

# WASHINGTON STATE CHILD SUPPORT SCHEDULE

Including:

- Standards for Setting Support
- Worksheets
- Instructions
- Economic Table

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## INTRODUCTION

The 1988 Legislature adopted SHB 1465 which established a statewide Child Support Schedule. The intention was to insure child support orders would be adequate to meet a child's basic needs and to provide additional support commensurate with the parents' income, resources and standard of living. It was also intended that child support obligations be equitably apportioned between the parents.

Major purposes of this Child Support Schedule are: to promote resolution of child support disputes; to provide a comprehensive, predictable and equitable process; and to apply standards for setting support to the best available economic data. The establishment of a statewide schedule will create uniformity and consistency yet allow flexibility to deal with individual circumstances.

The schedule is based on principles that may additionally assist in determining support. These principles are:

1. Both parents share legal responsibility for the support of their children. The economic responsibility should be divided in proportion to their available income.
2. The subsistence needs of each parent should be taken into account in setting child support, but in virtually no event should the child support obligation be set at zero.

3. Child support must cover a child's basic needs as a first priority, but, to the extent either parent enjoys a higher than subsistence level standard of living, the child is entitled to share the benefit of that improved standard.
4. Each child of a given parent has an equal right to share in that parent's income, subject to factors such as age of the child, income of each parent, income of current spouses, and the presence of other dependents.
5. Each child is entitled to a determination of support without regard to the marital status of the parents at the time of the child's birth or the specific type of support proceeding. Consequently, a schedule should be equally applicable in any proceeding involving child support.
6. The application of a schedule should be sexually non-discriminatory. Specifically, it should be applied on economic principles and without regard to gender.
7. A schedule should not create extraneous negative effects on the major life decisions of either parent. The schedule should avoid creating economic disincentives for remarriage or labor force participation.
8. A schedule should recognize the involvement of both parents in the child's upbringing. It should take into account the financial support provided directly by parents in shared physical custody or extended visitation arrangements, recognizing that even a fifty percent sharing of physical custody does not necessarily obviate the child support obligation. (Williams, Robert G., PhD. Development of Guidelines for Child Support Orders: Final Report, Government Printing Office, March 1987.)

This Child Support Schedule is comprised of (1) Standards for Determining Support, (2) Economic Table, (3) Worksheets, and (4) Instructions. Persons using the Schedule should be sure to use only authorized Worksheet forms, or photocopies thereof. A copy of the Child Support Schedule may be obtained from the Office of the Administrator for the Courts at the following address:

Office of the Administrator for the Courts  
1206 S. Quince; MS EZ-11  
Olympia, WA 98504

By Law, the Child Support Schedule Commission was continued in existence to review the operation of the schedule and to propose changes to the Legislature. Commission members appreciate the thoughtful contributions of the public and interested organizations during the last year. Comments should continue to be provided in writing to:

State Child Support Schedule Commission  
P.O. Box 9162; MS PI-11  
Olympia, WA 98504

**STANDARDS FOR THE DETERMINATION OF  
CHILD SUPPORT AND USE OF THE SCHEDULE**

1. The Washington Child Support Schedule shall be applied as follows:
  - a. in each county of the state;
  - b. in judicial and administrative proceedings;
  - c. in all proceedings in which child support is determined or modified;
  - d. for setting temporary and permanent support; and
  - e. for adjusting support orders instead of using a cost-of-living or escalation provision.
2. The parents' obligation for support shall be based on their combined net income, resources and special child rearing costs.
3. Monthly gross income shall include income from any source: salaries, wages, commissions, deferred compensation, bonuses, overtime, dividends, interest, trust income, severance pay, annuities, capital gains, social security benefits, workers compensation, unemployment, disability insurance benefits, gifts and prizes. AFDC, SSI, General Assistance, Food Stamps and spousal maintenance from any relationship shall be disclosed but shall not be included in gross income or be a reason to deviate from the schedule.
4. Allowable deductions from gross income are income taxes, FICA, mandatory pension plan payments, mandatory union/professional dues and spousal maintenance for other relationships. Payment of child support for children of other relationships is a basis for the use of discretion, as described in Standard number 13, but shall not be a deduction from income.

For self-employed persons, normal business expenses and self-employment taxes may be deducted. Justification shall be required for any business expense deduction about which there is disagreement.

Non-recurring overtime/bonus income may be separately identified and allowed as a discretionary deduction from gross income.

5. Tax returns for the preceding three years and current paystubs shall be provided to verify income and deductions. Other sufficient verification shall be required for income and deductions which do not appear on tax returns or paystubs.
6. The basic child support obligation derived from the table shall be allocated between the parents based on each parent's share of the total family net income.
7. Special child rearing expenses such as daycare, tuition, and long-distance transportation costs shall be shared by the parents in the same proportion as the basic child support obligation. These expenses shall be listed as a specific dollar amount.
8. When combined monthly net income is less than \$600, a support order not less than \$25 per month per child shall be entered.

When combined monthly net income exceeds \$7000, child support shall be determined by that amount from the table, together with an additional amount to be determined on an individual basis.

9. Neither parent's child support obligation shall exceed fifty percent (50%) of net earnings unless good cause is shown. Good cause could include possession of substantial wealth, children with daycare expenses, special medical, educational, or psychological needs, and larger families.
10. Basic child support shall be allocated between the parents when a child stays overnight with the parent over twenty-five percent (25%) of the year. When this adjustment is sought, and the parents are not in agreement, the parent seeking the adjustment shall provide evidence to demonstrate the parents' actual past involvement with the child. However, the support payment should not be reduced if there will be insufficient funds available to meet the basic needs of the child in the house receiving the support, or if the child is receiving AFDC payments.
11. The presumptive amount of support shall be determined according to the schedule. Deviations must be explained in writing and supported by evidence. When reasons exist for deviation, discretion shall be exercised in considering the extent to which the factors would affect the support obligation.
12. Reasons for deviation may include the possession of wealth, shared living arrangement, extraordinary debt, extraordinarily high income of a child, a significant disparity in the living costs of the parents due to conditions beyond their control, special needs of disabled children, and tax planning. The transfer payment amount may deviate if tax planning results in greater benefit to the child.
13. When there are children from different relationships, the schedule shall be applied to the mother, father and children of the relationship being considered. The amount of support derived from the schedule may be deviated from based upon all of the circumstances of both households. All income and resources of both parents' households should be disclosed and considered.
14. The schedule shall be advisory and not presumptive for children who have attained the age of 18 and have completed their secondary education.
15. Wage income shall be imputed for parents who are voluntarily unemployed or voluntarily underemployed. A parent will not be deemed underemployed as long as that parent is gainfully employed on a full-time basis. Income shall not be imputed for an unemployable parent.
16. There shall be full disclosure of each parent's household financial information. The worksheets shall be completed under penalty of perjury and filed with the court.

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ SUPERIOR COURT CASE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**WORKSHEET A - COMPUTATION OF THE CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION**

CHILDREN AND AGES:			
<b>PART I: BASIC SUPPORT OBLIGATION</b>			
<b>1. MONTHLY GROSS INCOME</b>	FATHER	MOTHER	COMBINED
a. Wages, Salaries, & Tips	\$	\$	
b. Interest and Dividend Income	\$	\$	
c. Business Income	\$	\$	
d. Other Income (See Instructions)	\$	\$	
e. <b>TOTAL GROSS INCOME</b> (add Lines 1a. through 1d.)	\$	\$	
<b>2. MONTHLY DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS INCOME</b>			
a. Income Taxes	\$	\$	
b. FICA/Self-Employment Taxes	\$	\$	
c. Required Union/Professional Dues	\$	\$	
d. Mandatory Pension Plan Payments	\$	\$	
e. Maintenance for other Relationships (See Instructions)	\$	\$	
f. Non-recurring Income (See Instructions)	\$	\$	
g. <b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS INCOME</b> (add Lines 2a. through 2f.)	\$	\$	
<b>3. MONTHLY NET INCOME</b> (Line 1e. minus Line 2g.)	\$	\$	
<b>4. COMBINED MONTHLY NET INCOME</b> (add Father's and Mother's Monthly Net Incomes from Line 3.)			\$
<b>5. BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION</b> (See Instructions)			\$
<b>6. PROPORTIONAL SHARE OF INCOME</b> (Each parent's Net Income from Line 3 divided by Line 4)	0.	0.	1.00
<b>7. EACH PARENT'S BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION</b> (Multiply each number on Line 6 by Line 5)	\$	\$	
<b>PART II: ANTICIPATED &amp; SPECIAL CHILD REARING EXPENSES</b>			
<b>8. MONTHLY EXPENSES PAID TO THIRD PARTIES</b>		BY FATHER	BY MOTHER
a. Child Care Costs		\$	\$
b. Extraordinary Uninsured Medical Expenses		\$	\$
c. Education Expenses		\$	\$
d. Long-Distance Transportation Costs (See Instructions)		\$	\$
e. Other Special Expenses (See Instructions)		\$	\$
f. <b>TOTAL OF EXPENSES</b> (Add Lines 8a. through 8e.)		\$	\$
<b>9. COMBINED MONTHLY TOTAL OF SPECIAL EXPENSES</b> (add Father's and Mother's Total of Expenses from Line 8f.)		\$	
<b>10. EACH PARENT'S OBLIGATION FOR SPECIAL EXPENSES</b> (Line 9 times each number on Line 6)		\$	\$
<b>CONTINUE TO THE NEXT PAGE</b>			

<b>PART III: INCOME ADJUSTED SUPPORT OBLIGATION</b>	<b>FATHER</b>	<b>MOTHER</b>
11. TOTAL SUPPORT OBLIGATION (Line 7 plus Line 10 for each parent)	\$	\$
12a. SUPPORT OBLIGATION ADJUSTED FOR DIRECT PAYMENTS TO THIRD PARTIES (Subtract Line 8f. from Line 11 for each parent)	\$	\$
12b. MONTHLY HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS PAID FOR CHILDREN	\$	\$
12c. NET CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION (Subtract Line 12b. from Line 12a.)	\$	\$
<b>PART IV: TRANSFER OF PAYMENT</b>		
Complete Line 13 if all children live with one parent 75% or more of the time. If one or more children live with the other parent more than 25% (91 nights) of the time, skip Line 13 and complete WORKSHEET B.		
13. TRANSFER PAYMENT (Enter on Line 13 the amount from Line 12c. for the parent who has the children 25% or less of the time) <b>CONTINUE TO WORKSHEET C</b>	\$	\$

### WORKSHEET B - RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT

Use this worksheet only if one or more children live with each parent for more than 25% (91 nights) of the year, and an adjustment of the support payment is desired.				
<b>PART I: RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE CREDITS</b>				
14. LIST CHILDREN (first name only)				
15. BASIC SUPPORT (Per child, see Instructions)	\$	\$	\$	\$
16. OVERNIGHTS WITH FATHER				
17. PROPORTIONAL OVERNIGHTS WITH FATHER (Divide each entry on Line 16 by 365)	.	.	.	.
18. OVERNIGHTS WITH MOTHER				
19. PROPORTIONAL OVERNIGHTS WITH MOTHER (Divide each entry on Line 18 by 365)	.	.	.	.
20. FATHER'S CREDIT PROPORTION (For each child subtract .25 from the entry on Line 17 and multiply the resulting amount times 2) <b>NOTE:</b> For answers less than 0 enter "0". For answers greater than 1.0 enter "1.0". For answers between 0 and 1 enter exact amount.	.	.	.	.
21. MOTHER'S CREDIT PROPORTION (For each child subtract .25 from the entry on Line 19 and multiply the resulting amount times 2) <b>NOTE:</b> For answers less than 0 enter "0". For answers greater than 1.0 enter "1.0". For answers between 0 and 1 enter exact amount.	.	.	.	.
22. FATHER'S RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE CREDITS (For each child multiply the entry on Line 20 times the entry on Line 15)	\$	\$	\$	\$
23. MOTHER'S RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE CREDITS (For each child multiply the entry on Line 21 times the entry on Line 15)	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>PART II: TRANSFER PAYMENT CALCULATIONS</b>			<b>FATHER</b>	<b>MOTHER</b>
24. ADJUSTED SUPPORT OBLIGATION (From WORKSHEET A, Line 12c.)			\$	\$
25. TOTAL RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE CREDIT (Father's credit equals the total of the entries on Line 22) (Mother's credit equals the total of the entries on Line 23)			\$	\$
26. TRANSFER PAYMENT (For each parent subtract the entry on Line 25 from the entry on Line 24) <b>NOTE:</b> If the resulting answer is less than 0 enter "0".			\$	\$
<b>CONTINUE TO THE NEXT PAGE</b>				

**WORKSHEET C - FACTORS TO CONSIDER FOR DEVIATION**

<b>27. List the estimated present value of all major household assets (If there is a new marriage, include assets held in the new household)</b>	<b>FATHER'S HOUSEHOLD</b>	<b>MOTHER'S HOUSEHOLD</b>
a. Real Estate	\$	\$
b. Stocks & Bonds	\$	\$
c. Vehicles	\$	\$
d. Boats	\$	\$
e. Pensions/IRAs/Bank Accounts	\$	\$
f. Cash	\$	\$
g. Insurance Plans	\$	\$
h. Other	\$	\$
<b>28. List liens against assets owned by the household and/or any extraordinary debt.</b>		
a.	\$	\$
b.	\$	\$
c.	\$	\$
d.	\$	\$
e.	\$	\$
<b>29. List the monthly household income not attributable to these proceedings.</b>		
a. Income of new spouse	\$	\$
b. Income of other adults in household	\$	\$
c. Child support received from another relationship	\$	\$
d. Extraordinary income of children	\$	\$
e. Income from any assistance programs (i.e. AFDC, SSI, Food Stamps, etc.)	\$	\$
f. Maintenance received from another relationship	\$	\$
g. Other (describe)	\$	\$
<b>30. Monthly child support paid for other children.</b>	\$	\$
<b>31. Children not of this relationship living in the household (names and ages).</b>	<b>FATHER'S HOUSEHOLD</b>	<b>MOTHER'S HOUSEHOLD</b>
a.	a.	a.
b.	b.	b.
c.	c.	c.
<b>32. New spouse's name.</b>		
<b>33. Name(s) of other adults living in the household.</b>		
<b>34. Use this section to list any other factors that should be considered in determining the child support obligation.</b>		
<b>SIGNATURES AND DATES</b>		
<b>I declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, the information contained in these worksheets is true and correct.</b>		
_____ Father's Signature	_____ Mother's Signature	
_____ Date	_____ City	_____ Date
_____ City	_____ City	



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR WORKSHEET A: COMPUTATION OF CHILD SUPPORT

Fill in the names and ages of the child(ren) whose support is at issue.

PART I: BASIC SUPPORT OBLIGATION

**LINES 1a through 1d, Monthly Gross Income:** Gross income includes current monthly income from any source, except as excluded below, and includes, but is not limited to, the following: salaries, wages, commissions, bonuses, overtime, dividends, deferred compensation, interest, trust income, severance pay, annuities, capital gains, social security benefits, workers compensation, unemployment benefits, disability insurance benefits, gifts and prizes.

Income from self-employment should be included after normal business expenses have been deducted. Self-employed individuals will be required to show a business justification for depreciation and other business expenses.

Not included as gross income are maintenance awarded for any relationship, child support received for children of another relationship or any benefits received from the following public assistance programs: Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Supplemental Social Security (SSI), Food Stamps, and General Assistance.

Wages, salaries, dividends, interest and income from business should be listed on the specific line for that type of income. All other income should be added and entered on Line 1d, "Other Income". Examples of income which fall into this category include, but are not limited to, income from company matching stock options and saving plans and Keogh plan contributions.

**NOTE:** If income varies during the year, divide each parent's annual gross income by 12 to determine monthly income.

**NOTE:** Federal tax returns for the preceding three years are required to verify income.

**LINE 1e, Total Monthly Gross Income:** For each parent, add together his/her entries on Lines 1a through 1d. Enter these amounts on Line 1e.

**LINES 2a through 2e, Monthly Deductions from Gross Income:** Enter the listed mandatory deductions from gross income. See Standard No. 4.

**NOTE:** Proof of all payments is required.

**LINE 2f, Non-recurring Income:** Enter overtime/bonus income that is one-time and not a regular, anticipated part of annual income.

**NOTE:** This deduction is discretionary with the court.

**LINE 2g, Total Deductions From Gross Income:** For each parent add together his/her entries on Lines 2a through 2f. Enter these amounts on Line 2g.

**LINE 3, Monthly Net Income:** Subtract each parent's entry on Line 2g from his/her entry on Line 1e. Enter these amounts on Line 3.

**LINE 4, Combined Monthly Net Income:** Add together the entries on Line 3. Enter this amount on Line 4.

**LINE 5, Basic Child Support Obligation:** Add together the basic support amounts determined for each child (see Economic Table Instructions listed below) and enter this amount on Line 5.

**ECONOMIC TABLE INSTRUCTIONS**

To use the Economic Table to determine an individual support amount for each child:

- locate in the left-hand column the monthly net income amount closest to the amount entered on Line 4 of Worksheet A;
- locate on the top row the family size for the number of children for whom child support is being determined;
- circle the two numbers in the columns listed below the family size located in the last step that are across from the net income amount located in the first step. The amount in the "A" column is the basic support amount for a child up to age 12. The amount in the "B" column is the basic support amount for a child 12 years of age or older.

**LINE 6, Proportional Share of Income:** Divide each parent's entry on Line 3 by the entry on Line 4. Enter these numbers on Line 6.

**LINE 7, Each Parent's Basic Child Support Obligation:** Multiply each parent's entry on Line 6 times the amount on Line 5. Enter these amounts on Line 7.

**NOTE:** The amounts entered on Line 7 added together should equal the amount entered on Line 5.

**PART II: ANTICIPATED & SPECIAL CHILD REARING EXPENSES**

**LINES 8a through 8d, Monthly Expenses Paid to Third Parties:** List the amounts of each of the special expenses paid by each parent to a third party.

For example, list any anticipated child care costs, extraordinary medical expenses (including orthodontia) not covered by insurance, tuition and tutoring costs and travel expenses used to visit a parent who lives a long distance away.

**NOTE:** If any of these expenses are annual they should be divided by 12 to determine a monthly amount.

**LINE 8e, Other Special Expenses:** This category is for any other extraordinary expenses.

**NOTE:** This deduction is discretionary with the court.

**LINE 8f, Total of Expenses:** For each parent add together his/her entries on Lines 8a through 8e. Enter these amounts on Line 8f.

**LINE 9, Combined Monthly Total of Special Expenses:** Add together the amounts on Line 8f. Enter this amount on Line 9.

**LINE 10, Each Parent's Obligation for Special Expenses:** For each parent multiply his/her entry on Line 6 times the amount on Line 9. Enter these amounts on Line 10.

**PART III: CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION**

**LINE 11, Total Support Obligation:** Add each parent's entry on Line 7 to his/her entry on Line 10. Enter these amounts on Line 11.

**LINE 12a, Support Obligation Adjusted for Payments to Third Parties:** Subtract each parent's entry on Line 8f from his/her entry on Line 11. Enter these amounts on Line 12a.

**LINE 12b, Health Insurance Premiums for Children:** Enter the amount paid by each parent for the child(ren)'s health insurance premiums.

**LINE 12c, Net Child Support Obligation:** Subtract the amount listed for each parent on Line 12b from his/her entry on Line 12a. Enter these amounts on Line 12c.

**IF ANY OF THE CHILDREN SPEND MORE THAN 25 PERCENT (91 NIGHTS) PER YEAR WITH EACH PARENT AND A RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE CREDIT IS DESIRED, SKIP PART IV AND CONTINUE TO WORKSHEET B.**

**PART IV: TRANSFER OF PAYMENTS**

**LINE 13, Transfer Payment:** This is the amount entered on Line 12c for the parent with whom the child(ren) will reside for 25 percent or less of the year. Enter this amount in that same parent's column on Line 13.

**THE AMOUNT ENTERED ON LINE 13 IS THE AMOUNT TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE OTHER PARENT.**

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR WORKSHEET B: RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT

THIS WORKSHEET SHOULD BE COMPLETED ONLY IF ONE OR MORE CHILDREN WILL LIVE WITH EACH PARENT FOR MORE THAN 25 PERCENT (91 NIGHTS) OF THE YEAR AND A RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE CREDIT IS DESIRED.

PART I: RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE CREDITS

**LINE 14, List Children:** List each child's name (first name is sufficient).

**LINE 15, Basic Support:** Determine the basic support amount for each child listed. (See the Economic Table Instructions following the instructions for Worksheet A, Line 5.)

**LINES 16 and 18, Overnights with Father and Mother:** Enter the number of overnights each child will be spending with each parent per year.

**NOTE:** For each child the entry on Line 16 plus the entry on Line 18 should equal 365.

**LINE 17, Proportional Overnights with Father:** Divide the entry on Line 16 by 365. Enter this amount on Line 17.

**LINE 19, Proportional Overnights with Mother:** Divide the entry on Line 18 by 365. Enter this amount on Line 19.

**LINES 20 through 23, Credit Proportions for Father and Mother:** Instructions appear on the worksheet.

**NOTE:** Separate calculations should be performed for each of the children.

PART II: TRANSFER PAYMENT CALCULATIONS

**LINE 24, Adjusted Support Obligation:** Enter the amounts for each parent from Line 12c of Worksheet A.

**LINE 25, Total Residential Schedule Credit:** Add together all amounts on Line 22 to determine father's credit. Add together all amounts on Line 23 to determine mother's credit. Enter each parent's credit on Line 25.

**LINE 26, Transfer Payment:** Subtract each parent's entry on Line 25 from his/her entry on Line 24. If a resulting amount is "0" or less, enter a "0" on Line 26. If a resulting amount is more than "0", enter the exact amount on Line 26.

**NOTE:** At least one parent should have a "0" entered on Line 26.

**THE AMOUNT ENTERED ON LINE 26 IS THE AMOUNT TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE OTHER PARENT.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WORKSHEET C: FACTORS TO CONSIDER FOR DEVIATION

WORKSHEET C IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION TO THAT WHICH IS INCLUDED ON WORKSHEETS A AND B. THE INFORMATION INCLUDED ON THIS WORKSHEET MAY BE CONSIDERED WHEN DETERMINING THE FINAL CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION. INSTRUCTIONS ARE ON THE WORKSHEET.

**ECONOMIC TABLE\***  
**MONTHLY BASIC SUPPORT OBLIGATION PER CHILD**

KEY: A = AGE 0-11 B = AGE 12-18

COMBINED MONTHLY NET INCOME	ONE CHILD FAMILY		TWO CHILDREN FAMILY		THREE CHILDREN FAMILY		FOUR CHILDREN FAMILY		FIVE CHILDREN FAMILY	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
0										
100										
200										
300										
400										
500										
600	133	164	103	127	86	106	73	90	63	78
700	155	191	120	148	100	124	85	105	74	91
800	177	218	137	170	115	142	97	120	84	104
900	199	246	154	191	129	159	109	135	95	118
1000	220	272	171	211	143	177	121	149	105	130
1100	242	299	188	232	157	194	133	164	116	143
1200	264	326	205	253	171	211	144	179	126	156
1300	285	352	221	274	185	228	156	193	136	168
1400	307	379	238	294	199	246	168	208	147	181
1500	327	404	254	313	212	262	179	221	156	193
1600	347	428	269	333	225	278	190	235	166	205
1700	367	453	285	352	238	294	201	248	175	217
1800	387	478	300	371	251	310	212	262	185	228
1900	407	503	316	390	264	326	223	275	194	240
2000	427	527	331	409	277	342	234	289	204	252
2100	447	552	347	429	289	358	245	303	213	264
2200	467	577	362	448	302	374	256	316	223	276
2300	487	601	378	467	315	390	267	330	233	288
2400	506	626	393	486	328	406	278	343	242	299
2500	526	650	408	505	341	421	288	356	251	311
2600	545	674	424	523	353	437	299	369	261	322
2700	565	698	439	542	366	453	310	383	270	334
2800	584	722	454	561	379	468	320	396	279	345
2900	604	746	469	579	391	484	331	409	289	357
3000	623	770	484	598	404	499	342	422	298	368
3100	643	794	499	617	417	515	352	435	307	380
3200	662	819	514	635	429	531	363	449	317	391
3300	682	843	530	654	442	546	374	462	326	403
3400	701	866	544	672	454	561	384	475	335	414
3500	719	889	559	690	466	576	394	487	344	425
3600	738	912	573	708	478	591	404	500	353	436
3700	757	935	588	726	490	606	415	512	362	447
3800	775	958	602	744	502	621	425	525	371	458
3900	794	981	617	762	515	636	435	538	379	469
4000	812	1004	631	779	527	651	445	550	388	480
4100	831	1027	645	797	539	666	455	563	397	491
4200	850	1050	660	815	551	681	466	575	406	502
4300	868	1073	674	833	563	696	476	588	415	513
4400	885	1094	688	849	574	709	485	599	423	523
4500	902	1114	700	865	584	722	494	611	431	533
4600	918	1135	713	881	595	736	503	622	439	543
4700	935	1155	726	897	606	749	512	633	447	552
4800	951	1176	739	913	617	762	521	644	455	562
4900	968	1196	752	929	627	775	530	655	463	572
5000	984	1216	765	944	638	789	539	667	471	582
5100	1001	1237	778	960	649	802	548	678	478	591
5200	1017	1257	790	976	659	815	557	689	486	601
5300	1034	1278	803	992	670	828	567	700	494	611
5400	1050	1298	816	1008	681	842	576	711	502	621
5500	1067	1318	829	1024	691	855	585	723	510	630
5600	1083	1339	842	1039	702	868	594	734	518	640
5700	1100	1359	855	1055	713	881	603	745	526	650
5800	1116	1380	867	1071	724	894	612	756	534	660
5900	1133	1400	880	1087	734	908	621	767	542	669
6000	1149	1420	893	1103	745	921	630	779	550	679
6100	1166	1441	906	1119	756	934	639	790	557	689
6200	1182	1461	919	1135	766	947	648	801	565	699
6300	1199	1482	932	1150	777	961	657	812	573	709
6400	1215	1502	945	1166	788	974	666	823	581	718
6500	1232	1522	957	1182	798	987	675	835	589	728
6600	1248	1543	970	1198	809	1000	684	846	597	738
6700	1265	1563	983	1214	820	1014	693	857	605	748
6800	1281	1584	996	1230	831	1027	702	868	613	757
6900	1298	1604	1009	1246	841	1040	711	879	621	767
7000	1314	1624	1022	1261	852	1053	720	891	629	777
7000+										

For income less than \$600, see Standard No. 8.

For income greater than \$7000, see Standard No. 8.

\* Note: This table shall be used in all administrative proceedings. Check with the Superior Court Clerk, where the case is filed, to see if an alternative table has been adopted for use by the court.

## APPENDICES

APPENDIX 8.1

WASHINGTON LAWS, 1987  
CHAPTER 440

CHILD SUPPORT SCHEDULE COMMISSION

AN ACT Relating to child support; creating new sections; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) A child support scheduled commission is established. The commission shall recommend a child support schedule and propose changes in the schedule to the legislature no later than November 1, 1987.

(2) The commission shall be composed of the secretary of social and health services or the secretary's designee and nine other members. Seven members shall be appointed by the governor as follows: (a) A superior court judge; (b) a representative from the state bar association; (c) an attorney representing indigent persons in Washington; (d) two other persons who have demonstrated an interest or expertise in the study of economic data or child support issues, one of which shall be a non-custodial parent; and (e) two public members who represent the affected populations, one of which shall be a non-custodial parent. Two members shall be the administrator for the courts or his or her designee and the attorney general or his or her designee. In making the appointments, the governor shall seek the recommendations of the association of superior court judges in respect to the member who is a superior court judge; and of the state bar association in respect to the state bar association and indigent attorney representatives.

(3) The secretary of social and health services or the secretary's designee shall serve as chairman of the commission.

(4) The secretary shall serve on the commission during the secretary's tenure as secretary of social and health services. In the event of a vacancy, the appointing authority shall designate a new member to complete the remainder of the unexpired term.

(5) Commission members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

(6) The office of support enforcement shall provide clerical and other support to the commission to enable it to perform its functions.

(7) The commission shall invite public participation and input, particularly from persons who are affected by child support orders.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) The child support scheduled commission shall propose a child support schedule to the legislature no later than November 1, 1987.

(2) The commission shall set the child support schedule and recommended revisions based upon:

(a) Updated economic data which accurately reflects family spending the child rearing costs for families of different sizes and income levels in the state of Washington;

(b) Appropriate adjustments for significant changes in child rearing costs at different age levels;

(c) The need for funding of the child's primary residence by a payment which is sufficient to meet the basic needs of the child;

(d) Provisions for health care coverage and, when needed, child care payments; and

(e) The support amount shall be based on the child's age, the parent's combined income, and the family size. Family size shall mean all children for whom support is to be established.

(3) The commission shall establish standards for applying the child support schedule. Including in these standards shall be:

(a) The type, net or gross, and sources of income on which support amounts shall be based;

(b) Provisions for taking into account the voluntary unemployment or underemployment of one or both parents or if the income of a parent is not known;

(c) Provisions for taking into account a parent whose income varies; and

(d) Provisions for taking into account the differing cost of living in the various counties in this state.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The superior court in each judicial district shall adopt a child support schedule by August 1, 1987.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act shall expire July 1, 1988.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House April 22, 1987.

Passed the Senate April 16, 1987.

Approved by the Governor May 18, 1987.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 18, 1987.

## APPENDIX 8.2

### STATEMENT OF ISSUES IDENTIFIED FOR STUDY

1. Economic issues.
  - 1.1. What proportion of the parents' income should be recognized as being available for the support of the children?
  - 1.2. What level of child care expenditures should be used as a standard in a child support schedule?
  - 1.3. Is there a significant difference in the cost of raising children in different areas of the state and, if so, how should those differences be reflected in a child support schedule?
  - 1.4. Is there a significant difference in the cost of raising children of different ages and, if so, what age ranges should be designated by the schedule to calculate differing support amounts?
  - 1.5. What costs of child raising should be considered separately from the basic support obligation set forth in the schedule? These costs may include day care expenses, school tuition, orthodontia care, or travel expenses.
  
2. Issues Relating to the Construction and Content of a Child Support Schedule.
  - 2.1. Should the amount of child support vary proportionately to the different income levels of each parent, or should it be set at a flat percentage basis across all income levels?
  - 2.2. What special child support costs should be considered separately from the basic support amount determined from the table?
  - 2.3. Should there be a minimum amount of support (threshold) determinable on the support table?
  - 2.4. Should there be a maximum amount of support (cap) determinable from the support table?
  - 2.5. How should income be defined for the purposes of calculating child support? (Should one include overtime income, income from government entitlement programs, etc.?)
  - 2.6. Should the schedule figures be based upon the gross or net income of the parents?
  - 2.7. For purposes of determining child support, how should gross income be defined?



- 2.8. What kinds of income should be included or excluded in determining a parent's child support obligation?
- 2.9. In what way and to what extent should the income of a new spouse or partner be considered in determining child support?
- 2.10. In what way and to what extent should the obligations of a parent for new children or dependents be considered when determining child support?
- 2.11. Should the child support schedule have one table to be used statewide, or should there be an additional adjustment factor for deviation on a county or regional basis?
- 2.12. To what extent should consideration be given in the schedule to the receipt or payment of child support for children other than those for whom the child support determination is being made?
- 2.13. How should the schedule be applied in cases where one or more of the parents are voluntarily underemployed or unemployed?
- 2.14. In determining a support obligation, should the presence or absence of a parent's marital relationship with a live-in companion be considered?
- 2.15. What attributes of a support schedule may encourage or provide accountability for the support paid?
- 2.16. Should there be a limit on the percentage of income which is subject to support obligations, e.g., 50% of net income?
- 2.17. How many children should be provided for in the support table, and in the child support schedule?

### 3. Issues Relating to the Application of a Child Support Schedule.

- 3.1. Should the schedule be automatically updated to reflect periodic changes in child raising costs?
- 3.2. Should the schedule provide a component for a change in support proportionate to changes in the parents' economic circumstances (escalation clause)?
- 3.3. How should the schedule be used to handle new relationships, dependent children, their costs and income?
- 3.4. How should the schedule be applied: on a mandatory basis, a presumptive basis with a defined array of reasons for departing from it, on a presumptive basis left open as to the reasons for departure, or an advisory guideline or recommendation?
- 3.5. How should the schedule provide for split custody arrangements (one or more children with each of the parents)?

- 3.6. How should the schedule provide for joint or alternating residence as an adjustment to support?
  - 3.7. Should the schedule address the post-majority child support situation?
  - 3.8. Should the child support schedule address the special needs of disabled children?
  - 3.9. Should the schedule, its tables, its application and implementation be reviewed periodically or on an ongoing basis (should the State Child Support Commission continue)?
  - 3.10. Should the occurrence or non-exercise of visitation affect the child support obligation?
  - 3.11. Should children of previous relationships be preferred in a setting of support for children of later relationships?
  - 3.12. How should the schedule be applied when the parents live in different geographic or economic areas of the state, or country?
  - 3.13. Should the schedule be reapplied to each family on a periodic basis in lieu of a support escalation clause?
  - 3.14. What defenses or limitations should be acknowledged and effective in the determination of a support obligation?
  - 3.15. What effect should the amount of and debt structure of the parents have on the child support obligation (pre-existing obligations for mortgage, car, credit union, etc.)?
  - 3.16. In what way and to what extent should the costs of support determination and/or enforcement be taken into account?
  - 3.17. Should the same child support schedule be applied in temporary and permanent support determinations?
  - 3.18. What effect, if any, should there be in cases where spousal maintenance is also ordered?
4. Areas of Discretion.
- 4.1. When setting child support, what consideration should be given to family wealth which is not reflected in family income?
  - 4.2. What process should be followed in the determination of income for non-wage earners (self-employed, military, commission sales persons, etc.)?
  - 4.3. In what manner should the schedule provide for the costs of child rearing for children who have graduated from or are no longer in high school?

- 4.4. What should be the effect on the parents' support obligation of income earned by the child?
  
5. Issues Requiring Legislation Beyond the Scope of the Commission.
  - 5.1. What is or should be the duration of a parent's child support obligation?
  - 5.2. What is or should be the authority of the court in setting support for dependent children who have already reached the age of eighteen?
  - 5.3. Should the denial of visitation affect the child support obligation? Should there be a statute which provides for the payment of support into an escrow account?
  - 5.4. What non-traditional processes should be available for the determination of support, such as administrative, arbitration, or mediation?
  - 5.5. Should there be a statutory provision for the adjustment of existing support orders and the readjustment of all present and future support orders for changes in the cost of living?

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