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By Representative Kagi

1 AN ACT Relating to the review of support payments; and amending RCW
2 74.13.118.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.13.118 and 1995 c 270 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 ~~((At least once every five years, the secretary shall review the
7 need of any adoptive parent or parents receiving continuing support
8 pursuant to RCW 26.33.320 and 74.13.100 through 74.13.145, or the need
9 of any parent who is to receive more than one lump sum payment where
10 such payments are to be spaced more than one year apart.~~

11 ~~At the time of such review and at other times when changed
12 conditions, including variations in medical opinions, prognosis and
13 costs, are deemed by the secretary to warrant such action, appropriate
14 adjustments in payments shall be made based upon changes in the needs
15 of the child, in the adoptive parents' income, resources, and expenses
16 for the care of such child or other members of the family, including
17 medical and/or hospitalization expense not otherwise covered by or
18 subject to reimbursement from insurance or other sources of financial
19 assistance.))~~

1 (1) Any parent who is a party to ((such)) an agreement under RCW
2 74.13.100 through 74.13.145 may at any time, in writing, request, for
3 reasons set forth in such request, a review of the amount of any
4 payment or the level of continuing payments. ((Such)) The review shall
5 ((be begun)) begin not later than thirty days from the receipt of such
6 request. Any adjustment may be made retroactive to the date such
7 request was received by the secretary. If such request is not acted on
8 within thirty days after it has been received by the secretary, such
9 parent may invoke his rights under the hearing provisions set forth in
10 RCW 74.13.127.

11 (2) The secretary may make adjustments in payments at the time of
12 the review, or at other times, if the secretary finds that
13 circumstances have changed and warrant an adjustment in payments.
14 Changes in circumstances may include, but are not limited to,
15 variations in medical opinions, prognosis, and costs. Appropriate
16 adjustments in payments shall be made based upon changes in the needs
17 of the child and/or changes in the adoptive parents' income, resources,
18 and expenses for the care of such child or other members of the family,
19 including medical and/or hospitalization expense not otherwise covered
20 by or subject to reimbursement from insurance or other sources of
21 financial assistance.

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