
SENATE BILL 6581

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By Senators Roach and Fairley

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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|----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | 3000 | 364 | 449 | 308 | 380 | 268 | 331 |
| 2 | 3100 | 367 | 453 | 310 | 383 | 270 | 334 |
| 3 | 3200 | 369 | 457 | 312 | 386 | 272 | 336 |
| 4 | 3300 | 371 | 459 | 314 | 388 | 273 | 339 |
| 5 | 3400 | 372 | 460 | 315 | 389 | 274 | 340 |
| 6 | 3500 | 373 | 461 | 316 | 390 | 275 | 341 |
| 7 | 3600 | 374 | 462 | 317 | 391 | 276 | 342 |
| 8 | 3700 | 375 | 463 | 318 | 392 | 277 | 343 |
| 9 | 3800 | 377 | 466 | 319 | 394 | 278 | 344 |
| 10 | 3900 | 386 | 477 | 326 | 404 | 284 | 352 |
| 11 | 4000 | 395 | 488 | 334 | 413 | 291 | 360 |
| 12 | 4100 | 404 | 500 | 341 | 422 | 298 | 368 |
| 13 | 4200 | 413 | 511 | 350 | 431 | 305 | 377 |
| 14 | 4300 | 422 | 522 | 357 | 441 | 311 | 385 |
| 15 | 4400 | 431 | 532 | 364 | 449 | 317 | 392 |
| 16 | 4500 | 438 | 542 | 371 | 458 | 323 | 400 |
| 17 | 4600 | 446 | 552 | 377 | 467 | 329 | 407 |
| 18 | 4700 | 455 | 562 | 384 | 475 | 335 | 414 |
| 19 | 4800 | 463 | 572 | 391 | 483 | 341 | 422 |
| 20 | 4900 | 470 | 581 | 398 | 491 | 347 | 429 |
| 21 | 5000 | 479 | 592 | 404 | 500 | 353 | 437 |
| 22 | 5100 | 487 | 602 | 411 | 509 | 359 | 443 |
| 23 | 5200 | 494 | 611 | 418 | 517 | 365 | 451 |
| 24 | 5300 | 503 | 621 | 425 | 525 | 371 | 458 |
| 25 | 5400 | 511 | 632 | 432 | 533 | 377 | 466 |
| 26 | 5500 | 518 | 641 | 439 | 542 | 383 | 473 |
| 27 | 5600 | 527 | 651 | 446 | 551 | 389 | 480 |
| 28 | 5700 | 535 | 661 | 452 | 559 | 395 | 488 |
| 29 | 5800 | 543 | 671 | 459 | 567 | 401 | 495 |
| 30 | 5900 | 551 | 681 | 466 | 575 | 407 | 502 |
| 31 | 6000 | 559 | 691 | 473 | 584 | 413 | 509 |
| 32 | 6100 | 567 | 701 | 479 | 593 | 418 | 517 |
| 33 | 6200 | 575 | 710 | 486 | 601 | 424 | 524 |
| 34 | 6300 | 583 | 721 | 493 | 609 | 430 | 532 |
| 35 | 6400 | 591 | 731 | 500 | 617 | 436 | 539 |
| 36 | 6500 | 599 | 740 | 506 | 626 | 442 | 546 |
| 37 | 6600 | 607 | 750 | 513 | 635 | 448 | 554 |
| 38 | 6700 | 615 | 761 | 520 | 643 | 454 | 561 |

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

4 The economic table is presumptive for combined monthly net incomes
5 up to and including five thousand dollars. When combined monthly net
6 income exceeds five thousand dollars, support shall not be set at an
7 amount lower than the presumptive amount of support set for combined
8 monthly net incomes of five thousand dollars unless the court finds a
9 reason to deviate below that amount. The economic table is advisory
10 but not presumptive for combined monthly net incomes that exceed five
11 thousand dollars. When combined monthly net income exceeds seven
12 thousand dollars, the court may set support at an advisory amount of
13 support set for combined monthly net incomes between five thousand and
14 seven thousand dollars or the court may exceed the advisory amount of
15 support set for combined monthly net incomes of seven thousand dollars
16 upon written findings of fact.

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