
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6660

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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Wojahn, McCaslin, Prentice, Winsley, Fairley and T. Sheldon)

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1 AN ACT Relating to child support collection and enforcement; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 74.08A RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.08A RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The legislature finds that many families would need little or no
7 welfare grant assistance if they received their ordered child support
8 payments in a consistent, reliable, and timely manner. The legislature
9 also finds that recent welfare reform acts limit the amount of time
10 many families may receive grant assistance, making it imperative that
11 families become self-sufficient as quickly as possible. The
12 legislature therefore intends that the department of social and health
13 services utilize every reasonable means, including publication on the
14 internet, to find and secure payment from obligors who are in arrears
15 in their support obligations.

16 The secretary shall cause to be posted on the department's home
17 page on the internet information on obligors who are significantly in
18 arrears on their child support obligations. Criteria for selection of
19 which obligors shall be posted will be determined by the department by

1 rule. At a minimum, the posting shall include photographs, names, and
2 other identifying information for at least ten obligors who are
3 significantly in arrears, with a means for the public to submit
4 information anonymously regarding their location.

5 It is the intent of the legislature that this section be construed
6 broadly, with a goal of increasing effectiveness of support collection,
7 and that the department utilize its internet resources to the greatest
8 extent practical to accomplish this goal.

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