
SENATE BILL 6599

State of Washington

56th Legislature

2000 Regular Session

By Senators Stevens and Hargrove

Read first time 01/20/2000. Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

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 both opposed the child's placement and continuously sought
12 reconciliation with, and the return of, the child. The court may
13 enforce the same by execution, or in any way in which a court of equity
14 may enforce its decrees. All child support orders entered pursuant to
15 this chapter shall be in compliance with the provisions of RCW
16 26.23.050.

17 (2) For purposes of this section, if a dependent child's parent is
18 an unmarried minor parent or pregnant minor applicant, then the parent
19 or parents of the minor shall also be deemed a parent or parents of the

1 dependent child. However, liability for child support under this
2 subsection only exists if the parent or parents of the unmarried minor
3 parent or pregnant minor applicant are provided the opportunity for a
4 hearing on their ability to provide support. Any child support order
5 requiring such a parent or parents to provide support for the minor
6 parent's child may be effective only until the minor parent reaches
7 eighteen years of age.

--- END ---