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Sponsor(s): Representative Sommers; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

Brief Description: Authorizing collection of support payments for developmentally disabled children in out-of-home care.

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Provides that, in the absence of a court order setting support, the department may establish an administrative order for support upon receipt of a referral pursuant to RCW 13.34.270(7) or 74.13.031(11).

Provides that, when state or federal funds are expended for the care and maintenance of a developmentally disabled child, whether placed in care as a result of an action under this chapter or a voluntary placement agreement, the department shall refer the case to the division of child support, unless the department finds that there is good cause not to pursue collection of child support against the parent or parents of the child.

Authorizes the department to refer cases to the division of child support whenever state or federal funds are expended for the care and maintenance of a child, including a developmentally disabled child, whether placed as a result of an action under chapter 13.34 RCW or a voluntary placement agreement, unless the department finds that there is good cause not to pursue collection of child support against the parent or parents of the child.