

CSSW History

Workgroup Year	Recommendations to Legislature	Recommendations that Became Law
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider children from other relationships when determining child support amount • Economic table <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Extended to include combined monthly net income of at least \$12,000 ○ Start at 125% of the federal poverty guidelines ○ Move upward in \$100 increments ○ Don't distinguish between children under 12 and those 12 and over ○ Based on net income and be entirely presumptive • Health care and child care costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should not be included in the economic table ○ Base on each parent's proportionate share of the combined income • Self-support reserve should be tied to the federal poverty guidelines instead of need standard • Rules for income imputation should be clarified and provide a specific priority of when different types of income information should be used • Presumptive minimum support obligation should be raised to \$50 per month per child • Increase allowance for voluntary retirement contributions • Income from overtime and second jobs (working over 40 hours per week averaged over a 12 month period) should be excluded under certain circumstances • Residential schedule should affect the child support obligation when there is a court order providing residential time for the child and non-custodial parent • Statute assigned 14 issues for this workgroup to consider (listed in 2007 report) 	<p>ESHB 1794 (Chapter 84, Laws of 2009) effective 10/01/09</p> <p>Some changes to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Table [RCW 26.19.020] • Income determination [RCW 26.19.071] <p>Medical expenses [RCW 26.19.080]</p>
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislature should adopt a new Economic Table <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Based on more current data ○ Presumptive to \$12,000 combined monthly net income ○ Don't differentiate between age groups of children • Presumptive adjustment of support, not just a deviation, when a parent has children from other relationships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Calculated using whole family formula ○ Court can't grant adjustment if it would leave "insufficient funds" in custodial parent household 	<p>SSB 6334 (Chapter 150, Laws of 2018) effective 01/01/19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New economic table [RCW 26.19.020], including removing distinction between different age groups of children • Clarification of self-support reserve [RCW 26.19.065]

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential schedule credit adjustment, not just a deviation, based on the number of overnights a child spends with each parent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available in superior court and administrative forum Amend statute on post-secondary educational support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More guidance on when to order post-secondary support How to set the amounts How and when to suspend and reinstate support When and how support may be terminated Statutory references to the self-support reserve should be clarified to state self-support reserve is 125% of the federal poverty level for a one person family 	
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential schedule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formula for time with the children for whom support is being set Should be available in court and administrative processes Rules on when deviation may not be applied Specify how and when deviation is to be calculated If parent receiving deviation does not spend time with the children in the same amount as used as the basis for the deviation there should be enforcement remedies available Recommendations require revision of existing WSCSS worksheets Clarify statute to offer more guidance on how to calculate the basic support obligation for the low income parent Endorses two recommendations of the 2011 child support schedule workgroup [see SSB 6334 (Chapter 150, Laws of 2018) effective 01/01/19] 	<p>SSB 6334 (Chapter 150, Laws of 2018) effective 01/01/19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New economic table [RCW 26.19.020], including removing distinction between different age groups of children Clarification of self-support reserve [RCW 26.19.065]
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For purposes of imputing income, full time employment should not necessarily mean 40 hours per week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For some parents, full time employment is only 32 hours/week Amend RCW 26.19.071(6) to include additional income imputation factors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statute should take into account whether a parent has “no significant earnings history” Imputation statute should contain a separate section dealing with appropriateness of imputing income to a parent who is enrolled in and attending high school The Legislature should consider whether the current provisions regarding the Self-Support Reserve should be amended 	<p>SHB 2302 (Chapter 227, Laws of 2020), effective 6/11/2020 except sections 3-13 effective February 1, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-time definition [RCW 26.19.011] Income imputation criteria [RCW 26.19.071]

- Child support accruing during a dependency action may inhibit reunification of the family; Legislature should find a way to resolve this
- Legislature should find a way to resolve the related issues of shared parenting and an adjustment to child support based on the residential schedule