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1 AN ACT Relating to standards for awarding maintenance in
2 dissolution or legal separation proceedings; and amending RCW
3 26.09.090.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.09.090 and 2008 c 6 s 1012 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 ~~((1))~~ In a proceeding for dissolution of marriage or domestic
8 partnership, legal separation, declaration of invalidity, or in a
9 proceeding for maintenance following dissolution of the marriage or
10 domestic partnership by a court which lacked personal jurisdiction over
11 the absent spouse or absent domestic partner, the court may grant a
12 maintenance order for either spouse or either domestic partner. The
13 maintenance order shall be in such amounts and for such periods of time
14 as the court deems just, without regard to misconduct, after
15 considering all relevant factors including but not limited to:

16 ~~((a))~~ (1) The financial resources of the party seeking
17 maintenance, including separate or community property apportioned to
18 him or her, and his or her ability to meet his or her needs

1 independently, including the extent to which a provision for support of
2 a child living with the party includes a sum for that party;

3 ~~((b))~~ (2) The time necessary to acquire sufficient education or
4 training to enable the party seeking maintenance to find employment
5 appropriate to his or her skill, interests, style of life, and other
6 attendant circumstances;

7 ~~((c))~~ (3) The standard of living established during the marriage
8 or domestic partnership;

9 ~~((d))~~ (4) The duration of the marriage or domestic partnership;

10 ~~((e))~~ (5) The age, physical and emotional condition, and
11 financial obligations of the spouse or domestic partner seeking
12 maintenance; and

13 ~~((f))~~ (6) The ability of the spouse or domestic partner from whom
14 maintenance is sought to meet his or her needs and financial
15 obligations while meeting those of the spouse or domestic partner
16 seeking maintenance. The court may not grant a maintenance order if
17 the court finds that it is likely the person from whom maintenance is
18 sought would become eligible for public assistance as a result of the
19 maintenance order. For the purposes of this subsection, "public
20 assistance" means public aid to persons in need including assistance
21 grants, food assistance, work relief, disability lifeline benefits,
22 medical care services, and temporary assistance for needy families.

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