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CHILD SUPPORT REPORT

Twenty years after creation of the Support Schedule, the 2007 Legislature created the Child Support Schedule Workgroup, comprising 21 members. After 15 months and nineteen meetings open to the public, the Workgroup published its Report in December 2008. The Workgroup identified three issues as being the most important: the economic table, the residential schedule credit, and how to deal with children from other relationships.

The complete report with two minority reports and appendices is available at <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/pdf/esa/dcs/finalreportofworkgroup.pdf>. The following is a summary of the recommendations that will be made to Governor Gregoire and the 2009 Legislature.

- Children From Other Relationships should be considered when determining the amount of child support. The Workgroup recommends that prior-born children must always be considered.
- The economic table should be extended to include combined monthly net income of at least \$12,000.
- The economic table should start at 125% of the federal poverty guidelines, and move upward in one hundred dollar increments.
- The economic table should no longer distinguish between two age groups.

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Amendments to Admission to Practice Rule (APR) 11 and Appendix APR 11 – the MCLE rules and regulations – took effect January 1, 2009. Complete text of the changes is located at <http://www.wsba.org/lawyers/groups/mcle/apr11review07.htm>. Following (on page 2) is a summary of the changes:

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