
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6599

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By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Stevens and Hargrove)

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1 AN ACT Relating to dependent children's support; and amending RCW
2 13.34.160.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.34.160 and 1997 c 58 s 505 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) In an action brought under this chapter, the court may inquire
7 into the ability of the parent or parents of the child to pay child
8 support and may enter an order of child support as set forth in chapter
9 26.19 RCW. However, payments shall not be required of a parent who, in
10 good faith and not solely to avoid the support obligation under this
11 chapter, has opposed the child's placement, continuously sought
12 reconciliation with, and the return of, the child, and has not been
13 reconciled with the child because the services specified in the agency
14 plan under RCW 13.34.130(4)(b)(i) have not been offered. The court may
15 enforce the same by execution, or in any way in which a court of equity
16 may enforce its decrees. All child support orders entered pursuant to
17 this chapter shall be in compliance with the provisions of RCW
18 26.23.050.

1 (2) For purposes of this section, if a dependent child's parent is
2 an unmarried minor parent or pregnant minor applicant, then the parent
3 or parents of the minor shall also be deemed a parent or parents of the
4 dependent child. However, liability for child support under this
5 subsection only exists if the parent or parents of the unmarried minor
6 parent or pregnant minor applicant are provided the opportunity for a
7 hearing on their ability to provide support. Any child support order
8 requiring such a parent or parents to provide support for the minor
9 parent's child may be effective only until the minor parent reaches
10 eighteen years of age.

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