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HOUSE BILL 1298

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By Representative Kelley

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1 AN ACT Relating to child support order summary report forms;  
2 amending RCW 26.18.210 and 26.19.025; and repealing RCW 26.09.173 and  
3 26.10.195.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.18.210 and 2007 c 313 s 4 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 ~~((1) The administrative office of the courts shall develop a child~~  
8 ~~support order summary report form to provide for the reporting of~~  
9 ~~summary information in every case in which a child support order is~~  
10 ~~entered or modified either judicially or administratively. The child~~  
11 ~~support order summary report must be included at the top of the first~~  
12 ~~page of the Washington state child support worksheets, but must not be~~  
13 ~~considered part of the worksheets.~~

14 ~~(2) The child support order summary report form must include all~~  
15 ~~data the department of social and health services division of child~~  
16 ~~support has determined necessary,)) In order to perform the required~~  
17 ~~quadrennial review of the Washington state child support guidelines~~  
18 ~~under RCW 26.19.025((-)), the division of child support must ~~((store~~  
19 ~~and maintain all of the order summary report information and)) prepare~~~~

1 a report at least every four years using data compiled from child  
2 support court and administrative orders. The report must include all  
3 information the division of child support determines is necessary to  
4 perform the quadrennial review. On a monthly basis, the clerk of the  
5 court must forward all child support worksheets that have been filed  
6 with the court to the division of child support.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 26.19.025 and 2007 c 313 s 5 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 (1) Beginning in 2011 and every four years thereafter, the division  
10 of child support shall convene a work group to review the child support  
11 guidelines and the child support review report prepared under RCW  
12 26.19.026 and 26.18.210 and determine if the application of the child  
13 support guidelines results in appropriate support orders. Membership  
14 of the work group shall be determined as provided in this subsection.

15 (a) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from each  
16 of the two largest caucuses of the senate;

17 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one  
18 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of  
19 representatives;

20 (c) The governor, in consultation with the division of child  
21 support, shall appoint the following members:

22 (i) The director of the division of child support;

23 (ii) A professor of law specializing in family law;

24 (iii) A representative from the Washington state bar association's  
25 family law executive committee;

26 (iv) An economist;

27 (v) A representative of the tribal community;

28 (vi) Two representatives from the superior court judges  
29 association, including a superior court judge and a court commissioner  
30 who is familiar with child support issues;

31 (vii) A representative from the administrative office of the  
32 courts;

33 (viii) A prosecutor appointed by the Washington association of  
34 prosecuting attorneys;

35 (ix) A representative from legal services;

36 (x) Three noncustodial parents, each of whom may be a

1 representative of an advocacy group, an attorney, or an individual,  
2 with at least one representing the interests of low-income,  
3 noncustodial parents;

4 (xi) Three custodial parents, each of whom may be a representative  
5 of an advocacy group, an attorney, or an individual, with at least one  
6 representing the interests of low-income, custodial parents; and

7 (xii) An administrative law judge appointed by the office of  
8 administrative hearings.

9 (2) Appointments to the work group shall be made by December 1,  
10 2010, and every four years thereafter. The governor shall appoint the  
11 chair from among the work group membership.

12 (3) The division of child support shall provide staff support to  
13 the work group, and shall carefully consider all input received from  
14 interested organizations and individuals during the review process.

15 (4) The work group may form an executive committee, create  
16 subcommittees, designate alternative representatives, and define other  
17 procedures, as needed, for operation of the work group.

18 (5) Legislative members of the work group shall be reimbursed for  
19 travel expenses under RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative members, except  
20 those representing an employee or organization, are entitled to be  
21 reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and  
22 43.03.060.

23 (6) By October 1, 2011, and every four years thereafter, the work  
24 group shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislature,  
25 including recommendations for legislative action, if necessary.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The following acts or parts of acts are each  
27 repealed:

28 (1) RCW 26.09.173 (Modification of child support order--Child  
29 support order summary report) and 2007 c 313 s 2 & 1990 1st ex.s. c 2  
30 s 23; and

31 (2) RCW 26.10.195 (Modification of child support order--Child  
32 support order summary report) and 2007 c 313 s 3 & 1990 1st ex.s. c 2  
33 s 24.

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