to self-sufficiency by allowing flexibility within the state-wide 12 program to reflect community resources, the local characteristics of 13 the labor market, and the composition of the caseload. Program success 14 15 will be enhanced through effective coordination at regional and local 16 levels, involving employers, labor representatives, community leaders, local governments, and social service providers. 17

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- (2) The department, through its regional offices, shall collaborate with employers, recipients, frontline workers, educational institutions, labor, private industry councils, the work force training and education coordinating board, community rehabilitation employment programs, employment and training agencies, local governments, the employment security department, and community action agencies to develop work programs that are effective and work in their communities. For planning purposes, the department shall collect and make accessible to regional offices successful work program models from around the including the United States, employment partnership program, apprenticeship programs, microcredit, microenterprise, self-employment, and W-2 Wisconsin works. Work programs shall incorporate local volunteer citizens in their planning and implementation phases to ensure community relevance and success.
- (3) To reduce administrative costs and to ensure equal state-wide access to services, the department may develop contracts for state-wide welfare-to-work services. These state-wide contracts shall support regional flexibility and ensure that resources follow local labor market opportunities and recipients' needs.

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- 1 (4) The secretary shall establish WorkFirst service areas for 2 purposes of planning WorkFirst programs and for distributing WorkFirst 3 resources. Service areas shall reflect department regions.
- 4 (5) By July 31st of each odd-numbered year, a plan for the 5 WorkFirst program shall be developed for each region. The plan shall be prepared in consultation with local and regional sources, adapting 6 7 the state-wide WorkFirst program to achieve maximum effect for the 8 participants and the communities within which they reside. Local 9 consultation shall include to the greatest extent possible input from 10 local and regional planning bodies for social services and work force 11 The regional and local administrator shall consult with employers of various sizes, labor representatives, training and 12 13 education providers, program participants, economic development organizations, community organizations, tribes, and local governments 14 in the preparation of the service area plan. 15
- 16 (6) The secretary has final authority in plan approval or 17 modification. Regional program implementation may deviate from the 18 state-wide program if specified in a service area plan, as approved by 19 the secretary.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 318. WORK PROGRAM CONTRACTS. (1) It is the intent of the legislature that the department engage in competitive contracting using performance-based contracts to provide all work activities authorized in chapter . . ., Laws of 1997 (this act), including the job search component authorized in section 314 of this act.
- 26 (2) department shall use competitive performance-based The 27 contracting to select which vendors will participate in the WorkFirst program. Performance-based contracts shall be awarded based on factors 28 29 that include but are not limited to the criteria listed in section 702 of this act, past performance of the contractor, demonstrated ability 30 to perform the contract effectively, financial strength of the 31 contractor, and merits of the proposal for services submitted by the 32 33 contractor. Contracts shall be made without regard to whether the 34 contractor is a public or private entity, however no single contractor may perform over forty percent of the WorkFirst activities state-wide. 35
- 36 (3) The department shall contract for an evaluation of the 37 competitive contracting practices and outcomes to be performed by an 38 independent entity with expertise in government privatization and

- 1 competitive strategies. The evaluation shall include quarterly
- 2 progress reports to the fiscal committees of the legislature and to the
- 3 governor, starting at the first quarter after the effective date of
- 4 this section and ending two years after the effective date of this
- 5 section.
- 6 (4) The department shall seek independent assistance in developing
- 7 contracting strategies to implement this section. Assistance may
- 8 include but is not limited to development of contract language, design
- 9 of requests for proposal, developing full cost information on
- 10 government services, evaluation of bids, and providing for equal
- 11 competition between private and public entities.
- 12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 319.** PLACEMENT BONUSES. In the case of service
- 13 providers that are not public agencies, initial placement bonuses of no
- 14 greater than five hundred dollars shall be provided by the department
- 15 for service entities responsible for placing recipients in ar
- 16 unsubsidized job for a minimum of twelve weeks, and the following
- 17 additional bonuses shall also be provided:
- 18 (1) A percent of the initial bonus if the job pays double the
- 19 minimum wage;
- 20 (2) A percent of the initial bonus if the job provides health care;
- 21 (3) A percent of the initial bonus if the job includes employer-
- 22 provided child care needed by the recipient; and
- 23 (4) A percent of the initial bonus if the recipient is continuously
- 24 employed for two years.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 320. No collective bargaining agreement may be
- 26 entered into, extended, or renewed after the effective date of this
- 27 section that prevents or restricts the authority of the department of
- 28 social and health services to exercise the powers granted under
- 29 sections 314 through 319 of this act and RCW 74.04.050.
- 30 **Sec. 321.** RCW 74.04.050 and 1981 1st ex.s. c 6 s 3 are each
- 31 amended to read as follows:
- 32 (1) The department shall serve as the single state agency to
- 33 administer public assistance. The department is hereby empowered and
- 34 authorized to cooperate in the administration of such federal laws,
- 35 consistent with the public assistance laws of this state, as may be
- 36 necessary to qualify for federal funds for:

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- 2 (((2) Aid to dependent children)) (b) Temporary assistance for 3 needy families;
 - $((\frac{3}{3}))$ (c) Child welfare services; and
- 5 (((4))) (d) Any other programs of public assistance for which 6 provision for federal grants or funds may from time to time be made.
- 7 (2) The state hereby accepts and assents to all the present 8 provisions of the federal law under which federal grants or funds, 9 goods, commodities and services are extended to the state for the 10 support of programs administered by the department, and to such additional legislation as may subsequently be enacted as is not 11 inconsistent with the purposes of this title, authorizing public 12 13 welfare and assistance activities. The provisions of this title shall be so administered as to conform with federal requirements with respect 14
- The department shall periodically make application for federal grants or funds and submit such plans, reports and data, as are required by any act of congress as a condition precedent to the receipt of federal funds for such assistance. The department shall make and enforce such rules and regulations as shall be necessary to insure compliance with the terms and conditions of such federal grants or funds.

to eligibility for the receipt of federal grants or funds.

- (3) The department may contract with public and private entities for administrative services for the following programs and functions:

 (a) Temporary assistance for needy families; (b) general assistance;

 (c) refugee services; (d) facilitation of eligibility for federal supplemental security income benefits; (e) medical assistance eligibility; and (f) food stamps.
- 29 **Sec. 322.** RCW 41.06.380 and 1979 ex.s. c 46 s 2 are each amended 30 to read as follows:
- (1) Nothing contained in this chapter shall prohibit 31 department, as defined in RCW 41.06.020, from purchasing services by 32 33 contract with individuals or business entities if such services were 34 regularly purchased by valid contract by such department prior to April 23, 1979: PROVIDED, That no such contract may be executed or renewed 35 36 if it would have the effect of terminating classified employees or classified employee positions existing at the time of the execution or 37 38 renewal of the contract.

- (2) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit the 1 department of social and health services from carrying out the 2 provisions of sections 314 through 320 of this act and RCW 74.04.050. 3
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 323. FUNDING RESTRICTIONS. 4 The department of social and health services shall operate the Washington WorkFirst 5 program authorized under sections 301, 302, 309, 310, 312 through 320, 6 7 and 325 through 328 of this act and chapter 74.12 RCW within the 8 following constraints:
- 9 (1) The full amount of the temporary assistance for needy families 10 block grant, plus qualifying state expenditures as appropriated in the biennial operating budget, shall be appropriated to the department each 11 12 year in the biennial appropriations act to carry out the provisions of the program authorized in sections 301, 302, 309, 310, 312 through 320, 13 14 and 325 through 328 of this act and chapter 74.12 RCW.

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- (2) The department may expend funds defined in subsection (1) of this section in any manner that will effectively accomplish the outcome measures defined in section 702 of this act. No more than fifteen percent of the amount provided in subsection (1) of this section may be spent for administrative purposes. For the purpose of this subsection, "administrative purposes" does not include expenditures for information technology and computerization needed for tracking and monitoring required by P.L. 104-193. The department shall not increase grant levels to recipients of the program authorized in sections 301, 302, 309, 310, 312 through 320, and 325 through 328 of this act and chapter 74.12 RCW.
- (3) The department shall implement strategies that accomplish the outcome measures identified in section 702 of this act that are within 27 the funding constraints in this section. Specifically, the department 28 shall implement strategies that will cause the number of cases in the program authorized in sections 301, 302, 309, 310, 312 through 320, and 325 through 328 of this act and chapter 74.12 RCW to decrease by at least fifteen percent during the 1997-99 biennium and by at least five percent in the subsequent biennium. The department may transfer appropriation authority between funding categories within the economic 34 services program in order to carry out the requirements of this 35 36 subsection.
- 37 (4)The department shall monitor expenditures against appropriation levels provided for in subsection (1) of this section. 38

- 1 The department shall quarterly make a determination as to whether
- 2 expenditure levels will exceed available funding. If the determination
- 3 indicates that expenditures will exceed funding at the end of the
- 4 fiscal year, the department shall take the following action as
- 5 appropriate:
- 6 (a) If expenditures will exceed funding provided in subsection (1)
- 7 of this section by less than ten percent of available funding, the
- 8 department shall identify and implement changes in process and
- 9 administration or through streamlining that will cause expenditures to
- 10 equal or be less than available funding provided in subsection (1) of
- 11 this section, except that the department may not make changes in the
- 12 child care services authorized in section 402 of this act;
- 13 (b) If expenditures will exceed funding provided in subsection (1)
- 14 of this section by equal to or more than ten percent of available
- 15 funding, the department shall reduce recipient grants in the program
- 16 authorized in sections 301, 302, 309, 310, 312 through 320, and 325
- 17 through 328 of this act and chapter 74.12 RCW by an amount sufficient
- 18 to cause expenditures to equal or be less than funding provided in
- 19 subsection (1) of this section.
- 20 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 324.** The following acts or parts of acts are
- 21 each repealed:
- 22 (1) RCW 74.25.010 and 1994 c 299 s 6 & 1991 c 126 s 5;
- 23 (2) RCW 74.25.020 and 1993 c 312 s 7, 1992 c 165 s 3, & 1991 c 126
- 24 s 6;
- 25 (3) RCW 74.25.030 and 1991 c 126 s 7;
- 26 (4) RCW 74.25.900 and 1991 c 126 s 8; and
- 27 (5) RCW 74.25.901 and 1991 c 126 s 9.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 325. A new section is added to chapter 43.330
- 29 RCW to read as follows:
- 30 ENTREPRENEURIAL ASSISTANCE--DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY, TRADE, AND
- 31 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. (1) The department shall ensure that none of its
- 32 rules or practices act to exclude recipients of temporary assistance
- 33 for needy families from any small business loan opportunities or
- 34 entrepreneurial assistance it makes available through its community
- 35 development block grant program or otherwise provides using state or
- 36 federal resources. The department shall encourage local administrators
- 37 of microlending programs using public funds to conduct outreach

- activities to encourage recipients of temporary assistance for needy families to explore self-employment as an option. The department shall compile information on private and public sources of entrepreneurial assistance and loans for start-up businesses and provide the department of social and health services with the information for dissemination to recipients of temporary assistance for needy families.
- 7 (2) The department shall, as part of its industrial recruitment 8 efforts, work with the work force training and education coordinating 9 board to identify the skill sets needed by companies locating in the 10 The department shall provide the department of social and health services with the information about the companies' needs in 11 order that recipients of public assistance and service providers 12 13 assisting such recipients through training and placement programs may be informed and respond accordingly. The department shall work with 14 15 the state board for community and technical colleges, the job skills program, the employment security department, and other employment and 16 17 training programs to facilitate the inclusion of recipients of temporary assistance for needy families in relevant training that would 18 19 make them good employees for recruited firms.
- 20 (3) The department shall perform the duties under this section 21 within available funds.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 326. JOB ASSISTANCE--DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES. The department shall:
- (1) Notify recipients of temporary assistance for needy families that self-employment is one method of leaving state assistance. The department shall provide its regional offices, recipients of temporary assistance for needy families, and any contractors providing job search, training, or placement services notification of programs available in the state for entrepreneurial training, technical assistance, and loans available for start-up businesses;
- (2) Provide recipients of temporary assistance for needy families and service providers assisting such recipients through training and placement programs with information it receives about the skills and training required by firms locating in the state;
- 35 (3) Encourage recipients of temporary assistance for needy families 36 that are in need of basic skills to seek out programs that integrate 37 basic skills training with occupational training and workplace 38 experience.

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NEW SECTION. Sec. 327. WAGE SUBSIDY PROGRAM. The department 1 shall establish a wage subsidy program for recipients of temporary 2 3 assistance for needy families who have received such assistance or 4 other public assistance for two years and have not found paid 5 employment. The department shall give preference in job placements to private sector employers that have agreed to participate in the wage 6 7 The department shall identify characteristics of subsidy program. 8 employers who can meet the employment goals stated in section 702 of 9 The department shall use these characteristics this act. in 10 identifying which employers may participate in the program. The department shall adopt rules for the participation of recipients of 11 12 temporary assistance for needy families in the wage subsidy program. 13 Participants in the program established under this section may not be employed if the employer has terminated the employment of any current 14 15 employee or otherwise caused an involuntary reduction of its work force 16 solely to fill the vacancy so created with the participant. 17 providing positions created under this section shall requirements of chapter 49.46 RCW. This section shall not diminish or 18 19 result in the infringement of obligations or rights under chapter 49.36 RCW and the national labor relations act, 29 U.S.C. Ch. 7. 20 The department shall establish such local and state-wide advisory boards, 21 22 including business and labor representatives, as it deems appropriate 23 to assist in the implementation of the wage subsidy program. Once the 24 recipient is hired, the wage subsidy shall be authorized for up to nine 25 months.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 328.** COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM. The department 26 27 shall establish the community service program to provide the experience of work for recipients of public assistance. The program is intended 28 29 to promote a strong work ethic for participating public assistance 30 recipients. Under this program, public assistance recipients are required to volunteer to work for charitable nonprofit organizations 31 32 and public agencies. Participants in a community service program 33 established by this chapter are deemed employees for the purpose of 34 chapter 49.17 RCW. The cost of premiums under Title 51 RCW shall be paid for by the department. Participants in a community service 35 36 program may not be assigned work if an employer has terminated the 37 employment of any current employee or otherwise caused the involuntary

- 1 reduction of its work force solely to fill the vacancy so created with
- 2 the participant.
- 3 Sec. 329. RCW 74.12A.020 and 1993 c 312 s 8 are each amended to
- 4 read as follows:
- 5 The department ((may)) shall provide grants to community action
- 6 agencies or other local nonprofit organizations to provide job
- 7 opportunities and basic skills training program participants with
- 8 transitional support services, one-to-one assistance, case management,
- 9 and job retention services.
- 10 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 330.** A new section is added to chapter 74.12
- 11 RCW to read as follows:
- 12 A grant provided under the temporary assistance for needy families
- 13 program shall be provided on a pro rata basis to the extent the
- 14 recipient complies with mandated work and work activity requirements.
- 15 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 331.** A new section is added to chapter 74.12
- 16 RCW to read as follows:
- 17 In determining eligibility for the temporary assistance for needy
- 18 families program of an assistance unit under this title, if a household
- 19 member is excluded from an assistance unit based on residency,
- 20 alienage, or citizenship of the household member, the department shall
- 21 allocate the full amount of the household's income to the assistance
- 22 unit without deducting an amount for the support of the household
- 23 member.

24 IV. CHILD CARE

- 25 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 401.** The legislature finds that informed choice
- 26 is consistent with individual responsibility and that recipients of
- 27 public assistance should be able to choose job training, education, job
- 28 placement, and employment support service providers and that parents
- 29 should be given a range of options for available child care while
- 30 participating in the program.
- 31 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 402.** CHILD CARE. (1) Within funding provided
- 32 in the biennial appropriations act, the department shall administer a
- 33 single, integrated child care program which may serve families with

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- 1 incomes up to one hundred seventy-five percent of the federal poverty 2 level.
- 3 (2) All families participating in the child care program shall have 4 equal access to the child care of their choice. However, the child 5 care providers must comply with applicable licensing rules if they are 6 required by law to comply with those rules.
- 7 (3) The minimum copayment per family shall be at least twenty 8 dollars per month. Child care shall be provided on a sliding scale but 9 may not be provided for any family whose income equals or exceeds one 10 hundred seventy-five percent of the federal poverty level adjusted for family size on an annual income basis. The sliding scale shall be 11 constructed so that a family pays forty-five percent of its gross 12 13 earned income toward child care when its gross earned income equals one hundred twenty-five percent of the federal poverty level adjusted for 14 15 family size. Families whose income equals or exceeds one hundred seventy-five percent of the federal poverty level adjusted for family 16 size shall pay one hundred percent of the cost of their child care. 17
- 18 (4) The department shall pay child care subsidies using a voucher 19 child care system created in this section.
- 20 (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed to provide a legal 21 entitlement to child care services authorized under this section. The 22 department shall not create waiting lists for services authorized in 23 this section.
- 24 **Sec. 403.** RCW 74.13.0903 and 1993 c 453 s 2 are each amended to 25 read as follows:
- The office of child care policy is established to operate under the authority of the department of social and health services. The duties and responsibilities of the office include, but are not limited to, the following, within appropriated funds:
- 30 (1) Staff and assist the child care coordinating committee in the 31 implementation of its duties under RCW 74.13.090;
- (2) Work in conjunction with the state-wide child care resource and referral network as well as local governments, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and community child care advocates to create local child care resource and referral organizations. These organizations may carry out needs assessments, resource development, provider training, technical assistance, and parent information and training;

1 (3) Actively seek public and private money for distribution as 2 grants to the state-wide child care resource and referral network and 3 to existing or potential local child care resource and referral 4 organizations;

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- (4) Adopt rules regarding the application for and distribution of grants to local child care resource and referral organizations. The rules shall, at a minimum, require an applicant to submit a plan for achieving the following objectives:
- 9 (a) Provide parents with information about child care resources, 10 including location of services and subsidies;
- 11 (b) Carry out child care provider recruitment and training 12 programs, including training under RCW 74.25.040;
- (c) Offer support services, such as parent and provider seminars, toy-lending libraries, and substitute banks;
- 15 (d) Provide information for businesses regarding child care supply 16 and demand;
- 17 (e) Advocate for increased public and private sector resources 18 devoted to child care; ((and))
- 19 (f) Provide technical assistance to employers regarding employee 20 child care services; and
- 21 (g) Serve recipients of temporary assistance for needy families and 22 working parents with incomes at or below household incomes of one 23 hundred seventy-five percent of the federal poverty line;
 - (5) Provide staff support and technical assistance to the statewide child care resource and referral network and local child care resource and referral organizations;
- (6) Maintain a state-wide child care licensing data bank and work with department of social and health services licensors to provide information to local child care resource and referral organizations about licensed child care providers in the state;
- 31 (7) Through the state-wide child care resource and referral network 32 and local resource and referral organizations, compile data about local 33 child care needs and availability for future planning and development;
- 34 (8) Coordinate with the state-wide child care resource and referral 35 network and local child care resource and referral organizations for 36 the provision of training and technical assistance to child care 37 providers; and
- 38 (9) Collect and assemble information regarding the availability of 39 insurance and of federal and other child care funding to assist state

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- 1 and local agencies, businesses, and other child care providers in 2 offering child care services.
- 3 **Sec. 404.** RCW 74.25.040 and 1994 c 299 s 8 are each amended to 4 read as follows:
- 5 (1) Recipients of ((aid to families with dependent children)) temporary assistance for needy families who are ((not)) employed or 6 7 participating in ((an education or work training program)) a work 8 activity under section 314 of this act may volunteer ((to)) or work in 9 a licensed child care facility((, or other willing volunteer work site)). Licensed child care facilities participating in this effort 10 shall provide care for the recipient's children and provide for the 11 12 development of positive child care skills.
- 13 (2) The department shall train two hundred fifty recipients of
 14 temporary assistance for needy families to become family child care
 15 providers or child care center teachers. The department shall offer
 16 the training in rural and urban communities. The department shall
 17 adopt rules to implement the child care training program in this
 18 section.
- 19 (3) Recipients trained under this section shall provide child care
 20 services to clients of the department for two years following the
 21 completion of their child care training.

22 V. TEEN PARENTS

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A. PERMISSIBLE LIVING SITUATIONS

- **Sec. 501.** RCW 74.12.255 and 1994 c 299 s 33 are each amended to read as follows:
- 26 (1) The department shall determine, after consideration of all 27 relevant factors and in consultation with the applicant, the most 28 appropriate living situation for applicants under eighteen years of age, unmarried, and either pregnant or having a dependent child or 29 <u>children</u> in the applicant's care. <u>An appropriate living situation((s))</u> 30 31 shall include a place of residence that is maintained by the 32 applicant's parents, parent, legal quardian, or other adult relative as their or his or her own home((, or other)) and that the department 33 34 finds would provide an appropriate supportive living arrangement 35 ((supervised by an adult where feasible and consistent with federal regulations under 45 C.F.R. chapter II, section 233.107)). It also 36

includes a living situation maintained by an agency that is licensed under chapter 74.15 RCW that the department finds would provide an appropriate supportive living arrangement. Grant assistance shall not be provided under this chapter if the applicant does not reside in the most appropriate living situation, as determined by the department.

- (2) ((An applicant under eighteen years of age who is either pregnant or has a dependent child and is not living in a situation described in subsection (1) of this section shall be)) An unmarried minor parent or pregnant minor applicant residing in the most appropriate living situation, as provided under subsection (1) of this section, is presumed to be unable to manage adequately the funds paid to the minor or on behalf of the dependent child or children and, unless the ((teenage custodial parent demonstrates otherwise)) minor provides sufficient evidence to rebut the presumption, shall be subject to the protective payee requirements provided for under RCW 74.12.250 and 74.08.280.
- (3) The department shall consider any statements or opinions by either parent of the ((teen recipient)) unmarried minor parent or pregnant minor applicant as to an appropriate living situation for the ((teen)) minor and his or her children, whether in the parental home or other situation. If the parents or a parent of the ((teen head of household applicant for assistance)) minor request, they or he or she shall be entitled to a hearing in juvenile court regarding ((the fitness and suitability of their home as the top priority choice)) designation of the parental home or other relative placement as the most appropriate living situation for the pregnant or parenting ((teen applicant for assistance)) minor.

The <u>department shall provide the parents ((shall have)) or parent with the opportunity to make a showing((, based on the preponderance of the evidence,))</u> that the parental home, or home of the other relative placement, is the most appropriate living situation. It shall be presumed in any administrative or judicial proceeding conducted under this subsection that the parental home or other relative placement requested by the parents or parent is the most appropriate living situation. This presumption is rebuttable.

(4) In cases in which the ((head of household is under eighteen years of age,)) minor is unmarried(($_{7}$)) and unemployed, ((and requests information on adoption,)) the department shall, as part of the determination of the appropriate living situation, make an affirmative

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- 1 <u>effort to</u> provide <u>current and positive</u> information about adoption
- 2 including referral to community-based organizations for counseling and
- 3 provide information about the manner in which adoption works, its
- 4 benefits for unmarried, unemployed minor parents and their children,
- 5 and the meaning and availability of open adoption.
- 6 (5) For the purposes of this section, "most appropriate living
- 7 <u>situation</u>" shall not include a living situation including an adult male
- 8 who fathered the qualifying child and is found to meet the elements of
- 9 rape of a child as set forth in RCW 9A.44.079.
- 10 **Sec. 502.** RCW 74.04.0052 and 1994 c 299 s 34 are each amended to 11 read as follows:
- 12 (1) The department shall determine, after consideration of all
- 13 relevant factors and in consultation with the applicant, the most
- 14 appropriate living situation for applicants under eighteen years of
- 15 age, unmarried, and pregnant who are eligible for general assistance as
- 16 defined in RCW 74.04.005(6)(a)(ii)(A). An appropriate living
- 17 situation((s)) shall include a place of residence that is maintained by
- 18 the applicant's parents, parent, legal guardian, or other adult
- 19 relative as their or his or her own home((, or other)) and that the
- 20 <u>department finds would provide an</u> appropriate supportive living
- 21 arrangement ((supervised by an adult where feasible and consistent with
- 22 federal regulations under 45 C.F.R. chapter II, section 233.107)). It
- 23 also includes a living situation maintained by an agency that is
- 24 licensed under chapter 74.15 RCW that the department finds would
- 25 provide an appropriate supportive living arrangement. Grant assistance
- 26 shall not be provided under this chapter if the applicant does not
- 27 reside in the most appropriate living situation, as determined by the
- 28 <u>department</u>.
- 29 (2) ((An applicant under eighteen years of age who is pregnant and
- 30 is not living in a situation described in subsection (1) of this
- 31 section shall be)) A pregnant minor residing in the most appropriate
- 32 <u>living situation, as provided under subsection (1) of this section, is</u>
- 33 presumed to be unable to manage adequately the funds paid to the minor
- 34 or on behalf of the dependent child or children and, unless the
- 35 ((teenage custodial parent demonstrates otherwise)) minor provides
- 36 <u>sufficient evidence to rebut the presumption</u>, shall be subject to the
- 37 protective payee requirements provided for under RCW 74.12.250 and
- 38 74.08.280.

(3) The department shall consider any statements or opinions by either parent of the ((teen recipient)) unmarried minor parent or pregnant minor applicant as to an appropriate living situation for the ((teen)) minor, whether in the parental home or other situation. If the parents or a parent of the ((teen head of household applicant for assistance)) minor request, they or he or she shall be entitled to a hearing in juvenile court regarding ((the fitness and suitability of their home as the top priority choice)) designation of the parental home or other relative placement as the most appropriate living situation for the pregnant or parenting ((teen applicant for assistance)) minor.

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- (4) In cases in which the ((head of household is under eighteen years of age,)) minor is unmarried((,)) and unemployed, ((and requests information on adoption,)) the department shall, as part of the determination of the appropriate living situation, provide information about adoption including referral to community-based organizations ((for)) providing counseling.
- 26 (5) For the purposes of this section, "most appropriate living situation" shall not include a living situation including an adult male who fathered the qualifying child and is found to meet the elements of rape of a child as set forth in RCW 9A.44.079.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 503. TEEN PARENT REQUIREMENTS. All applicants under the age of eighteen years who are approved for assistance and, within one hundred eighty days after the date of federal certification of the Washington temporary assistance for needy families program, all unmarried minor parents or pregnant minor applicants shall, as a condition of receiving benefits, actively progress toward the completion of a high school diploma or a GED.

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- NEW SECTION. Sec. 504. UNMARRIED MINOR PARENT--ELIGIBILITY. 1 2 unmarried minor parent and the minor's child shall be considered to be part of the household of the minor's parents or parent for purposes of 3 4 determining eligibility for temporary assistance for needy families and 5 general assistance for pregnant women as defined 74.04.005(6)(a)(ii)(A); and as such, the income and resources of the 6 entire household are considered to be available to support the 7 8 unmarried minor and his or her child.
- 9 **Sec. 505.** RCW 13.34.160 and 1993 c 358 s 2 are each amended to 10 read as follows:
- (1) In an action brought under this chapter, the court may inquire into the ability of the parent or parents of the child to pay child support and may enter an order of child support as set forth in chapter 26.19 RCW. The court may enforce the same by execution, or in any way in which a court of equity may enforce its decrees. All child support orders entered pursuant to this chapter shall be in compliance with the provisions of RCW 26.23.050.
- 18 (2) For purposes of this section, if a dependent child's parent is 19 an unmarried minor parent or pregnant minor applicant, then the parent or parents of the minor shall also be deemed a parent or parents of the 20 dependent child. However, liability for child support under this 21 22 subsection only exists if the parent or parents of the unmarried minor 23 parent or pregnant minor applicant are provided the opportunity for a 24 hearing on their ability to provide support. Any child support order 25 requiring such a parent or parents to provide support for the minor parent's child may be effective only until the minor parent reaches 26 27 eighteen years of age.
- 28 **Sec. 506.** RCW 74.12.250 and 1963 c 228 s 21 are each amended to 29 read as follows:
- If the department, after investigation, finds that any applicant 30 31 for assistance under this chapter or any recipient of funds under ((an 32 aid to families with dependent children grant)) this chapter would not 33 <u>use, or</u> is not utilizing, the grant adequately for the needs of ((the)) his or her child or children or would dissipate the grant or is 34 35 ((otherwise)) dissipating such grant, or would be or is unable to manage adequately the funds paid on behalf of said child and that to 36 37 provide or continue ((said)) payments to ((him)) the applicant or

recipient would be contrary to the welfare of the child, the department 1 may make such payments to another individual who is interested in or 2 concerned with the welfare of such child and relative: PROVIDED, That 3 4 the department shall provide such counseling and other services as are 5 available and necessary to develop greater ability on the part of the relative to manage funds in such manner as to protect the welfare of 6 7 Periodic review of each case shall be made by the the family. 8 department to determine if said relative is able to resume management 9 of the assistance grant. If after a reasonable period of time the 10 payments to the relative cannot be resumed, the department may request the attorney general to file a petition in the superior court for the 11 appointment of a guardian for the child or children. Such petition 12 13 shall set forth the facts warranting such appointment. Notice of the hearing on such petition shall be served upon the recipient and the 14 15 department not less than ten days before the date set for such hearing. 16 Such petition may be filed with the clerk of superior court and all 17 process issued and served without payment of costs. If upon the hearing of such petition the court is satisfied that it is for the best 18 19 interest of the child or children, and all parties concerned, that a 20 quardian be appointed, he shall order the appointment, and may require the guardian to render to the court a detailed itemized account of 21 22 expenditures of such assistance payments at such time as the court may 23 deem advisable.

It is the intention of this section that the guardianship herein provided for shall be a special and limited guardianship solely for the purpose of safeguarding the assistance grants made to dependent children. Such guardianship shall terminate upon the termination of such assistance grant, or sooner on order of the court, upon good cause shown.

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VI. ILLEGITIMACY PREVENTION AND ABSTINENCE PROMOTION

31 **Sec. 601.** RCW 74.12.410 and 1994 c 299 s 3 are each amended to 32 read as follows:

(1) At time of application or reassessment under this chapter the department shall offer or contract for family planning information and assistance, including alternatives to abortion, and any other available locally based teen pregnancy prevention programs, to prospective and current recipients of aid to families with dependent children.

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- 1 (2) The department shall work in cooperation with the 2 superintendent of public instruction to reduce the rate of illegitimate 3 births and abortions in Washington state.
- 4 (3) The department of health shall maximize federal funding by
 5 timely application for federal funds available under P.L. 104-193 and
 6 Title V of the federal social security act, 42 U.S.C. 701 et seq., as
 7 amended, for the establishment of qualifying abstinence education and
 8 motivation programs. The department of health shall contract, by
 9 competitive bid, with entities qualified to provide abstinence
 10 education and motivation programs in the state.
- 11 <u>(4) The department of health shall seek and accept local matching</u>
 12 <u>funds to the maximum extent allowable from qualified abstinence</u>
 13 education and motivation programs.
- 14 (5)(a) For purposes of this section, "qualifying abstinence
 15 education and motivation programs" are those bidders with experience in
 16 the conduct of the types of abstinence education and motivation
 17 programs set forth in Title V of the federal social security act, 42
 18 U.S.C. Sec. 701 et seq., as amended.
- (b) The application for federal funds, contracting for abstinence education and motivation programs and performance of contracts under this section are subject to review and oversight by a joint committee of the legislature, composed of four legislative members, appointed by each of the two caucuses in each house.

24 VII. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES ACCOUNTABILITY

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 701. It is the intent of the legislature that the Washington WorkFirst program focus on work and on personal responsibility for recipients. The program shall be evaluated among other evaluations, through a limited number of outcome measures designed to hold each community service office and economic services region accountable for program success.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 702. OUTCOME MEASURES. (1) The WorkFirst program shall develop outcome measures for use in evaluating the WorkFirst program authorized in chapter . . ., Laws of 1997 (this act), which may include but are not limited to:
- 35 (a) Caseload reduction;
- 36 (b) Recidivism to caseload after two years;

1 (c) Job retention;

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- 3 (e) Reduction in average grant through increased recipient 4 earnings; and
- 5 (f) Placement of recipients into private sector, unsubsidized jobs.
- (2) The department shall require that contractors for WorkFirst 6 7 services collect outcome measure information and report outcome 8 measures to the department regularly. The department shall develop 9 benchmarks that compare outcome measure information from 10 contractors to provide a clear indication of the most effective contractors. Benchmark information shall be published quarterly and 11 provided to the legislature, the governor, and all contractors for 12
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 703. EVALUATION. Every WorkFirst office, region, contract, employee, and contractor shall be evaluated using the criteria in section 702 of this act. The department shall award contracts to the highest performing entities according to the criteria in section 702 of this act. The department may provide for bonuses to offices, regions, and employees with the best outcomes according to measures in section 702 of this act.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 704. OUTCOME MEASURES--REPORT. The department shall provide a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature on achievement of the outcome measures by region and contract on an annual basis, no later than January 15th of each year, beginning in 1999. The report shall include how the department is using the outcome measure information obtained under section 702 of this act to manage the WorkFirst program.
- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 705.** A new section is added to chapter 44.28 RCW to read as follows:
- WORKFIRST PROGRAM STUDY. (1) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall conduct an evaluation of the effectiveness of the WorkFirst program described in chapter . . ., Laws of 1997 (this act), including the job opportunities and basic skills training program and any approved private, county, or local government WorkFirst program. The evaluation shall assess the success of the program in assisting clients to become employed and to reduce their use of

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- 1 temporary assistance for needy families. The study shall include but
 2 not be limited to the following:
- 3 (a) An assessment of employment outcomes, including hourly wages, 4 hours worked, and total earnings, for clients;

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- (b) A comparison of temporary assistance for needy families outcomes, including grant amounts and program exits, for clients; and
- 7 (c) An audit of the performance-based contract for each private 8 nonprofit contractor for job opportunities and basic skills training 9 program services. The joint legislative audit and review committee may 10 contract with the Washington institute for public policy for 11 appropriate portions of the evaluation required by this section.
- (2) Administrative data shall be provided by the department of social and health services, the employment security department, the state board for community and technical colleges, local governments, and private contractors. The department of social and health services shall require contractors to provide administrative and outcome data needed for this study as a condition of contract compliance.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 706. PATERNITY ESTABLISHMENT. In order to be eligible for temporary assistance for needy families, applicants shall, at the time of application for assistance, provide the names of both parents of their child or children, whether born or unborn.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 707. RCW 74.04.770 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 41 s 38 & 1981 2nd ex.s. c 10 s 4 are each repealed.

VIII. LICENSE SUSPENSION AND CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT A. LICENSE SUSPENSION

26 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 801.** It is the intent of the legislature to provide a strong incentive for persons owing child support to make 27 timely payments, and to cooperate with the department of social and 28 29 health services to establish an appropriate schedule for the payment of 30 any arrears. To further ensure that child support obligations are met, 31 sections 801 through 890 of this act establish a program by which certain licenses may be suspended or not renewed if a person is one 32 33 hundred eighty days or more in arrears on child support payments.

In the implementation and management of this program, it is the legislature's intent that the objective of the department of social and

- health services be to obtain payment in full of arrears, or where that 1 2 is not possible, to enter into agreements with delinquent obligors to make timely support payments and make reasonable payments towards the 3 4 The legislature intends that if the obligor refuses to 5 cooperate in establishing a fair and reasonable payment schedule for arrears or refuses to make timely support payments, the department 6 7 shall proceed with certification to a licensing entity or the 8 department of licensing that the person is not in compliance with a 9 child support order.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 802. A new section is added to chapter 74.20A RCW to read as follows:
- 12 (1) The department may serve upon a responsible parent a notice informing the responsible parent of the department's intent to submit 13 14 the parent's name to the department of licensing and any appropriate 15 licensing entity as a licensee who is not in compliance with a child support order. The department shall attach a copy of the responsible 16 parent's child support order to the notice. Service of the notice must 17 18 be by certified mail, return receipt requested. If service by certified mail is not successful, service shall be by personal service. 19
- 20 (2) The notice of noncompliance must include the address and 21 telephone number of the department's division of child support office 22 that issues the notice and must inform the responsible parent that:

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- (a) The parent may request an adjudicative proceeding to contest the issue of compliance with the child support order. The only issues that may be considered at the adjudicative proceeding are whether the parent is required to pay child support under a child support order and whether the parent is in compliance with that order;
- (b) A request for an adjudicative proceeding shall be in writing and must be received by the department within twenty days of the date of service of the notice;
- 31 (c) If the parent requests an adjudicative proceeding within twenty 32 days of service, the department will stay action to certify the parent 33 to the department of licensing and any licensing entity for 34 noncompliance with a child support order pending entry of a written 35 decision after the adjudicative proceeding;
- 36 (d) If the parent does not request an adjudicative proceeding 37 within twenty days of service and remains in noncompliance with a child 38 support order, the department will certify the parent's name to the

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1 department of licensing and any appropriate licensing entity for 2 noncompliance with a child support order;

- (e) The department will stay action to certify the parent to the department of licensing and any licensing entity for noncompliance if the parent agrees to make timely payments of current support and agrees to a reasonable payment schedule for payment of the arrears. It is the parent's responsibility to contact in person or by mail the department's division of child support office indicated on the notice within twenty days of service of the notice to arrange for a payment schedule. The department may stay certification for up to thirty days after contact from a parent to arrange for a payment schedule;
- (f) If the department certifies the responsible parent to the department of licensing and a licensing entity for noncompliance with a child support order, the licensing entity will suspend or not renew the parent's license and the department of licensing will suspend or not renew any driver's license that the parent holds until the parent provides the department of licensing and the licensing entity with a release from the department stating that the responsible parent is in compliance with the child support order;
- (g) If the department certifies the responsible parent as a person who is in noncompliance with a child support order, the department of fish and wildlife will suspend the fishing license, hunting license, commercial fishing license, or any other license issued under chapters 77.32, 77.28, and 75.25 RCW that the responsible parent may possess. Notice from the department of licensing that a responsible parent's driver's license has been suspended shall serve as notice of the suspension of a license issued under chapters 77.32 and 75.25 RCW;
 - (h) Suspension of a license will affect insurability if the responsible parent's insurance policy excludes coverage for acts occurring after the suspension of a license;
 - (i) If after receiving the notice of noncompliance with a child support order, the responsible parent files a motion to modify support with the court or requests the department to amend a support obligation established by an administrative decision, or if a motion for modification of a court or administrative order for child support is pending, the department or the court may stay action to certify the parent to the department of licensing and any licensing entity for noncompliance with a child support order. A stay shall not exceed six months unless the department finds good cause. The responsible parent

has the obligation to notify the department that a modification 2 proceeding is pending and provide a copy of the motion or request for modification; and

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- (j) If the responsible parent subsequently becomes in compliance with the child support order, the department will promptly provide the parent with a release stating that the parent is in compliance with the order, and the parent may request that the licensing entity or the department of licensing reinstate the suspended license.
- 9 (3) A responsible parent may request an adjudicative proceeding 10 upon service of the notice described in subsection (1) of this section. The request for an adjudicative proceeding must be received by the 11 department within twenty days of service. The request must be in 12 writing and indicate the current mailing address and daytime phone 13 number, if available, of the responsible parent. The proceedings under 14 15 this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements 16 of chapter 34.05 RCW. The issues that may be considered at the 17 adjudicative proceeding are limited to whether:
- (a) The person named as the responsible parent is the responsible 18 19 parent;
- 20 (b) The responsible parent is required to pay child support under a child support order; and 21
 - (c) The responsible parent is in compliance with the order.
- (4) The decision resulting from the adjudicative proceeding must be 23 24 in writing and inform the responsible parent of his or her rights to 25 review. The parent's copy of the decision may be sent by regular mail 26 to the parent's most recent address of record.
 - (5) If a responsible parent contacts the department's division of child support office indicated on the notice of noncompliance within twenty days of service of the notice and requests arrangement of a payment schedule, the department shall stay the certification of noncompliance during negotiation of the schedule for payment of arrears. In no event shall the stay continue for more than thirty days from the date of contact by the parent. The department shall establish a schedule for payment of arrears that is fair and reasonable, and that considers the financial situation of the responsible parent and the needs of all children who rely on the responsible parent for support. At the end of the thirty days, if no payment schedule has been agreed to in writing and the department has acted in good faith, the department shall proceed with certification of noncompliance.

- 1 (6) If a responsible parent timely requests an adjudicative 2 proceeding pursuant to subsection (4) of this section, the department 3 may not certify the name of the parent to the department of licensing 4 or a licensing entity for noncompliance with a child support order 5 unless the adjudicative proceeding results in a finding that the 6 responsible parent is not in compliance with the order.
- 7 (7) The department may certify to the department of licensing and 8 any appropriate licensing entity the name of a responsible parent who 9 is not in compliance with a child support order or a residential or 10 visitation order if:
- 11 (a) The responsible parent does not timely request an adjudicative 12 proceeding upon service of a notice issued under subsection (1) of this 13 section and is not in compliance with a child support order twenty-one 14 days after service of the notice;
- 15 (b) An adjudicative proceeding results in a decision that the 16 responsible parent is not in compliance with a child support order;
- 17 (c) The court enters a judgment on a petition for judicial review 18 that finds the responsible parent is not in compliance with a child 19 support order;
- 20 (d) The department and the responsible parent have been unable to 21 agree on a fair and reasonable schedule of payment of the arrears;
 - (e) The responsible parent fails to comply with a payment schedule established pursuant to subsection (5) of this section; or
- 24 (f) The department is ordered to certify the responsible parent by 25 a court order under section 887 of this act.
 - The department shall send by regular mail a copy of any certification of noncompliance filed with the department of licensing or a licensing entity to the responsible parent at the responsible parent's most recent address of record.
- 30 (8) The department of licensing and a licensing entity shall, 31 without undue delay, notify a responsible parent certified by the 32 department under subsection (7) of this section that the parent's 33 driver's license or other license has been suspended because the 34 parent's name has been certified by the department as a responsible 35 parent who is not in compliance with a child support order or a 36 residential or visitation order.
- (9) When a responsible parent who is served notice under subsection (1) of this section subsequently complies with the child support order, or when the department receives a court order under section 886 of this

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- act stating that the parent is in compliance with a residential or visitation order, the department shall promptly provide the parent with a release stating that the responsible parent is in compliance with the order. A copy of the release shall be transmitted by the department to the appropriate licensing entities.
- (10) The department may adopt rules to implement and enforce the requirements of this section. The department shall deliver a copy of rules adopted to implement and enforce this section to the legislature by June 30, 1998.
- 10 (11) Nothing in this section prohibits a responsible parent from 11 filing a motion to modify support with the court or from requesting the 12 department to amend a support obligation established by administrative decision. If there is a reasonable likelihood that a 13 pending motion or request will significantly change the amount of the 14 15 child support obligation, the department or the court may stay action 16 to certify the responsible parent to the department of licensing and 17 any licensing entity for noncompliance with a child support order. A stay shall not exceed six months unless the department finds good cause 18 19 to extend the stay. The responsible parent has the obligation to 20 notify the department that a modification proceeding is pending and provide a copy of the motion or request for modification. 21
 - (12) The department of licensing and a licensing entity may renew, reinstate, or otherwise extend a license in accordance with the licensing entity's or the department of licensing's rules after the licensing entity or the department of licensing receives a copy of the release specified in subsection (9) of this section. The department of licensing and a licensing entity may waive any applicable requirement for reissuance, renewal, or other extension if it determines that the imposition of that requirement places an undue burden on the person and that waiver of the requirement is consistent with the public interest.

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- 31 (13) The procedures in chapter . . ., Laws of 1997 (this act), 32 constitute the exclusive administrative remedy for contesting the 33 establishment of noncompliance with a child support order and 34 suspension of a license under this section, and satisfy the 35 requirements of RCW 34.05.422.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 803. A new section is added to chapter 74.20A RCW to read as follows:

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- (1) The department and all of the various licensing entities 1 subject to section 802 of this act shall enter into such agreements as 2 are necessary to carry out the requirements of the license suspension 3 4 program established in section 802 of this act.
- 5 (2) The department and all licensing entities subject to section 802 of this act shall compare data to identify responsible parents who 6 7 may be subject to the provisions of chapter . . ., Laws of 1997 (this 8 act). The comparison may be conducted electronically, or by any other 9 means that is jointly agreeable between the department and the 10 particular licensing entity. The data shared shall be limited to those items necessary to implementation of chapter . . ., Laws of 1997 (this 11 The purpose of the comparison shall be to identify current 12 13 licensees who are not in compliance with a child support order, and to provide to the department the following information regarding those 14 15 licensees:
- (a) Name; 16
- 17 (b) Date of birth;
- (c) Address of record; 18
- 19 (d) Federal employer identification number and social security 20 number;
- (e) Type of license; 21
- (f) Effective date of license or renewal; 22
- (g) Expiration date of license; and 23
- (h) Active or inactive status. 24
- 25 NEW SECTION. Sec. 804. A new section is added to chapter 74.20A 26 RCW to read as follows:
- (1) In furtherance of the public policy of increasing collection of 27 child support and to assist in evaluation of the program established in 28 29 section 802 of this act, the department shall report the following to 30 the legislature and the governor on December 1, 1998, and annually
- thereafter: 31
- (a) The number of responsible parents identified as licensees 32 subject to section 802 of this act; 33
- 34 (b) The number of responsible parents identified by the department as not in compliance with a child support order; 35
- 36 (c) The number of notices of noncompliance served upon responsible parents by the department; 37

- 1 (d) The number of responsible parents served a notice of 2 noncompliance who request an adjudicative proceeding;
- 3 (e) The number of adjudicative proceedings held, and the results of 4 the adjudicative proceedings;
- (f) The number of responsible parents certified to the department of licensing or licensing entities for noncompliance with a child support order, and the number of each type of licenses that were suspended;
- 9 (g) The costs incurred in the implementation and enforcement of 10 section 802 of this act and an estimate of the amount of child support 11 collected due to the department under section 802 of this act;
- 12 (h) Any other information regarding this program that the 13 department feels will assist in evaluation of the program;
- (i) Recommendations for the addition of specific licenses in the program or exclusion of specific licenses from the program, and reasons for such recommendations; and
- 17 (j) Any recommendations for statutory changes necessary for the 18 cost-effective management of the program.
- (2) To assist in evaluation of the program established in section 802 of this act, the office of the administrator for the courts shall report the following to the legislature and the governor on December 1, 22 1998, and annually thereafter:
- 23 (a) The number of motions for contempt for violation of a 24 visitation or residential order filed under RCW 26.09.160(3);
- 25 (b) The number of parents found in contempt under RCW 26.09.160(3); 26 and
- (c) The number of parents whose licenses were suspended under RCW 28 26.09.160(3).
- 29 (3) This section expires December 2, 2002.
- 30 **Sec. 805.** RCW 74.20A.020 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 2 s 15 are each 31 amended to read as follows:
- 32 Unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, the 33 following words and phrases as hereinafter used in this chapter and 34 chapter 74.20 RCW shall have the following meanings:
- 35 (1) "Department" means the state department of social and health 36 services.

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- 1 (2) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of social and 2 health services, ((his)) the secretary's designee or authorized 3 representative.
 - (3) "Dependent child" means any person:

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- 5 (a) Under the age of eighteen who is not self-supporting, married, 6 or a member of the armed forces of the United States; or
- 7 (b) Over the age of eighteen for whom a court order for support 8 exists.
- 9 (4) "Support obligation" means the obligation to provide for the 10 necessary care, support, and maintenance, including medical expenses, 11 of a dependent child or other person as required by statutes and the 12 common law of this or another state.
- (5) "Superior court order" means any judgment, decree, or order of 13 the superior court of the state of Washington, or a court of comparable 14 15 jurisdiction of another state, establishing the existence of a support 16 obligation and ordering payment of a set or determinable amount of 17 support moneys to satisfy the support obligation. For purposes of RCW 74.20A.055, orders for support which were entered under the uniform 18 19 reciprocal enforcement of support act by a state where the responsible 20 parent no longer resides shall not preclude the department from establishing an amount to be paid as current and future support. 21
- (6) "Administrative order" means any determination, finding, decree, or order for support pursuant to RCW 74.20A.055, or by an agency of another state pursuant to a substantially similar administrative process, establishing the existence of a support obligation and ordering the payment of a set or determinable amount of support moneys to satisfy the support obligation.
- (7) "Responsible parent" means a natural parent, adoptive parent, or stepparent of a dependent child or a person who has signed an affidavit acknowledging paternity which has been filed with the state office of vital statistics.
- 32 (8) "Stepparent" means the present spouse of the person who is 33 either the mother, father, or adoptive parent of a dependent child, and 34 such status shall exist until terminated as provided for in RCW 35 26.16.205.
- 36 (9) "Support moneys" means any moneys or in-kind providings paid to 37 satisfy a support obligation whether denominated as child support, 38 spouse support, alimony, maintenance, or any other such moneys intended

- to satisfy an obligation for support of any person or satisfaction in 1 whole or in part of arrears or delinquency on such an obligation. 2
- (10) "Support debt" means any delinquent amount of support moneys 3 4 which is due, owing, and unpaid under a superior court order or an administrative order, a debt for the payment of expenses for the 5 reasonable or necessary care, support, and maintenance, including 6 7 medical expenses, of a dependent child or other person for whom a 8 support obligation is owed; or a debt under RCW 74.20A.100 or 9 74.20A.270. Support debt also includes any accrued interest, fees, or 10 penalties charged on a support debt, and attorneys fees and other costs of litigation awarded in an action to establish and enforce a support 11
- (11) "State" means any state or political subdivision, territory, 13 14 or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the 15 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- (12) "Account" means a demand deposit account, checking or 16 negotiable withdrawal order account, savings account, time deposit 17 18 account, or money-market mutual fund account.
- 19 (13) "Child support order" means a superior court order or an <u>administrative order.</u> 20
- (14) "Financial institution" means: 21
- (a) A depository institution, as defined in section 3(c) of the 22 federal deposit insurance act; 23
- 24 (b) An institution-affiliated party, as defined in section 3(u) of 25 the federal deposit insurance act;
- 26 (c) Any federal or state credit union, as defined in section 101 of the federal credit union act, including an institution-affiliated party 27 of such credit union, as defined in section 206(r) of the federal 28
- 29 deposit insurance act; or

obligation or debt.

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- 30 (d) Any benefit association, insurance company, safe deposit company, money-market mutual fund, or similar entity. 31
- (15) "License" means a license, certificate, registration, permit, 32 approval, or other similar document issued by a licensing entity to a 33 34 licensee evidencing admission to or granting authority to engage in a
- profession, occupation, business, industry, recreational pursuit, or 35
- the operation of a motor vehicle. "License" does not mean the tax 36
- 37 registration or certification issued under Title 82 RCW by the
- 38 department of revenue.

- 1 (16) "Licensee" means any individual holding a license,
- 2 <u>certificate</u>, <u>registration</u>, <u>permit</u>, <u>approval</u>, <u>or other similar document</u>
- 3 issued by a licensing entity evidencing admission to or granting
- 4 <u>authority to engage in a profession, occupation, business, industry,</u>
- 5 recreational pursuit, or the operation of a motor vehicle.
- 6 (17) "Licensing entity" includes any department, board, commission,
- 7 or other organization authorized to issue, renew, suspend, or revoke a
- 8 license authorizing an individual to engage in a business, occupation,
- 9 profession, industry, recreational pursuit, or the operation of a motor
- 10 vehicle, and includes the Washington state supreme court, to the extent
- 11 that a rule has been adopted by the court to implement suspension of
- 12 licenses related to the practice of law.
- 13 (18) "Noncompliance with a child support order" for the purposes of
- 14 the license suspension program authorized under section 802 of this act
- 15 means a responsible parent has:
- 16 (a) Accumulated arrears totaling more than six months of child
- 17 support payments;
- 18 (b) Failed to make payments pursuant to a written agreement with
- 19 the department towards a support arrearage in an amount that exceeds
- 20 <u>six months of payments; or</u>
- 21 (c) Failed to make payments required by a superior court order or
- 22 administrative order towards a support arrearage in an amount that
- 23 exceeds six months of payments.
- 24 (19) "Noncompliance with a residential or visitation order" means
- 25 that a court has found the parent in contempt of court under RCW
- 26 <u>26.09.160</u> for failure to comply with a residential provision of a
- 27 <u>court-ordered parenting plan.</u>
- 28 **Sec. 806.** RCW 46.20.291 and 1993 c 501 s 4 are each amended to
- 29 read as follows:
- 30 The department is authorized to suspend the license of a driver
- 31 upon a showing by its records or other sufficient evidence that the
- 32 licensee:
- 33 (1) Has committed an offense for which mandatory revocation or
- 34 suspension of license is provided by law;
- 35 (2) Has, by reckless or unlawful operation of a motor vehicle,
- 36 caused or contributed to an accident resulting in death or injury to
- 37 any person or serious property damage;

- 1 (3) Has been convicted of offenses against traffic regulations 2 governing the movement of vehicles, or found to have committed traffic 3 infractions, with such frequency as to indicate a disrespect for 4 traffic laws or a disregard for the safety of other persons on the 5 highways;
- 6 (4) Is incompetent to drive a motor vehicle under RCW 46.20.031(3);
 7 ((or))
- 8 (5) Has failed to respond to a notice of traffic infraction, failed 9 to appear at a requested hearing, violated a written promise to appear 10 in court, or has failed to comply with the terms of a notice of traffic 11 infraction or citation, as provided in RCW 46.20.289; ((or))
- 12 (6) Has committed one of the prohibited practices relating to 13 drivers' licenses defined in RCW 46.20.336; or
- 14 (7) Has been certified by the department of social and health
 15 services as a person who is not in compliance with a child support
 16 order or a residential or visitation order as provided in section 802
 17 of this act.
- 18 **Sec. 807.** RCW 46.20.311 and 1995 c 332 s 11 are each amended to 19 read as follows:
- (1) The department shall not suspend a driver's license or 20 privilege to drive a motor vehicle on the public highways for a fixed 21 22 period of more than one year, except as specifically permitted under 23 RCW 46.20.342 or other provision of law. Except for a suspension under 24 RCW 46.20.289 ((and)), 46.20.291(5), or section 802 of this act, 25 whenever the license or driving privilege of any person is suspended by 26 reason of a conviction, a finding that a traffic infraction has been committed, pursuant to chapter 46.29 RCW, or pursuant to RCW 46.20.291 27 or 46.20.308, the suspension shall remain in effect until the person 28 29 gives and thereafter maintains proof of financial responsibility for 30 the future as provided in chapter 46.29 RCW. If the suspension is the result of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, the department 31 shall determine the person's eligibility for licensing based upon the 32 reports provided by the alcoholism agency or probation department 33 34 designated under RCW 46.61.5056 and shall deny reinstatement until and participation in an approved program has been 35 enrollment 36 established and the person is otherwise qualified. Whenever the 37 license or driving privilege of any person is suspended as a result of 38 certification of noncompliance with a child support order under chapter

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74.20A RCW or a residential or visitation order, the suspension shall 1 remain in effect until the person provides a release issued by the 2 department of social and health services stating that the person is in 3 4 compliance with the order. The department shall not issue to the person a new, duplicate, or renewal license until the person pays a 5 reissue fee of twenty dollars. If the suspension is the result of a 6 7 violation of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, or is the result of 8 administrative action under RCW 46.20.308, the reissue fee shall be 9 fifty dollars.

10 (2) Any person whose license or privilege to drive a motor vehicle 11 on the public highways has been revoked, unless the revocation was for a cause which has been removed, is not entitled to have the license or 12 13 privilege renewed or restored until: (a) After the expiration of one year from the date the license or privilege to drive was revoked; (b) 14 15 after the expiration of the applicable revocation period provided by 16 RCW 46.20.3101 or 46.61.5055; (c) after the expiration of two years for 17 persons convicted of vehicular homicide; or (d) after the expiration of the applicable revocation period provided by RCW 46.20.265. After the 18 19 expiration of the appropriate period, the person may make application 20 for a new license as provided by law together with a reissue fee in the amount of twenty dollars, but if the revocation is the result of a 21 violation of RCW 46.20.308, 46.61.502, or 46.61.504, the reissue fee 22 23 shall be fifty dollars. If the revocation is the result of a violation 24 of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, the department shall determine the 25 person's eligibility for licensing based upon the reports provided by 26 the alcoholism agency or probation department designated under RCW 27 46.61.5056 and shall deny reissuance of a license, permit, or privilege to drive until enrollment and participation in an approved program has 28 been established and the person is otherwise qualified. Except for a 29 30 revocation under RCW 46.20.265, the department shall not then issue a new license unless it is satisfied after investigation of the driving 31 ability of the person that it will be safe to grant the privilege of 32 33 driving a motor vehicle on the public highways, and until the person gives and thereafter maintains proof of financial responsibility for 34 35 the future as provided in chapter 46.29 RCW. For a revocation under RCW 46.20.265, the department shall not issue a new license unless it 36 37 is satisfied after investigation of the driving ability of the person that it will be safe to grant that person the privilege of driving a 38 39 motor vehicle on the public highways.

(3) Whenever the driver's license of any person is suspended 1 pursuant to Article IV of the nonresident violators compact or RCW 2 3 46.23.020 or 46.20.289 or 46.20.291(5), the department shall not issue 4 to the person any new or renewal license until the person pays a reissue fee of twenty dollars. If the suspension is the result of a 5 violation of the laws of this or any other state, province, or other 6 7 jurisdiction involving (a) the operation or physical control of a motor 8 vehicle upon the public highways while under the influence of 9 intoxicating liquor or drugs, or (b) the refusal to submit to a 10 chemical test of the driver's blood alcohol content, the reissue fee shall be fifty dollars. 11

NEW SECTION. Sec. 808. A new section is added to chapter 48.22 13 RCW to read as follows:

14 In the event that the department of licensing suspends a driver's 15 license solely for the nonpayment of child support as provided in 16 chapter 74.20A RCW or for noncompliance with a residential or visitation order as provided in chapter 26.09 RCW, any provision in the 17 18 driver's motor vehicle liability insurance policy excluding insurance 19 coverage for an unlicensed driver shall not apply to the driver for ninety days from the date of suspension. When a driver's license is 20 suspended under chapter 74.20A RCW, the driving record for the 21 suspended driver shall include a notation that explains the reason for 22 23 the suspension.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 809. The legislature intends that the license suspension program established in chapter 74.20A RCW be implemented 25 26 fairly to ensure that child support obligations are met and that 27 parents comply with residential and visitation orders. However, being 28 mindful of the separations of powers and responsibilities among the 29 branches of government, the legislature strongly encourages the state supreme court to adopt rules providing for suspension and denial of 30 licenses related to the practice of law to those individuals who are in 31 32 noncompliance with a support order or a residential or visitation 33 order.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 810.** A new section is added to chapter 2.48 RCW to read as follows:

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The Washington state supreme court may provide by rule that no 1 2 person who has been certified by the department of social and health services as a person who is in noncompliance with a support order or a 3 4 residential or visitation order as provided in section 802 of this act 5 may be admitted to the practice of law in this state, and that any member of the Washington state bar association who has been certified 6 7 by the department of social and health services as a person who is in 8 noncompliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order 9 as provided in section 802 of this act shall be immediately suspended 10 from membership. The court's rules may provide for review of an application for admission or reinstatement of membership after the 11 12 department of social and health services has issued a release stating 13 that the person is in compliance with the order.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 811.** A new section is added to chapter 18.04 RCW to read as follows:

16 The board shall immediately suspend the certificate or license of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by 17 18 the department of social and health services as a person who is not in 19 compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for 20 reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license or 21 22 certificate shall be automatic upon the board's receipt of a release 23 issued by the department of social and health services stating that the 24 licensee is in compliance with the order.

25 **Sec. 812.** RCW 18.04.335 and 1992 c 103 s 13 are each amended to 26 read as follows:

- 27 <u>(1)</u> Upon application in writing and after hearing pursuant to 28 notice, the board may:
- $((\frac{1}{1}))$ (a) Modify the suspension of, or reissue a certificate or license to, an individual whose certificate has been revoked or

31 suspended; or

- $((\frac{(2)}{(2)}))$ (b) Modify the suspension of, or reissue a license to a firm whose license has been revoked, suspended, or which the board has refused to renew.
- 35 (2) In the case of suspension for failure to comply with a support 36 order under chapter 74.20A RCW or a residential or visitation order 37 under chapter 26.09 RCW, if the person has continued to meet all other

- 1 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of a
- 2 certificate or license shall be automatic upon the board's receipt of
- 3 <u>a release issued by the department of social and health services</u>
- 4 stating that the individual is in compliance with the order.
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 813.** A new section is added to chapter 18.08 6 RCW to read as follows:
- 7 The board shall immediately suspend the certificate of registration
- 8 or certificate of authorization to practice architecture of a person
- 9 who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the
- 10 department of social and health services as a person who is not in
- 11 compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order.
- 12 If the person has continued to meet other requirements for
- 13 reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the certificate
- 14 shall be automatic upon the board's receipt of a release issued by the
- 15 department of social and health services stating that the individual is
- 16 in compliance with the order.
- 17 **Sec. 814.** RCW 18.11.160 and 1986 c 324 s 12 are each amended to 18 read as follows:
- 19 (1) No license shall be issued by the department to any person who
- 20 has been convicted of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under
- 21 false pretenses, extortion, criminal conspiracy, fraud, theft,
- 22 receiving stolen goods, unlawful issuance of checks or drafts, or other
- 23 similar offense, or to any partnership of which the person is a member,
- 24 or to any association or corporation of which the person is an officer
- 25 or in which as a stockholder the person has or exercises a controlling
- 26 interest either directly or indirectly.
- 27 (2) The following shall be grounds for denial, suspension, or
- 28 revocation of a license, or imposition of an administrative fine by the
- 29 department:
- 30 (a) Misrepresentation or concealment of material facts in obtaining
- 31 a license;
- 32 (b) Underreporting to the department of sales figures so that the
- 33 auctioneer or auction company surety bond is in a lower amount than
- 34 required by law;
- 35 (c) Revocation of a license by another state;
- 36 (d) Misleading or false advertising;

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- (e) A pattern of substantial misrepresentations related to 1 2 auctioneering or auction company business;
- 3 (f) Failure to cooperate with the department in any investigation 4 or disciplinary action;
- 5 (g) Nonpayment of an administrative fine prior to renewal of a 6 license;
- 7 (h) Aiding an unlicensed person to practice as an auctioneer or as 8 an auction company; and
 - (i) Any other violations of this chapter.

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- (3) The department shall immediately suspend the license of a 10 person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by 11 the department of social and health services as a person who is not in 12 13 compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order. 14 If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license shall be 15 automatic upon the department's receipt of a release issued by the 16 department of social and health services stating that the licensee is 17 in compliance with the order. 18
- 19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 815. A new section is added to chapter 18.16 RCW to read as follows: 20
- The department shall immediately suspend the license of a person 21 who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the 22 23 department of social and health services as a person who is not in 24 compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order. 25 If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license shall be 26 27 automatic upon the department's receipt of a release issued by the department of social and health services stating that the licensee is 28 29 in compliance with the order.
- 30 Sec. 816. A new section is added to chapter 18.20 NEW SECTION. RCW to read as follows: 31
- 32 The department shall immediately suspend the license of a person 33 who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person who is not in 34 35 compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for 36 reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license shall be 37

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- 1 automatic upon the department's receipt of a release issued by the
- 2 department of social and health services stating that the licensee is
- 3 in compliance with the order.
- 4 **Sec. 817.** RCW 18.27.060 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 2 s 19 are each 5 amended to read as follows:
- 6 (1) A certificate of registration shall be valid for one year and 7 shall be renewed on or before the expiration date. The department 8 shall issue to the applicant a certificate of registration upon 9 compliance with the registration requirements of this chapter.
- 10 (2) If the department approves an application, it shall issue a 11 certificate of registration to the applicant. The certificate shall be 12 valid for:
- 13 (a) One year;
- 14 (b) Until the bond expires; or
- 15 (c) Until the insurance expires, whichever comes first. The 16 department shall place the expiration date on the certificate.
- 17 (3) A contractor may supply a short-term bond or insurance policy 18 to bring its registration period to the full one year.
- 19 (4) If a contractor's surety bond or other security has an 20 unsatisfied judgment against it or is canceled, or if the contractor's 21 insurance policy is canceled, the contractor's registration shall be 22 automatically suspended on the effective date of the impairment or 23 cancellation. The department shall give notice of the suspension to 24 the contractor.
- 25 (5) The department shall immediately suspend the certificate of registration of a contractor who has been certified by the department 26 of social and health services as a person who is not in compliance with 27 a support order or a residential or visitation order as provided in 28 section 802 of this act. The certificate of registration shall not be 29 30 reissued or renewed unless the person provides to the department a release from the department of social and health services stating that 31 he or she is in compliance with the order and the person has continued 32 33 to meet all other requirements for certification during the suspension.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 818. A new section is added to chapter 18.28
- 35 RCW to read as follows:
- The department shall immediately suspend the license of a person
- 37 who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the

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- 1 department of social and health services as a person who is not in
- 2 compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order.
- 3 If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for
- 4 reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license shall be
- 5 automatic upon the department's receipt of a release issued by the
- 6 department of social and health services stating that the licensee is
- 7 in compliance with the order.
- 8 **Sec. 819.** RCW 18.39.181 and 1996 c 217 s 7 are each amended to 9 read as follows:
- 10 The director shall have the following powers and duties:
- 11 (1) To issue all licenses provided for under this chapter;
- 12 (2) To renew licenses under this chapter;
- 13 (3) To collect all fees prescribed and required under this chapter;
- 14 ((and))
- 15 (4) To immediately suspend the license of a person who has been
- 16 certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of
- 17 social and health services as a person who is not in compliance with a
- 18 support order or a residential or visitation order; and
- 19 (5) To keep general books of record of all official acts,
- 20 proceedings, and transactions of the department of licensing while
- 21 acting under this chapter.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 820. A new section is added to chapter 18.39
- 23 RCW to read as follows:
- In the case of suspension for failure to comply with a support
- 25 order under chapter 74.20A RCW or a residential or visitation order
- 26 under chapter 26.09 RCW, if the person has continued to meet all other
- 27 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of a
- 28 license shall be automatic upon the director's receipt of a release
- 29 issued by the department of social and health services stating that the
- 30 individual is in compliance with the order.
- 31 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 821.** A new section is added to chapter 18.43
- 32 RCW to read as follows:
- 33 The board shall immediately suspend the registration of a person
- 34 who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the
- 35 department of social and health services as a person who is not in
- 36 compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order.

- 1 If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for
- 2 membership during the suspension, reissuance of the certificate of
- 3 registration shall be automatic upon the board's receipt of a release
- 4 issued by the department of social and health services stating that the
- 5 person is in compliance with the order.
- 6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 822.** A new section is added to chapter 18.44
- 7 RCW to read as follows:
- 8 The department shall immediately suspend the certificate of
- 9 registration of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802
- 10 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person
- 11 who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or
- 12 visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other
- 13 requirements for certification during the suspension, reissuance of the
- 14 certificate shall be automatic upon the department's receipt of a
- 15 release issued by the department of social and health services stating
- 16 that the person is in compliance with the order.
- 17 **Sec. 823.** RCW 18.46.050 and 1991 c 3 s 101 are each amended to
- 18 read as follows:
- 19 (1) The department may deny, suspend, or revoke a license in any
- 20 case in which it finds that there has been failure or refusal to comply
- 21 with the requirements established under this chapter or the rules
- 22 adopted under it.
- 23 (2) The department shall immediately suspend the license of a
- 24 person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by
- 25 the department of social and health services as a person who is not in
- 26 compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order.
- 27 <u>If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for</u>
- 28 <u>reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license shall be</u>
- 29 automatic upon the department's receipt of a release issued by the
- 30 department of social and health services stating that the person is in
- 31 compliance with the order.
- 32 RCW 43.70.115 governs notice of a license denial, revocation,
- 33 suspension, or modification and provides the right to an adjudicative
- 34 proceeding but shall not apply to actions taken under subsection (2) of
- 35 this section.

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- NEW SECTION. Sec. 824. A new section is added to chapter 18.51 2 RCW to read as follows:
- The department shall immediately suspend the license of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of social and health services, division of support, as a person who is not in compliance with a child support order or a residential or visitation order. If the person has continued to meet
- 8 all other requirements for reinstatement during the suspension,
- 9 reissuance of the license shall be automatic upon the department's
- 10 receipt of a release issued by the division of child support stating
- 11 that the person is in compliance with the order.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 825. A new section is added to chapter 18.76
 RCW to read as follows:
- 14 The department shall immediately suspend the certification of a
- 15 poison center medical director or a poison information specialist who
- 16 has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the
- 17 department of social and health services as a person who is not in
- 18 compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order.
- 19 If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for
- 20 certification during the suspension, reissuance of the certification
- 21 shall be automatic upon the department's receipt of a release issued by
- 22 the department of social and health services stating that the person is
- 23 in compliance with the order.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 826. A new section is added to chapter 18.85
- 25 RCW to read as follows:
- The director shall immediately suspend the license of a broker or
- 27 salesperson who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act
- 28 by the department of social and health services as a person who is not
- 29 in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation
- 30 order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for
- 31 reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license shall be
- 32 automatic upon the director's receipt of a release issued by the
- 33 department of social and health services stating that the person is in
- 34 compliance with the order.
- 35 **Sec. 827.** RCW 18.96.120 and 1969 ex.s. c 158 s 12 are each amended
- 36 to read as follows:

- 1 <u>(1)</u> The director may refuse to renew, or may suspend or revoke, a 2 certificate of registration to use the titles landscape architect, 3 landscape architecture, or landscape architectural in this state upon
- 4 the following grounds:
- 5 $((\frac{1}{1}))$ <u>(a)</u> The holder of the certificate of registration is 6 impersonating a practitioner or former practitioner.
- 7 $((\frac{2}{2}))$ (b) The holder of the certificate of registration is guilty 8 of fraud, deceit, gross negligence, gross incompetency or gross 9 misconduct in the practice of landscape architecture.
- 10 (((3))) (c) The holder of the certificate of registration permits 11 his seal to be affixed to any plans, specifications or drawings that 12 were not prepared by him or under his personal supervision by employees 13 subject to his direction and control.
- 14 $((\frac{4}{}))$ <u>(d)</u> The holder of the certificate has committed fraud in applying for or obtaining a certificate.
- 16 (2) The director shall immediately suspend the certificate of 17 registration of a landscape architect who has been certified pursuant
- 18 to section 802 of this act by the department of social and health
- 19 services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order or
- 20 <u>a residential or visitation order. If the person has continued to meet</u>
- 21 all other requirements for certification during the suspension,
- 22 reissuance of the certificate of registration shall be automatic upon
- 23 the director's receipt of a release issued by the department of social
- 24 and health services stating that the person is in compliance with the
- 25 <u>order</u>.
- 26 **Sec. 828.** RCW 18.104.110 and 1993 c 387 s 18 are each amended to 27 read as follows:
- 28 <u>(1)</u> In cases other than those relating to the failure of a licensee 29 to renew a license, the director may suspend or revoke a license issued
- 30 pursuant to this chapter for any of the following reasons:
- $((\frac{1}{1}))$ (a) For fraud or deception in obtaining the license;
- $((\frac{2}{2}))$ (b) For fraud or deception in reporting under RCW 33 18.104.050;
- (((3))) (c) For violating the provisions of this chapter, or of any
- 35 lawful rule or regulation of the department or the department of
- 36 health.
- 37 (2) The director shall immediately suspend any license issued under
- 38 this chapter if the holder of the license has been certified pursuant

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- 1 to section 802 of this act by the department of social and health
- 2 services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order or
- 3 <u>a residential or visitation order. If the person has continued to meet</u>
- 4 all other requirements for reinstatement during the suspension,
- 5 reissuance of the license shall be automatic upon the director's
- 6 receipt of a release issued by the department of social and health
- 7 services stating that the person is in compliance with the order.
- 8 (3) No license shall be suspended for more than six months, except
- 9 that a suspension under section 802 of this act shall continue until
- 10 the department receives a release issued by the department of social
- 11 and health services stating that the person is in compliance with the
- 12 <u>order</u>.
- 13 (4) No person whose license is revoked shall be eligible to apply
- 14 for a license for one year from the effective date of the final order
- 15 of revocation.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 829. A new section is added to chapter 18.106
- 17 RCW to read as follows:
- 18 The department shall immediately suspend any certificate of
- 19 competency issued under this chapter if the holder of the certificate
- 20 has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the
- 21 department of social and health services as a person who is not in
- 22 compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order.
- 23 If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for
- 24 certification during the suspension, reissuance of the certificate of
- 25 competency shall be automatic upon the department's receipt of a
- 26 release issued by the department of social and health services stating
- 27 that the person is in compliance with the order.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 830. A new section is added to chapter 18.130
- 29 RCW to read as follows:
- The secretary shall immediately suspend the license of any person
- 31 subject to this chapter who has been certified by the department of
- 32 social and health services as a person who is not in compliance with a
- 33 support order or a residential or visitation order as provided in
- 34 section 802 of this act.
- 35 Sec. 831. RCW 18.130.150 and 1984 c 279 s 15 are each amended to
- 36 read as follows:

A person whose license has been suspended or revoked under this 1 2 chapter may petition the disciplining authority for reinstatement after 3 an interval as determined by the disciplining authority in the order. 4 The disciplining authority shall hold hearings on the petition and may 5 deny the petition or may order reinstatement and impose terms and conditions as provided in RCW 18.130.160 and issue an order of 6 7 The disciplining authority may require successful reinstatement. 8 completion of an examination as a condition of reinstatement.

9 A person whose license has been suspended for noncompliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order under section 802 of this act may petition for reinstatement at any time by providing the secretary a release issued by the department of social and health 12 services stating that the person is in compliance with the order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, the secretary shall automatically 16 reissue the person's license upon receipt of the release, and payment 17 of a reinstatement fee, if any.

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18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 832. A new section is added to chapter 18.140 RCW to read as follows: 19

The director shall immediately suspend any license or certificate issued under this chapter if the holder has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license or certificate shall be automatic upon the director's receipt of a release issued by the department of social and health services stating that the person is in compliance with the order.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 833. A new section is added to chapter 18.145 30 RCW to read as follows: 31

32 The director shall immediately suspend any certificate issued under 33 this chapter if the holder has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person 34 35 who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other 36 37 requirements for certification during the suspension, reissuance of the

- 1 certificate shall be automatic upon the director's receipt of a release
- 2 issued by the department of social and health services stating that the
- 3 person is in compliance with the order.
- 4 **Sec. 834.** RCW 18.160.080 and 1990 c 177 s 10 are each amended to 5 read as follows:
- 6 (1) The state director of fire protection may refuse to issue or 7 renew or may suspend or revoke the privilege of a licensed fire 8 protection sprinkler system contractor or the certificate of a 9 certificate of competency holder to engage in the fire protection 10 sprinkler system business or in lieu thereof, establish penalties as 11 prescribed by Washington state law, for any of the following reasons:
- 12 (a) Gross incompetency or gross negligence in the preparation of 13 technical drawings, installation, repair, alteration, maintenance, 14 inspection, service, or addition to fire protection sprinkler systems;
 - (b) Conviction of a felony;

- 16 (c) Fraudulent or dishonest practices while engaging in the fire 17 protection sprinkler systems business;
- 18 (d) Use of false evidence or misrepresentation in an application 19 for a license or certificate of competency;
- (e) Permitting his or her license to be used in connection with the preparation of any technical drawings which have not been prepared by him or her personally or under his or her immediate supervision, or in violation of this chapter; or
- 24 (f) Knowingly violating any provisions of this chapter or the 25 regulations issued thereunder.
- 26 (2) The state director of fire protection shall revoke the license 27 of a licensed fire protection sprinkler system contractor or the 28 certificate of a certificate of competency holder who engages in the 29 fire protection sprinkler system business while the license or 30 certificate of competency is suspended.
- (3) The state director of fire protection shall immediately suspend 31 any license or certificate issued under this chapter if the holder has 32 33 been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of 34 social and health services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order. If the person has 35 36 continued to meet all other requirements for issuance or reinstatement during the suspension, issuance or reissuance of the license or 37 certificate shall be automatic upon the director's receipt of a release 38

- 1 <u>issued by the department of social and health services stating that the</u> 2 person is in compliance with the order.
- 3 (4) Any licensee or certificate of competency holder who is 4 aggrieved by an order of the state director of fire protection 5 suspending or revoking a license may, within thirty days after notice 6 of such suspension or revocation, appeal under chapter 34.05 RCW. This 7 subsection does not apply to actions taken under subsection (3) of this 8 section.
- 9 **Sec. 835.** RCW 18.165.160 and 1995 c 277 s 34 are each amended to 10 read as follows:
- The following acts are prohibited and constitute grounds for disciplinary action, assessing administrative penalties, or denial, suspension, or revocation of any license under this chapter, as deemed
- 14 appropriate by the director:
- 15 (1) Knowingly violating any of the provisions of this chapter or 16 the rules adopted under this chapter;
- 17 (2) Knowingly making a material misstatement or omission in the 18 application for or renewal of a license or firearms certificate, 19 including falsifying requested identification information;
- 20 (3) Not meeting the qualifications set forth in RCW 18.165.030, 21 18.165.040, or 18.165.050;
- 22 (4) Failing to return immediately on demand a firearm issued by an 23 employer;
- (5) Carrying a firearm in the performance of his or her duties if not the holder of a valid armed private investigator license, or carrying a firearm not meeting the provisions of this chapter while in the performance of his or her duties;
- (6) Failing to return immediately on demand company identification, badges, or other items issued to the private investigator by an employer;
- 31 (7) Making any statement that would reasonably cause another person 32 to believe that the private investigator is a sworn peace officer;
- 33 (8) Divulging confidential information obtained in the course of any investigation to which he or she was assigned;
- (9) Acceptance of employment that is adverse to a client or former client and relates to a matter about which a licensee has obtained confidential information by reason of or in the course of the licensee's employment by the client;

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- (10) Conviction of a gross misdemeanor or felony or the commission 1 2 of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption whether the act constitutes a crime or not. If the act constitutes a crime, 3 4 conviction in a criminal proceeding is not a condition precedent to disciplinary action. Upon such a conviction, however, the judgment and 5 sentence is conclusive evidence at the ensuing disciplinary hearing of 6 7 the quilt of the license holder or applicant of the crime described in 8 the indictment or information, and of the person's violation of the 9 statute on which it is based. For the purposes of this section, 10 conviction includes all instances in which a plea of guilty or nolo contendere is the basis for the conviction and all proceedings in which 11 the sentence has been deferred or suspended; 12
- 13 (11) Advertising that is false, fraudulent, or misleading;
- 14 (12) Incompetence or negligence that results in injury to a person or that creates an unreasonable risk that a person may be harmed;
- 16 (13) Suspension, revocation, or restriction of the individual's
 17 license to practice the profession by competent authority in any state,
 18 federal, or foreign jurisdiction, a certified copy of the order,
 19 stipulation, or agreement being conclusive evidence of the revocation,
 20 suspension, or restriction;
 - (14) Failure to cooperate with the director by:

- (a) Not furnishing any necessary papers or documents requested by the director for purposes of conducting an investigation for disciplinary action, denial, suspension, or revocation of a license under this chapter;
- 26 (b) Not furnishing in writing a full and complete explanation 27 covering the matter contained in a complaint filed with the department; 28 or
- (c) Not responding to subpoenas issued by the director, whether or not the recipient of the subpoena is the accused in the proceeding;
- 31 (15) Failure to comply with an order issued by the director or an 32 assurance of discontinuance entered into with the director;
- 33 (16) Aiding or abetting an unlicensed person to practice if a 34 license is required;
- 35 (17) Misrepresentation or fraud in any aspect of the conduct of the 36 business or profession;
- 37 (18) Failure to adequately supervise employees to the extent that 38 the public health or safety is at risk;

- 1 (19) Interference with an investigation or disciplinary proceeding 2 by willful misrepresentation of facts before the director or the 3 director's authorized representative, or by the use of threats or 4 harassment against any client or witness to prevent them from providing 5 evidence in a disciplinary proceeding or any other legal action;
- 6 (20) Assigning or transferring any license issued pursuant to the 7 provisions of this chapter, except as provided in RCW 18.165.050;
- 8 (21) Assisting a client to locate, trace, or contact a person when 9 the investigator knows that the client is prohibited by any court order 10 from harassing or contacting the person whom the investigator is being 11 asked to locate, trace, or contact, as it pertains to domestic 12 violence, stalking, or minor children;
- 13 (22) Failure to maintain bond or insurance; ((or))
- 14 (23) Failure to have a qualifying principal in place; or
- 15 (24) Being certified as not in compliance with a support order or 16 a residential or visitation order as provided in section 802 of this 17 act.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 836. A new section is added to chapter 18.165

 19 RCW to read as follows:
- The director shall immediately suspend a license issued under this 20 chapter if the holder has been certified pursuant to section 802 of 21 this act by the department of social and health services as a person 22 23 who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or 24 visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other 25 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license shall be automatic upon the director's receipt of a release 26 issued by the department of social and health services stating that the 27 28 person is in compliance with the order.
- 29 **Sec. 837.** RCW 18.170.170 and 1995 c 277 s 12 are each amended to 30 read as follows:
- In addition to the provisions of section 838 of this act, the following acts are prohibited and constitute grounds for disciplinary action, assessing administrative penalties, or denial, suspension, or revocation of any license under this chapter, as deemed appropriate by the director:
- 36 (1) Knowingly violating any of the provisions of this chapter or 37 the rules adopted under this chapter;

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- 1 (2) Practicing fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation in any of the 2 private security activities covered by this chapter;
- 3 (3) Knowingly making a material misstatement or omission in the 4 application for a license or firearms certificate;
- 5 (4) Not meeting the qualifications set forth in RCW 18.170.030, 6 18.170.040, or 18.170.060;
- 7 (5) Failing to return immediately on demand a firearm issued by an 8 employer;
- 9 (6) Carrying a firearm in the performance of his or her duties if 10 not the holder of a valid armed private security guard license, or 11 carrying a firearm not meeting the provisions of this chapter while in 12 the performance of his or her duties;
- 13 (7) Failing to return immediately on demand any uniform, badge, or 14 other item of equipment issued to the private security guard by an 15 employer;
- 16 (8) Making any statement that would reasonably cause another person 17 to believe that the private security guard is a sworn peace officer;
- 18 (9) Divulging confidential information that may compromise the 19 security of any premises, or valuables shipment, or any activity of a 20 client to which he or she was assigned;
 - (10) Conviction of a gross misdemeanor or felony or the commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption whether the act constitutes a crime or not. If the act constitutes a crime, conviction in a criminal proceeding is not a condition precedent to disciplinary action. Upon such a conviction, however, the judgment and sentence is conclusive evidence at the ensuing disciplinary hearing of the guilt of the license holder or applicant of the crime described in the indictment or information, and of the person's violation of the statute on which it is based. For the purposes of this section, conviction includes all instances in which a plea of guilty or nolo contendere is the basis for the conviction and all proceedings in which the sentence has been deferred or suspended;
- 33 (11) Misrepresentation or concealment of a material fact in 34 obtaining a license or in reinstatement thereof;
 - (12) Advertising that is false, fraudulent, or misleading;
- 36 (13) Incompetence or negligence that results in injury to a person or that creates an unreasonable risk that a person may be harmed;
- 38 (14) Suspension, revocation, or restriction of the individual's 39 license to practice the profession by competent authority in any state,

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- 1 federal, or foreign jurisdiction, a certified copy of the order,
- 2 stipulation, or agreement being conclusive evidence of the revocation,
- 3 suspension, or restriction;
- 4 (15) Failure to cooperate with the director by:
- 5 (a) Not furnishing any necessary papers or documents requested by
- 6 the director for purposes of conducting an investigation for
- 7 disciplinary action, denial, suspension, or revocation of a license
- 8 under this chapter;
- 9 (b) Not furnishing in writing a full and complete explanation
- 10 covering the matter contained in a complaint filed with the department;
- 11 or
- 12 (c) Not responding to subpoenas issued by the director, whether or
- 13 not the recipient of the subpoena is the accused in the proceeding;
- 14 (16) Failure to comply with an order issued by the director or an
- 15 assurance of discontinuance entered into with the disciplining
- 16 authority;
- 17 (17) Aiding or abetting an unlicensed person to practice if a
- 18 license is required;
- 19 (18) Misrepresentation or fraud in any aspect of the conduct of the
- 20 business or profession;
- 21 (19) Failure to adequately supervise employees to the extent that
- 22 the public health or safety is at risk;
- 23 (20) Interference with an investigation or disciplinary proceeding
- 24 by willful misrepresentation of facts before the director or the
- 25 director's authorized representative, or by the use of threats or
- 26 harassment against a client or witness to prevent them from providing
- 27 evidence in a disciplinary proceeding or any other legal action;
- 28 (21) Assigning or transferring any license issued pursuant to the
- 29 provisions of this chapter, except as provided in RCW 18.170.060;
- 30 (22) Failure to maintain insurance; and
- 31 (23) Failure to have a qualifying principal in place.
- 32 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 838.** A new section is added to chapter 18.170
- 33 RCW to read as follows:
- The director shall immediately suspend any license issued under
- 35 this chapter if the holder has been certified pursuant to section 802
- 36 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person
- 37 who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or
- 38 visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other

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- 1 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the
- 2 license shall be automatic upon the director's receipt of a release
- 3 issued by the department of social and health services stating that the
- 4 person is in compliance with the order.
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 839.** A new section is added to chapter 18.175
- 6 RCW to read as follows:
- 7 The director shall immediately suspend a certificate of
- 8 registration issued under this chapter if the holder has been certified
- 9 pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of social and
- 10 health services as a person who is not in compliance with a support
- 11 order or a residential or visitation order. If the person has
- 12 continued to meet all other requirements for certification during the
- 13 suspension, reissuance of the certificate shall be automatic upon the
- 14 director's receipt of a release issued by the department of social and
- 15 health services stating that the person is in compliance with the
- 16 order.
- 17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 840.** A new section is added to chapter 18.185
- 18 RCW to read as follows:
- 19 The director shall immediately suspend any license issued under
- 20 this chapter if the holder has been certified pursuant to section 802
- 21 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person
- 22 who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or
- 23 visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other
- 24 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the
- 25 license shall be automatic upon the director's receipt of a release
- 26 issued by the department of social and health services stating that the
- 27 person is in compliance with the order.
- 28 **Sec. 841.** RCW 43.20A.205 and 1989 c 175 s 95 are each amended to
- 29 read as follows:
- This section governs the denial of an application for a license or
- 31 the suspension, revocation, or modification of a license by the
- 32 department.
- 33 (1) The department shall give written notice of the denial of an
- 34 application for a license to the applicant or his or her agent. The
- 35 department shall give written notice of revocation, suspension, or
- 36 modification of a license to the licensee or his or her agent. The

- notice shall state the reasons for the action. The notice shall be personally served in the manner of service of a summons in a civil action or shall be given in ((an other)) another manner that shows proof of receipt.
- 5 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and in 6 subsection (4) of this section, revocation, suspension, or modification 7 is effective twenty-eight days after the licensee or the agent receives 8 the notice.
- 9 (a) The department may make the date the action is effective later 10 than twenty-eight days after receipt. If the department does so, it 11 shall state the effective date in the written notice given the licensee 12 or agent.
- 13 (b) The department may make the date the action is effective sooner 14 than twenty-eight days after receipt when necessary to protect the 15 public health, safety, or welfare. When the department does so, it 16 shall state the effective date and the reasons supporting the effective 17 date in the written notice given to the licensee or agent.
- (c) When the department has received certification pursuant to chapter 74.20A RCW from the division of child support that the licensee is a person who is not in compliance with a support order or an order from court stating that the licensee is in noncompliance with a residential or visitation order under chapter 26.09 RCW, the department shall provide that the suspension is effective immediately upon receipt of the suspension notice by the licensee.

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- (3) Except for licensees suspended for noncompliance with a support order under chapter 74.20A RCW or a residential or visitation order under chapter 26.09 RCW, a license applicant or licensee who is aggrieved by a department denial, revocation, suspension, or modification has the right to an adjudicative proceeding. The proceeding is governed by the Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 34.05 RCW. The application must be in writing, state the basis for contesting the adverse action, include a copy of the adverse notice, be served on and received by the department within twenty-eight days of the license applicant's or licensee's receiving the adverse notice, and be served in a manner that shows proof of receipt.
- (4)(a) If the department gives a licensee twenty-eight or more days notice of revocation, suspension, or modification and the licensee files an appeal before its effective date, the department shall not implement the adverse action until the final order has been entered.

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- 1 The presiding or reviewing officer may permit the department to
- 2 implement part or all of the adverse action while the proceedings are
- 3 pending if the appellant causes an unreasonable delay in the
- 4 proceeding, if the circumstances change so that implementation is in
- 5 the public interest, or for other good cause.
- 6 (b) If the department gives a licensee less than twenty-eight days
- 7 notice of revocation, suspension, or modification and the licensee
- 8 timely files a sufficient appeal, the department may implement the
- 9 adverse action on the effective date stated in the notice. The
- 10 presiding or reviewing officer may order the department to stay
- 11 implementation of part or all of the adverse action while the
- 12 proceedings are pending if staying implementation is in the public
- 13 interest or for other good cause.
- 14 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 842.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.410
- 15 RCW to read as follows:
- Any certificate or permit authorized under this chapter or chapter
- 17 28A.405 RCW shall be suspended by the authority authorized to grant the
- 18 certificate or permit if the department of social and health services
- 19 certifies that the person is not in compliance with a support order or
- 20 a residential or visitation order as provided in section 802 of this
- 21 act. If the person continues to meet other requirements for
- 22 reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the certificate or
- 23 permit shall be automatic after the person provides the authority a
- 24 release issued by the department of social and health services stating
- 25 that the person is in compliance with the order.
- 26 **Sec. 843.** RCW 43.70.115 and 1991 c 3 s 377 are each amended to
- 27 read as follows:
- 28 This section governs the denial of an application for a license or
- 29 the suspension, revocation, or modification of a license by the
- 30 department. This section does not govern actions taken under chapter
- 31 18.130 RCW.
- 32 (1) The department shall give written notice of the denial of an
- 33 application for a license to the applicant or his or her agent. The
- 34 department shall give written notice of revocation, suspension, or
- 35 modification of a license to the licensee or his or her agent. The
- 36 notice shall state the reasons for the action. The notice shall be
- 37 personally served in the manner of service of a summons in a civil

action or shall be given in ((an other [another])) another manner that shows proof of receipt.

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- 3 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and in 4 subsection (4) of this section, revocation, suspension, or modification 5 is effective twenty-eight days after the licensee or the agent receives 6 the notice.
- 7 (a) The department may make the date the action is effective later 8 than twenty-eight days after receipt. If the department does so, it 9 shall state the effective date in the written notice given the licensee 10 or agent.
- 11 (b) The department may make the date the action is effective sooner 12 than twenty-eight days after receipt when necessary to protect the 13 public health, safety, or welfare. When the department does so, it 14 shall state the effective date and the reasons supporting the effective 15 date in the written notice given to the licensee or agent.
- 16 (c) When the department has received certification pursuant to chapter 74.20A RCW from the department of social and health services 17 that the licensee is a person who is not in compliance with a child 18 19 support order or an order from a court stating that the licensee is in noncompliance with a residential or visitation order under chapter 20 26.09 RCW, the department shall provide that the suspension is 21 effective immediately upon receipt of the suspension notice by the 22 23 licensee.
 - (3) Except for licensees suspended for noncompliance with a child support order under chapter 74.20A RCW or noncompliance with a residential or visitation order under chapter 26.09 RCW, a license applicant or licensee who is aggrieved by a department denial, revocation, suspension, or modification has the right to an adjudicative proceeding. The proceeding is governed by the Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 34.05 RCW. The application must be in writing, state the basis for contesting the adverse action, include a copy of the adverse notice, be served on and received by the department within twenty-eight days of the license applicant's or licensee's receiving the adverse notice, and be served in a manner that shows proof of receipt.
 - (4)(a) If the department gives a licensee twenty-eight or more days notice of revocation, suspension, or modification and the licensee files an appeal before its effective date, the department shall not implement the adverse action until the final order has been entered.

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- The presiding or reviewing officer may permit the department to implement part or all of the adverse action while the proceedings are pending if the appellant causes an unreasonable delay in the proceeding, if the circumstances change so that implementation is in the public interest, or for other good cause.
- 6 (b) If the department gives a licensee less than twenty-eight days 7 notice of revocation, suspension, or modification and the licensee 8 timely files a sufficient appeal, the department may implement the 9 adverse action on the effective date stated in the notice. The 10 presiding or reviewing officer may order the department to stay implementation of part or all of the adverse action while the 11 proceedings are pending if staying implementation is in the public 12 interest or for other good cause. 13
- 14 **Sec. 844.** RCW 19.28.310 and 1996 c 241 s 5 are each amended to 15 read as follows:
- (1) The department has the power, in case of serious noncompliance 16 with the provisions of this chapter, to revoke or suspend for such a 17 18 period as it determines, any electrical contractor license or electrical contractor administrator certificate issued under this 19 chapter. The department shall notify the holder of the license or 20 certificate of the revocation or suspension by certified mail. 21 revocation or suspension is effective twenty days after the holder 22 23 receives the notice. Any revocation or suspension is subject to review 24 by an appeal to the board. The filing of an appeal stays the effect of 25 a revocation or suspension until the board makes its decision. appeal shall be filed within twenty days after notice of the revocation 26 27 or suspension is given by certified mail sent to the address of the holder of the license or certificate as shown on the application for 28 29 the license or certificate, and shall be effected by filing a written 30 notice of appeal with the department, accompanied by a certified check for two hundred dollars, which shall be returned to the holder of the 31 license or certificate if the decision of the department is not 32 33 sustained by the board. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW. If the board sustains the decision of the 34 department, the two hundred dollars shall be applied by the department 35 36 to the payment of the per diem and expenses of the members of the board 37 incurred in the matter, and any balance remaining after payment of per diem and expenses shall be paid into the electrical license fund. 38

- (2) The department shall immediately suspend the license or 1 certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 2 3 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or 4 visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other 5 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the 6 7 license or certificate shall be automatic upon the department's receipt 8 of a release issued by the department of social and health services 9 stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order.
- 10 **Sec. 845.** RCW 19.28.580 and 1988 c 81 s 15 are each amended to 11 read as follows:
- 12 (1) The department may revoke any certificate of competency upon 13 the following grounds:
- 14 (a) The certificate was obtained through error or fraud;
- 15 (b) The holder thereof is judged to be incompetent to work in the 16 electrical construction trade as a journeyman electrician or specialty 17 electrician;
- 18 (c) The holder thereof has violated any of the provisions of RCW 19 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 or any rule adopted under this chapter.
- (2) Before any certificate of competency shall be revoked, the 20 holder shall be given written notice of the department's intention to 21 do so, mailed by registered mail, return receipt requested, to the 22 23 holder's last known address. The notice shall enumerate the 24 allegations against the holder, and shall give the holder the 25 opportunity to request a hearing before the board. At the hearing, the department and the holder may produce witnesses and give testimony. 26 27 The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW. The board shall render its decision based upon the testimony and 28 29 evidence presented, and shall notify the parties immediately upon 30 reaching its decision. A majority of the board shall be necessary to render a decision. 31
- 32 (3) The department shall immediately suspend the license or certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license or certificate shall be automatic upon the department's receipt

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- 1 of a release issued by the department of social and health services
- 2 stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order.
- 3 **Sec. 846.** RCW 19.30.060 and 1985 c 280 s 6 are each amended to 4 read as follows:
- Any person may protest the grant or renewal of a license under this section. The director may revoke, suspend, or refuse to issue or renew any license when it is shown that:
- 8 (1) The farm labor contractor or any agent of the contractor has 9 violated or failed to comply with any of the provisions of this 10 chapter;
- 11 (2) The farm labor contractor has made any misrepresentations or 12 false statements in his or her application for a license;
- 13 (3) The conditions under which the license was issued have changed 14 or no longer exist;
- 15 (4) The farm labor contractor, or any agent of the contractor, has 16 violated or wilfully aided or abetted any person in the violation of, or failed to comply with, any law of the state of Washington regulating 17 18 employment in agriculture, the payment of wages to farm employees, or 19 the conditions, terms, or places of employment affecting the health and 20 safety of farm employees, which is applicable to the business 21 activities, or operations of the contractor in his or her capacity as 22 a farm labor contractor;
- (5) The farm labor contractor or any agent of the contractor has in recruiting farm labor solicited or induced the violation of any then existing contract of employment of such laborers; or
- 26 (6) The farm labor contractor or any agent of the contractor has an 27 unsatisfied judgment against him or her in any state or federal court, 28 arising out of his or her farm labor contracting activities.
- 29 The director shall immediately suspend the license or certificate 30 of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person who is not 31 in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation 32 33 order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for 34 reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license or certificate shall be automatic upon the director's receipt of a release 35 issued by the department of social and health services stating that the 36 licensee is in compliance with the order. 37

1 **Sec. 847.** RCW 19.16.120 and 1994 c 195 s 3 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

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In addition to other provisions of this chapter, any license issued pursuant to this chapter or any application therefor may be denied, not renewed, revoked, or suspended, or in lieu of or in addition to suspension a licensee may be assessed a civil, monetary penalty in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars:

- 8 (1) If an individual applicant or licensee is less than eighteen 9 years of age or is not a resident of this state.
- 10 (2) If an applicant or licensee is not authorized to do business in this state.
- (3) If the application or renewal forms required by this chapter are incomplete, fees required under RCW 19.16.140 and 19.16.150, if applicable, have not been paid, and the surety bond or cash deposit or other negotiable security acceptable to the director required by RCW 19.16.190, if applicable, has not been filed or renewed or is canceled.
- 17 (4) If any individual applicant, owner, officer, director, or 18 managing employee of a nonindividual applicant or licensee:
- 19 (a) Shall have knowingly made a false statement of a material fact 20 in any application for a collection agency license or an out-of-state 21 collection agency license or renewal thereof, or in any data attached 22 thereto and two years have not elapsed since the date of such 23 statement;
 - (b) Shall have had a license to engage in the business of a collection agency or out-of-state collection agency denied, not renewed, suspended, or revoked by this state, any other state, or foreign country, for any reason other than the nonpayment of licensing fees or failure to meet bonding requirements: PROVIDED, That the terms of this subsection shall not apply if:
- 30 (i) Two years have elapsed since the time of any such denial, 31 nonrenewal, or revocation; or
- 32 (ii) The terms of any such suspension have been fulfilled;
- 33 (c) Has been convicted in any court of any felony involving 34 forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, larceny, 35 extortion, or conspiracy to defraud and is incarcerated for that 36 offense or five years have not elapsed since the date of such 37 conviction;
- 38 (d) Has had any judgment entered against him in any civil action 39 involving forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses,

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- 1 larceny, extortion, or conspiracy to defraud and five years have not
- 2 elapsed since the date of the entry of the final judgment in said
- 3 action: PROVIDED, That in no event shall a license be issued unless
- 4 the judgment debt has been discharged;
- 5 (e) Has had his license to practice law suspended or revoked and
- 6 two years have not elapsed since the date of such suspension or
- 7 revocation, unless he has been relicensed to practice law in this
- 8 state;
- 9 (f) Has had any judgment entered against him or it under the
- 10 provisions of RCW 19.86.080 or 19.86.090 involving a violation or
- 11 violations of RCW 19.86.020 and two years have not elapsed since the
- 12 entry of the final judgment: PROVIDED, That in no event shall a
- 13 license be issued unless the terms of such judgment, if any, have been
- 14 fully complied with: PROVIDED FURTHER, That said judgment shall not be
- 15 grounds for denial, suspension, nonrenewal, or revocation of a license
- 16 unless the judgment arises out of and is based on acts of the
- 17 applicant, owner, officer, director, managing employee, or licensee
- 18 while acting for or as a collection agency or an out-of-state
- 19 collection agency;
- 20 (g) Has petitioned for bankruptcy, and two years have not elapsed
- 21 since the filing of said petition;
- 22 (h) Shall be insolvent in the sense that his or its liabilities
- 23 exceed his or its assets or in the sense that he or it cannot meet his
- 24 or its obligations as they mature;
- 25 (i) Has failed to pay any civil, monetary penalty assessed in
- 26 accordance with RCW 19.16.351 or 19.16.360 within ten days after the
- 27 assessment becomes final;
- 28 (j) Has knowingly failed to comply with, or violated any provisions
- 29 of this chapter or any rule or regulation issued pursuant to this
- 30 chapter, and two years have not elapsed since the occurrence of said
- 31 noncompliance or violation; or
- 32 (k) Has been found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have
- 33 violated the federal fair debt collection practices act, 15 U.S.C. Sec.
- 34 1692 et seq., or the Washington state consumer protection act, chapter
- 35 19.86 RCW, and two years have not elapsed since that finding.
- 36 Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person who is
- 37 engaged in the collection agency business as of January 1, 1972 shall,
- 38 upon filing the application, paying the fees, and filing the surety
- 39 bond or cash deposit or other negotiable security in lieu of bond

- 1 required by this chapter, be issued a license ((hereunder)) under this 2 chapter.
- 3 The director shall immediately suspend the license or certificate
- 4 of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act
- 5 by the department of social and health services as a person who is not
- 6 <u>in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation</u>
- 7 order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for
- 8 reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license or
- 9 certificate shall be automatic upon the director's receipt of a release
- 10 issued by the department of social and health services stating that the
- 11 <u>licensee is in compliance with the order.</u>
- 12 **Sec. 848.** RCW 19.31.130 and 1969 ex.s. c 228 s 13 are each amended
- 13 to read as follows:
- 14 (1) In accordance with the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW as now
- 15 or as hereafter amended, the director may by order deny, suspend or
- 16 revoke the license of any employment agency if he finds that the
- 17 applicant or licensee:
- 18 $((\frac{1}{1}))$ <u>(a)</u> Was previously the holder of a license issued under
- 19 this chapter, which was revoked for cause and never reissued by the
- 20 director, or which license was suspended for cause and the terms of the
- 21 suspension have not been fulfilled;
- $((\frac{2}{2}))$ (b) Has been found guilty of any felony within the past
- 23 five years involving moral turpitude, or for any misdemeanor concerning
- 24 fraud or conversion, or suffering any judgment in any civil action
- 25 involving wilful fraud, misrepresentation or conversion;
- 26 (((3))) (c) Has made a false statement of a material fact in his
- 27 application or in any data attached thereto;
- 28 (((4))) (d) Has violated any provisions of this chapter, or failed
- 29 to comply with any rule or regulation issued by the director pursuant
- 30 to this chapter.
- 31 (2) The director shall immediately suspend the license or
- 32 certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802
- 33 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person
- 34 who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or
- 35 <u>visitation order</u>. If the person has continued to meet all other
- 36 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the
- 37 <u>license or certificate shall be automatic upon the director's receipt</u>

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- 1 of a release issued by the department of social and health services
- 2 stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order.
- 3 **Sec. 849.** RCW 19.32.060 and 1943 c 117 s 5 are each amended to 4 read as follows:
- (1) The director of agriculture may cancel or suspend any such 5 license if he finds after proper investigation that (a) the licensee 6 7 has violated any provision of this chapter or of any other law of this state relating to the operation of refrigerated lockers or of the sale 8 9 of any human food in connection therewith, or any regulation effective under any act the administration of which is in the charge of the 10 department of agriculture, or (b) the licensed refrigerated locker 11 premises or any equipment used therein or in connection therewith is in 12 an unsanitary condition and the licensee has failed or refused to 13 14 remedy the same within ten days after receipt from the director of 15 agriculture of written notice to do so.
- 16 (2) No license shall be revoked or suspended by the director 17 without delivery to the licensee of a written statement of the charge 18 involved and an opportunity to answer such charge within ten days from 19 the date of such notice.
- 20 (3) Any order made by the director suspending or revoking any 21 license may be reviewed by certiorari in the superior court of the 22 county in which the licensed premises are located, within ten days from 23 the date notice in writing of the director's order revoking or 24 suspending such license has been served upon him.
- 25 (4) The director shall immediately suspend the license or certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 26 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person 27 who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or 28 29 visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other 30 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license or certificate shall be automatic upon the director's receipt 31 of a release issued by the department of social and health services 32 stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order. 33
- 34 **Sec. 850.** RCW 19.105.380 and 1988 c 159 s 14 are each amended to 35 read as follows:

- 1 (1) A registration or an application for registration of camping 2 resort contracts or renewals thereof may by order be denied, suspended, 3 or revoked if the director finds that:
- 4 (a) The advertising, sales techniques, or trade practices of the 5 applicant, registrant, or its affiliate or agent have been or are 6 deceptive, false, or misleading;
- 7 (b) The applicant or registrant has failed to file copies of the 8 camping resort contract form under RCW 19.105.360;
- 9 (c) The applicant, registrant, or affiliate has failed to comply 10 with any provision of this chapter, the rules adopted or the conditions 11 of a permit granted under this chapter, or a stipulation or final order 12 previously entered into by the operator or issued by the department 13 under this chapter;
- (d) The applicant's, registrant's, or affiliate's offering of camping resort contracts has worked or would work a fraud upon purchasers or owners of camping resort contracts;
- 17 (e) The camping resort operator or any officer, director, or affiliate of the camping resort operator has been within the last five 18 19 years convicted of or pleaded nolo contendre to any misdemeanor or 20 felony involving conversion, embezzlement, theft, fraud, or dishonesty, has been enjoined from or had any civil penalty assessed for a finding 21 of dishonest dealing or fraud in a civil suit, or been found to have 22 23 engaged in any violation of any act designed to protect consumers, or 24 has been engaged in dishonest practices in any industry involving sales 25 to consumers;
 - (f) The applicant or registrant has represented or is representing to purchasers in connection with the offer or sale of a camping resort contract that a camping resort property, facility, amenity camp site, or other development is planned, promised, or required, and the applicant or registrant has not provided the director with a security or assurance of performance as required by this chapter;

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- 32 (g) The applicant or registrant has not provided or is no longer 33 providing the director with the necessary security arrangements to 34 assure future availability of titles or properties as required by this 35 chapter or agreed to in the permit to market;
- 36 (h) The applicant or registrant is or has been employing 37 unregistered salespersons or offering or proposing a membership 38 referral program not in compliance with this chapter;

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1 (i) The applicant or registrant has breached any escrow, impound, 2 reserve account, or trust arrangement or the conditions of an order or 3 permit to market required by this chapter;

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- (j) The applicant or registrant has breached any stipulation or order entered into in settlement of the department's filing of a previous administrative action;
- 7 (k) The applicant or registrant has filed or caused to be filed 8 with the director any document or affidavit, or made any statement 9 during the course of a registration or exemption procedure with the 10 director, that is materially untrue or misleading;
- 11 (1) The applicant or registrant has engaged in a practice of 12 failing to provide the written disclosures to purchasers or prospective 13 purchasers as required under this chapter;
- (m) The applicant, registrant, or any of its officers, directors, or employees, if the operator is other than a natural person, have wilfully done, or permitted any of their salespersons or agents to do, any of the following:
- 18 (i) Engage in a pattern or practice of making untrue or misleading 19 statements of a material fact, or omitting to state a material fact;
- 20 (ii) Employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud purchasers 21 or members;
- (iii) Engage in a pattern or practice of failing to provide the written disclosures to purchasers or prospective purchasers as required under this chapter;
- (n) The applicant or registrant has failed to provide a bond, letter of credit, or other arrangement to assure delivery of promised gifts, prizes, awards, or other items of consideration, as required under this chapter, breached such a security arrangement, or failed to maintain such a security arrangement in effect because of a resignation or loss of a trustee, impound, or escrow agent;
- 31 (o) The applicant or registrant has engaged in a practice of 32 selling contracts using material amendments or codicils that have not 33 been filed or are the consequences of breaches or alterations in 34 previously filed contracts;
- 35 (p) The applicant or registrant has engaged in a practice of 36 selling or proposing to sell contracts in a ratio of contracts to sites 37 available in excess of that filed in the affidavit required by this 38 chapter;

1 (q) The camping resort operator has withdrawn, has the right to 2 withdraw, or is proposing to withdraw from use all or any portion of 3 any camping resort property devoted to the camping resort program, 4 unless:

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- (i) Adequate provision has been made to provide within a reasonable time thereafter a substitute property in the same general area that is at least as desirable for the purpose of camping and outdoor recreation;
- 9 (ii) The property is withdrawn because, despite good faith efforts 10 by the camping resort operator, a nonaffiliate of the camping resort has exercised a right of withdrawal from use by the camping resort 11 12 (such as withdrawal following expiration of a lease of the property to the camping resort) and the terms of the withdrawal right have been 13 disclosed in writing to all purchasers at or prior to the time of any 14 15 sales of camping resort contracts after the camping resort has 16 represented to purchasers that the property is or will be available for camping or recreation purposes; 17
- (iii) The specific date upon which the withdrawal becomes effective has been disclosed in writing to all purchasers and members prior to the time of any sales of camping resort contracts after the camping resort has represented to purchasers that the property is or will be available for camping or recreation purposes;
 - (iv) The rights of members and owners of the camping resort contracts under the express terms of the camping resort contract have expired, or have been specifically limited, upon the lapse of a stated or determinable period of time, and the director by order has found that the withdrawal is not otherwise inconsistent with the protection of purchasers or the desire of the majority of the owners of camping resort contracts, as expressed in their previously obtained vote of approval;
- (r) The format, form, or content of the written disclosures provided therein is not complete, full, or materially accurate, or statements made therein are materially false, misleading, or deceptive;
- (s) The applicant or registrant has failed or declined to respond to any subpoena lawfully issued and served by the department under this chapter;
- 37 (t) The applicant or registrant has failed to file an amendment for 38 a material change in the manner or at the time required under this 39 chapter or its implementing rules;

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- 1 (u) The applicant or registrant has filed voluntarily or been 2 placed involuntarily into a federal bankruptcy or is proposing to do 3 so; or
- 4 (v) A camping resort operator's rights or interest in a campground 5 has been terminated by foreclosure or the operations in a camping 6 resort have been terminated in a manner contrary to contract 7 provisions.
- 8 (2) Any applicant or registrant who has violated subsection (1)(a), 9 (b), (c), (f), (h), (i), (j), (l), (m), or (n) of this section may be 10 fined by the director in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars for each such violation. Proceedings seeking such fines shall be held 11 in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW and may be filed either separately 12 or in conjunction with other administrative proceedings to deny, 13 suspend, or revoke registrations authorized under this chapter. Fines 14 15 collected from such proceedings shall be deposited in the state general 16 fund.
- 17 (3) An operator, registrant, or applicant against whom administrative or legal proceedings have been filed shall be 18 19 responsible for and shall reimburse the state, by payment into the 20 general fund, for all administrative and legal costs actually incurred by the department in issuing, processing, and conducting any such 21 administrative or legal proceeding authorized under this chapter that 22 23 results in a final legal or administrative determination of any type or 24 degree in favor of the department.
 - (4) No order may be entered under this section without appropriate prior notice to the applicant or registrant of opportunity for a hearing and written findings of fact and conclusions of law, except that the director may by order summarily deny an application for registration or renewal under any of the above subsections and may summarily suspend or revoke a registration under subsection (1)(d), (f), (g), (h), (i), (k), (l), (m), and (n) of this section. No fine may be imposed by summary order.
- 33 (5) The proceedings to deny an application or renewal, suspend or 34 revoke a registration or permit, whether summarily or otherwise, or 35 impose a fine shall be held in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW.
- 36 (6) The director may enter into assurances of discontinuance in 37 lieu of issuing a statement of charges or a cease and desist order or 38 conducting a hearing under this chapter. The assurances shall consist 39 of a statement of the law in question and an agreement not to violate

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- the stated provision. The applicant or registrant shall not be required to admit to any violation of the law, nor shall the assurance be construed as such an admission. Violating or breaching an assurance under this subsection is grounds for suspension or revocation of registration or imposition of a fine.
- (7) The director shall immediately suspend the license or 6 7 certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 8 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person 9 who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other 10 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the 11 license or certificate shall be automatic upon the director's receipt 12 of a release issued by the department of social and health services 13 stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order. 14
- 15 **Sec. 851.** RCW 19.105.440 and 1988 c 159 s 21 are each amended to 16 read as follows:
- 17 (1) A salesperson may apply for registration by filing in a 18 complete and readable form with the director an application form 19 provided by the director which includes the following:
- 20 (a) A statement whether or not the applicant within the past five 21 years has been convicted of, pleaded nolo contendre to, or been ordered 22 to serve probation for a period of a year or more for any misdemeanor 23 or felony involving conversion, embezzlement, theft, fraud, or 24 dishonesty or the applicant has been enjoined from, had any civil 25 penalty assessed for, or been found to have engaged in any violation of 26 any act designed to protect consumers;
- (b) A statement fully describing the applicant's employment history
 for the past five years and whether or not any termination of
 employment during the last five years was the result of any theft,
 fraud, or act of dishonesty;
- 31 (c) A consent to service comparable to that required of operators 32 under this chapter; and
 - (d) Required filing fees.

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(2) The director may by order deny, suspend, or revoke a camping resort salesperson's registration or application for registration under this chapter or the person's license or application under chapter 18.85 RCW, or impose a fine on such persons not exceeding two hundred dollars per violation, if the director finds that the order is necessary for

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- 1 the protection of purchasers or owners of camping resort contracts and 2 the applicant or registrant is guilty of:
 - (a) Obtaining registration by means of fraud, misrepresentation, or concealment, or through the mistake or inadvertence of the director;

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- 5 (b) Violating any of the provisions of this chapter or any lawful 6 rules adopted by the director pursuant thereto;
 - (c) Being convicted in a court of competent jurisdiction of this or any other state, or federal court, of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, bribery, larceny, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, or any similar offense or offenses. For the purposes of this section, "being convicted" includes all instances in which a plea of guilty or nolo contendere is the basis for the conviction, and all proceedings in which the sentence has been deferred or suspended;
- Making, printing, publishing, distributing, or causing, 14 15 authorizing, or knowingly permitting the making, printing, publication, 16 or distribution of false statements, descriptions, or promises of such character as to reasonably induce any person to act thereon, if the 17 18 statements, descriptions, or promises purport to be made or to be 19 performed by either the applicant or registrant and the applicant or 20 registrant then knew or, by the exercise of reasonable care and inquiry, could have known, of the falsity of the statements, 21 22 descriptions, or promises;
- (e) Knowingly committing, or being a party to, any material fraud, misrepresentation, concealment, conspiracy, collusion, trick, scheme, or device whereby any other person lawfully relies upon the work, representation, or conduct of the applicant or registrant;
 - (f) Failing, upon demand, to disclose to the director or the director's authorized representatives acting by authority of law any information within his or her knowledge or to produce for inspection any document, book or record in his or her possession, which is material to the salesperson's registration or application for registration;
- 33 (g) Continuing to sell camping resort contracts in a manner whereby 34 the interests of the public are endangered, if the director has, by 35 order in writing, stated objections thereto;
- (h) Committing any act of fraudulent or dishonest dealing or a crime involving moral turpitude, and a certified copy of the final holding of any court of competent jurisdiction in such matter shall be conclusive evidence in any hearing under this chapter;

- 1 (i) Misrepresentation of membership in any state or national 2 association; or
- 3 (j) Discrimination against any person in hiring or in sales 4 activity on the basis of race, color, creed, or national origin, or 5 violating any state or federal antidiscrimination law.

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- (3) No order may be entered under this section without appropriate prior notice to the applicant or registrant of opportunity for a hearing and written findings of fact and conclusions of law, except that the director may by order summarily deny an application for registration under this section.
- 11 (4) The proceedings to deny an application or renewal, suspend or 12 revoke a registration or permit, whether summarily or otherwise, or 13 impose a fine shall be held in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW.
- (5) The director, subsequent to any complaint filed against a 14 15 salesperson or pursuant to an investigation to determine violations, 16 may enter into stipulated assurances of discontinuances in lieu of issuing a statement of charges or a cease and desist order or 17 conducting a hearing. The assurance shall consist of a statement of 18 19 the law in question and an agreement not to violate the stated 20 provision. The salesperson shall not be required to admit to any violation of the law, nor shall the assurance be construed as such an 21 admission. Violation of an assurance under this subsection is grounds 22 23 for a disciplinary action, a suspension of registration, or a fine not 24 to exceed one thousand dollars.
 - (6) The director may by rule require such further information or conditions for registration as a camping resort salesperson, including qualifying examinations and fingerprint cards prepared by authorized law enforcement agencies, as the director deems necessary to protect the interests of purchasers.
- (7) Registration as a camping resort salesperson shall be effective for a period of one year unless the director specifies otherwise or the salesperson transfers employment to a different registrant. Registration as a camping resort salesperson shall be renewed annually, or at the time of transferring employment, whichever occurs first, by the filing of a form prescribed by the director for that purpose.
- 36 (8) It is unlawful for a registrant of camping resort contracts to 37 employ or a person to act as a camping resort salesperson covered under 38 this section unless the salesperson has in effect with the department 39 and displays a valid registration in a conspicuous location at each of

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- 1 the sales offices at which the salesperson is employed. It is the
- 2 responsibility of both the operator and the salesperson to notify the
- 3 department when and where a salesperson is employed, his or her
- 4 responsibilities and duties, and when the salesperson's employment or
- 5 reported duties are changed or terminated.
- 6 (9) The director shall immediately suspend the license or
- 7 certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802
- 8 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person
- 9 who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or
- 10 <u>visitation order</u>. If the person has continued to meet all other
- 11 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the
- 12 license or certificate shall be automatic upon the director's receipt
- 13 of a release issued by the department of social and health services
- 14 stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order.
- 15 **Sec. 852.** RCW 19.138.130 and 1996 c 180 s 6 are each amended to 16 read as follows:
- 17 (1) The director may deny, suspend, or revoke the registration of 18 a seller of travel if the director finds that the applicant:
- 19 (a) Was previously the holder of a registration issued under this
- 20 chapter, and the registration was revoked for cause and never reissued
- 21 by the director, or the registration was suspended for cause and the
- 22 terms of the suspension have not been fulfilled;
- 23 (b) Has been found guilty of a felony within the past five years
- 24 involving moral turpitude, or of a misdemeanor concerning fraud or
- 25 conversion, or suffers a judgment in a civil action involving willful
- 26 fraud, misrepresentation, or conversion;
- 27 (c) Has made a false statement of a material fact in an application
- 28 under this chapter or in data attached to it;
- 29 (d) Has violated this chapter or failed to comply with a rule
- 30 adopted by the director under this chapter;
- 31 (e) Has failed to display the registration as provided in this
- 32 chapter;
- 33 (f) Has published or circulated a statement with the intent to
- 34 deceive, misrepresent, or mislead the public; or
- 35 (g) Has committed a fraud or fraudulent practice in the operation
- 36 and conduct of a travel agency business, including, but not limited to,
- 37 intentionally misleading advertising.

- 1 (2) If the seller of travel is found in violation of this chapter 2 or in violation of the consumer protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW, by 3 the entry of a judgment or by settlement of a claim, the director may 4 revoke the registration of the seller of travel, and the director may 5 reinstate the registration at the director's discretion.
- (3) The director shall immediately suspend the license or 6 7 certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 8 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person 9 who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other 10 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the 11 license or certificate shall be automatic upon the director's receipt 12 of a release issued by the department of social and health services 13 stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order. 14
- 15 **Sec. 853.** RCW 19.158.050 and 1989 c 20 s 5 are each amended to 16 read as follows:
- (1) In order to maintain or defend a lawsuit or do any business in this state, a commercial telephone solicitor must be registered with the department of licensing. Prior to doing business in this state, a commercial telephone solicitor shall register with the department of licensing. Doing business in this state includes both commercial telephone solicitation from a location in Washington and solicitation of purchasers located in Washington.
- 24 (2) The department of licensing, in registering commercial 25 telephone solicitors, shall have the authority to require the 26 submission of information necessary to assist in identifying and 27 locating a commercial telephone solicitor, including past business 28 history, prior judgments, and such other information as may be useful 29 to purchasers.
- 30 (3) The department of licensing shall issue a registration number 31 to the commercial telephone solicitor.
- 32 (4) It is a violation of this chapter for a commercial telephone 33 solicitor to:
 - (a) Fail to maintain a valid registration;

35 (b) Advertise that one is registered as a commercial telephone 36 solicitor or to represent that such registration constitutes approval 37 or endorsement by any government or governmental office or agency;

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- 1 (c) Provide inaccurate or incomplete information to the department 2 of licensing when making a registration application; or
- 3 (d) Represent that a person is registered or that such person has 4 a valid registration number when such person does not.
- 5 (5) An annual registration fee shall be assessed by the department 6 of licensing, the amount of which shall be determined at the discretion 7 of the director of the department of licensing, and which shall be 8 reasonably related to the cost of administering the provisions of this 9 chapter.
- 10 (6) The department shall immediately suspend the license or 11 certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person 12 who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or 13 visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other 14 15 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license or certificate shall be automatic upon the department's receipt 16 of a release issued by the department of social and health services 17 stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order. 18
- 19 **Sec. 854.** RCW 19.166.040 and 1995 c 60 s 2 are each amended to 20 read as follows:
 - (1) An application for registration as an international student exchange visitor placement organization shall be submitted in the form prescribed by the secretary of state. The application shall include:
- 24 (a) Evidence that the organization meets the standards established 25 by the secretary of state under RCW 19.166.050;
- (b) The name, address, and telephone number of the organization, its chief executive officer, and the person within the organization who has primary responsibility for supervising placements within the state;
- 29 (c) The organization's unified business identification number, if 30 any;
- 31 (d) The organization's United States Information Agency number, if 32 any;
- (e) Evidence of council on standards for international educational travel listing, if any;
- 35 (f) Whether the organization is exempt from federal income tax; and
- 36 (g) A list of the organization's placements in Washington for the 37 previous academic year including the number of students placed, their

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- 1 home countries, the school districts in which they were placed, and the 2 length of their placements.
- 3 (2) The application shall be signed by the chief executive officer 4 of the organization and the person within the organization who has 5 primary responsibility for supervising placements within Washington. 6 If the secretary of state determines that the application is complete,
- 7 the secretary of state shall file the application and the applicant is 8 registered.
- 9 (3) International student exchange visitor placement organizations 10 that have registered shall inform the secretary of state of any changes 11 in the information required under subsection (1) of this section within 12 thirty days of the change.
- 13 (4) Registration shall be renewed annually as established by rule 14 by the office of the secretary of state.
- (5) The office of the secretary of state shall immediately suspend 15 the license or certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant 16 to section 802 of this act by the department of social and health 17 services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order or 18 19 a residential or visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, 20 reissuance of the license or certificate shall be automatic upon the 21 office of the secretary of state's receipt of a release issued by the 22
- 23 department of social and health services stating that the licensee is
- 24 in compliance with the order.
- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 855.** A new section is added to chapter 20.01 RCW to read as follows:
- The director shall immediately suspend the license or certificate 27 of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act 28 29 by the department of social and health services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation 30 order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for 31 reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license or 32 33 certificate shall be automatic upon the director's receipt of a release 34 issued by the department of social and health services stating that the
- 35 licensee is in compliance with the order.
- 36 **Sec. 856.** RCW 21.20.110 and 1994 c 256 s 10 are each amended to 37 read as follows:

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- The director may by order deny, suspend, or revoke registration of 1 any broker-dealer, salesperson, investment adviser representative, or 2 3 investment adviser; censure or fine the registrant or an officer, 4 director, partner, or person occupying similar functions for a registrant; or restrict or limit a registrant's function or activity of 5 business for which registration is required in this state; if the 6 7 director finds that the order is in the public interest and that the 8 applicant or registrant or, in the case of a broker-dealer or 9 investment adviser, any partner, officer, or director:
- (1) Has filed an application for registration under this section which, as of its effective date, or as of any date after filing in the case of an order denying effectiveness, was incomplete in any material respect or contained any statement which was, in the light of the circumstances under which it was made, false, or misleading with respect to any material fact;
- (2) Has willfully violated or willfully failed to comply with any provision of this chapter or a predecessor act or any rule or order under this chapter or a predecessor act, or any provision of chapter 21.30 RCW or any rule or order thereunder;
- 20 (3) Has been convicted, within the past five years, of any misdemeanor involving a security, or a commodity contract or commodity 22 option as defined in RCW 21.30.010, or any aspect of the securities or 23 investment commodities business, or any felony involving moral 24 turpitude;
- 25 (4) Is permanently or temporarily enjoined by any court of 26 competent jurisdiction from engaging in or continuing any conduct or 27 practice involving any aspect of the securities or investment 28 commodities business;
- (5) Is the subject of an order of the director denying, suspending, or revoking registration as a broker-dealer, salesperson, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative;
- (6) Is the subject of an order entered within the past five years 32 33 by the securities administrator of any other state or by the federal securities and exchange commission denying or revoking registration as 34 35 a broker-dealer or salesperson, or a commodity broker-dealer or sales representative, or the substantial equivalent of those terms as defined 36 37 in this chapter or by the commodity futures trading commission denying or revoking registration as a commodity merchant as defined in RCW 38 39 21.30.010, or is the subject of an order of suspension or expulsion

- from membership in or association with a self-regulatory organization 1 registered under the securities exchange act of 1934 or the federal 2 commodity exchange act, or is the subject of a United States post 3 4 office fraud order; but (a) the director may not institute a revocation 5 or suspension proceeding under this clause more than one year from the date of the order relied on, and (b) the director may not enter any 6 7 order under this clause on the basis of an order unless that order was 8 based on facts which would currently constitute a ground for an order 9 under this section;
- 10 (7) Has engaged in dishonest or unethical practices in the 11 securities or investment commodities business;
- 12 (8) Is insolvent, either in the sense that his or her liabilities 13 exceed his or her assets or in the sense that he or she cannot meet his 14 or her obligations as they mature; but the director may not enter an 15 order against a broker-dealer or investment adviser under this clause 16 without a finding of insolvency as to the broker-dealer or investment 17 adviser;
- 18 (9) Has not complied with a condition imposed by the director under 19 RCW 21.20.100, or is not qualified on the basis of such factors as 20 training, experience, or knowledge of the securities business; or
- 21 (10)(a) Has failed to supervise reasonably a salesperson or an 22 investment adviser representative. For the purposes of this 23 subsection, no person fails to supervise reasonably another person, if:

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- (i) There are established procedures, and a system for applying those procedures, that would reasonably be expected to prevent and detect, insofar as practicable, any violation by another person of this chapter, or a rule or order under this chapter; and
- (ii) The supervising person has reasonably discharged the duties and obligations required by these procedures and system without reasonable cause to believe that another person was violating this chapter or rules or orders under this chapter.
- 32 (b) The director may issue a summary order pending final 33 determination of a proceeding under this section upon a finding that it 34 is in the public interest and necessary or appropriate for the 35 protection of investors. The director may not impose a fine under this 36 section except after notice and opportunity for hearing. The fine 37 imposed under this section may not exceed five thousand dollars for 38 each act or omission that constitutes the basis for issuing the order.

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- The director shall immediately suspend the license or certificate 1 of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act 2 3 by the department of social and health services as a person who is not 4 in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for 5 reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license or 6 7 certificate shall be automatic upon the director's receipt of a release 8 issued by the department of social and health services stating that the 9 licensee is in compliance with the order.
- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 857.** A new section is added to chapter 48.17 RCW to read as follows:
- 12 The commissioner shall immediately suspend the license or certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 13 14 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person 15 who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or 16 visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the 17 license or certificate shall be automatic upon the commissioner's 18 19 receipt of a release issued by the department of social and health services stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order. 20
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 858. A new section is added to chapter 74.15 22 RCW to read as follows:
- 23 The secretary shall immediately suspend the license or certificate 24 of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person who is not 25 in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation 26 27 order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for 28 reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license or 29 certificate shall be automatic upon the secretary's receipt of a release issued by the department of social and health services stating 30 31 that the licensee is in compliance with the order.
- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 859.** A new section is added to chapter 47.68 RCW to read as follows:
- The department shall immediately suspend the license or certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person who is not

- 1 in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation
- 2 order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for
- 3 reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license or
- 4 certificate shall be automatic upon the department's receipt of a
- 5 release issued by the department of social and health services stating
- 6 that the licensee is in compliance with the order.
- 7 NEW SECTION. Sec. 860. A new section is added to chapter 71.12
- 8 RCW to read as follows:
- 9 The department of health shall immediately suspend the license or
- 10 certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802
- 11 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person
- 12 who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or
- 13 visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other
- 14 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the
- 15 license or certificate shall be automatic upon the department of
- 16 health's receipt of a release issued by the department of social and
- 17 health services stating that the licensee is in compliance with the
- 18 order.
- 19 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 861.** A new section is added to chapter 66.20
- 20 RCW to read as follows:
- The board shall immediately suspend the license of a person who has
- 22 been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of
- 23 social and health services as a person who is not in compliance with a
- 24 support order or a residential or visitation order. If the person has
- 25 continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the
- 26 suspension, reissuance of the license shall be automatic upon the
- 27 board's receipt of a release issued by the department of social and
- 28 health services stating that the licensee is in compliance with the
- 29 order.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 862. A new section is added to chapter 66.24
- 31 RCW to read as follows:
- 32 The board shall immediately suspend the license of a person who has
- 33 been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of
- 34 social and health services as a person who is not in compliance with a
- 35 support order or a residential or visitation order. If the person has
- 36 continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the

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- 1 suspension, reissuance of the license shall be automatic upon the
- 2 board's receipt of a release issued by the department of social and
- 3 health services stating that the licensee is in compliance with the
- 4 order.
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 863.** A new section is added to chapter 88.02 6 RCW to read as follows:
- 7 The department shall immediately suspend the vessel registration or
- 8 vessel dealer's registration of a person who has been certified
- 9 pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of social and
- 10 health services as a person who is not in compliance with a support
- 11 order or a residential or visitation order. If the person has
- 12 continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the
- 13 suspension, reissuance of the registration shall be automatic upon the
- 14 department's receipt of a release issued by the department of social
- 15 and health services stating that the licensee is in compliance with the
- 16 order.
- 17 **Sec. 864.** RCW 67.08.100 and 1993 c 278 s 20 are each amended to 18 read as follows:
- 19 (1) The department may grant annual licenses upon application in
- 20 compliance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the director,
- 21 and the payment of the fees, the amount of which is to be set by the
- 22 director in accordance with RCW 43.24.086, prescribed to promoters,
- 23 managers, referees, boxers, wrestlers, and seconds: PROVIDED, That the
- 24 provisions of this section shall not apply to contestants or
- 25 participants in strictly amateur contests and/or fraternal
- 26 organizations and/or veterans' organizations chartered by congress or
- 27 the defense department or any bona fide athletic club which is a member
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- 28 of the Pacific northwest association of the amateur athletic union of
- 29 the United States, holding and promoting athletic contests and where
- 30 all funds are used primarily for the benefit of their members.
- 31 (2) Any such license may be revoked by the department for any cause
- 32 which it shall deem sufficient.
- 33 (3) No person shall participate or serve in any of the above
- 34 capacities unless licensed as provided in this chapter.
- 35 (4) The referee for any boxing contest shall be designated by the
- 36 department from among such licensed referees.

- 1 (5) The referee for any wrestling exhibition or show shall be 2 provided by the promoter and licensed by the department.
- (6) The department shall immediately suspend the license or 3 4 certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person 5 who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or 6 7 visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other 8 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the 9 license or certificate shall be automatic upon the department's receipt of a release issued by the department of social and health services 10
- 12 **Sec. 865.** RCW 19.02.100 and 1991 c 72 s 8 are each amended to read 13 as follows:

stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order.

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- 14 (1) The department shall not issue or renew a master license to any 15 person if:
 - (a) The person does not have a valid tax registration, if required;
- 17 (b) The person is a corporation delinquent in fees or penalties 18 owing to the secretary of state or is not validly registered under 19 Title 23B RCW, chapter 18.100 RCW, Title 24 RCW, and any other statute 20 now or hereafter adopted which gives corporate or business licensing 21 responsibilities to the secretary of state; or
- (c) The person has not submitted the sum of all fees and deposits required for the requested individual license endorsements, any outstanding master license delinquency fee, or other fees and penalties to be collected through the system.
- 26 (2) Nothing in this section shall prevent registration by the state 27 of an employer for the purpose of paying an employee of that employer 28 industrial insurance or unemployment insurance benefits.
- 29 (3) The department shall immediately suspend the license or certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 30 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person 31 who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or 32 33 visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the 34 <u>license or certificate shall be automatic upon the department's receipt</u> 35 36 of a release issued by the department of social and health services

37 stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order.

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- 1 **Sec. 866.** RCW 43.24.080 and 1979 c 158 s 99 are each amended to 2 read as follows:
- Except as provided in section 869 of this act, at the close of each examination the department of licensing shall prepare the proper
- 5 licenses, where no further fee is required to be paid, and issue
- 6 licenses to the successful applicants signed by the director and notify
- 7 all successful applicants, where a further fee is required, of the fact
- 8 that they are entitled to receive such license upon the payment of such
- 9 further fee to the department of licensing and notify all applicants
- 10 who have failed to pass the examination of that fact.
- 11 **Sec. 867.** RCW 43.24.110 and 1986 c 259 s 149 are each amended to 12 read as follows:
- 13 Except as provided in section 869 of this act, whenever there is
- 14 filed in a matter under the jurisdiction of the director of licensing
- 15 any complaint charging that the holder of a license has been guilty of
- 16 any act or omission which by the provisions of the law under which the
- 17 license was issued would warrant the revocation thereof, verified in
- 18 the manner provided by law, the director of licensing shall request the
- 19 governor to appoint, and the governor shall appoint within thirty days
- 20 of the request, two qualified practitioners of the profession or
- 21 calling of the person charged, who, with the director or his duly
- 22 appointed representative, shall constitute a committee to hear and
- 23 determine the charges and, in case the charges are sustained, impose
- 24 the penalty provided by law. In addition, the governor shall appoint
- 25 a consumer member of the committee.
- The decision of any three members of such committee shall be the
- 27 decision of the committee.
- The appointed members of the committee shall be compensated in
- 29 accordance with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed for their travel
- 30 expenses, in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.
- 31 Sec. 868. RCW 43.24.120 and 1987 c 202 s 212 are each amended to
- 32 read as follows:
- 33 Except as provided in section 869 of this act, any person feeling
- 34 aggrieved by the refusal of the director to issue a license, or to
- 35 renew one, or by the revocation or suspension of a license shall have
- 36 a right of appeal to superior court from the decision of the director

- 1 of licensing, which shall be taken, prosecuted, heard, and determined
- 2 in the manner provided in chapter 34.05 RCW.
- 3 The decision of the superior court may be reviewed by the supreme
- 4 court or the court of appeals in the same manner as other civil cases.
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 869.** A new section is added to chapter 43.24
- 6 RCW to read as follows:
- 7 The department shall immediately suspend any license issued by the
- 8 department of licensing of a person who has been certified pursuant to
- 9 section 802 of this act by the department of social and health services
- 10 as a person who is not in compliance with a support order or a
- 11 residential or visitation order. If the person has continued to meet
- 12 all other requirements for reinstatement during the suspension,
- 13 reissuance of the license shall be automatic upon the department's
- 14 receipt of a release issued by the department of social and health
- 15 services stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order.
- 16 Sec. 870. RCW 70.74.110 and 1988 c 198 s 5 are each amended to
- 17 read as follows:

- 18 All persons engaged in the manufacture of explosives, or any
- 19 process involving explosives, or where explosives are used as a
- 20 component part in the manufacture of any article or device, on ((the
- 21 date when this 1969 amendatory act takes effect)) August 11, 1969,
- 22 shall within sixty days thereafter, and all persons engaging in the
- 23 manufacture of explosives, or any process involving explosives, or
- 24 where explosives are used as a component part in the manufacture of any
- 25 article or device after ((this act takes effect)) August 11, 1969,
- 26 shall, before so engaging, make an application in writing, subscribed
- 27 to by such person or his agent, to the department of labor and
- 28 industries, the application stating:
 - (1) Location of place of manufacture or processing;
- 30 (2) Kind of explosives manufactured, processed or used;
- 31 (3) The distance that such explosives manufacturing building is
- 32 located or intended to be located from the other factory buildings,
- 33 magazines, inhabited buildings, railroads and highways and public
- 34 utility transmission systems;
- 35 (4) The name and address of the applicant;
- 36 (5) The reason for desiring to manufacture explosives;
- 37 (6) The applicant's citizenship, if the applicant is an individual;

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- 1 (7) If the applicant is a partnership, the names and addresses of 2 the partners, and their citizenship;
- 3 (8) If the applicant is an association or corporation, the names 4 and addresses of the officers and directors thereof, and their 5 citizenship; and
- 6 (9) Such other pertinent information as the director of labor and 7 industries shall require to effectuate the purpose of this chapter.

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There shall be kept in the main office on the premises of each explosives manufacturing plant a plan of said plant showing the location of all explosives manufacturing buildings and the distance they are located from other factory buildings where persons are employed and from magazines, and these plans shall at all times be open to inspection by duly authorized inspectors of the department of labor and industries. The superintendent of each plant shall upon demand of said inspector furnish the following information:

- 16 (a) The maximum amount and kind of explosive material which is or 17 will be present in each building at one time.
- 18 (b) The nature and kind of work carried on in each building and 19 whether or not said buildings are surrounded by natural or artificial 20 barricades.
- Except as provided in RCW 70.74.370, the department of labor and 21 industries shall as soon as possible after receiving such application 22 cause an inspection to be made of the explosives manufacturing plant, 23 24 and if found to be in accordance with RCW 70.74.030 and 70.74.050 and 25 70.74.061, such department shall issue a license to the person applying 26 therefor showing compliance with the provisions of this chapter if the applicant demonstrates that either the applicant or the officers, 27 agents or employees of the applicant are sufficiently experienced in 28 29 manufacture of explosives and the the applicant meets 30 qualifications for a license under RCW 70.74.360. Such license shall continue in full force and effect until expired, suspended, or revoked 31 by the department pursuant to this chapter. 32
- 33 **Sec. 871.** RCW 70.74.130 and 1988 c 198 s 7 are each amended to 34 read as follows:
- Every person desiring to engage in the business of dealing in explosives shall apply to the department of labor and industries for a license therefor. Said application shall state, among other things:
 - (1) The name and address of applicant;

- 1 (2) The reason for desiring to engage in the business of dealing in 2 explosives;
 - (3) Citizenship, if an individual applicant;

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- 4 (4) If a partnership, the names and addresses of the partners and 5 their citizenship;
- 6 (5) If an association or corporation, the names and addresses of 7 the officers and directors thereof and their citizenship; and
- 8 (6) Such other pertinent information as the director of labor and 9 industries shall require to effectuate the purpose of this chapter.

Except as provided in RCW 70.74.370, the department of labor and 10 industries shall issue the license if the applicant demonstrates that 11 either the applicant or the principal officers, agents, or employees of 12 13 the applicant are experienced in the business of dealing in explosives, possess suitable facilities therefor, have not been convicted of any 14 15 crime that would warrant revocation or nonrenewal of a license under 16 this chapter, and have never had an explosives-related license revoked 17 under this chapter or under similar provisions of any other state.

- 18 **Sec. 872.** RCW 70.74.370 and 1988 c 198 s 4 are each amended to 19 read as follows:
- (1) The department of labor and industries shall revoke and not renew the license of any person holding a manufacturer, dealer, purchaser, user, or storage license upon conviction of any of the following offenses, which conviction has become final:
 - (a) A violent offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030;
- (b) A crime involving perjury or false swearing, including the making of a false affidavit or statement under oath to the department of labor and industries in an application or report made pursuant to this title;
 - (c) A crime involving bomb threats;
- 30 (d) A crime involving a schedule I or II controlled substance, or any other drug or alcohol related offense, unless such other drug or 31 alcohol related offense does not reflect a drug or alcohol dependency. 32 33 However, the department of labor and industries may condition renewal 34 of the license to any convicted person suffering a drug or alcohol dependency who is participating in an alcoholism or drug recovery 35 36 program acceptable to the department of labor and industries and has 37 established control of their alcohol or drug dependency. The

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- 1 department of labor and industries shall require the licensee to 2 provide proof of such participation and control;
- 3 (e) A crime relating to possession, use, transfer, or sale of 4 explosives under this chapter or any other chapter of the Revised Code 5 of Washington.
- 6 (2) The department of labor and industries shall revoke the license 7 of any person adjudged to be mentally ill or insane, or to be 8 incompetent due to any mental disability or disease. The director 9 shall not renew the license until the person has been restored to 10 competency.
- 11 (3) The department of labor and industries is authorized to 12 suspend, for a period of time not to exceed six months, the license of 13 any person who has violated this chapter or the rules promulgated 14 pursuant to this chapter.
- 15 (4) The department of labor and industries may revoke the license 16 of any person who has repeatedly violated this chapter or the rules 17 promulgated pursuant to this chapter, or who has twice had his or her 18 license suspended under this chapter.
 - suspend the license or certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license or certificate shall be automatic upon the department of labor and industries' receipt of a release issued by the department of social and health services stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order.
- 29 <u>(6)</u> Upon receipt of notification by the department of labor and 30 industries of revocation or suspension, a licensee must surrender 31 immediately to the department any or all such licenses revoked or 32 suspended.
- 33 **Sec. 873.** RCW 66.24.010 and 1995 c 232 s 1 are each amended to 34 read as follows:
- 35 (1) Every license shall be issued in the name of the applicant, and 36 the holder thereof shall not allow any other person to use the license.
- 37 (2) For the purpose of considering any application for a license, 38 the board may cause an inspection of the premises to be made, and may

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- 1 inquire into all matters in connection with the construction and
- 2 operation of the premises. For the purpose of reviewing any
- 3 application for a license and for considering the denial, suspension or
- 4 revocation of any license, the liquor control board may consider any
- 5 prior criminal conduct of the applicant and the provisions of RCW
- 6 9.95.240 and of chapter 9.96A RCW shall not apply to such cases. The
- 7 board may, in its discretion, grant or refuse the license applied for.
- 8 Authority to approve an uncontested or unopposed license may be granted
- 9 by the board to any staff member the board designates in writing.
- 10 Conditions for granting such authority shall be adopted by rule. No
- 11 retail license of any kind may be issued to:
- 12 (a) A person who has not resided in the state for at least one
- 13 month prior to making application, except in cases of licenses issued
- 14 to dining places on railroads, boats, or aircraft;
- 15 (b) A copartnership, unless all of the members thereof are
- 16 qualified to obtain a license, as provided in this section;
- 17 (c) A person whose place of business is conducted by a manager or
- 18 agent, unless such manager or agent possesses the same qualifications
- 19 required of the licensee; or
- 20 (d) A corporation, unless it was created under the laws of the
- 21 state of Washington or holds a certificate of authority to transact
- 22 business in the state of Washington.
- 23 (3)(a) The board may, in its discretion, subject to the provisions
- 24 of RCW 66.08.150, suspend or cancel any license; and all rights of the
- 25 licensee to keep or sell liquor thereunder shall be suspended or
- 26 terminated, as the case may be.
- 27 (b) The board shall immediately suspend the license or certificate
- 28 of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act
- 29 by the department of social and health services as a person who is not
- 30 <u>in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation</u>
- 31 order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for
- 32 reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license or
- 33 certificate shall be automatic upon the board's receipt of a release
- 34 issued by the department of social and health services stating that the
- 35 licensee is in compliance with the order.
- 36 (c) The board may request the appointment of administrative law
- 37 judges under chapter 34.12 RCW who shall have power to administer
- 38 oaths, issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the
- 39 production of papers, books, accounts, documents, and testimony,

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- 1 examine witnesses, and to receive testimony in any inquiry, 2 investigation, hearing, or proceeding in any part of the state, under 3 such rules and regulations as the board may adopt.
- 4 (d) Witnesses shall be allowed fees and mileage each way to and 5 from any such inquiry, investigation, hearing, or proceeding at the 6 rate authorized by RCW 34.05.446, as now or hereafter amended. Fees 7 need not be paid in advance of appearance of witnesses to testify or to 8 produce books, records, or other legal evidence.
- 9 (e) In case of disobedience of any person to comply with the order 10 of the board or a subpoena issued by the board, or any of its members, or administrative law judges, or on the refusal of a witness to testify 11 12 to any matter regarding which he or she may be lawfully interrogated, 13 the judge of the superior court of the county in which the person resides, on application of any member of the board or administrative 14 15 law judge, shall compel obedience by contempt proceedings, as in the 16 case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from said 17 court or a refusal to testify therein.
- (4) Upon receipt of notice of the suspension or cancellation of a 18 19 license, the licensee shall forthwith deliver up the license to the 20 Where the license has been suspended only, the board shall return the license to the licensee at the expiration or termination of 21 the period of suspension. The board shall notify all vendors in the 22 23 city or place where the licensee has its premises of the suspension or 24 cancellation of the license; and no employee may allow or cause any 25 liquor to be delivered to or for any person at the premises of that 26 licensee.
- (5)(a) At the time of the original issuance of a class H license, the board shall prorate the license fee charged to the new licensee according to the number of calendar quarters, or portion thereof, remaining until the first renewal of that license is required.
- 31 (b) Unless sooner canceled, every license issued by the board shall expire at midnight of the thirtieth day of June of the fiscal year for 32 which it was issued. However, if the board deems it feasible and 33 desirable to do so, it may establish, by rule pursuant to chapter 34.05 34 35 RCW, a system for staggering the annual renewal dates for any and all licenses authorized by this chapter. If such a system of staggered 36 37 annual renewal dates is established by the board, the license fees provided by this chapter shall be appropriately prorated during the 38 39 first year that the system is in effect.

- (6) Every license issued under this section shall be subject to all 1 2 conditions and restrictions imposed by this title or by the regulations in force from time to time. All conditions and restrictions imposed by 3 4 the board in the issuance of an individual license shall be listed on 5 the face of the individual license along with the trade name, address, and expiration date. 6
- 7 (7) Every licensee shall post and keep posted its license, or 8 licenses, in a conspicuous place on the premises.
- 9 (8) Before the board shall issue a license to an applicant it shall 10 give notice of such application to the chief executive officer of the incorporated city or town, if the application be for a license within 11 an incorporated city or town, or to the county legislative authority, 12 if the application be for a license outside the boundaries of 13 incorporated cities or towns; and such incorporated city or town, 14 15 through the official or employee selected by it, or the county 16 legislative authority or the official or employee selected by it, shall 17 have the right to file with the board within twenty days after date of transmittal of such notice, written objections against the applicant or 18 19 against the premises for which the license is asked, and shall include 20 with such objections a statement of all facts upon which such objections are based, and in case written objections are filed, may 21 request and the liquor control board may in its discretion hold a 22 formal hearing subject to the applicable provisions of Title 34 RCW. 23 24 Upon the granting of a license under this title the board shall send a 25 duplicate of the license or written notification to the chief executive 26 officer of the incorporated city or town in which the license is granted, or to the county legislative authority if the license is 27 granted outside the boundaries of incorporated cities or towns. 28
- (9) Before the board issues any license to any applicant, it shall give (a) due consideration to the location of the business to be conducted under such license with respect to the proximity of churches, schools, and public institutions and (b) written notice by certified mail of the application to churches, schools, and public institutions within five hundred feet of the premises to be licensed. The board shall issue no beer retailer license class A, B, D, or E or wine retailer license class C or F or class H license covering any premises 36 37 not now licensed, if such premises are within five hundred feet of the premises of any tax-supported public elementary or secondary school 38 39 measured along the most direct route over or across established public

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walks, streets, or other public passageway from the outer property line 2 of the school grounds to the nearest public entrance of the premises proposed for license, and if, after receipt by the school or public 3 4 institution of the notice as provided in this subsection, the board 5 receives written notice, within twenty days after posting such notice, from an official representative or representatives of the school within 6 7 five hundred feet of said proposed licensed premises, indicating to the 8 board that there is an objection to the issuance of such license 9 because of proximity to a school. For the purpose of this section, 10 church shall mean a building erected for and used exclusively for religious worship and schooling or other activity in connection 11 12 therewith. No liquor license may be issued or reissued by the board to any motor sports facility or licensee operating within the motor sports 13 facility unless the motor sports facility enforces a program reasonably 14 15 calculated to prevent alcohol or alcoholic beverages not purchased 16 within the facility from entering the facility and such program is 17 approved by local law enforcement agencies. It is the intent under this subsection that a retail license shall not be issued by the board 18 19 where doing so would, in the judgment of the board, adversely affect a 20 private school meeting the requirements for private schools under Title 28A RCW, which school is within five hundred feet of the proposed 21 22 licensee. The board shall fully consider and give substantial weight 23 to objections filed by private schools. If a license is issued despite 24 the proximity of a private school, the board shall state in a letter 25 addressed to the private school the board's reasons for issuing the 26 license.

(10) The restrictions set forth in subsection (9) of this section shall not prohibit the board from authorizing the assumption of existing licenses now located within the restricted area by other persons or licenses or relocations of existing licensed premises within the restricted area. In no case may the licensed premises be moved closer to a church or school than it was before the assumption or relocation.

(11) Nothing in this section prohibits the board, in its discretion, from issuing a temporary retail or wholesaler license to an applicant assuming an existing retail or wholesaler license to continue the operation of the retail or wholesaler premises during the period the application for the license is pending and when the following conditions exist:

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- (a) The licensed premises has been operated under a retail or 1 wholesaler license within ninety days of the date of filing the 2 application for a temporary license; 3
- 4 (b) The retail or wholesaler license for the premises has been 5 surrendered pursuant to issuance of a temporary operating license;
- 6 (c) The applicant for the temporary license has filed with the 7 board an application to assume the retail or wholesaler license at such 8 premises to himself or herself; and
- 9 (d) The application for a temporary license is accompanied by a 10 temporary license fee established by the board by rule.

11 A temporary license issued by the board under this section shall be for a period not to exceed sixty days. A temporary license may be 12 extended at the discretion of the board for an additional sixty-day 13 period upon payment of an additional fee and upon compliance with all 14 15 conditions required in this section.

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Refusal by the board to issue or extend a temporary license shall not entitle the applicant to request a hearing. A temporary license may be canceled or suspended summarily at any time if the board 19 determines that good cause for cancellation or suspension exists. RCW 66.08.130 and chapter 34.05 RCW shall apply to temporary licenses.

Application for a temporary license shall be on such form as the 21 board shall prescribe. If an application for a temporary license is 22 23 withdrawn before issuance or is refused by the board, the fee which 24 accompanied such application shall be refunded in full.

25 Sec. 874. RCW 43.63B.040 and 1994 c 284 s 19 are each amended to 26 read as follows:

- (1) The department shall issue a certificate of manufactured home installation to an applicant who has taken the training course, passed the examination, paid the fees, and in all other respects ((meet[s])) meets the qualifications. The certificate shall bear the date of issuance, a certification identification number, and is renewable every three years upon application and completion of a continuing education program as determined by the department. A renewal fee shall be assessed for each certificate. If a person fails to renew a certificate by the renewal date, the person must retake the examination and pay the examination fee.
- 37 (2) The certificate of manufactured home installation provided for 38 in this chapter grants the holder the right to engage in manufactured

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- 1 home installation throughout the state, without any other installer 2 certification.
- 3 (3) The department shall immediately suspend the license or
- 4 certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802
- 5 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person
- 6 who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or
- 7 visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other
- 8 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the
- 9 license or certificate shall be automatic upon the department's receipt
- 10 of a release issued by the department of social and health services
- 11 stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order.
- 12 **Sec. 875.** RCW 70.95D.040 and 1989 c 431 s 68 are each amended to 13 read as follows:
- 14 (1) The department shall establish a process to certify incinerator
- 15 and landfill operators. To the greatest extent possible, the
- 16 department shall rely on the certification standards and procedures
- 17 developed by national organizations and the federal government.
- 18 (2) Operators shall be certified if they:
- 19 (a) Attend the required training sessions;
- 20 (b) Successfully complete required examinations; and
- 21 (c) Pay the prescribed fee.
- 22 (3) By January 1, 1991, the department shall adopt rules to require
- 23 incinerator and appropriate landfill operators to:
- 24 (a) Attend a training session concerning the operation of the
- 25 relevant type of landfill or incinerator;
- 26 (b) Demonstrate sufficient skill and competency for proper
- 27 operation of the incinerator or landfill by successfully completing an
- 28 examination prepared by the department; and
- 29 (c) Renew the certificate of competency at reasonable intervals
- 30 established by the department.
- 31 (4) The department shall provide for the collection of fees for the
- 32 issuance and renewal of certificates. These fees shall be sufficient
- 33 to recover the costs of the certification program.
- 34 (5) The department shall establish an appeals process for the
- 35 denial or revocation of a certificate.
- 36 (6) The department shall establish a process to automatically
- 37 certify operators who have received comparable certification from

- 1 another state, the federal government, a local government, or a 2 professional association.
- 3 (7) Upon July 23, 1989, and prior to January 1, 1992, the owner or 4 operator of an incinerator or landfill may apply to the department for 5 interim certification. Operators shall receive interim certification 6 if they:
- 7 (a) Have received training provided by a recognized national 8 organization, educational institution, or the federal government that 9 is acceptable to the department; or
- 10 (b) Have received individualized training in a manner approved by 11 the department; and
- 12 (c) Have successfully completed any required examinations.
- 13 (8) No interim certification shall be valid after January 1, 1992, 14 and interim certification shall not automatically qualify operators for 15 certification pursuant to subsections (2) through (4) of this section.
- (9) The department shall immediately suspend the license or 16 17 certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person 18 19 who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other 20 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the 21 license or certificate shall be automatic upon the department's receipt 22 of a release issued by the department of social and health services 23 24 stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 876. A new section is added to chapter 70.95B RCW to read as follows:
- The director shall immediately suspend the license or certificate 27 of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act 28 29 by the department of social and health services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation 30 order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for 31 reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license or 32 33 certificate shall be automatic upon the director's receipt of a release 34 issued by the department of social and health services stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order. 35
- 36 **Sec. 877.** RCW 17.21.130 and 1994 c 283 s 15 are each amended to 37 read as follows:

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Any license, permit, or certification provided for in this chapter may be revoked or suspended, and any license, permit, or certification application may be denied by the director for cause. If the director suspends a license under this chapter with respect to activity of a continuing nature under chapter 34.05 RCW, the director may elect to suspend the license for a subsequent license year during a period that coincides with the period commencing thirty days before and ending thirty days after the date of the incident or incidents giving rise to the violation.

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10 The director shall immediately suspend the license or certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act 11 by the department of social and health services as a person who is not 12 in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation 13 order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for 14 reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license or 15 16 certificate shall be automatic upon the director's receipt of a release issued by the department of social and health services stating that the 17 licensee is in compliance with the order. 18

- 19 **Sec. 878.** RCW 64.44.060 and 1990 c 213 s 7 are each amended to 20 read as follows:
- (1) After January 1, 1991, a contractor may not perform 21 decontamination, demolition, or disposal work unless 22 23 certificate by the state department of health. The department shall 24 establish performance standards for contractors by rule in accordance 25 with chapter 34.05 RCW, the administrative procedure act. department shall train and test, or may approve courses to train and 26 test, contractors and their employees on the essential elements in 27 assessing property used as an illegal drug manufacturing or storage 28 29 site to determine hazard reduction measures needed, techniques for 30 adequately reducing contaminants, use of personal protective equipment, methods for proper demolition, removal, and disposal of contaminated 31 32 property, and relevant federal and state regulations. Upon successful 33 completion of the training, the contractor or employee shall be 34 certified.
- 35 (2) The department may require the successful completion of annual 36 refresher courses provided or approved by the department for the 37 continued certification of the contractor or employee.

- 1 (3) The department shall provide for reciprocal certification of 2 any individual trained to engage in decontamination, demolition, or 3 disposal work in another state when the prior training is shown to be 4 substantially similar to the training required by the department. The 5 department may require such individuals to take an examination or 6 refresher course before certification.
- 7 (4) The department may deny, suspend, or revoke a certificate for 8 failure to comply with the requirements of this chapter or any rule 9 adopted pursuant to this chapter. A certificate may be denied, 10 suspended, or revoked on any of the following grounds:
- 11 (a) Failing to perform decontamination, demolition, or disposal 12 work under the supervision of trained personnel;
 - (b) Failing to file a work plan;

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- (c) Failing to perform work pursuant to the work plan;
- (d) Failing to perform work that meets the requirements of the department; $((\frac{or}{a}))$
- 17 (e) The certificate was obtained by error, misrepresentation, or 18 fraud; or
- 19 (f) If the person has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person 20 who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or 21 visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other 22 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the 23 24 license or certificate shall be automatic upon the department's receipt of a release issued by the department of social and health services 25 26 stating that the person is in compliance with the order.
- 27 (5) A contractor who violates any provision of this chapter may be 28 assessed a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars for each violation.
- 29 (6) The department of health shall prescribe fees as provided for 30 in RCW 43.70.250 for the issuance and renewal of certificates, the 31 administration of examinations, and for the review of training courses.
- (7) The decontamination account is hereby established in the state 32 33 treasury. All fees collected under this chapter shall be deposited in 34 this account. Moneys in the account may only be spent after 35 appropriation for costs incurred by the department in the administration and enforcement of this chapter. 36
- 37 **Sec. 879.** RCW 19.146.220 and 1996 c 103 s 1 are each amended to 38 read as follows:

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- 1 (1) The director shall enforce all laws and rules relating to the 2 licensing of mortgage brokers, grant or deny licenses to mortgage
- 3 brokers, and hold hearings.
 - (2) The director may impose the following sanctions:
- 5 (a) Deny applications for licenses for: (i) Violations of orders,
- 6 including cease and desist orders issued under this chapter; or (ii)
- 7 any violation of RCW 19.146.050 or 19.146.0201 (1) through (9);
- 8 (b) Suspend or revoke licenses for:
- 9 (i) False statements or omission of material information on the
- 10 application that, if known, would have allowed the director to deny the
- 11 application for the original license;
- 12 (ii) Failure to pay a fee required by the director or maintain the
- 13 required bond;

- 14 (iii) Failure to comply with any directive or order of the
- 15 director; or
- 16 (iv) Any violation of RCW 19.146.050, 19.146.0201 (1) through (9)
- 17 or (13), 19.146.205(3), or 19.146.265;
- 18 (c) Impose fines on the licensee, employee or loan originator of
- 19 the licensee, or other person subject to this chapter for:
- 20 (i) Any violations of RCW 19.146.0201 (1) through (9) or (13),
- 21 19.146.030 through 19.146.090, 19.146.200, 19.146.205(3), or
- 22 19.146.265; or
- 23 (ii) Failure to comply with any directive or order of the director;
- 24 (d) Issue orders directing a licensee, its employee or loan
- 25 originator, or other person subject to this chapter to:
- 26 (i) Cease and desist from conducting business in a manner that is
- 27 injurious to the public or violates any provision of this chapter; or
- 28 (ii) Pay restitution to an injured borrower; or
- 29 (e) Issue orders removing from office or prohibiting from
- 30 participation in the conduct of the affairs of a licensed mortgage
- 31 broker, or both, any officer, principal, employee, or loan originator
- 32 of any licensed mortgage broker or any person subject to licensing
- 33 under this chapter for:
- 34 (i) Any violation of 19.146.0201 (1) through (9) or (13),
- 35 19.146.030 through 19.146.090, 19.146.200, 19.146.205(3), or
- 36 19.146.265; or
- 37 (ii) False statements or omission of material information on the
- 38 application that, if known, would have allowed the director to deny the
- 39 application for the original license;

1 (iii) Conviction of a gross misdemeanor involving dishonesty or 2 financial misconduct or a felony after obtaining a license; or

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- (iv) Failure to comply with any directive or order of the director.
- 4 (3) Each day's continuance of a violation or failure to comply with 5 any directive or order of the director is a separate and distinct 6 violation or failure.
- 7 (4) The director shall establish by rule standards for licensure of 8 applicants licensed in other jurisdictions. Every licensed mortgage 9 broker that does not maintain a physical office within the state must 10 maintain a registered agent within the state to receive service of any lawful process in any judicial or administrative noncriminal suit, 11 action, or proceeding, against the licensed mortgage broker which 12 arises under this chapter or any rule or order under this chapter, with 13 the same force and validity as if served personally on the licensed 14 15 mortgage broker. Service upon the registered agent shall be effective 16 if the plaintiff, who may be the director in a suit, action, or proceeding instituted by him or her, sends notice of the service and a 17 copy of the process by registered mail to the defendant or respondent 18 19 at the last address of the respondent or defendant on file with the director. In any judicial action, suit, or proceeding arising under 20 this chapter or any rule or order adopted under this chapter between 21 22 the department or director and a licensed mortgage broker who does not 23 maintain a physical office in this state, venue shall be exclusively in 24 the superior court of Thurston county.
- 25 (5) The director shall immediately suspend the license or 26 certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 802 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person 27 who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or 28 29 visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other 30 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license or certificate shall be automatic upon the director's receipt 31 of a release issued by the department of social and health services 32 stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order. 33
- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 880.** A new section is added to chapter 75.25 RCW to read as follows:
- 36 (1) Licenses issued pursuant to this chapter shall be invalid for 37 any period in which a person is certified by the department of social 38 and health services or a court of competent jurisdiction as a person in

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- 1 noncompliance with a support order or residential or visitation order.
- 2 Fisheries patrol officers, ex officio fisheries patrol officers, and
- 3 authorized fisheries employees shall enforce this section through
- 4 checks of the department of licensing's computer data base. A listing
- 5 on the department of licensing's data base that an individual's license
- 6 is currently suspended pursuant to RCW 46.20.291(7) shall be prima
- 7 facie evidence that the individual is in noncompliance with a support
- 8 order or residential or visitation order. Presentation of a written
- 9 release issued by the department of social and health services or a
- 10 court stating that the person is in compliance with an order shall
- 11 serve as prima facie proof of compliance with a support order,
- 12 residential order, or visitation order.
- 13 (2) It is unlawful to purchase, obtain, or possess a license
- 14 required by this chapter during any period in which a license is
- 15 suspended.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 881. A new section is added to chapter 77.32
- 17 RCW to read as follows:
- 18 (1) Licenses, tags, and stamps issued pursuant to this chapter
- 19 shall be invalid for any period in which a person is certified by the
- 20 department of social and health services or a court of competent
- 21 jurisdiction as a person in noncompliance with a support order or
- 22 residential or visitation order. Wildlife agents and ex officio
- 23 wildlife agents shall enforce this section through checks of the
- 24 department of licensing's computer data base. A listing on the
- 25 department of licensing's data base that an individual's license is
- 26 currently suspended pursuant to RCW 46.20.291(7) shall be prima facie
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- 27 evidence that the individual is in noncompliance with a support order
- 28 or residential or visitation order. Presentation of a written release
- 29 issued by the department of social and health services stating that the
- 30 person is in compliance with an order shall serve as prima facie proof
- 31 of compliance with a support order, residential order, or visitation
- 32 order.
- 33 (2) It is unlawful to purchase, obtain, or possess a license
- 34 required by this chapter during any period in which a license is
- 35 suspended.
- 36 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 882.** A new section is added to chapter 75.28
- 37 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The department shall immediately suspend the license of a person who has been certified pursuant to section 402 of this act by the department of social and health services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential or visitation order.

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- (2) A listing on the department of licensing's data base that an 5 individual's license is currently 6 suspended pursuant RCW 7 46.20.291(7) shall be prima facie evidence that the individual is in noncompliance with a support order or residential or visitation order. 8 9 Presentation of a written release issued by the department of social 10 and health services or a court stating that the person is in compliance
- 12 **Sec. 883.** RCW 75.28.010 and 1993 c 340 s 2 are each amended to 13 read as follows:

with an order shall serve as proof of compliance.

- 14 (1) Except as otherwise provided by this title, it is unlawful to 15 engage in any of the following activities without a license or permit 16 issued by the director:
 - (a) Commercially fish for or take food fish or shellfish;
- 18 (b) Deliver food fish or shellfish taken in offshore waters;
- 19 (c) Operate a charter boat or commercial fishing vessel engaged in 20 a fishery;
 - (d) Engage in processing or wholesaling food fish or shellfish; or
- (e) Act as a guide for salmon for personal use in freshwater rivers and streams, other than that part of the Columbia river below the bridge at Longview.
- (2) No person may engage in the activities described in subsection (1) of this section unless the licenses or permits required by this title are in the person's possession, and the person is the named license holder or an alternate operator designated on the license and the person's license is not suspended.
- 30 (3) A valid Oregon license that is equivalent to a license under 31 this title is valid in the concurrent waters of the Columbia river if 32 the state of Oregon recognizes as valid the equivalent Washington 33 license. The director may identify by rule what Oregon licenses are 34 equivalent.
- 35 (4) No license or permit is required for the production or 36 harvesting of private sector cultured aquatic products as defined in 37 RCW 15.85.020 or for the delivery, processing, or wholesaling of such 38 aquatic products. However, if a means of identifying such products is

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- 1 required by rules adopted under RCW 15.85.060, the exemption from
- 2 licensing or permit requirements established by this subsection applies
- 3 only if the aquatic products are identified in conformance with those
- 4 rules.
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 884.** A new section is added to chapter 75.30
- 6 RCW to read as follows:
- 7 (1) A license renewed under the provisions of this chapter that has
- 8 been suspended under section 882 of this act shall be subject to the
- 9 following provisions:
- 10 (a) A license renewal fee shall be paid as a condition of
- 11 maintaining a current license; and
- 12 (b) The department shall waive any other license requirements,
- 13 unless the department determines that the license holder has had
- 14 sufficient opportunity to meet these requirements.
- 15 (2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall apply
- 16 only to a license that has been suspended under section 882 of this act
- 17 for a period of twelve months or less. A license holder shall forfeit
- 18 a license subject to this chapter and may not recover any license
- 19 renewal fees previously paid if the license holder does not meet the
- 20 requirements of section 802(9) of this act within twelve months of
- 21 license suspension.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 885. (1) The director of the department of fish
- 23 and wildlife and the director of the department of information services
- 24 shall jointly develop a comprehensive, state-wide implementation plan
- 25 for the automated issuance, revocation, and general administration of
- 26 hunting, fishing, and recreational licenses administered under the
- 27 authority of the department of fish and wildlife to ensure compliance
- 28 with the license suspension requirements in section 802 of this act.
- 29 (2) The plan shall detail the implementation steps necessary to
- 30 effectuate the automated administration of hunting, fishing, and
- 31 recreational licenses and shall include recommendations regarding all
- 32 costs and equipment associated with the plan.
- 33 (3) The plan shall be submitted to the legislature for review by
- 34 September 1, 1997.
- 35 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 886.** A new section is added to chapter 26.09
- 36 RCW to read as follows:

- 1 (1) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions 2 in this section apply in this section.
- (a) "License" means a license, certificate, registration, permit, approval, or other similar document issued by a licensing entity evidencing admission to or granting authority to engage in a profession, occupation, business, or industry. "License" does not mean the tax registration or certification issued under Title 82 RCW by the department of revenue.
- 9 (b) "Licensee" means any individual holding a license, certificate, 10 registration, permit, approval, or other similar document issued by a 11 licensing entity evidencing admission to or granting authority to 12 engage in a profession, occupation, business, or industry.
- (c) "Licensing entity" includes any department, board, commission, or other organization of the state authorized to issue, renew, suspend, or revoke a license authorizing an individual to engage in a business, occupation, profession, or industry, and the Washington state bar association.
- (d) "Noncompliance with a residential or visitation order" means that a court has found the parent in contempt of court, under RCW 26.09.160 for failure to comply with a residential provision of a court-ordered parenting plan on two occasions within three years.
- (e) "Residential or visitation order" means the residential schedule or visitation schedule contained in a court-ordered parenting plan.

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- (2) If a court determines under RCW 26.09.160 that a parent is not in compliance with a provision of a residential or visitation order under RCW 26.09.160, the court shall enter an order directed to the department of social and health services to certify the parent as in noncompliance with a residential or visitation order. The order shall contain the noncomplying parent's name, address, and social security number, and shall indicate whether the obligor is believed to be a licensee of any licensing entity. The court clerk shall forward the order to the department of social and health services.
- 34 (3) Once the parent whose license is suspended has complied with 35 the requirements of the court's order under RCW 26.09.160, or at an 36 earlier date if the court deems it appropriate, the parent whose 37 license is suspended may petition the court to set a review hearing to 38 determine whether the noncomplying parent is in compliance with the 39 residential or visitation order. If the court determines that the

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- 1 parent is in compliance with the residential or visitation order, the
- 2 court shall enter an order directing the department of social and
- 3 health services to issue a release to the parent and to the appropriate
- 4 license entities.

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- 5 **Sec. 887.** RCW 26.09.160 and 1991 c 367 s 4 are each amended to 6 read as follows:
- 7 (1) The performance of parental functions and the duty to provide child support are distinct responsibilities in the care of a child. If 8 9 a party fails to comply with a provision of a decree or temporary order 10 of injunction, the obligation of the other party to make payments for support or maintenance or to permit contact with children is not 11 12 An attempt by a parent, in either the negotiation or the suspended. performance of a parenting plan, to condition one aspect of the 13 14 parenting plan upon another, to condition payment of child support upon an aspect of the parenting plan, to refuse to pay ordered child 15 support, to refuse to perform the duties provided in the parenting 16 plan, or to hinder the performance by the other parent of duties 17 18 provided in the parenting plan, shall be deemed bad faith and shall be 19 punished by the court by holding the party in contempt of court and by awarding to the aggrieved party reasonable attorneys' fees and costs 20 21 incidental in bringing a motion for contempt of court.
 - (2)(a) A motion may be filed to initiate a contempt action to coerce a parent to comply with an order establishing residential provisions for a child. If the court finds there is reasonable cause to believe the parent has not complied with the order, the court may issue an order to show cause why the relief requested should not be granted.
- (b) If, based on all the facts and circumstances, the court finds after hearing that the parent, in bad faith, has not complied with the order establishing residential provisions for the child, the court shall find the parent in contempt of court. Upon a finding of contempt, the court shall order:
- (i) The noncomplying parent to provide the moving party additional time with the child. The additional time shall be equal to the time missed with the child, due to the parent's noncompliance;
- 36 (ii) The parent to pay, to the moving party, all court costs and 37 reasonable attorneys' fees incurred as a result of the noncompliance,

- 1 and any reasonable expenses incurred in locating or returning a child; 2 and
- 3 (iii) The parent to pay, to the moving party, a civil penalty, not 4 less than the sum of one hundred dollars.
- The court may also order the parent to be imprisoned in the county jail, if the parent is presently able to comply with the provisions of the court-ordered parenting plan and is presently unwilling to comply. The parent may be imprisoned until he or she agrees to comply with the
- 9 order, but in no event for more than one hundred eighty days.
- (3) On a second failure within three years to comply with a residential provision of a court-ordered parenting plan, a motion may be filed to initiate contempt of court proceedings according to the procedure set forth in subsection (2) (a) and (b) of this section. On a finding of contempt under this subsection, the court shall ((order)) enter any combination of the following orders:
- 16 (a) Order the noncomplying parent to provide the other parent or 17 party additional time with the child. The additional time shall be 18 twice the amount of the time missed with the child, due to the parent's 19 noncompliance;
- (b) Order the noncomplying parent to pay, to the other parent or party, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred as a result of the noncompliance, and any reasonable expenses incurred in locating or returning a child; ((and))
- (c) Order the noncomplying parent to pay, to the moving party, a civil penalty of not less than two hundred fifty dollars; and
- 26 <u>(d) Enter an order under section 886 of this act directed to the</u> 27 <u>department of social and health services to certify the parent as in</u> 28 <u>noncompliance for the purposes of section 802 of this act.</u>
- The court may also order the parent to be imprisoned in the county jail, if the parent is presently able to comply with the provisions of the court-ordered parenting plan and is presently unwilling to comply. The parent may be imprisoned until he or she agrees to comply with the order but in no event for more than one hundred eighty days.
- (4) For purposes of subsections (1), (2), and (3) of this section, the parent shall be deemed to have the present ability to comply with the order establishing residential provisions unless he or she establishes otherwise by a preponderance of the evidence. The parent shall establish a reasonable excuse for failure to comply with the

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- 1 residential provision of a court-ordered parenting plan by a 2 preponderance of the evidence.
- 3 (5) Any monetary award ordered under subsections (1), (2), and (3) 4 of this section may be enforced, by the party to whom it is awarded, in 5 the same manner as a civil judgment.
- 6 (6) Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of this section authorize the 7 exercise of the court's power to impose remedial sanctions for contempt 8 of court and is in addition to any other contempt power the court may 9 possess.
- (7) Upon motion for contempt of court under subsections (1) through (3) of this section, if the court finds the motion was brought without reasonable basis, the court shall order the moving party to pay to the nonmoving party, all costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and a civil penalty of not less than one hundred dollars.
- 15 **Sec. 888.** RCW 26.23.050 and 1994 c 230 s 9 are each amended to 16 read as follows:
- (1) If the ((office of support enforcement)) division of child support is providing support enforcement services under RCW 26.23.045, or if a party is applying for support enforcement services by signing the application form on the bottom of the support order, the superior court shall include in all court orders that establish or modify a support obligation:
- (a) A provision that orders and directs the responsible parent to make all support payments to the Washington state support registry;
 - (b) A statement that ((a notice of payroll deduction may be issued, or other income withholding action under chapter 26.18 or 74.20A RCW may be taken)) 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 responsible parent at any time after entry of the court order, unless:
- (i) One of the parties demonstrates, and the court finds, that there is good cause not to require immediate income withholding and that withholding should be delayed until a payment is past due; or
- (ii) The parties reach a written agreement that is approved by the court that provides for an alternate arrangement; ((and))

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- 1 (c) A statement that the receiving parent might be required to 2 submit an accounting of how the support is being spent to benefit the 3 child; and
- (d) A statement that the responsible parent's privileges to obtain and maintain a license, as defined in section 802 of this act, may not be renewed, or may be suspended if the parent is not in compliance with a support order as provided in section 802 of this act.

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As used in this subsection and subsection (3) of this section, "good cause not to require immediate income withholding" means a written determination of why implementing immediate wage withholding would not be in the child's best interests and, in modification cases, proof of timely payment of previously ordered support.

- (2) In all other cases not under subsection (1) of this section, the court may order the responsible parent to make payments directly to the person entitled to receive the payments, to the Washington state support registry, or may order that payments be made in accordance with an alternate arrangement agreed upon by the parties.
- 18 (a) The superior court shall include in all orders under this 19 subsection that establish or modify a support obligation:
- (i) A statement that ((a notice of payroll deduction may be issued or other income)) withholding action ((under chapter 26.18 or 74.20A RCW)) 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 responsible parent at any time after entry of the court order, unless:
- (A) One of the parties demonstrates, and the court finds, that there is good cause not to require immediate income withholding and that withholding should be delayed until a payment is past due; or
- 30 (B) The parties reach a written agreement that is approved by the 31 court that provides for an alternate arrangement; and
- (ii) A statement that the receiving parent may be required to submit an accounting of how the support is being spent to benefit the child.
- As used in this subsection, "good cause not to require immediate income withholding" is any reason that the court finds appropriate.
- 37 (b) The superior court may order immediate or delayed income 38 withholding as follows:

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(i) Immediate income withholding may be ordered if the responsible parent 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 parent 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.

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- (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 ((a notice of payroll deduction may be issued, or other income-withholding action under chapter 26.18 or 74.20A RCW may be taken)) 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 16 17 responsible parent, after a payment is past due.
 - (c) If a mandatory wage withholding order under chapter 26.18 RCW is issued under this subsection and the ((office of support enforcement)) division of child support provides support enforcement services under RCW 26.23.045, the existing wage withholding assignment prospectively superseded upon the ((office of support enforcement's)) division of child support's subsequent service of an income withholding notice.
 - (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 responsible parent shall make all support payments to the Washington state support registry. All administrative orders shall also state that the responsible parent's privileges to obtain and maintain a license, as defined in section 802 of this act, may not be renewed, or may be suspended if the parent is not in compliance with a support order as provided in section 802 of this act. All administrative orders shall also state that ((a notice of payroll deduction may be issued, or other income withholding action taken)) 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 responsible parent at any time after entry of the order, 1 2 unless:
- (a) One of the parties demonstrates, and the presiding officer 3 4 finds, that there is good cause not to require immediate income 5 withholding; or
- (b) The parties reach a written agreement that is approved by the 6 7 presiding officer that provides for an alternate agreement.
- 8 (4) If the support order does not include the provision ordering 9 and directing that all payments be made to the Washington state support 10 registry and a statement that ((a notice of payroll deduction may be issued)) withholding action may be taken against wages, earnings, 11 assets, or benefits if a support payment is past due or at any time 12 after the entry of the order, or that a parent's licensing privileges 13 may not be renewed, or may be suspended, the ((office of support 14 enforcement)) division of child support may serve a notice on the 15 16 responsible parent stating such requirements and authorizations. 17 Service may be by personal service or any form of mail requiring a return receipt. 18
 - (5) Every support order shall state:

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- (a) The address where the support payment is to be sent;
- (b) That ((a notice of payroll deduction may be issued or other 21 income withholding action under chapter 26.18 or 74.20A RCW may be 22 taken)) withholding action may be taken against wages, earnings, 23 24 assets, or benefits, and liens enforced against real and personal 25 property under the child support statutes of this or any other state, without further notice to the responsible parent at any time after 26 entry of ((an order by the court)) a support order, unless: 27
- (i) One of the parties demonstrates, and the court finds, that there is good cause not to require immediate income withholding; or 29
- 30 (ii) The parties reach a written agreement that is approved by the 31 court that provides for an alternate arrangement;
- (c) The income of the parties, if known, or that their income is 32 33 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; 35
- (f) The social security number, residence address, date of birth, 36 37 telephone number, driver's license number, and name and address of the 38 employer of the responsible parent;

- 1 (g) The social security number and residence address of the 2 physical custodian except as provided in subsection (6) of this 3 section;
- 4 (h) The names, dates of birth, and social security numbers, if any, 5 of the dependent children;
 - (i) ((In cases requiring payment to the Washington state support registry, that the parties are to notify the Washington state support registry of any change in residence address. The responsible parent shall notify the registry of the name and address of his or her current employer,)) A provision requiring the responsible parent to keep the Washington state support registry informed of whether he or she has access to health insurance coverage at reasonable cost and, if so, the health insurance policy information;
- (j) That any parent owing a duty of child support shall be obligated to provide health insurance coverage for his or her child if coverage that can be extended to cover the child is or becomes available to that parent through employment or is union-related as provided under RCW 26.09.105;
- (k) That if proof of health insurance coverage or proof that the coverage is unavailable is not provided within twenty days, the obligee or the department may seek direct enforcement of the coverage through the obligor's employer or union without further notice to the obligor as provided under chapter 26.18 RCW; ((and))
- (1) The reasons for not ordering health insurance coverage if the order fails to require such coverage; and
 - (m) That the responsible parent's privileges to obtain and maintain a license, as defined in section 802 of this act, may not be renewed, or may be suspended if the parent is not in compliance with a support order as provided in section 802 of this act.
 - (6) The physical custodian's address:

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- 31 (a) Shall be omitted from an order entered under the administrative 32 procedure act. When the physical custodian's address is omitted from 33 an order, the order shall state that the custodian's address is known 34 to the ((office of support enforcement)) division of child support.
- 35 (b) A responsible parent may request the physical custodian's 36 residence address by submission of a request for disclosure under RCW 37 26.23.120 to the ((office of support enforcement)) division of child 38 support.

- (7) ((The superior court clerk, the office of administrative 1 hearings, and the department of social and health services shall, 2 within five days of entry, forward to the Washington state support 3 4 registry, a true and correct copy of all superior court orders or 5 administrative orders establishing or modifying a support obligation which provide that support payments shall be made to the support 6 7 registry. If a superior court order entered prior to January 1, 1988, 8 directs the responsible parent to make support payments to the clerk, 9 the clerk shall send a true and correct copy of the support order and 10 the payment record to the registry for enforcement action when the clerk identifies that a payment is more than fifteen days past due. 11 The office of support enforcement shall reimburse the clerk for the 12 13 reasonable costs of copying and sending copies of court orders to the 14 registry at the reimbursement rate provided in Title IV-D of the social 15 security act.
 - (8) Receipt of a support order by the registry or other action under this section on behalf of a person or persons who have not made a written application for support enforcement services to the office of support enforcement and who are not recipients of public assistance is deemed to be a request for payment services only.
 - (9)) After the responsible parent has been ordered or notified to make payments to the Washington state support registry under this section, the responsible parent 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 responsible parent 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 payor to recover payments made to persons or agencies who have received and retained support moneys paid contrary to the provisions of this section.
- 32 **Sec. 889.** RCW 26.18.100 and 1994 c 230 s 4 are each amended to 33 read as follows:
- The wage assignment order shall be substantially in the following form:
- 36 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE 37 STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE 38 COUNTY OF

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| 2 | Obligee No |
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| 4 | , WAGE ASSIGNMENT |
| 5 | Obligor ORDER |
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| 7 | Employer |
| 8 | THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: |
| 9 | Employer |
| 10 11 | AND TO: |
| 12 | The above-named obligee claims that the above-named obligor is |
| 13 | subject to a support order requiring immediate income withholding or is |
| 14 | more than fifteen days past due in either child support or spousal |
| 15 | maintenance payments, or both, in an amount equal to or greater than |
| 16 | the child support or spousal maintenance payable for one month. The |
| 17 | amount of the accrued child support or spousal maintenance debt as of |
| 18 | this date is dollars, the amount of arrearage payments |
| 19 | specified in the support or spousal maintenance order (if applicable) |
| 20 | is dollars per , and the amount of the current |
| 21 | and continuing support or spousal maintenance obligation under the |
| 22 | order is dollars per |
| 23 | You are hereby commanded to answer this order by filling in the |
| 24 | attached form according to the instructions, and you must mail or |
| 25 | deliver the original of the answer to the court, one copy to the |
| 26 | Washington state support registry, one copy to the obligee or obligee's |
| 27 | attorney, and one copy to the obligor within twenty days after service |
| 28 | of this wage assignment order upon you. |
| 29 | If you possess any earnings or other remuneration for employment |
| 30 | due and owing to the obligor, then you shall do as follows: |
| 31 | (1) Withhold from the obligor's earnings or remuneration each |
| 32 | month, or from each regular earnings disbursement, the lesser of: |
| 33 | (a) The sum of the accrued support or spousal maintenance debt and |
| 34 | the current support or spousal maintenance obligation; |
| 35 | (b) The sum of the specified arrearage payment amount and the |
| 36 | current support or spousal maintenance obligation; or |
| 37 | (c) Fifty percent of the disposable earnings or remuneration of the |
| 38 | obligor. |

- 1 (2) The total amount withheld above is subject to the wage 2 assignment order, and all other sums may be disbursed to the obligor.
- 3 (3) Upon receipt of this wage assignment order you shall make 4 immediate deductions from the obligor's earnings or remuneration and 5 remit to the Washington state support registry or other address 6 specified below the proper amounts at each regular pay interval.

You shall continue to withhold the ordered amounts from nonexempt earnings or remuneration of the obligor until notified by:

- 9 (a) The court that the wage assignment has been modified or 10 terminated; or
- 11 (b) The addressee specified in the wage assignment order under this 12 section that the accrued child support or spousal maintenance debt has 13 been paid.

You shall promptly notify the court and the addressee specified in 14 15 the wage assignment order under this section if and when the employee is no longer employed by you, or if the obligor no longer receives 16 17 earnings or remuneration from you. If you no longer employ the employee, the wage assignment order shall remain in effect for one year 18 19 after the employee has left your employment or you are no longer in possession of any earnings or remuneration owed to the employee, 20 whichever is later. You shall continue to hold the wage assignment 21 order during that period. If the employee returns to your employment 22 23 during the one-year period you shall immediately begin to withhold the 24 employee's earnings according to the terms of the wage assignment 25 order. If the employee has not returned to your employment within one year, the wage assignment will cease to have effect at the expiration 26 27 of the one-year period, unless you still owe the employee earnings or other remuneration. 28

You shall deliver the withheld earnings or remuneration to the Washington state support registry or other address stated below at each regular pay interval.

You shall deliver a copy of this order to the obligor as soon as is reasonably possible. This wage assignment order has priority over any other wage assignment or garnishment, except for another wage assignment or garnishment for child support or spousal maintenance, or order to withhold or deliver under chapter 74.20A RCW.

37 WHETHER OR NOT YOU OWE ANYTHING TO THE OBLIGOR, YOUR FAILURE TO

38 ANSWER AS REQUIRED MAY MAKE YOU LIABLE FOR OBLIGOR'S CLAIMED

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1 SUPPORT OR SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE DEBT TO THE OBLIGEE OR SUBJECT 2 TO CONTEMPT OF COURT. 3 NOTICE TO OBLIGOR: YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING IN THE 4 SUPERIOR COURT THAT ISSUED THIS WAGE ASSIGNMENT ORDER, TO REQUEST THAT THE COURT QUASH, MODIFY, OR TERMINATE THE WAGE ASSIGNMENT ORDER. 5 REGARDLESS OF THE FACT THAT YOUR WAGES ARE BEING WITHHELD PURSUANT TO б 7 THIS ORDER, YOU MAY HAVE SUSPENDED OR NOT RENEWED A PROFESSIONAL, DRIVER'S, OR OTHER LICENSE IF YOU ACCRUE CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGES 8 TOTALING MORE THAN SIX MONTHS OF CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS OR FAIL TO MAKE 9 PAYMENTS TOWARDS A SUPPORT ARREARAGE IN AN AMOUNT THAT EXCEEDS SIX 10 11 MONTHS OF PAYMENTS. 12 DATED THIS . . . day of, 19. . . 13 14 Obligee, Judge/Court Commissioner 15 or obligee's attorney 16 Send withheld payments to: 17 18 19 20 Sec. 890. RCW 26.23.060 and 1994 c 230 s 10 are each amended to 21 read as follows: (1) The ((office of support enforcement)) division of child support 22 23 may issue a notice of payroll deduction: 24 (a) As authorized by a support order that contains ((the income 25 withholding notice provisions in RCW 26.23.050 or a substantially similar notice)) a notice clearly stating that child support may be 26 collected by withholding from earnings, wages, or benefits without 27 further notice to the obligated parent; or 28 29 (b) After service of a notice containing an income_withholding 30 provision under this chapter or chapter 74.20A RCW. (2) The ((office of support enforcement)) division of child support 31 32 shall serve a notice of payroll deduction upon a responsible parent's employer or upon the employment security department for the state in 33 possession of or owing any benefits from the unemployment compensation 34 35 fund to the responsible parent pursuant to Title 50 RCW ((by personal 36 service or by any form of mail requiring a return receipt)):

- 1 (a) In the manner prescribed for the service of a summons in a 2 civil action;
 - (b) By certified mail, return receipt requested; or

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- (c) By electronic means if there is an agreement between the secretary and the person, firm, corporation, association, political subdivision, department of the state, or agency, subdivision, or instrumentality of the United States to accept service by electronic means.
- 9 (3) Service of a notice of payroll deduction upon an employer or 10 employment security department requires the employer or employment security department to immediately make a mandatory payroll deduction 11 12 from the responsible parent's unpaid disposable earnings 13 unemployment compensation benefits. The employer or employment security department shall thereafter deduct each pay period the amount 14 stated in the notice divided by the number of pay periods per month. 15 16 The payroll deduction each pay period shall not exceed fifty percent of 17 the responsible parent's disposable earnings.
- (4) A notice of payroll deduction for support shall have priority over any wage assignment, garnishment, attachment, or other legal process.
- 21 (5) The notice of payroll deduction shall be in writing and 22 include:
 - (a) The name and social security number of the responsible parent;
 - (b) The amount to be deducted from the responsible parent's disposable earnings each month, or alternate amounts and frequencies as may be necessary to facilitate processing of the payroll deduction;
- (c) A statement that the total amount withheld shall not exceed fifty percent of the responsible parent's disposable earnings; ((and))
- 29 (d) The address to which the payments are to be mailed or 30 delivered; and
- (e) A notice to the responsible parent warning the responsible parent that, despite the payroll deduction, the responsible parent's privileges to obtain and maintain a license, as defined in section 802 of this act, may not be renewed, or may be suspended if the parent is not in compliance with a support order as defined in section 802 of this act.
- 37 (6) An informational copy of the notice of payroll deduction shall 38 be mailed to the last known address of the responsible parent by 39 regular mail.

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(7) An employer or employment security department that receives a notice of payroll deduction shall make immediate deductions from the responsible parent's unpaid disposable earnings and remit proper amounts to the Washington state support registry on each date the responsible parent is due to be paid.

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- 6 (8) An employer, or the employment security department, upon whom 7 a notice of payroll deduction is served, shall make an answer to the 8 ((office of support enforcement)) division of child support within 9 twenty days after the date of service. The answer shall confirm 10 compliance and institution of the payroll deduction or explain the circumstances if no payroll deduction is in effect. The answer shall 11 also state whether the responsible parent is employed by or receives 12 13 earnings from the employer or receives unemployment compensation benefits from the employment security department, whether the employer 14 15 or employment security department anticipates paying earnings or 16 unemployment compensation benefits and the amount of earnings. 17 responsible parent is no longer employed, or receiving earnings from the employer, the answer shall state the present employer's name and 18 19 address, if known. If the responsible parent is no longer receiving 20 unemployment compensation benefits from the employment security department, the answer shall state the present employer's name and 21 address, if known. 22
 - (9) The employer or employment security department may deduct a processing fee from the remainder of the responsible parent's earnings after withholding under the notice of payroll deduction, even if the remainder is exempt under RCW 26.18.090. The processing fee may not exceed: (a) Ten dollars for the first disbursement made to the Washington state support registry; and (b) one dollar for each subsequent disbursement to the registry.
 - (10) The notice of payroll deduction shall remain in effect until released by the (($\frac{\text{office of support enforcement}}{\text{of child support}}$), the court enters an order terminating the notice and approving an alternate arrangement under RCW $26.23.050((\frac{\text{c}}{\text{c}}))$), or one year has expired since the employer has employed the responsible parent or has been in possession of or owing any earnings to the responsible parent or the employment security department has been in possession of or owing any unemployment compensation benefits to the responsible parent.
 - (11) The division of child support may use uniform interstate withholding forms adopted by the United States department of health and

- human services to take withholding actions under this section when the 1
- responsible parent is receiving earnings or unemployment compensation 2
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в. CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

- 5 Sec. 891. RCW 74.20.040 and 1989 c 360 s 12 are each amended to 6 read as follows:
- 7 (1) Whenever the department ((of social and health services)) receives an application for public assistance on behalf of a child, the department shall take appropriate action under the provisions of this 9 chapter, chapter 74.20A RCW, or other appropriate statutes of this state to establish or enforce support obligations against the parent or other persons owing a duty to pay support moneys.
 - (2) The secretary may accept a request for support enforcement services on behalf of persons who are not recipients of public assistance and may take appropriate action to establish or enforce support obligations against the parent or other persons owing a duty to pay moneys. Requests accepted under this subsection may be conditioned upon the payment of a fee as required through regulation issued by the secretary. ((Action may be taken under the provisions of chapter 74.20 RCW, the abandonment or nonsupport statutes, or other appropriate statutes of this state, including but not limited to remedies established in chapter 74.20A RCW, to establish and enforce said support obligations.)) The secretary may establish by regulation, reasonable standards and qualifications for support enforcement services under this subsection.
 - (3) The secretary may accept requests for support enforcement services from child support enforcement agencies in other states operating child support programs under Title IV-D of the social security act or from foreign countries, and may take appropriate action to establish and enforce support obligations, or to enforce subpoenas, information requests, orders for genetic testing, and collection actions issued by the other agency against the parent or other person owing a duty to pay support moneys, the parent or other person's employer, or any other person or entity properly subject to child support collection or information-gathering processes. The request shall contain and be accompanied by such information and documentation as the secretary may by rule require, and be signed by an authorized

- representative of the agency. <u>The secretary may adopt rules setting</u>
 forth the duration and nature of services provided under this
 subsection.
- 4 (4) The department may take action to establish, enforce, and collect a support obligation, including performing related services, under this chapter and chapter 74.20A RCW, or through the attorney general or prosecuting attorney for action under chapter 26.09, 26.18, 26.20, 26.21, or 26.26 RCW or other appropriate statutes or the common law of this state.
- 10 (5) Whenever a support order is filed with the Washington state support registry under chapter 26.23 RCW, the department may take appropriate action under the provisions of this chapter, chapter 26.23 or 74.20A RCW, or other appropriate law of this state to establish or enforce the support obligations contained in that order against the responsible parent or other persons owing a duty to pay support moneys.
 - (6) The secretary may charge and collect a fee from the person obligated to pay support to compensate the department for services rendered in establishment of or enforcement of support obligations. This fee shall be limited to not more than ten percent of any support money collected as a result of action taken by the secretary. The fee charged shall be in addition to the support obligation. In no event may any moneys collected by the department ((of social and health services)) from the person obligated to pay support be retained as satisfaction of fees charged until all current support obligations have been satisfied. The secretary shall by regulation establish reasonable fees for support enforcement services and said schedule of fees shall be made available to any person obligated to pay support. The secretary may, on showing of necessity, waive or defer any such fee.
 - (7) Fees, due and owing, may be collected as delinquent support moneys utilizing any of the remedies in chapter 74.20 RCW, chapter 74.20A RCW, chapter 26.21 RCW, or any other remedy at law or equity available to the department or any agencies with whom it has a cooperative or contractual arrangement to establish, enforce, or collect support moneys or support obligations.
- 35 (8) The secretary may waive the fee, or any portion thereof, as a 36 part of a compromise of disputed claims or may grant partial or total 37 charge off of said fee if the secretary finds there are no available, 38 practical, or lawful means by which said fee may be collected or to 39 facilitate payment of the amount of delinquent support moneys owed.

- 1 (9) The secretary shall adopt rules conforming to federal laws,
 2 rules, and regulations required to be observed in maintaining the state
 3 child support enforcement program required under Title IV-D of the
 4 federal social security act. The adoption of these rules shall be
 5 calculated to promote the cost-effective use of the agency's resources
 6 and not otherwise cause the agency to divert its resources from its
 7 essential functions.
- 8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 892.** A new section is added to chapter 74.20A 9 RCW to read as follows:
- 10 CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS IN THE POSSESSION OF THIRD PARTIES --11 COLLECTION AS CHILD SUPPORT. (1) If a person or entity not entitled to 12 child support payments wrongfully or negligently retains child support payments owed to another or to the Washington state support registry, 13 14 those payments retain their character as child support payments and may 15 be collected by the division of child support using any remedy 16 available to the division of child support under Washington law for the collection of child support. 17
- (2) Child support moneys subject to collection under this section may be collected for the duration of the statute of limitations as it applies to the support order governing the support obligations, and any legislative or judicial extensions thereto.
 - (3) This section applies to the following:

- (a) Cases in which an employer or other entity obligated to withhold child support payments from the parent's pay, bank, or escrow account, or from any other asset or distribution of money to the parent, has withheld those payments and failed to remit them to the payee;
- (b) Cases in which child support moneys have been paid to the wrong person or entity in error;
- 30 (c) Cases in which child support recipients have retained child 31 support payments in violation of a child support assignment executed or 32 arising by operation of law in exchange for the receipt of public 33 assistance; and
- (d) Any other case in which child support payments are retained by a party not entitled to them.
- 36 (4) This section does not apply to fines levied under section 37 893(3)(b) of this act.

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- NEW SECTION. Sec. 893. A new section is added to chapter 74.20A 2 RCW to read as follows:
- NONCOMPLIANCE WITH CHILD SUPPORT PROCESSES--NOTICE--HEARINGS--4 LIABILITY. (1) The division of child support may issue a notice of 5 noncompliance to any person, firm, entity, or agency of state or

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federal government that the division believes is not complying with:

- (a) A notice of payroll deduction issued under chapter 26.23 RCW;
- 8 (b) A lien, order to withhold and deliver, or assignment of 9 earnings issued under this chapter;
- 10 (c) Any other wage assignment, garnishment, attachment, or 11 withholding instrument properly served by the agency or firm providing 12 child support enforcement services for another state, under Title IV-D 13 of the federal social security act;
- (d) A subpoena issued by the division of child support, or the agency or firm providing child support enforcement for another state, under Title IV-D of the federal social security act;
- (e) An information request issued by the division of child support, or the agency or firm providing child support enforcement for another state under Title IV-D of the federal social security act, to an employer or entity required to respond to such requests under section 897 of this act; or
- 22 (f) The duty to report newly hired employees imposed by RCW 23 26.23.040.
 - (2) Liability for noncompliance with a wage withholding, garnishment, order to withhold and deliver, or any other lien or attachment issued to secure payment of child support is governed by RCW 26.23.090 and 74.20A.100, except that liability for noncompliance with remittance time frames is governed by subsection (3) of this section.
- 29 (3) The division of child support may impose fines of up to one 30 hundred dollars per occurrence for:
- 31 (a) Noncompliance with a subpoena or an information request issued 32 by the division of child support, or the agency or firm providing child 33 support enforcement services for another state under Title IV-D of the 34 federal social security act;
- 35 (b) Noncompliance with the required time frames for remitting 36 withheld support moneys to the Washington state support registry, or 37 the agency or firm providing child support enforcement services for 38 another state, except that no liability shall be established for 39 failure to make timely remittance unless the division of child support

1 has provided the person, firm, entity, or agency of state or federal 2 government with written warning:

- (i) Explaining the duty to remit withheld payments promptly;
- 4 (ii) Explaining the potential for fines for delayed submission; and
- 5 (iii) Providing a contact person within the division of child
- 6 support with whom the person, firm, entity, or agency of state or
- 7 federal government may seek assistance with child support withholding
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- 9 (4) The division of child support may assess fines according to RCW
- 10 26.23.040 for failure to comply with employer reporting requirements.
- 11 (5) The division of child support may suspend licenses for failure 12 to comply with a subpoena issued under section 898 of this act.
- 13 (6) The division of child support may serve a notice of
- 14 noncompliance by personal service or by any method of mailing requiring
- 15 a return receipt.
- 16 (7) The liability asserted by the division of child support in the
- 17 notice of noncompliance becomes final and collectible on the twenty-
- 18 first day after the date of service, unless within that time the
- 19 person, firm, entity, or agency of state or federal government:
- 20 (a) Initiates an action in superior court to contest the notice of
- 21 noncompliance;
- (b) Requests a hearing by delivering a hearing request to the
- 23 division of child support in accordance with rules adopted by the
- 24 secretary under this section; or
- 25 (c) Contacts the division of child support and negotiates an
- 26 alternate resolution to the asserted noncompliance or demonstrates that
- 27 the person, firm, entity, or agency of state or federal government has
- 28 complied with the child support processes.
- 29 (8) The notice of noncompliance shall contain:
- 30 (a) A full and fair disclosure of the rights and obligations
- 31 created by this section; and
- 32 (b) Identification of the:
- 33 (i) Child support process with respect to which the division of
- 34 child support is alleging noncompliance; and
- 35 (ii) State child support enforcement agency issuing the original
- 36 child support process.
- 37 (9) In an administrative hearing convened under subsection (7)(b)
- 38 of this section, the presiding officer shall determine whether or not,
- 39 and to what extent, liability for noncompliance exists under this

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- 1 section, and shall enter an order containing these findings. If
- 2 liability does exist, the presiding officer shall include language in
- 3 the order advising the parties to the proceeding that the liability may
- 4 be collected by any means available to the division of child support
- 5 under subsection (12) of this section without further notice to the
- 6 liable party.

for the vacation of orders.

- 7 (10) Hearings under this section are governed by the administrative 8 procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW.
- 9 (11) After the twenty days following service of the notice, the 10 person, firm, entity, or agency of state or federal government may 11 petition for a late hearing. A petition for a late hearing does not 12 stay any collection action to recover the debt. A late hearing is 13 available upon a showing of any of the grounds stated in civil rule 60
- 15 (12) The division of child support may collect any obligation 16 established under this section using any of the remedies available 17 under chapter 26.09, 26.18, 26.21, 26.23, 74.20, or 74.20A RCW for the 18 collection of child support.
- 19 (13) The division of child support may enter agreements for the 20 repayment of obligations under this section. Agreements may:
- (a) Suspend the obligation imposed by this section conditioned on future compliance with child support processes. Such suspension shall end automatically upon any failure to comply with a child support process. Amounts suspended become fully collectible without further notice automatically upon failure to comply with a child support process;
- 27 (b) Resolve amounts due under this section and provide for 28 repayment.
- 29 (14) The secretary may adopt rules to implement this section.
- 30 **Sec. 894.** RCW 26.23.090 and 1990 c 165 s 2 are each amended to 31 read as follows:
- 32 (1) The employer shall be liable to the Washington state support 33 registry, or to the agency or firm providing child support enforcement 34 for another state, under Title IV-D of the federal social security act
- 35 and issuing a notice, garnishment, or wage assignment attaching wages
- 36 or earnings in satisfaction of a support obligation, for one hundred
- 37 percent of the amount of the support debt, or the amount of support

- 1 moneys which should have been withheld from the employee's earnings, 2 whichever is the lesser amount, if the employer:
- 3 (a) Fails or refuses, after being served with a notice of payroll
 4 deduction, or substantially similar action issued by the agency or firm
 5 providing child support enforcement for another state, under Title IV-D
 6 of the federal social security act, to deduct and promptly remit from
 7 unpaid earnings the amounts of money required in the notice;
- 8 (b) Fails or refuses to submit an answer to the notice of payroll 9 deduction, or substantially similar action issued by the agency or firm 10 providing child support enforcement for another state, under Title IV-D 11 of the federal social security act, after being served; or
- 12 (c) Is unwilling to comply with the other requirements of RCW 13 26.23.060.
- 14 (2) Liability may be established in superior court or may be 15 established pursuant to ((RCW 74.20A.270)) section 893 of this act. 16 Awards in superior court and in actions pursuant to ((RCW 74.20A.270)) section 893 of this act shall include costs, interest under RCW 17 19.52.020 and 4.56.110, and reasonable attorneys' fees and staff costs 18 19 as a part of the award. Debts established pursuant to this section may 20 be collected ((pursuant to chapter 74.20A RCW utilizing any of the remedies contained in that chapter)) by the division of child support 21 using any of the remedies available under chapter 26.09, 26.18, 26.21, 22 26.23, 74.20, or 74.20A RCW for the collection of child support. 23
- 24 **Sec. 895.** RCW 74.20A.100 and 1989 c 360 s 5 are each amended to 25 read as follows:
- 26 Any person, firm, corporation, association, political 27 subdivision or department of the state shall be liable to the department, or to the agency or firm providing child support 28 enforcement for another state, under Title IV-D of the federal social 29 security act and issuing a notice, garnishment, or wage assignment 30 attaching wages or earnings in satisfaction of a support obligation, in 31 an amount equal to one hundred percent of the value of the debt which 32 33 is the basis of the lien, order to withhold and deliver, distraint, or 34 assignment of earnings, or the amount that should have been withheld, whichever amount is less, together with costs, interest, and reasonable 35 36 attorney fees if that person or entity:
- 37 (a) Fails to answer an order to withhold and deliver, or 38 substantially similar action issued by the agency or firm providing

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1 <u>child support enforcement for another state, under Title IV-D of the</u> 2 <u>federal social security act,</u> within the time prescribed herein;

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- (b) Fails or refuses to deliver property pursuant to said order;
- 4 (c) After actual notice of filing of a support lien, pays over, 5 releases, sells, transfers, or conveys real or personal property 6 subject to a support lien to or for the benefit of the debtor or any 7 other person;
- 8 (d) Fails or refuses to surrender property distrained under RCW 9 74.20A.130 upon demand; or
- 10 (e) Fails or refuses to honor an assignment of earnings presented 11 by the secretary.
- 12 (2) The secretary is authorized to issue a notice of ((debt 13 pursuant to RCW 74.20A.040 and to take appropriate action to collect 14 the debt under this chapter if:
- (a) A judgment has been entered as the result of an action in superior court against a person, firm, corporation, association, political subdivision, or department of the state based on a violation of this section; or
- 19 (b) Liability has been established under RCW 74.20A.270))
 20 noncompliance under section 893 of this act or to proceed in superior
 21 court to obtain a judgment for noncompliance under this section.
- 22 **Sec. 896.** RCW 74.20A.270 and 1989 c 360 s 35 and 1989 c 175 s 156 23 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- (1) The secretary may issue a notice of ((noncompliance)) retained support or notice to recover a support payment to any person((, firm, corporation, association, or political subdivision of the state of Washington or any officer or agent thereof who has violated chapter 28 26.18 RCW, RCW 74.20A.100, or 26.23.040,)):
 - (a) Who is in possession of support moneys, or who has had support moneys in his or her possession at some time in the past, which support moneys were or are claimed by the department as the property of the department by assignment, subrogation, or by operation of law or legal process under chapter 74.20A RCW((, if the support moneys have not been remitted to the department as required by law));
- 35 <u>(b) Who has received a support payment erroneously directed to the</u> 36 <u>wrong payee, or issued by the department in error; or</u>
- 37 <u>(c) Who is in possession of a support payment obtained through the</u> 38 internal revenue service tax refund offset process, which payment was

- 1 later reclaimed from the department by the internal revenue service as
 2 a result of an amended tax return filed by the obligor or the obligor's
 3 spouse.
- 4 (2) The notice shall ((describe the claim of the department, stating)) state the legal basis for the claim and shall provide 5 enable the person((, firm, corporation, sufficient detail to 6 7 association, or political subdivision or officer or agent thereof upon 8 whom service is made)) to identify the support moneys in issue ((or the 9 specific violation of RCW 74.20A.100 that has occurred. The notice may 10 also make inquiry as to relevant facts necessary to the resolution of the issue)). 11
- 12 (3) The <u>department shall serve the</u> notice ((may be served)) by 13 certified mail, return receipt requested, or in the manner of a summons 14 in a civil action. ((Upon service of the notice all moneys not yet 15 disbursed or spent or like moneys to be received in the future are 16 deemed to be impounded and shall be held in trust pending answer to the 17 notice and any adjudicative proceeding.))
- 18 <u>(4)</u> The <u>amounts claimed in the notice ((shall be answered under oath and in writing within twenty days of the date of service, which answer shall include true answers to the matters inquired of in the notice. The answer shall also either acknowledge)) shall become assessed, determined, and subject to collection twenty days from the date of service of the notice unless within those twenty days the person in possession of the support moneys:</u>
- 25 <u>(a) Acknowledges</u> the department's right to the moneys ((or 26 application for)) <u>and executes an agreed settlement providing for</u> 27 repayment of the moneys; or
- 28 (b) Requests an adjudicative proceeding to ((contest the allegation 29 that chapter 26.18 RCW, RCW 74.20A.100, or 26.23.040, has been 30 violated, or)) determine the rights to ownership of the support moneys 31 in issue. The hearing shall be held pursuant to this section, chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act, and the rules of the 32 department. The burden of proof to establish ownership of the support 33 34 moneys claimed((, including but not limited to moneys not yet disbursed 35 or spent,)) is on the department.
 - ((If no answer is made within the twenty days, the department's claim shall be assessed and determined and subject to collection action as a support debt pursuant to chapter 26.18 or 74.20A RCW, or RCW 26.23.040. Any such debtor))

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(5) After the twenty-day period, a person served with a notice under this section may, at any time within one year from the date of service of the notice of support debt, petition the secretary or the secretary's designee for an adjudicative proceeding upon a showing of any of the grounds enumerated in RCW 4.72.010 or superior court civil rule 60. A copy of the petition shall also be served on the department. The filing of the petition shall not stay any collection action being taken, but the debtor may petition the secretary or the secretary's designee for an order staying collection action pending the final administrative order. Any <u>such</u> moneys held and/or taken by collection action ((prior to)) after the date of any such stay ((and any support moneys claimed by the department, including moneys to be received in the future to which the department may have a claim,)) shall be held ((in trust)) by the department pending the final order, to be disbursed in accordance with the final order. ((The secretary or the secretary's designee shall condition the stay to provide for the trust.

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38 39 If the petition is granted the issue in the proceeding is limited to the determination of the ownership of the moneys claimed in the notice of debt. The right to an adjudicative proceeding is conditioned upon holding of any funds not yet disbursed or expended or to be received in the future in trust pending the final order in these proceedings. The presiding or reviewing officer shall enter an appropriate order providing for the terms of the trust.))

- (6) If the debtor fails to attend or participate in the hearing or other stage of an adjudicative proceeding, the presiding officer shall, upon showing of valid service, enter an order declaring the amount of support moneys, as claimed in the notice, to be assessed and determined and subject to collection action.
- (7) The department may take action to collect an obligation established under this section using any remedy available under this chapter or chapter 26.09, 26.18, 26.23, or 74.20 RCW for the collection of child support.
 - (8) If, at any time, the superior court enters judgment for an amount of debt at variance with the amount determined by the final order in an adjudicative proceeding, the judgment shall supersede the final administrative order. ((Any debt determined by the superior court in excess of the amount determined by the final administrative order shall be the property of the department as assigned under 42

1 U.S.C. 602(A)(26)(a), RCW 74.20.040, 74.20A.250, 74.20.320, or
2 74.20.330.)) The department may((, despite any final administrative
3 order,)) take action pursuant to chapter 74.20 or 74.20A RCW to obtain
4 such a judgment or to collect moneys determined by such a judgment to
5 be due and owing.

((If public assistance moneys have been paid to a parent for the 6 7 benefit of that parent's minor dependent children, debt under this 8 chapter shall not be incurred by nor at any time be collected from that 9 parent because of that payment of assistance. Nothing in this section 10 prohibits or limits the department from acting pursuant to RCW 74.20.320 and this section to assess a debt against a recipient or ex-11 12 recipient for receipt of support moneys paid in satisfaction of the 13 debt assigned under RCW 74.20.330 which have been assigned to the department but were received by a recipient or ex-recipient from 14 15 another responsible parent and not remitted to the department. To 16 collect these wrongfully retained funds from the recipient, the 17 department may not take collection action in excess of ten percent of the grant payment standard during any month the public assistance 18 19 recipient remains in that status unless required by federal law.)) (9) 20 If a person owing a debt established under this section is receiving public assistance, the department may collect the debt by offsetting up 21 to ten percent of the grant payment received by the person. No 22 collection action may be taken against the earnings of a person 23 24 receiving cash public assistance to collect a debt assessed under this 25 section.

26 (10) Payments not credited against the department's debt pursuant 27 to RCW 74.20.101 may not be assessed or collected under this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 897. A new section is added to chapter 74.20A RCW to read as follows:

30 ACCESS TO INFORMATION -- CONFIDENTIALITY -- NONLIABILITY. (1)Notwithstanding any other provision of Washington law, the division of 31 32 child support, the Washington state support registry, or the agency or 33 firm providing child support enforcement services for another state 34 under Title IV-D of the federal social security act may access records of the following nature, in the possession of any agency or entity 35 36 listed in this section:

37 (a) Records of state and local agencies, including but not limited 38 to:

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- 1 (i) The state registrar, including but not limited to records of 2 birth, marriage, and death;
- 3 (ii) Tax and revenue records, including, but not limited to, 4 information on residence addresses, employers, and assets;
 - (iii) Records concerning real and titled personal property;
- 6 (iv) Records of occupational, professional, and recreational 7 licenses and records concerning the ownership and control of 8 corporations, partnerships, and other business entities;
 - (v) Employment security records;

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- 10 (vi) Records of agencies administering public assistance programs; 11 and
- 12 (vii) Records of the department of corrections, and of county and 13 municipal correction or confinement facilities;
- (b) Records of public utilities and cable television companies relating to persons who owe or are owed support, or against whom a support obligation is sought, including names and addresses of the individuals, and employers' names and addresses pursuant to section 898 of this act and RCW 74.20A.120; and
- 19 (c) Records held by financial institutions, pursuant to section 899 20 of this act.
- 21 (2) Upon the request of the division of child support, the 22 Washington state support registry, or the agency or firm providing 23 child support enforcement services for another state under Title IV-D 24 of the social security act, any employer shall provide information as 25 to the employment, earnings, benefits, and residential address and 26 phone number of any employee.
 - (3) Entities in possession of records described in subsection (1)(a) and (c) of this section must provide information and records upon the request of the division of child support, the Washington state support registry, or the agency or firm providing child support enforcement services for another state under Title IV-D of the federal social security act. The division of child support may enter into agreements providing for electronic access to these records.
- (4) Public utilities and cable television companies must provide the information in response to a judicial or administrative subpoena issued by the division of child support, the Washington state support registry, or the agency or firm providing child support enforcement services for another state under Title IV-D of the federal social security act.

- 1 (5) Entities responding to information requests and subpoenas under 2 this section are not liable for disclosing information pursuant to the 3 request or subpoena.
- 4 (6) The division of child support shall maintain all information 5 gathered under this section confidential and shall only disclose this 6 information as provided under RCW 26.23.120.
- 7 (7) The division of child support may impose fines for 8 noncompliance with this section using the notice of noncompliance under 9 section 893 of this act.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 898. A new section is added to chapter 74.20 RCW to read as follows:
- SUBPOENA AUTHORITY--ENFORCEMENT. In carrying out the provisions of this chapter or chapters 26.18, 26.23, 26.26, and 74.20A RCW, the secretary and other duly authorized officers of the department may subpoena witnesses, take testimony, and compel the production of such papers, books, records, and documents as they may deem relevant to the performance of their duties. The division of child support may enforce subpoenas issued under this power according to section 893 of this act.
- 19 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 899.** A new section is added to chapter 74.20A 20 RCW to read as follows:
- FINANCIAL INSTITUTION DATA MATCHES. (1) Each calendar quarter financial institutions doing business in the state of Washington shall report to the department the name, record address, social security number or other taxpayer identification number, and other information determined necessary by the department for each individual who maintains an account at such institution and is identified by the department as owing a support debt.
 - (2) The department and financial institutions shall enter into agreements to develop and operate a data match system, using automated data exchanges to the extent feasible, to minimize the cost of providing information required under subsection (1) of this section.

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- 32 (3) The department may pay a reasonable fee to a financial 33 institution for conducting the data match not to exceed the actual 34 costs incurred.
- 35 (4) A financial institution is not liable for any disclosure of 36 information to the department under this section.

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- 1 (5) The division of child support shall maintain all information 2 gathered under this section confidential and shall only disclose this 3 information as provided under RCW 26.23.120.
- - (1) The following are exempt from public inspection and copying:
- 8 (a) Personal information in any files maintained for students in 9 public schools, patients or clients of public institutions or public 10 health agencies, or welfare recipients.

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- 11 (b) Personal information in files maintained for employees, 12 appointees, or elected officials of any public agency to the extent 13 that disclosure would violate their right to privacy.
- (c) Information required of any taxpayer in connection with the assessment or collection of any tax if the disclosure of the information to other persons would (i) be prohibited to such persons by RCW 82.32.330 or (ii) violate the taxpayer's right to privacy or result in unfair competitive disadvantage to the taxpayer.
 - (d) Specific intelligence information and specific investigative records compiled by investigative, law enforcement, and penology agencies, and state agencies vested with the responsibility to discipline members of any profession, the nondisclosure of which is essential to effective law enforcement or for the protection of any person's right to privacy.
- 25 (e) Information revealing the identity of persons who are witnesses to or victims of crime or who file complaints with investigative, law 26 enforcement, or penology agencies, other than the public disclosure 27 commission, if disclosure would endanger any person's life, physical 28 29 safety, or property. If at the time a complaint is filed the complainant, victim or witness indicates a desire for disclosure or 30 nondisclosure, such desire shall govern. However, all complaints filed 31 32 with the public disclosure commission about any elected official or 33 candidate for public office must be made in writing and signed by the 34 complainant under oath.
- 35 (f) Test questions, scoring keys, and other examination data used 36 to administer a license, employment, or academic examination.
- 37 (g) Except as provided by chapter 8.26 RCW, the contents of real 38 estate appraisals, made for or by any agency relative to the

- acquisition or sale of property, until the project or prospective sale is abandoned or until such time as all of the property has been acquired or the property to which the sale appraisal relates is sold, but in no event shall disclosure be denied for more than three years after the appraisal.
- 6 (h) Valuable formulae, designs, drawings, and research data 7 obtained by any agency within five years of the request for disclosure 8 when disclosure would produce private gain and public loss.

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- (i) Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, and intra-agency memorandums in which opinions are expressed or policies formulated or recommended except that a specific record shall not be exempt when publicly cited by an agency in connection with any agency action.
- (j) Records which are relevant to a controversy to which an agency is a party but which records would not be available to another party under the rules of pretrial discovery for causes pending in the superior courts.
- 17 (k) Records, maps, or other information identifying the location of 18 archaeological sites in order to avoid the looting or depredation of 19 such sites.
- 20 (1) Any library record, the primary purpose of which is to maintain 21 control of library materials, or to gain access to information, which 22 discloses or could be used to disclose the identity of a library user.
- (m) Financial information supplied by or on behalf of a person, firm, or corporation for the purpose of qualifying to submit a bid or proposal for (i) a ferry system construction or repair contract as required by RCW 47.60.680 through 47.60.750 or (ii) highway construction or improvement as required by RCW 47.28.070.
- (n) Railroad company contracts filed prior to July 28, 1991, with the utilities and transportation commission under RCW 81.34.070, except that the summaries of the contracts are open to public inspection and copying as otherwise provided by this chapter.
- (o) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by private persons pertaining to export services provided pursuant to chapter 43.163 RCW and chapter 53.31 RCW, and by persons pertaining to export projects pursuant to RCW 43.23.035.
- 36 (p) Financial disclosures filed by private vocational schools under 37 chapters 28B.85 and 28C.10 RCW.

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- 1 (q) Records filed with the utilities and transportation commission 2 or attorney general under RCW 80.04.095 that a court has determined are 3 confidential under RCW 80.04.095.
- 4 (r) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by 5 businesses or individuals during application for loans or program 6 services provided by chapters 43.163, 43.160, 43.330, and 43.168 RCW, 7 or during application for economic development loans or program 8 services provided by any local agency.
- 9 (s) Membership lists or lists of members or owners of interests of units in timeshare projects, subdivisions, camping resorts, condominiums, land developments, or common-interest communities affiliated with such projects, regulated by the department of licensing, in the files or possession of the department.
- (t) All applications for public employment, including the names of applicants, resumes, and other related materials submitted with respect to an applicant.
- (u) The residential addresses and residential telephone numbers of employees or volunteers of a public agency which are held by the agency in personnel records, employment or volunteer rosters, or mailing lists of employees or volunteers.
 - (v) The residential addresses and residential telephone numbers of the customers of a public utility contained in the records or lists held by the public utility of which they are customers, except that this information may be released to the division of child support or the agency or firm providing child support enforcement for another state under Title IV-D of the federal social security act, for the establishment, enforcement, or modification of a support order.
- (w)(i) The federal social security number of individuals governed 28 under chapter 18.130 RCW maintained in the files of the department of 29 30 health, except this exemption does not apply to requests made directly 31 to the department from federal, state, and local agencies of government, national and 32 and state licensing, credentialing, investigatory, disciplinary, and examination organizations; (ii) the 33 34 current residential address and current residential telephone number of 35 a health care provider governed under chapter 18.130 RCW maintained in the files of the department, if the provider requests that this 36 37 information be withheld from public inspection and copying, and provides to the department an accurate alternate or business address 38 39 and business telephone number. On or after January 1, 1995, the

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- 1 current residential address and residential telephone number of a
- 2 health care provider governed under RCW 18.130.140 maintained in the
- 3 files of the department shall automatically be withheld from public
- 4 inspection and copying unless the provider specifically requests the
- 5 information be released, and except as provided for under RCW
- 6 42.17.260(9).
- 7 (x) Information obtained by the board of pharmacy as provided in 8 RCW 69.45.090.
- 9 (y) Information obtained by the board of pharmacy or the department
- 10 of health and its representatives as provided in RCW 69.41.044,
- 11 69.41.280, and 18.64.420.
- 12 (z) Financial information, business plans, examination reports, and
- 13 any information produced or obtained in evaluating or examining a
- 14 business and industrial development corporation organized or seeking
- 15 certification under chapter 31.24 RCW.
- 16 (aa) Financial and commercial information supplied to the state
- 17 investment board by any person when the information relates to the
- 18 investment of public trust or retirement funds and when disclosure
- 19 would result in loss to such funds or in private loss to the providers
- 20 of this information.
- 21 (bb) Financial and valuable trade information under RCW 51.36.120.
- 22 (cc) Client records maintained by an agency that is a domestic
- 23 violence program as defined in RCW 70.123.020 or 70.123.075 or a rape
- 24 crisis center as defined in RCW 70.125.030.
- 25 (dd) Information that identifies a person who, while an agency
- 26 employee: (i) Seeks advice, under an informal process established by
- 27 the employing agency, in order to ascertain his or her rights in
- 28 connection with a possible unfair practice under chapter 49.60 RCW
- 29 against the person; and (ii) requests his or her identity or any
- 30 identifying information not be disclosed.
- 31 (ee) Investigative records compiled by an employing agency
- 32 conducting a current investigation of a possible unfair practice under
- 33 chapter 49.60 RCW or of a possible violation of other federal, state,
- 34 or local laws prohibiting discrimination in employment.
- 35 (ff) Business related information protected from public inspection
- 36 and copying under RCW 15.86.110.
- 37 (gg) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and research
- 38 information and data submitted to or obtained by the clean Washington

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- 1 center in applications for, or delivery of, program services under 2 chapter 70.95H RCW.
- 3 (hh) Information and documents created specifically for, and 4 collected and maintained by a quality improvement committee pursuant to 5 RCW 43.70.510, regardless of which agency is in possession of the 6 information and documents.
- 7 (ii) Personal information in files maintained in a data base 8 created under RCW 43.07.360.
- 9 (2) Except for information described in subsection (1)(c)(i) of this section and confidential income data exempted from public 10 inspection pursuant to RCW 84.40.020, the exemptions of this section 11 are inapplicable to the extent that information, the disclosure of 12 13 which would violate personal privacy or vital governmental interests, can be deleted from the specific records sought. No exemption may be 14 15 construed to permit the nondisclosure of statistical information not descriptive of any readily identifiable person or persons. 16
- 17 (3) Inspection or copying of any specific records exempt under the 18 provisions of this section may be permitted if the superior court in 19 the county in which the record is maintained finds, after a hearing 20 with notice thereof to every person in interest and the agency, that 21 the exemption of such records is clearly unnecessary to protect any 22 individual's right of privacy or any vital governmental function.
- (4) Agency responses refusing, in whole or in part, inspection of any public record shall include a statement of the specific exemption authorizing the withholding of the record (or part) and a brief explanation of how the exemption applies to the record withheld.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 901. A new section is added to chapter 74.20 28 RCW to read as follows:
- ORDERS FOR GENETIC TESTING. (1) The division of child support may issue an order for genetic testing when providing services under this chapter and Title IV-D of the federal social security act if genetic testing:
- 33 (a) Is appropriate in an action under chapter 26.26 RCW, the 34 uniform parentage act;
- 35 (b) Is appropriate in an action to establish support under RCW 36 74.20A.056; or

- 1 (c) Would assist the parties or the division of child support in 2 determining whether it is appropriate to proceed with an action to 3 establish or disestablish paternity.
- 4 (2) The order for genetic testing shall be served on the alleged 5 parent or parents and the legal parent by personal service or by any 6 form of mail requiring a return receipt.
- 7 (3) Within twenty days of the date of service of an order for 8 genetic testing, any party required to appear for genetic testing, the 9 child, or a guardian on the child's behalf, may petition in superior 10 court under chapter 26.26 RCW to bar or postpone genetic testing.
- 11 (4) The order for genetic testing shall contain:
- 12 (a) An explanation of the right to proceed in superior court under 13 subsection (3) of this section;
- (b) Notice that if no one proceeds under subsection (3) of this section, the agency issuing the order will schedule genetic testing and will notify the parties of the time and place of testing by regular mail;
- 18 (c) Notice that the parties must keep the agency issuing the order 19 for genetic testing informed of their residence address and that 20 mailing a notice of time and place for genetic testing to the last 21 known address of the parties by regular mail constitutes valid service 22 of the notice of time and place;
- 23 (d) Notice that the order for genetic testing may be enforced 24 through:
- (i) Public assistance grant reduction for noncooperation, pursuant to agency rule, if the child and custodian are receiving public assistance;
- (ii) Termination of support enforcement services under Title IV-D of the federal social security act if the child and custodian are not receiving public assistance;
- 31 (iii) A referral to superior court for an appropriate action under 32 chapter 26.26 RCW; or
- 33 (iv) A referral to superior court for remedial sanctions under RCW 7.21.060.
- 35 (5) The department may advance the costs of genetic testing under 36 this section.
- 37 (6) If an action is pending under chapter 26.26 RCW, a judgment for 38 reimbursement of the cost of genetic testing may be awarded under RCW 39 26.26.100.

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- 1 (7) If no action is pending in superior court, the department may 2 impose an obligation to reimburse costs of genetic testing according to 3 rules adopted by the department to implement RCW 74.20A.056.
- 4 **Sec. 902.** RCW 26.23.045 and 1994 c 230 s 8 are each amended to 5 read as follows:
- 6 (1) The ((office of support enforcement)) division of child 7 support, Washington state support registry, shall provide support 8 enforcement services under the following circumstances:
 - (a) Whenever public assistance under RCW 74.20.330 is paid;

- 10 (b) ((Whenever a request for nonassistance support enforcement 11 services under RCW 74.20.040(2) is received;
- 12 (c)) Whenever a request for support enforcement services under RCW 13 74.20.040(((3))) is received;
- ((\(\frac{(d)}{(d)}\))) (c) When a support order which contains language directing
 a responsible parent to make support payments to the Washington state
 support registry under RCW 26.23.050 is submitted and the division of
 child support receives a written application for services or is already
 providing services;
- (((e) When a support order is forwarded to the Washington state support registry by the clerk of a superior court under RCW 21 26.23.050(5);
- (f)) (d) When the obligor submits a support order or support payment, and an application, to the Washington state support registry.
- (2) The ((office of support enforcement)) division of child support shall continue to provide support enforcement services for so long as and under such conditions as the department shall establish by regulation or until the superior court enters an order removing the requirement that the obligor make support payments to the Washington state support registry as provided for in RCW 26.23.050((\(\frac{12}{2}\))).
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 903. A new section is added to chapter 26.23 RCW to read as follows:
- STATE CASE REGISTRY--SUBMISSION OF ORDERS. (1) The division of child support, Washington state support registry shall operate a state case registry containing records of all orders establishing or modifying a support order that are entered after October 1, 1998.
- 36 (2) The superior court clerk, the office of administrative 37 hearings, and the department of social and health services shall,

- l within five days of entry, forward to the Washington state support
- 2 registry, a true and correct copy of all superior court orders or
- 3 administrative orders establishing or modifying a support obligation
- 4 that provide that support payments shall be made to the support
- 5 registry.
- 6 (3) The division of child support shall reimburse the clerk for the
- 7 reasonable costs of copying and sending copies of court orders to the
- 8 registry at the reimbursement rate provided in Title IV-D of the
- 9 federal social security act.
- 10 (4) Effective October 1, 1998, the superior court clerk, the office
- 11 of administrative hearings, and the department of social and health
- 12 services shall, within five days of entry, forward to the Washington
- 13 state support registry a true and correct copy of all superior court
- 14 orders or administrative orders establishing or modifying a support
- 15 obligation.
- 16 (5) Receipt of a support order by the registry or other action
- 17 under this section on behalf of a person or persons who have not made
- 18 a written application for support enforcement services to the division
- 19 of child support and who are not recipients of public assistance is
- 20 deemed to be:
- 21 (a) A request for payment services only if the order requires
- 22 payment to the Washington state support registry;
- 23 (b) A submission for inclusion in the state case registry if the
- 24 order does not require that support payments be made to the Washington
- 25 state support registry.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 904. A new section is added to chapter 26.23
- 27 RCW to read as follows:
- 28 ADDRESS AND EMPLOYER INFORMATION IN SUPPORT ORDERS--DUTY TO
- 29 UPDATE--PROVISIONS REGARDING SERVICE. (1) Each party to a paternity or
- 30 child support proceeding must provide the court and the Washington
- 31 state child support registry with his or her:
- 32 (a) Social security number;
- 33 (b) Current residential address;
- 34 (c) Date of birth;
- 35 (d) Telephone number;
- 36 (e) Driver's license number; and
- 37 (f) Employer's name, address, and telephone number.

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- 1 (2) Each party to an order entered in a child support or paternity 2 proceeding shall update the information required under subsection (1) 3 of this section promptly after any change in the information. The duty 4 established under this section continues as long as any monthly support 5 or support debt remains due under the support order.
- (3) In any proceeding to establish, enforce, or modify the child support order between the parties, a party may demonstrate to the presiding officer that he or she has diligently attempted to locate the other party. Upon a showing of diligent efforts to locate, the presiding officer may allow, or accept as adequate, service of process for the action by delivery of written notice to the address most recently provided by the party under this section.
- (4) All support orders shall contain notice to the parties of the obligations established by this section and possibility of service of process according to subsection (3) of this section.
- 16 **Sec. 905.** RCW 26.23.030 and 1989 c 360 s 6 are each amended to 17 read as follows:
- (1) There is created a Washington state support registry within the ((office of support enforcement)) division of child support as the agency designated in Washington state to administer the child support program under Title IV-D of the federal social security act. The registry shall:
- 23 (a) <u>Provide a central unit for collection of support payments made</u> 24 <u>to the registry;</u>
- 25 <u>(b)</u> Account for and disburse all support payments received by the 26 registry;
- ((\(\frac{(\((\frac{b}{t}\))\)}{\(\c)\)}) (c) Maintain the necessary records including, but not limited to, information on support orders, support debts, the date and amount of support due; the date and amount of payments; and the names, social security numbers, and addresses of the parties;
- (((c))) (d) Develop procedures for providing information to the parties regarding action taken by, and support payments collected and distributed by the registry; and
- (e) Maintain a state child support case registry to compile and maintain records on all child support orders entered in the state of Washington.
- 37 (2) The ((office of support enforcement)) division of child support 38 may assess and collect interest at the rate of twelve percent per year

- 1 on unpaid child support that has accrued under any support order
- 2 entered into the registry. This interest rate shall not apply to those
- 3 support orders already specifying an interest assessment at a different
- 4 rate.
- 5 (3) The secretary of social and health services shall adopt rules
- 6 for the maintenance and retention of records of support payments and
- 7 for the archiving and destruction of such records when the support
- 8 obligation terminates or is satisfied. When a support obligation
- 9 established under court order entered in a superior court of this state
- 10 has been satisfied, a satisfaction of judgment form shall be prepared
- 11 by the registry and filed with the clerk of the court in which the
- 12 order was entered.
- 13 Sec. 906. RCW 74.20A.060 and 1989 c 360 s 9 and 1989 c 175 s 153
- 14 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- 15 (1) The secretary may assert a lien upon the real or personal
- 16 property of a responsible parent:
- 17 (a) When a support payment is past due, if the parent's support
- 18 order ((was entered in accordance with RCW 26.23.050(1))) contains
- 19 notice that liens may be enforced against real and personal property,
- 20 or notice that action may be taken under this chapter;
- 21 (b) Twenty-one days after service of a notice of support debt under
- 22 RCW 74.20A.040;
- 23 (c) Twenty-one days after service of a notice and finding of
- 24 financial responsibility under RCW 74.20A.055;
- 25 (d) Twenty-one days after service of a notice and finding of
- 26 parental responsibility;
- (e) Twenty-one days after service of a notice of support owed under
- 28 RCW 26.23.110; or
- 29 (f) When appropriate under RCW 74.20A.270.
- 30 (2) The division of child support may use uniform interstate lien
- 31 forms adopted by the United States department of health and human
- 32 <u>services to assert liens on a responsible parent's real and personal</u>
- 33 property located in another state.
- 34 (3) The claim of the department for a support debt, not paid when
- 35 due, shall be a lien against all property of the debtor with priority
- 36 of a secured creditor. This lien shall be separate and apart from, and
- 37 in addition to, any other lien created by, or provided for, in this
- 38 title. The lien shall attach to all real and personal property of the

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- 1 debtor on the date of filing of such statement with the county auditor 2 of the county in which such property is located.
- 3 (((3))) (4) Whenever a support lien has been filed and there is in 4 the possession of any person, firm, corporation, association, political
- 5 subdivision or department of the state having notice of said lien any
- 6 property which may be subject to the support lien, such property shall
- 7 not be paid over, released, sold, transferred, encumbered or conveyed,
- 8 except as provided for by the exemptions contained in RCW 74.20A.090
- 9 and 74.20A.130, unless:
- 10 (a) A written release or waiver signed by the secretary has been
- 11 delivered to said person, firm, corporation, association, political
- 12 subdivision or department of the state; or
- 13 (b) A determination has been made in an adjudicative proceeding
- 14 pursuant to RCW 74.20A.055 or by a superior court ordering release of
- 15 said support lien on the basis that no debt exists or that the debt has
- 16 been satisfied.
- 17 **Sec. 907.** RCW 74.20A.080 and 1994 c 230 s 20 are each amended to 18 read as follows:
- 19 (1) The secretary may issue to any person, firm, corporation,
- 20 association, political subdivision, department of the state, or agency,
- 21 subdivision, or instrumentality of the United States, an order to
- 22 withhold and deliver property of any kind, including but not restricted
- 23 to earnings which are or might become due, owing, or belonging to the
- 24 debtor, when the secretary has reason to believe that there is in the
- 25 possession of such person, firm, corporation, association, political
- 26 subdivision, department of the state, or agency, subdivision, or
- 27 instrumentality of the United States property which is or might become
- 28 due, owing, or belonging to said debtor. Such order to withhold and
- 29 deliver may be issued:
- 30 (a) ((When a support payment is past due)) At any time, if a
- 31 responsible parent's support order:
- 32 (i) Contains ((language directing the parent to make support
- 33 payments to the Washington state support registry; and)) notice that
- 34 withholding action may be taken against earnings, wages, or assets
- 35 without further notice to the parent; or
- 36 (ii) Includes a statement that other income-withholding action
- 37 under this chapter may be taken without further notice to the
- 38 responsible parent((, as provided for in RCW 26.23.050(1)));

- 1 (b) Twenty-one days after service of a notice of support debt under 2 RCW 74.20A.040;
- 3 (c) Twenty-one days after service of a notice and finding of 4 parental responsibility under RCW 74.20A.056;
- 5 (d) Twenty-one days after service of a notice of support owed under 6 RCW 26.23.110;
- 7 (e) Twenty-one days after service of a notice and finding of 8 financial responsibility under RCW 74.20A.055; or
 - (f) When appropriate under RCW 74.20A.270.
- 10 (2) The order to withhold and deliver shall:
- 11 (a) State the amount to be withheld on a periodic basis if the 12 order to withhold and deliver is being served to secure payment of
- 13 monthly current support;

- 14 (b) State the amount of the support debt accrued;
- 15 $((\frac{b}{b}))$ (c) State in summary the terms of RCW 74.20A.090 and 16 74.20A.100;
- $((\frac{c}{c}))$ (d) Be served in the manner prescribed for the service of a summons in a civil action or by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- 20 (3) The division of child support may use uniform interstate
 21 withholding forms adopted by the United States department of health and
 22 human services to take withholding actions under this section when the
 23 responsible parent is owed money or property that is located in another
 24 state.
- 25 <u>(4)</u> Any person, firm, corporation, association, political subdivision, department of the state, or agency, subdivision, or instrumentality of the United States upon whom service has been made is hereby required to:
- 29 (a) Answer said order to withhold and deliver within twenty days, 30 exclusive of the day of service, under oath and in writing, and shall 31 make true answers to the matters inquired of therein; and
- 32 (b) Provide further and additional answers when requested by the 33 secretary.
- (((4))) Any such person, firm, corporation, association,
- 35 political subdivision, department of the state, or agency, subdivision,
- 36 or instrumentality of the United States in possession of any property
- 37 which may be subject to the claim of the department ((of social and
- 38 health services)) shall:

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- 1 (a)(i) Immediately withhold such property upon receipt of the order 2 to withhold and deliver; and
- 3 (ii) <u>Immediately deliver</u> the property to the secretary as soon as 4 the twenty-day answer period expires;
- 5 (iii) Continue to withhold earnings payable to the debtor at each 6 succeeding disbursement interval as provided for in RCW 74.20A.090, and 7 deliver amounts withheld from earnings to the secretary on the date 8 earnings are payable to the debtor;
- 9 (iv) <u>Deliver amounts withheld from periodic payments to the</u>
 10 <u>secretary on the date the payments are payable to the debtor;</u>
- 11 <u>(v)</u> Inform the secretary of the date the amounts were withheld as 12 requested under this section; or
- 13 (b) Furnish to the secretary a good and sufficient bond, 14 satisfactory to the secretary, conditioned upon final determination of 15 liability.
- 16 $((\frac{5}{1}))$ (6) An order to withhold and deliver served under this 17 section shall not expire until:
- 18 (a) Released in writing by the ((office of support enforcement))
 19 division of child support;
- 20 (b) Terminated by court order; or
- (c) The person or entity receiving the order to withhold and deliver does not possess property of or owe money to the debtor for any period of twelve consecutive months following the date of service of the order to withhold and deliver.
- ((\(\frac{(+(+)}{(+(+))}\))) (7) Where money is due and owing under any contract of employment, express or implied, or is held by any person, firm, corporation, or association, political subdivision, or department of the state, or agency, subdivision, or instrumentality of the United States subject to withdrawal by the debtor, such money shall be delivered by remittance payable to the order of the secretary.
- $((\frac{7}{1}))$ (8) Delivery to the secretary of the money or other property held or claimed shall satisfy the requirement and serve as full acquittance of the order to withhold and deliver.
- ((\(\frac{(\(\frac{8}{}\)\)}{\)}) (9) A person, firm, corporation, or association, political subdivision, department of the state, or agency, subdivision, or instrumentality of the United States that complies with the order to withhold and deliver under this chapter is not civilly liable to the debtor for complying with the order to withhold and deliver under this chapter.

(((+9))) (10) The secretary may hold the money or property delivered under this section in trust for application on the indebtedness involved or for return, without interest, in accordance with final determination of liability or nonliability.

 $((\frac{10}{10}))$ (11) Exemptions contained in RCW 74.20A.090 apply to orders to withhold and deliver issued under this section.

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7 $((\frac{11}{11}))$ (12) The secretary shall also, on or before the date of 8 service of the order to withhold and deliver, mail or cause to be 9 mailed a copy of the order to withhold and deliver to the debtor at the debtor's last known post office address, or, in the alternative, a copy 10 of the order to withhold and deliver shall be served on the debtor in 11 the same manner as a summons in a civil action on or before the date of 12 service of the order or within two days thereafter. The copy of the 13 14 order shall be mailed or served together with a concise explanation of 15 the right to petition for judicial review. This requirement is not jurisdictional, but, if the copy is not mailed or served as in this 16 17 section provided, or if any irregularity appears with respect to the mailing or service, the superior court, in its discretion on motion of 18 19 the debtor promptly made and supported by affidavit showing that the 20 debtor has suffered substantial injury due to the failure to mail the copy, may set aside the order to withhold and deliver and award to the 21 debtor an amount equal to the damages resulting from the secretary's 22 failure to serve on or mail to the debtor the copy. 23

 $((\frac{(12)}{(13)})$ An order to withhold and deliver issued in accordance with this section has priority over any other wage assignment, garnishment, attachment, or other legal process((, except for another wage assignment, garnishment, attachment, or other legal process for child support)).

((\(\frac{(13)}{13}\))) (14) The ((\(\text{office of support enforcement}\))) division of child support shall notify any person, firm, corporation, association, or political subdivision, department of the state, or agency, subdivision, or instrumentality of the United States required to withhold and deliver the earnings of a debtor under this action that they may deduct a processing fee from the remainder of the debtor's earnings, even if the remainder would otherwise be exempt under RCW 74.20A.090. The processing fee shall not exceed ten dollars for the first disbursement to the department and one dollar for each subsequent disbursement under the order to withhold and deliver.

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- 1 **Sec. 908.** RCW 26.23.120 and 1994 c 230 s 12 are each amended to 2 read as follows:
- 3 (1) Any information or records concerning individuals who owe a 4 support obligation or for whom support enforcement services are being 5 provided which are obtained or maintained by the Washington state 6 support registry, the ((office of support enforcement)) division of 7 child support, or under chapter 74.20 RCW shall be private and 8 confidential and shall only be subject to public disclosure as provided 9 in subsection (2) of this section.
- 10 (2) The secretary of the department of social and health services 11 ((shall)) may adopt rules ((which)):
- 12 <u>(a) That specify what information is confidential;</u>
- 13 <u>(b) That specify</u> the individuals or agencies to whom this 14 information and these records may be disclosed((τ)):
- 15 <u>(c) Limiting</u> the purposes for which the information may be 16 disclosed((, and the));
- 17 <u>(d) Establishing procedures to obtain the information or records:</u>
 18 <u>or</u>
- 19 <u>(e) Establishing safeguards necessary to comply with federal law</u>
 20 requiring safeguarding of information.
- 21 (3) The rules adopted under <u>subsection (2) of</u> this section shall 22 provide for disclosure of the information and records, under 23 appropriate circumstances, which shall include, but not be limited to:
- 24 (a) When authorized or required by federal statute or regulation 25 governing the support enforcement program;
- (b) To the person the subject of the records or information, unless the information is exempt from disclosure under RCW 42.17.310;
- (c) To government agencies, whether state, local, or federal, and including federally recognized tribes, law enforcement agencies, prosecuting agencies, and the executive branch, if the disclosure is necessary for child support enforcement purposes or required under
- 32 <u>Title IV-D of the federal social security act;</u>
- 33 (d) To the parties in a judicial or adjudicative proceeding upon a 34 specific written finding by the presiding officer that the need for the 35 information outweighs any reason for maintaining the privacy and 36 confidentiality of the information or records;
- 37 (e) To private persons, federally recognized tribes, or 38 organizations if the disclosure is necessary to permit private

- 1 contracting parties to assist in the management and operation of the 2 department;
- 3 (f) Disclosure of address and employment information to the parties 4 to an action for purposes relating to a child support order, subject to 5 the limitations in subsections (4) and (5) of this section;
- 6 (g) Disclosure of information or records when necessary to the
 7 efficient administration of the support enforcement program or to the
 8 performance of functions and responsibilities of the support registry
 9 and the ((office of support enforcement)) division of child support as
 10 set forth in state and federal statutes; or
- 11 (h) Disclosure of the information or records when authorized under 12 RCW 74.04.060.
- 13 (((3))) (4) Prior to disclosing the ((physical custodian's address 14 under subsection (2)(f) of this section)) whereabouts of a parent or a 15 party to a support order to the other parent or party, a notice shall be mailed, if appropriate under the circumstances, to the ((physical 16 17 custodian)) parent or other party whose whereabouts are to be disclosed, at ((the physical custodian's)) that person's last known 18 19 address. The notice shall advise the ((physical custodian)) parent or 20 party that a request for disclosure has been made and will be complied with unless the department: 21
- 22 <u>(a)</u> Receives a copy of a court order <u>within thirty days</u> which 23 enjoins the disclosure of the information or restricts or limits the 24 requesting party's right to contact or visit the ((physical custodian)) 25 <u>parent or party whose address is to be disclosed</u> or the child((, or the 26 <u>custodial parent requests a hearing to contest the disclosure</u>));
- 27 <u>(b) Receives a hearing request within thirty days under subsection</u>
 28 <u>(5) of this section; or</u>
- (c) Has reason to believe that the release of the information may result in physical or emotional harm to the party whose whereabouts are to be released, or to the child.
- (5) A person receiving notice under subsection (4) of this section 32 may request an adjudicative proceeding under chapter 34.05 RCW, at 33 34 which the person may show that there is reason to believe that release of the information may result in physical or emotional harm to the 35 person or the child. The administrative law judge shall determine 36 37 whether the ((address)) whereabouts of the ((custodial parent)) person should be disclosed based on ((the same standard as a claim of "good 38 39 cause" as defined in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 602(a)(26)(c)) subsection (4)(c)

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- 1 of this section, however no hearing is necessary if the department has
- 2 <u>in its possession a protective order or an order limiting visitation or</u>
- 3 <u>contact</u>.
- 4 (((4))) (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting
- 5 or restricting the effect of RCW $42.17.260((\frac{6}{1}))$ (9). Nothing in this
- 6 section shall be construed to prevent the disclosure of information and
- 7 records if all details identifying an individual are deleted or the
- 8 individual consents to the disclosure.
- 9 $((\frac{5}{1}))$ It shall be unlawful for any person or agency in
- 10 violation of this section to solicit, publish, disclose, receive, make
- 11 use of, or to authorize, knowingly permit, participate in or acquiesce
- 12 in the use of any lists of names for commercial or political purposes
- 13 or the use of any information for purposes other than those purposes
- 14 specified in this section. A violation of this section shall be a
- 15 gross misdemeanor as provided in chapter 9A.20 RCW.
- 16 **Sec. 909.** RCW 26.04.160 and 1993 c 451 s 1 are each amended to 17 read as follows:
- 18 (1) Application for a marriage license must be made and filed with
- 19 the appropriate county auditor upon blanks to be provided by the county
- 20 auditor for that purpose, which application shall be under the oath of
- 21 each of the applicants, and each application shall state the name,
- 22 address at the time of execution of application, age, social security
- 23 number, birthplace, whether single, widowed or divorced, and whether
- 24 under control of a guardian, residence during the past six months:
- 25 PROVIDED, That each county may require such other and further
- 26 information on said application as it shall deem necessary.
- 27 (2) The county legislative authority may impose an additional fee
- 28 up to fifteen dollars on a marriage license for the purpose of funding
- 29 family services such as family support centers.
- 30 **Sec. 910.** RCW 26.09.170 and 1992 c 229 s 2 are each amended to
- 31 read as follows:
- 32 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (7) of RCW
- 33 26.09.070, the provisions of any decree respecting maintenance or
- 34 support may be modified: (a) Only as to installments accruing
- 35 subsequent to the petition for modification or motion for adjustment
- 36 except motions to compel court-ordered adjustments, which shall be
- 37 effective as of the first date specified in the decree for implementing

- 1 the adjustment; and, (b) except as otherwise provided in subsections
- 2 (4), (5), (8), and (9) of this section, only upon a showing of a
- 3 substantial change of circumstances. The provisions as to property
- 4 disposition may not be revoked or modified, unless the court finds the
- 5 existence of conditions that justify the reopening of a judgment under
- 6 the laws of this state.
- 7 (2) Unless otherwise agreed in writing or expressly provided in the
- 8 decree the obligation to pay future maintenance is terminated upon the
- 9 death of either party or the remarriage of the party receiving
- 10 maintenance.
- 11 (3) Unless otherwise agreed in writing or expressly provided in the
- 12 decree, provisions for the support of a child are terminated by
- 13 emancipation of the child or by the death of the parent obligated to
- 14 support the child.
- 15 (4) An order of child support may be modified one year or more
- 16 after it has been entered without showing a substantial change of
- 17 circumstances:
- 18 (a) If the order in practice works a severe economic hardship on
- 19 either party or the child;
- 20 (b) If a party requests an adjustment in an order for child support
- 21 which was based on guidelines which determined the amount of support
- 22 according to the child's age, and the child is no longer in the age
- 23 category on which the current support amount was based;
- 24 (c) If a child is still in high school, upon a finding that there
- 25 is a need to extend support beyond the eighteenth birthday to complete
- 26 high school; or
- 27 (d) To add an automatic adjustment of support provision consistent
- 28 with RCW 26.09.100.
- 29 (5) An order or decree entered prior to June 7, 1984, may be
- 30 modified without showing a substantial change of circumstances if the
- 31 requested modification is to:
- 32 (a) Require health insurance coverage for a child named therein; or
- 33 (b) Modify an existing order for health insurance coverage.
- 34 (6) An obligor's voluntary unemployment or voluntary
- 35 underemployment, by itself, is not a substantial change of
- 36 circumstances.
- 37 (7) The department of social and health services may file an action
- 38 to modify an order of child support if public assistance money is being
- 39 paid to or for the benefit of the child and the child support order is

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- twenty-five percent or more below the appropriate child support amount set forth in the standard calculation as defined in RCW 26.19.011 and reasons for the deviation are not set forth in the findings of fact or order. The determination of twenty-five percent or more shall be based on the current income of the parties and the department shall not be required to show a substantial change of circumstances if the reasons for the deviations were not set forth in the findings of fact or order.
 - (8)(a) All child support decrees may be adjusted once every twenty-four months based upon changes in the income of the parents without a showing of substantially changed circumstances. Either party may initiate the adjustment by filing a motion and child support worksheets.

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- (b) A party may petition for modification in cases of substantially changed circumstances under subsection (1) of this section at any time.

 However, if relief is granted under subsection (1) of this section, twenty-four months must pass before a motion for an adjustment under (a) of this subsection may be filed.
- (c) If, pursuant to (a) of this subsection or subsection (9) of 18 19 this section, the court adjusts or modifies a child support obligation 20 by more than thirty percent and the change would cause significant hardship, the court may implement the change in two equal increments, 21 22 one at the time of the entry of the order and the second six months 23 from the entry of the order. Twenty-four months must pass following 24 the second change before a motion for an adjustment under (a) of this 25 subsection may be filed.
 - (d) A parent who is receiving transfer payments who receives a wage or salary increase may not bring a modification action pursuant to subsection (1) of this section alleging that increase constitutes a substantial change of circumstances.
- 30 (e) The department of social and health services may file an action
 31 at any time to modify an order of child support in cases of
 32 substantially changed circumstances if public assistance money is being
 33 paid to or for the benefit of the child. The determination of the
 34 existence of substantially changed circumstances by the department that
 35 lead to the filing of an action to modify the order of child support is
 36 not binding upon the court.
- 37 (9) An order of child support may be adjusted twenty-four months 38 from the date of the entry of the decree or the last adjustment or

- l modification, whichever is later, based upon changes in the economic
- 2 table or standards in chapter 26.19 RCW.
- 3 **Sec. 911.** RCW 26.21.005 and 1993 c 318 s 101 are each amended to 4 read as follows:
- 5 In this chapter:
- 6 (1) "Child" means an individual, whether over or under the age of 7 majority, who is or is alleged to be owed a duty of support by the 8 individual's parent or who is or is alleged to be the beneficiary of a 9 support order directed to the parent.
- 10 (2) "Child support order" means a support order for a child, 11 including a child who has attained the age of majority under the law of 12 the issuing state.
- 13 (3) "Duty of support" means an obligation imposed or imposable by 14 law to provide support for a child, spouse, or former spouse, including 15 an unsatisfied obligation to provide support.
- 16 (4) "Home state" means the state in which a child lived with a
 17 parent or a person acting as parent for at least six consecutive months
 18 immediately preceding the time of filing of a petition or comparable
 19 pleading for support and, if a child is less than six months old, the
 20 state in which the child lived from birth with any of them. A period
 21 of temporary absence of any of them is counted as part of the six-month
 22 or other period.
- (5) "Income" includes earnings or other periodic entitlements to money from any source and any other property subject to withholding for support under the law of this state.
- (6) "Income-withholding order" means an order or other legal process directed to an obligor's employer or other debtor, as defined by ((chapter 6.27)) RCW 50.04.080, to withhold support from the income of the obligor.
- (7) "Initiating state" means a state ((in)) from which a proceeding is forwarded or in which a proceeding is filed for forwarding to a responding state under this chapter or a law or procedure substantially similar to this chapter, the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, or the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act ((is filed for forwarding to a responding state)).
- 36 (8) "Initiating tribunal" means the authorized tribunal in an 37 initiating state.

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- 1 (9) "Issuing state" means the state in which a tribunal issues a 2 support order or renders a judgment determining parentage.
- 3 (10) "Issuing tribunal" means the tribunal that issues a support 4 order or renders a judgment determining parentage.
- 5 (11) "Law" includes decisional and statutory law and rules and 6 regulations having the force of law.
 - (12) "Obligee" means:

- 8 (a) An individual to whom a duty of support is or is alleged to be 9 owed or in whose favor a support order has been issued or a judgment 10 determining parentage has been rendered;
- 11 (b) A state or political subdivision to which the rights under a 12 duty of support or support order have been assigned or which has 13 independent claims based on financial assistance provided to an 14 individual obligee; or
- 15 (c) An individual seeking a judgment determining parentage of the 16 individual's child.
- 17 (13) "Obligor" means an individual, or the estate of a decedent:
- 18 (a) Who owes or is alleged to owe a duty of support;
- 19 (b) Who is alleged but has not been adjudicated to be a parent of 20 a child; or
- 21 (c) Who is liable under a support order.
- (14) "Register" means to record or file in the appropriate location for the recording or filing of foreign judgments generally or foreign support orders specifically, a support order or judgment determining parentage.
- 26 (15) "Registering tribunal" means a tribunal in which a support 27 order is registered.
- (16) "Responding state" means a state ((to)) <u>in</u> which a proceeding is <u>filed or to which a proceeding is</u> forwarded <u>for filing from an</u> <u>initiating state</u> under this chapter or a law <u>or procedure</u> substantially similar to this chapter, the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, or the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act.
- 33 (17) "Responding tribunal" means the authorized tribunal in a 34 responding state.
- 35 (18) "Spousal support order" means a support order for a spouse or 36 former spouse of the obligor.
- 37 (19) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, ((the Commonwealth of)) Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin

- 1 <u>Islands</u>, or any territory or insular possession subject to the 2 jurisdiction of the United States. The term (("state")) includes:
- 3 (i) An Indian tribe ((and includes)); and
- 4 (ii) A foreign jurisdiction that has enacted a law or established
- 5 procedures for issuance and enforcement of support orders ((that))
- 6 which are substantially similar to the procedures under this chapter,
- 7 the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, or the Revised
- 8 Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act.
- 9 (20) "Support enforcement agency" means a public official or agency authorized to seek:
- 11 (a) Enforcement of support orders or laws relating to the duty of 12 support;
- (b) Establishment or modification of child support;
- 14 (c) Determination of parentage; or
- 15 (d) Location of obligors or their assets.
- 16 (21) "Support order" means a judgment, decree, or order, whether
- 17 temporary, final, or subject to modification, for the benefit of a
- 18 child, a spouse, or a former spouse, that provides for monetary
- 19 support, health care, arrearages, or reimbursement, and may include
- 20 related costs and fees, interest, income withholding, attorneys' fees,
- 21 and other relief.
- 22 (22) "Tribunal" means a court, administrative agency, or quasi-
- 23 judicial entity authorized to establish, enforce, or modify support
- 24 orders or to determine parentage.
- 25 **Sec. 912.** RCW 26.21.115 and 1993 c 318 s 205 are each amended to
- 26 read as follows:
- 27 (1) A tribunal of this state issuing a support order consistent
- 28 with the law of this state has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over
- 29 a child support order:
- 30 (a) As long as this state remains the residence of the obligor, the
- 31 individual obligee, or the child for whose benefit the support order is
- 32 issued; or
- 33 (b) Until ((each individual party has)) all of the parties who are
- 34 individuals have filed written consents with the tribunal of this state
- 35 for a tribunal of another state to modify the order and assume
- 36 continuing, exclusive jurisdiction.
- 37 (2) A tribunal of this state issuing a child support order
- 38 consistent with the law of this state may not exercise its continuing

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- jurisdiction to modify the order if the order has been modified by a tribunal of another state pursuant to <u>this chapter or</u> a law substantially similar to this chapter.
- 4 (3) If a child support order of this state is modified by a 5 tribunal of another state pursuant to <u>this chapter or</u> a law 6 substantially similar to this chapter, a tribunal of this state loses 7 its continuing, exclusive jurisdiction with regard to prospective 8 enforcement of the order issued in this state, and may only:
- 9 (a) Enforce the order that was modified as to amounts accruing 10 before the modification;
 - (b) Enforce nonmodifiable aspects of that order; and

- 12 (c) Provide other appropriate relief for violations of that order 13 which occurred before the effective date of the modification.
- (4) A tribunal of this state shall recognize the continuing, exclusive jurisdiction of a tribunal of another state that has issued a child support order pursuant to this chapter or a law substantially similar to this chapter.
- 18 (5) A temporary support order issued ex parte or pending resolution 19 of a jurisdictional conflict does not create continuing, exclusive 20 jurisdiction in the issuing tribunal.
- 21 (6) A tribunal of this state issuing a support order consistent 22 with the law of this state has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over 23 a spousal support order throughout the existence of the support 24 obligation. A tribunal of this state may not modify a spousal support 25 order issued by a tribunal of another state having continuing, 26 exclusive jurisdiction over that order under the law of that state.
- 27 **Sec. 913.** RCW 26.21.135 and 1993 c 318 s 207 are each amended to 28 read as follows:
- 29 (1) If a proceeding is brought under this chapter and only one 30 tribunal has issued a child support order, the order of that tribunal 31 controls and must be so recognized.
- (2) If a proceeding is brought under this chapter, and ((one)) two or more child support orders have been issued ((in)) by tribunals of this state or another state with regard to ((an)) the same obligor and ((a)) child, a tribunal of this state shall apply the following rules in determining which order to recognize for purposes of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction:

(a) If only one of the tribunals ((has issued a child support 1 order)) would have continuing, exclusive jurisdiction under this chapter, the order of that tribunal controls and must be so recognized.

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- 4 (b) ((If two or more tribunals have issued child support orders for the same obligor and child, and only one of the tribunals would have 5 continuing, exclusive jurisdiction under this chapter, the order of 6 7 that tribunal must be recognized.
 - (c))) If ((two or more tribunals have issued child support orders for the same obligor and child, and)) more than one of the tribunals would have continuing, exclusive jurisdiction under this chapter, an order issued by a tribunal in the current home state of the child controls and must be so recognized, but if an order has not been issued in the current home state of the child, the order most recently issued controls and must be so recognized.
 - ((d) If two or more tribunals have issued child support orders for the same obligor and child, and none of the tribunals would have continuing, exclusive jurisdiction under this chapter, the tribunal of this state may issue a child support order, which must be recognized.
- 19 (2) The tribunal that has issued an order recognized under subsection (1) of this section is the tribunal having continuing, 20 exclusive jurisdiction.)) 21
- (c) If none of the tribunals would have continuing, exclusive 22 jurisdiction under this chapter, the tribunal of this state having 23 24 jurisdiction over the parties shall issue a child support order, which controls and must be so recognized. 25
 - (3) If two or more child support orders have been issued for the same obligor and child and if the obligor or the individual obligee resides in this state, a party may request a tribunal of this state to determine which order controls and must be so recognized under subsection (2) of this section. The request must be accompanied by a certified copy of every support order in effect. The requesting party shall give notice of the request to each party whose rights may be affected by the determination.
- 34 (4) The tribunal that issued the controlling order under subsection (1), (2), or (3) of this section is the tribunal that has continuing, 35 exclusive jurisdiction under RCW 26.21.115. 36
- 37 (5) A tribunal of this state which determines by order the identity of the controlling order under subsection (2)(a) or (b) of this section 38 39 or which issues a new controlling order under subsection (2)(c) of this

- 1 section shall state in that order the basis upon which the tribunal
 2 made its determination.
- 3 (6) Within thirty days after issuance of an order determining the 4 identity of the controlling order, the party obtaining the order shall
- 5 file a certified copy of it with each tribunal that issued or
- 6 registered an earlier order of child support. A party who obtains the
- 7 order and fails to file a certified copy is subject to appropriate
- 8 sanctions by a tribunal in which the issue of failure to file arises.
- 9 The failure to file does not affect the validity or enforceability of
- 10 the controlling order.
- 11 **Sec. 914.** RCW 26.21.235 and 1993 c 318 s 304 are each amended to 12 read as follows:
- 13 (1) Upon the filing of a petition authorized by this chapter, an
- 14 initiating tribunal of this state shall forward three copies of the
- 15 petition and its accompanying documents:
- 16 $((\frac{1}{1}))$ (a) To the responding tribunal or appropriate support
- 17 enforcement agency in the responding state; or
- 18 $((\frac{2}{2}))$ (b) If the identity of the responding tribunal is unknown,
- 19 to the state information agency of the responding state with a request
- 20 that they be forwarded to the appropriate tribunal and that receipt be
- 21 acknowledged.
- 22 (2) If a responding state has not enacted the Uniform Interstate
- 23 Family Support Act or a law or procedure substantially similar to the
- 24 Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, a tribunal of this state may
- 25 <u>issue a certificate or other document and make findings required by the</u>
- 26 <u>law of the responding state</u>. <u>If the responding state is a foreign</u>
- 27 jurisdiction, the tribunal may specify the amount of support sought and
- 28 provide other documents necessary to satisfy the requirements of the
- 29 <u>responding state.</u>
- 30 **Sec. 915.** RCW 26.21.245 and 1993 c 318 s 305 are each amended to
- 31 read as follows:
- 32 (1) When a responding tribunal of this state receives a petition or
- 33 comparable pleading from an initiating tribunal or directly pursuant to
- 34 RCW 26.21.205(3), it shall cause the petition or pleading to be filed
- 35 and notify the petitioner ((by first class mail)) where and when it was
- 36 filed.

- 1 (2) A responding tribunal of this state, to the extent otherwise 2 authorized by law, may do one or more of the following:
- 3 (a) Issue or enforce a support order, modify a child support order, 4 or render a judgment to determine parentage;
- 5 (b) Order an obligor to comply with a support order, specifying the 6 amount and the manner of compliance;
 - (c) Order income withholding;

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- 8 (d) Determine the amount of any arrearages, and specify a method of 9 payment;
 - (e) Enforce orders by civil or criminal contempt, or both;
- 11 (f) Set aside property for satisfaction of the support order;
- 12 (g) Place liens and order execution on the obligor's property;
- (h) Order an obligor to keep the tribunal informed of the obligor's current residential address, telephone number, employer, address of employment, and telephone number at the place of employment;
- (i) Issue a bench warrant or writ of arrest for an obligor who has failed after proper notice to appear at a hearing ordered by the tribunal and enter the bench warrant or writ of arrest in any local and state computer systems for criminal warrants;
- 20 (j) Order the obligor to seek appropriate employment by specified 21 methods;
 - (k) Award reasonable attorneys' fees and other fees and costs; and
- 23 (1) Grant any other available remedy.
- (3) A responding tribunal of this state shall include in a support order issued under this chapter, or in the documents accompanying the order, the calculations on which the support order is based.
- 27 (4) A responding tribunal of this state may not condition the 28 payment of a support order issued under this chapter upon compliance by 29 a party with provisions for visitation.
- (5) If a responding tribunal of this state issues an order under this chapter, the tribunal shall send a copy of the order ((by first class mail)) to the petitioner and the respondent and to the initiating tribunal, if any.
- 34 **Sec. 916.** RCW 26.21.255 and 1993 c 318 s 306 are each amended to 35 read as follows:
- If a petition or comparable pleading is received by an inappropriate tribunal of this state, it shall forward the pleading and accompanying documents to an appropriate tribunal in this state or

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- 1 another state and notify the petitioner ((by first class mail)) where
- 2 and when the pleading was sent.
- 3 Sec. 917. RCW 26.21.265 and 1993 c 318 s 307 are each amended to
- 4 read as follows:
- 5 (1) A support enforcement agency of this state, upon request, shall
- 6 provide services to a petitioner in a proceeding under this chapter.
 - (2) A support enforcement agency