

# Senate Bill 521

Sponsored by Senator JOHNSON (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Repeals statute authorizing payment of support for child attending school. Limits obligation to pay child support to child under 18 years of age or, if child is still in high school, 19 years of age or younger. Voids that part of any existing judgment or order that requires payment of support for child attending school.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to child support; creating new provisions; amending ORS 25.080, 25.164, 107.105, 107.135,  
3 107.485, 108.045, 108.110, 109.072, 109.124, 109.155, 109.165, 416.400, 416.415, 419B.400 and  
4 419C.590; and repealing ORS 107.108.

5 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

6 **SECTION 1. ORS 107.108 is repealed.**

7 **SECTION 2.** ORS 107.105 is amended to read:

8 107.105. (1) Whenever the court renders a judgment of marital annulment, dissolution or sepa-  
9 ration, the court may provide in the judgment:

10 (a) For the future care and custody, by one party or jointly, of all minor children of the parties  
11 born, adopted or conceived during the marriage and for minor children born to the parties prior to  
12 the marriage, as the court may deem just and proper under ORS 107.137. The court may hold a  
13 hearing to decide the custody issue prior to any other issues. When appropriate, the court shall  
14 recognize the value of close contact with both parents and encourage joint parental custody and  
15 joint responsibility for the welfare of the children.

16 (b) For parenting time rights of the parent not having custody of such children and for visitation  
17 rights pursuant to a petition filed under ORS 109.119. When a parenting plan has been developed  
18 as required by ORS 107.102, the court shall review the parenting plan and, if approved, incorporate  
19 the parenting plan into the court's final order. When incorporated into a final order, the parenting  
20 plan is determinative of parenting time rights. If the parents have been unable to develop a par-  
21 enting plan or if either of the parents requests the court to develop a detailed parenting plan, the  
22 court shall develop the parenting plan in the best interest of the child, ensuring the noncustodial  
23 parent sufficient access to the child to provide for appropriate quality parenting time and ensuring  
24 the safety of the parties, if implicated. The court shall deny parenting time to a parent under this  
25 paragraph if the court finds that the parent has been convicted of rape under ORS 163.365 or 163.375  
26 or other comparable law of another jurisdiction and the rape resulted in the conception of the child.  
27 Otherwise, the court may deny parenting time to the noncustodial parent under this subsection only  
28 if the court finds that parenting time would endanger the health or safety of the child. In the case  
29 of a noncustodial parent who has a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of  
30 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), the court may consider the noncustodial parent's disability in deter-

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1 mining parenting time only if the court finds that behaviors or limitations related to the noncusto-  
 2 dial parent's disability are endangering or will likely endanger the health, safety or welfare of the  
 3 child. The court shall recognize the value of close contact with both parents and encourage, when  
 4 practicable, joint responsibility for the welfare of such children and extensive contact between the  
 5 minor children of the divided marriage and the parties. If the court awards parenting time to a  
 6 noncustodial parent who has committed abuse, other than being convicted for rape as described in  
 7 this paragraph, the court shall make adequate provision for the safety of the child and the other  
 8 parent in accordance with the provisions of ORS 107.718 (6).

9 (c) For the support of [*the children*] **a child** of the marriage [*by the parties*] **who is under 18**  
 10 **years of age or, if the child is still in high school, 19 years of age or younger.** In ordering child  
 11 support, the formula established under ORS 25.275 shall apply. The court may at any time require  
 12 an accounting from the custodial parent with reference to the use of the money received as child  
 13 support. The court is not required to order support for any minor child who has become self-  
 14 supporting, emancipated or married [*or for any child who has ceased to attend school after becoming*  
 15 *18 years of age*]. A general judgment entered under this section may include an amount for support  
 16 as requested in a petition filed under ORS 107.085 or under a motion for relief made pursuant to  
 17 ORS 107.095 (1)(b) for which a limited judgment was not entered, payment of which commences no  
 18 earlier than the date the petition or motion was served on the nonrequesting party, and the amount  
 19 shall be considered a request for relief that has been decided by the general judgment for purposes  
 20 of ORS 18.082 (3).

21 (d) For spousal support, an amount of money for a period of time as may be just and equitable  
 22 for one party to contribute to the other, in gross or in installments or both. Unless otherwise ex-  
 23 pressly provided in the judgment and except for any unpaid balance of previously ordered spousal  
 24 support, liability for the payment of spousal support shall terminate on the death of either party,  
 25 and there shall be no liability for either the payment of spousal support or for any payment in cash  
 26 or property as a substitute for the payment of spousal support after the death of either party. The  
 27 court may approve an agreement for the entry of an order for the support of a party. A general  
 28 judgment entered under this section may include an amount for support as requested in a petition  
 29 filed under ORS 107.085 or under a motion for relief made pursuant to ORS 107.095 (1)(b) for which  
 30 a limited judgment was not entered, payment of which commences no earlier than the date the pe-  
 31 tition or motion was served on the nonrequesting party, and the amount shall be considered a re-  
 32 quest for relief that has been decided by the general judgment for purposes of ORS 18.082 (3). In  
 33 making the spousal support order, the court shall designate one or more categories of spousal sup-  
 34 port and shall make findings of the relevant factors in the decision. The court may order:

35 (A) Transitional spousal support as needed for a party to attain education and training neces-  
 36 sary to allow the party to prepare for reentry into the job market or for advancement therein. The  
 37 factors to be considered by the court in awarding transitional spousal support include but are not  
 38 limited to:

- 39 (i) The duration of the marriage;
- 40 (ii) A party's training and employment skills;
- 41 (iii) A party's work experience;
- 42 (iv) The financial needs and resources of each party;
- 43 (v) The tax consequences to each party;
- 44 (vi) A party's custodial and child support responsibilities; and
- 45 (vii) Any other factors the court deems just and equitable.

1 (B) Compensatory spousal support when there has been a significant financial or other contri-  
2 bution by one party to the education, training, vocational skills, career or earning capacity of the  
3 other party and when an order for compensatory spousal support is otherwise just and equitable in  
4 all of the circumstances. The factors to be considered by the court in awarding compensatory  
5 spousal support include but are not limited to:

- 6 (i) The amount, duration and nature of the contribution;
- 7 (ii) The duration of the marriage;
- 8 (iii) The relative earning capacity of the parties;
- 9 (iv) The extent to which the marital estate has already benefited from the contribution;
- 10 (v) The tax consequences to each party; and
- 11 (vi) Any other factors the court deems just and equitable.

12 (C) Spousal maintenance as a contribution by one spouse to the support of the other for either  
13 a specified or an indefinite period. The factors to be considered by the court in awarding spousal  
14 maintenance include but are not limited to:

- 15 (i) The duration of the marriage;
- 16 (ii) The age of the parties;
- 17 (iii) The health of the parties, including their physical, mental and emotional condition;
- 18 (iv) The standard of living established during the marriage;
- 19 (v) The relative income and earning capacity of the parties, recognizing that the wage earner's  
20 continuing income may be a basis for support distinct from the income that the supported spouse  
21 may receive from the distribution of marital property;
- 22 (vi) A party's training and employment skills;
- 23 (vii) A party's work experience;
- 24 (viii) The financial needs and resources of each party;
- 25 (ix) The tax consequences to each party;
- 26 (x) A party's custodial and child support responsibilities; and
- 27 (xi) Any other factors the court deems just and equitable.

28 (e) For the delivery to one party of such party's personal property in the possession or control  
29 of the other at the time of the giving of the judgment.

30 (f) For the division or other disposition between the parties of the real or personal property, or  
31 both, of either or both of the parties as may be just and proper in all the circumstances. In deter-  
32 mining the division of property under this paragraph, the following apply:

33 (A) A retirement plan or pension or an interest therein shall be considered as property.

34 (B) The court shall consider the contribution of a party as a homemaker as a contribution to  
35 the acquisition of marital assets.

36 (C) Except as provided in subparagraph (D) of this paragraph, there is a rebuttable presumption  
37 that both parties have contributed equally to the acquisition of property during the marriage,  
38 whether such property is jointly or separately held.

39 (D)(i) Property acquired by gift to one party during the marriage and separately held by that  
40 party on a continuing basis from the time of receipt is not subject to a presumption of equal con-  
41 tribution under subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

42 (ii) For purposes of this subparagraph, "property acquired by gift" means property acquired by  
43 one party through gift, devise, bequest, operation of law, beneficiary designation or inheritance.

44 (E) Subsequent to the filing of a petition for annulment or dissolution of marriage or separation,  
45 the rights of the parties in the marital assets shall be considered a species of co-ownership, and a

1 transfer of marital assets under a judgment of annulment or dissolution of marriage or of separation  
2 entered on or after October 4, 1977, shall be considered a partitioning of jointly owned property.

3 (F) The court shall require full disclosure of all assets by the parties in arriving at a just  
4 property division.

5 (G) In arriving at a just and proper division of property, the court shall consider reasonable  
6 costs of sale of assets, taxes and any other costs reasonably anticipated by the parties.

7 (H)(i) If a party has been awarded spousal support in lieu of a share of property, the court shall  
8 so state on the record and shall order the obligor to provide for and maintain life insurance in an  
9 amount commensurate with the obligation and designating the obligee as beneficiary for the dura-  
10 tion of the obligation.

11 (ii) The obligee or attorney of the obligee shall cause a certified copy of the judgment to be  
12 delivered to the life insurance company or companies.

13 (iii) If the obligee or the attorney of the obligee delivers a true copy of the judgment to the life  
14 insurance company or companies, identifying the policies involved and requesting such notification  
15 under this section, the company or companies shall notify the obligee, as beneficiary of the insur-  
16 ance policy, whenever the policyholder takes any action that will change the beneficiary or reduce  
17 the benefits of the policy. Either party may request notification by the insurer when premium pay-  
18 ments have not been made. If the obligor is ordered to provide for and maintain life insurance, the  
19 obligor shall provide to the obligee a true copy of the policy. The obligor shall also provide to the  
20 obligee written notice of any action that will reduce the benefits or change the designation of the  
21 beneficiaries under the policy.

22 (g) For the creation of trusts as follows:

23 (A) For the appointment of one or more trustees to hold, control and manage for the benefit of  
24 the children of the parties, of the marriage or otherwise such of the real or personal property of  
25 either or both of the parties, as the court may order to be allocated or appropriated to their support  
26 and welfare, and to collect, receive, expend, manage or invest any sum of money awarded for the  
27 support and welfare of minor children of the parties.

28 (B) For the appointment of one or more trustees to hold, manage and control such amount of  
29 money or such real or personal property of either or both of the parties, as may be set aside, allo-  
30 cated or appropriated for the support of a party.

31 (C) For the establishment of the terms of the trust and provisions for the disposition or distrib-  
32 ution of such money or property to or between the parties, their successors, heirs and assigns after  
33 the purpose of the trust has been accomplished. Upon petition of a party or a person having an in-  
34 terest in the trust showing a change of circumstances warranting a change in the terms of the trust,  
35 the court may make and direct reasonable modifications in its terms.

36 (h) To change the name of either spouse to a name the spouse held before the marriage. The  
37 court shall order a change if it is requested by the affected party.

38 (i) For a money award for any sums of money found to be then remaining unpaid upon any order  
39 or limited judgment entered under ORS 107.095. If a limited judgment was entered under ORS  
40 107.095, the limited judgment shall continue to be enforceable for any amounts not paid under the  
41 limited judgment unless those amounts are included in the money award made by the general judg-  
42 ment.

43 (j) For an award of reasonable attorney fees and costs and expenses reasonably incurred in the  
44 action in favor of a party or in favor of a party's attorney.

45 (2) In determining the proper amount of support and the proper division of property under sub-

1 section (1)(c), (d) and (f) of this section, the court may consider evidence of the tax consequences  
2 on the parties of its proposed judgment.

3 (3) Upon the filing of the judgment, the property division ordered shall be deemed effective for  
4 all purposes. This transfer by judgment, which shall affect solely owned property transferred to the  
5 other spouse as well as commonly owned property in the same manner as would a declaration of a  
6 resulting trust in favor of the spouse to whom the property is awarded, is not a taxable sale or ex-  
7 change.

8 (4) If an appeal is taken from a judgment of annulment or dissolution of marriage or of separa-  
9 tion or from any part of a judgment rendered in pursuance of the provisions of **this section and**  
10 ORS 107.005 to 107.086, 107.095, [107.105,] 107.115 to 107.174, 107.405, 107.425, 107.445 to 107.520,  
11 107.540 and 107.610, the court rendering the judgment may provide in a supplemental judgment for  
12 any relief provided for in ORS 107.095 and shall provide that the relief granted in the judgment is  
13 to be in effect only during the pendency of the appeal. A supplemental judgment under this sub-  
14 section may be enforced as provided in ORS 33.015 to 33.155 and ORS chapter 18. A supplemental  
15 judgment under this subsection may be appealed in the same manner as provided for supplemental  
16 judgments modifying a domestic relations judgment under ORS 19.275.

17 (5) If an appeal is taken from the judgment or other appealable order in a suit for annulment  
18 or dissolution of a marriage or for separation and the appellate court awards costs and disburse-  
19 ments to a party, the court may also award to that party, as part of the costs, such additional sum  
20 of money as it may adjudge reasonable as an attorney fee on the appeal.

21 (6) If, as a result of a suit for the annulment or dissolution of a marriage or for separation, the  
22 parties to such suit become owners of an undivided interest in any real or personal property, or  
23 both, either party may maintain supplemental proceedings by filing a petition in such suit for the  
24 partition of such real or personal property, or both, within two years from the entry of the judgment,  
25 showing among other things that the original parties to the judgment and their joint or several  
26 creditors having a lien upon any such real or personal property, if any there be, constitute the sole  
27 and only necessary parties to such supplemental proceedings. The procedure in the supplemental  
28 proceedings, so far as applicable, shall be the procedure provided in ORS 105.405 for the partition  
29 of real property, and the court granting the judgment shall have in the first instance and retain  
30 jurisdiction in equity therefor.

31 **SECTION 3.** ORS 107.135 is amended to read:

32 107.135. (1) The court may at any time after a judgment of annulment or dissolution of marriage  
33 or of separation is granted, upon the motion of either party and after service of notice on the other  
34 party in the manner provided by ORCP 7, and after notice to the Division of Child Support when  
35 required under subsection (9) of this section:

36 (a) Set aside, alter or modify any portion of the judgment that provides for the appointment and  
37 duties of trustees, for the custody, parenting time, visitation, support and welfare of the minor  
38 children and the children [attending school, as defined in ORS 107.108] **who are 19 years of age**  
39 **or younger and attending high school**, including any health or life insurance provisions, for the  
40 support of a party or for life insurance under ORS 107.820 or 107.830;

41 (b) Make an order, after service of notice to the other party, providing for the future custody,  
42 support and welfare of minor children residing in the state, who, at the time the judgment was given,  
43 were not residents of the state, or were unknown to the court or were erroneously omitted from the  
44 judgment;

45 (c) Terminate a duty of support toward any minor child who has become self-supporting,

1 emancipated or married; **and**

2 *[(d) After service of notice on the child in the manner provided by law for service of a summons,*  
3 *suspend future support for any child who has ceased to be a child attending school as defined in ORS*  
4 *107.108; and]*

5 *[(e) (d) Set aside, alter or modify any portion of the judgment that provides for a property*  
6 *award based on the enhanced earning capacity of a party that was awarded before October 23, 1999.*  
7 *A property award may be set aside, altered or modified under this paragraph:*

8 (A) When the person with the enhanced earning capacity makes a good faith career change that  
9 results in less income;

10 (B) When the income of the person with the enhanced earning capacity decreases due to cir-  
11 cumstances beyond the person's control; or

12 (C) Under such other circumstances as the court deems just and proper.

13 (2) When a party moves to set aside, alter or modify the child support provisions of the judg-  
14 ment:

15 (a) The party shall state in the motion, to the extent known:

16 (A) Whether there is pending in this state or any other jurisdiction any type of support pro-  
17 ceeding involving children of the marriage, including one brought under ORS 25.287, 107.431,  
18 109.100, 125.025, 416.400 to 416.465, 419B.400 or 419C.590 or ORS chapter 110; and

19 (B) Whether there exists in this state or any other jurisdiction a support order, as defined in  
20 ORS 110.503, involving children of the marriage, other than the judgment the party is moving to set  
21 aside, alter or modify.

22 (b) The party shall include with the motion a certificate regarding any pending support pro-  
23 ceeding and any existing support order other than the judgment the party is moving to set aside,  
24 alter or modify. The party shall use a certificate that is in a form established by court rule and in-  
25 clude information required by court rule and paragraph (a) of this subsection.

26 (3) In a proceeding under this section to reconsider the spousal or child support provisions of  
27 the judgment, the following provisions apply:

28 (a) A substantial change in economic circumstances of a party, which may include, but is not  
29 limited to, a substantial change in the cost of reasonable and necessary expenses to either party, is  
30 sufficient for the court to reconsider its order of support, except that an order of compensatory  
31 spousal support may only be modified upon a showing of an involuntary, extraordinary and unan-  
32 ticipated change in circumstances that reduces the earning capacity of the paying spouse.

33 (b) If the judgment provided for a termination or reduction of spousal support at a designated  
34 age in anticipation of the commencement of pension, Social Security or other entitlement payments,  
35 and if the obligee is unable to obtain the anticipated entitlement payments, that inability is suffi-  
36 cient change in circumstances for the court to reconsider its order of support.

37 (c) If Social Security is considered in lieu of spousal support or partial spousal support, the  
38 court shall determine the amount of Social Security the party is eligible to collect. The court shall  
39 take into consideration any pension, retirement or other funds available to either party to effect an  
40 equitable distribution between the parties and shall also take into consideration any reduction of  
41 entitlement caused by taking early retirement.

42 (4) In considering under this section whether a change in circumstances exists sufficient for the  
43 court to reconsider spousal or child support provisions of a judgment, the following provisions apply:

44 (a) The court or administrator, as defined in ORS 25.010, shall consider income opportunities and  
45 benefits of the respective parties from all sources, including but not limited to:

1 (A) The reasonable opportunity of each party, the obligor and obligee respectively, to acquire  
2 future income and assets.

3 (B) Retirement benefits available to the obligor and to the obligee.

4 (C) Other benefits to which the obligor is entitled, such as travel benefits, recreational benefits  
5 and medical benefits, contrasted with benefits to which the obligee is similarly entitled.

6 (D) Social Security benefits paid to a child, or to a representative payee administering the funds  
7 for the child's use and benefit, as a result of the obligor's disability or retirement if the benefits:

8 (i) Were not previously considered in the child support order; or

9 (ii) Were considered in an action initiated before May 12, 2003.

10 (E) Apportioned Veterans' benefits or Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance under  
11 38 U.S.C. chapter 35 paid to a child, or to a representative payee administering the funds for the  
12 child's use and benefit, as a result of the obligor's disability or retirement if the benefits:

13 (i) Were not previously considered in the child support order; or

14 (ii) Were considered in an action initiated before May 12, 2003.

15 (b) If the motion for modification is one made by the obligor to reduce or terminate support, and  
16 if the obligee opposes the motion, the court shall not find a change in circumstances sufficient for  
17 reconsideration of support provisions, if the motion is based upon a reduction of the obligor's fi-  
18 nancial status resulting from the obligor's taking voluntary retirement, partial voluntary retirement  
19 or any other voluntary reduction of income or self-imposed curtailment of earning capacity, if it is  
20 shown that such action of the obligor was not taken in good faith but was for the primary purpose  
21 of avoiding the support obligation. In any subsequent motion for modification, the court shall deny  
22 the motion if the sole basis of the motion for modification is the termination of voluntarily taken  
23 retirement benefits and the obligor previously has been found not to have acted in good faith.

24 (c) The court shall consider the following factors in deciding whether the actions of the obligor  
25 were not in "good faith":

26 (A) Timing of the voluntary retirement or other reduction in financial status to coincide with  
27 court action in which the obligee seeks or is granted an increase in spousal support.

28 (B) Whether all or most of the income producing assets and property were awarded to the  
29 obligor, and spousal support in lieu of such property was awarded to the obligee.

30 (C) Extent of the obligor's dissipation of funds and assets prior to the voluntary retirement or  
31 soon after filing for the change of circumstances based on retirement.

32 (D) If earned income is reduced and absent dissipation of funds or large gifts, whether the  
33 obligor has funds and assets from which the spousal support could have been paid.

34 (E) Whether the obligor has given gifts of substantial value to others, including a current  
35 spouse, to the detriment of the obligor's ability to meet the preexisting obligation of spousal support.

36 (5) Upon terminating a duty of spousal support, a court shall make specific findings of the basis  
37 for the termination and shall include the findings in the judgment.

38 (6) Any modification of child or spousal support granted because of a change of circumstances  
39 may be ordered effective retroactive to the date the motion for modification was served or to any  
40 date thereafter.

41 (7) The judgment is final as to any installment or payment of money that has accrued up to the  
42 time the nonmoving party, other than the state, is served with a motion to set aside, alter or modify  
43 the judgment. The court may not set aside, alter or modify any portion of the judgment that provides  
44 for any payment of money, either for minor children or for the support of a party, that has accrued  
45 before the motion is served. However:

1 (a) The court may allow a credit against child support arrearages for periods of time, excluding  
2 reasonable parenting time unless otherwise provided by order or judgment, during which the obligor,  
3 with the knowledge and consent of the obligee or pursuant to court order, has physical custody of  
4 the child; and

5 (b) The court may allow, as provided in the rules of the Child Support Program, a dollar-for-  
6 dollar credit against child support arrearages for any Social Security or Veterans' benefits paid  
7 retroactively to the child, or to a representative payee administering the funds for the child's use  
8 and benefit, as a result of an obligor's disability or retirement.

9 (8) In a proceeding under subsection (1) of this section, the court may assess against either party  
10 a reasonable attorney fee and costs for the benefit of the other party. If a party is found to have  
11 acted in bad faith, the court shall order that party to pay a reasonable attorney fee and costs of the  
12 defending party.

13 (9) Whenever a motion to establish, modify or terminate child support or satisfy or alter support  
14 arrearages is filed and the child support rights of one of the parties or of a child of both of the  
15 parties have been assigned to the state, a true copy of the motion shall be served by mail or per-  
16 sonal delivery on the Administrator of the Division of Child Support of the Department of Justice  
17 or on the branch office providing support services to the county in which the motion is filed.

18 (10)(a) Except as provided in ORS 109.701 to 109.834, the courts of Oregon, having once acquired  
19 personal and subject matter jurisdiction in a domestic relations action, retain such jurisdiction re-  
20 gardless of any change of domicile.

21 (b) The courts of Oregon, in a proceeding to establish, enforce or modify a child support order,  
22 shall recognize the provisions of the federal Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act (28  
23 U.S.C. 1738B).

24 (11) In a proceeding under this section to reconsider provisions in a judgment relating to cus-  
25 tody or parenting time, the court may consider repeated and unreasonable denial of, or interference  
26 with, parenting time to be a substantial change of circumstances.

27 (12) In a proceeding under this section to reconsider provisions in a judgment relating to par-  
28 enting time, the court may suspend or terminate a parent's parenting time with a child if the court  
29 finds that the parent has abused a controlled substance and that the parenting time is not in the  
30 best interests of the child. If a court has suspended or terminated a parent's parenting time with  
31 a child for reasons described in this subsection, the court may not grant the parent future parenting  
32 time until the parent has shown that the reasons for the suspension or termination are resolved and  
33 that reinstated parenting time is in the best interests of the child. Nothing in this subsection limits  
34 the court's authority under subsection (1)(a) of this section.

35 (13) In a proceeding under this section to reconsider provisions in a judgment relating to cus-  
36 tody, temporary placement of the child by the custodial parent pursuant to ORS 109.056 (3) with the  
37 noncustodial parent as a result of military deployment of the custodial parent is not, by itself, a  
38 change of circumstances. Any fact relating to the child and the parties occurring subsequent to the  
39 last custody judgment, other than the custodial parent's temporary placement of the child pursuant  
40 to ORS 109.056 (3) with the noncustodial parent, may be considered by the court when making a  
41 change of circumstances determination.

42 (14) Within 30 days after service of notice under subsection (1) of this section, the party served  
43 shall file a written response with the court.

44 (15)(a) It is the policy of this state:

45 (A) To encourage the settlement of cases brought under this section; and

1 (B) For courts to enforce the terms of settlements described in paragraph (b) of this subsection  
 2 to the fullest extent possible, except when to do so would violate the law or would clearly  
 3 contravene public policy.

4 (b) In a proceeding under subsection (1) of this section, the court may enforce the terms set  
 5 forth in a stipulated order or judgment signed by the parties, an order or judgment resulting from  
 6 a settlement on the record or an order or judgment incorporating a settlement agreement:

7 (A) As contract terms using contract remedies;

8 (B) By imposing any remedy available to enforce an order or judgment, including but not limited  
 9 to contempt; or

10 (C) By any combination of the provisions of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph.

11 (c) A party may seek to enforce an agreement and obtain remedies described in paragraph (b)  
 12 of this subsection by filing a motion, serving notice on the other party in the manner provided by  
 13 ORCP 7 and, if a remedy under paragraph (b)(B) of this subsection is sought, complying with the  
 14 statutory requirements for that remedy. All claims for relief arising out of the same acts or omis-  
 15 sions must be joined in the same proceeding.

16 (d) Nothing in paragraph (b) or (c) of this subsection limits a party's ability, in a separate pro-  
 17 ceeding, to file a motion to modify an order or judgment under subsection (1) of this section or to  
 18 seek enforcement of an ancillary agreement to the order or judgment.

19 **SECTION 4.** ORS 107.485 is amended to read:

20 107.485. A marriage may be dissolved by the summary dissolution procedure specified in this  
 21 section and ORS 107.490 when all of the following conditions exist at the time the proceeding is  
 22 commenced:

23 (1) The jurisdictional requirements of ORS 107.025 and 107.075 are met.

24 (2)(a) There are no minor children, **or children 19 years of age or younger attending high**  
 25 **school**, born to the parties or adopted by the parties during the marriage;

26 *[(b) There are no children over age 18 attending school, as described in ORS 107.108, either born*  
 27 *to the parties or adopted by the parties during the marriage;]*

28 *[(c)]* (b) There are no minor children born to or adopted by the parties prior to the marriage;  
 29 and

30 *[(d)]* (c) Neither spouse is now pregnant.

31 (3) The marriage is not more than 10 years in duration.

32 (4) Neither party has any interest in real property wherever situated.

33 (5) There are no unpaid obligations in excess of \$15,000 incurred by either or both of the parties  
 34 from the date of the marriage.

35 (6) The total aggregate fair market value of personal property assets in which either of the  
 36 parties has any interest, excluding all encumbrances, is less than \$30,000.

37 (7) The petitioner waives any right to spousal support.

38 (8) The petitioner waives any rights to pendente lite orders except those pursuant to ORS  
 39 107.700 to 107.735 or 124.005 to 124.040.

40 (9) The petitioner knows of no other pending domestic relations suits involving the marriage in  
 41 this or any other state.

42 **SECTION 5.** ORS 108.045 is amended to read:

43 108.045. (1) The expenses of the family and the education of the minor children, including  
 44 stepchildren, are chargeable upon the property of both spouses in a marriage who are parents or  
 45 stepparents of the minor children, or either of them. However, with regard to stepchildren, the ob-

1 ligation shall cease upon entry of a judgment of dissolution.

2 (2) As used in this section, “stepchild” means a child under the age of 18[, or a child attending  
3 school as defined in ORS 107.108] who is in the custody of one biological or adoptive parent who is  
4 married to and not legally separated from a person other than the second biological or adoptive  
5 parent of such child.

6 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the legal duty of a parent to provide support  
7 for a child, as otherwise required by law, shall not be affected.

8 **SECTION 6.** ORS 108.110 is amended to read:

9 108.110. (1) Any married person may apply to the circuit court of the county in which the mar-  
10 ried person resides or in which the spouse may be found for an order upon the spouse to provide  
11 for support of the married person or for the support of [*minor children and children attending school,*  
12 *or both, and, if the married person initiating the action for support is a woman who is pregnant, her*  
13 *unborn child, or both, if her spouse is the natural father of such children, children attending school*  
14 *or unborn child or if her spouse is the adoptive parent of such children or children attending school]*  
15 **the married person’s unborn child, minor children and child 19 years of age or younger who**  
16 **is attending high school, if the married person’s spouse is the natural or adoptive parent of**  
17 **the unborn child, minor children or child 19 years of age or younger who is attending high**  
18 **school.** The married person initiating the action for support may apply for the order by filing in  
19 such county a petition setting forth the facts and circumstances upon which the married person re-  
20 lies for such order. If satisfied that a just cause exists, the court shall direct that the married  
21 person’s spouse appear at a time set by the court to show cause why an order of support should not  
22 be entered in the matter. [*The provisions of ORS 107.108 apply to an order entered under this section*  
23 *for the support of a child attending school.*]

24 [(2) As used in this section, “child attending school” has the meaning given that term in ORS  
25 107.108.]

26 [(3)] (2) The petitioner shall state in the petition, to the extent known:

27 (a) Whether there is pending in this state or any other jurisdiction any type of support pro-  
28 ceeding involving children of the marriage, including a proceeding brought under ORS 107.085,  
29 109.100, 125.025, 416.400 to 416.465, 419B.400 or 419C.590 or ORS chapter 110; and

30 (b) Whether there exists in this state or any other jurisdiction a support order, as defined in  
31 ORS 110.503, involving children of the marriage.

32 [(4)] (3) The petitioner shall include with the petition a certificate regarding any pending sup-  
33 port proceeding and any existing support order. The petitioner shall use a certificate that is in a  
34 form established by court rule and include information required by court rule and subsection [(3)]  
35 (2) of this section.

36 [(5)] (4) The provisions of this section apply equally regardless of which spouse is making ap-  
37 plication for a support order.

38 [(6)] (5) In any proceeding under this section, the obligee, as that person is defined in ORS  
39 110.503, is a party to the proceeding.

40 **SECTION 7.** ORS 109.072 is amended to read:

41 109.072. (1) As used in this section:

42 (a) “Blood tests” has the meaning given that term in ORS 109.251.

43 (b)(A) “Parentage judgment” means a judgment or administrative order that:

44 (i) Expressly or by inference determines the parentage of a child, or that imposes a child support  
45 obligation based on the parentage of a child; and

1 (ii) Resulted from a proceeding in which blood tests were not performed and the issue of par-  
2 entage was not challenged.

3 (B) "Parentage judgment" does not include a judgment or administrative order that determines  
4 paternity or parentage of a child conceived by assisted reproduction as defined in ORS 109.239.

5 (c) "Petition" means a petition or motion filed under this section.

6 (d) "Petitioner" means the person filing a petition or motion under this section.

7 (2)(a) The following may file in circuit court a petition to vacate or set aside the parentage de-  
8 termination of a parentage judgment, including any child support obligations established in the  
9 parentage judgment, and for a judgment of nonparentage:

10 (A) A party to the parentage judgment.

11 (B) The Department of Human Services if the child is in the care and custody of the Department  
12 of Human Services under ORS chapter 419B.

13 (C) The Division of Child Support of the Department of Justice if the child support rights of the  
14 child or of one of the parties to the parentage judgment have been assigned to the state.

15 (b) The petitioner may file the petition in the circuit court proceeding in which the parentage  
16 judgment was entered, in a related proceeding or in a separate action. The petitioner shall attach  
17 a copy of the parentage judgment to the petition.

18 (c) If the ground for the petition is that the parentage determination was obtained by or was the  
19 result of mistake, inadvertence, surprise or excusable neglect, the petitioner may not file the petition  
20 more than one year after entry of the parentage judgment.

21 (d) If the ground for the petition is that the parentage determination was obtained by or was the  
22 result of fraud, misrepresentation or other misconduct of an adverse party, the petitioner may not  
23 file the petition more than one year after the petitioner discovers the fraud, misrepresentation or  
24 other misconduct.

25 (3) In the petition, the petitioner shall:

26 (a) Designate as parties:

27 (A) All persons who were parties to the parentage judgment;

28 *[(B) The child if the child is a child attending school, as defined in ORS 107.108;]*

29 *[(C)]* (B) The Department of Human Services if the child is in the care and custody of the De-  
30 partment of Human Services under ORS chapter 419B; and

31 *[(D)]* (C) The Administrator of the Division of Child Support of the Department of Justice if the  
32 child support rights of the child or of one of the parties to the parentage judgment have been as-  
33 signed to the state.

34 (b) Provide the full name and date of birth of the child whose parentage was determined by the  
35 parentage judgment.

36 (c) Allege the facts and circumstances that resulted in the entry of the parentage judgment and  
37 explain why the issue of parentage was not contested.

38 (4) After filing a petition under this section, the petitioner shall serve a summons and a true  
39 copy of the petition on all parties as provided in ORCP 7.

40 (5) The court, on its own motion or on the motion of a party, may appoint counsel for the child.  
41 However, if requested to do so by the child, the court shall appoint counsel for the child. A rea-  
42 sonable fee for an attorney so appointed may be charged against one or more of the parties or as  
43 a cost in the proceeding, but may not be charged against funds appropriated for public defense ser-  
44 vices.

45 (6) The court may order the mother, the child and the person whose parentage of the child was

1 determined by the parentage judgment to submit to blood tests. In deciding whether to order blood  
2 tests, the court shall consider the interests of the parties and the child and, if it is just and equitable  
3 to do so, may deny a request for blood tests. If the court orders blood tests under this subsection,  
4 the court shall order the petitioner to pay the costs of the blood tests.

5 (7) Unless the court finds, giving consideration to the interests of the parties and the child, that  
6 to do so would be substantially inequitable, the court shall vacate or set aside the parentage de-  
7 termination of the parentage judgment, including provisions imposing child support obligations, and  
8 enter a judgment of nonparentage if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that:

9 (a) The parentage determination was obtained by or was the result of:

10 (A) Mistake, inadvertence, surprise or excusable neglect; or

11 (B) Fraud, misrepresentation or other misconduct of an adverse party;

12 (b) The mistake, inadvertence, surprise, excusable neglect, fraud, misrepresentation or other  
13 misconduct was discovered by the petitioner after the entry of the parentage judgment; and

14 (c)(A) Blood tests establish that the person is not the biological parent of the child and the  
15 parentage determination was based on biological parentage; or

16 (B) The parentage determination was not based on biological parentage.

17 (8) If the court finds that the parentage determination of a parentage judgment was obtained  
18 by or was the result of fraud, the court may vacate or set aside the parentage determination re-  
19 gardless of whether the fraud was intrinsic or extrinsic.

20 (9) If the court finds, based on blood test evidence, that the person may be the biological parent  
21 of the child and that the cumulative paternity or parentage index based on the blood test evidence  
22 is 99 or greater, the court shall deny the petition.

23 (10) The court may grant the relief authorized by this section upon a party's default, or by  
24 consent or stipulation of the parties, without blood test evidence.

25 (11) A judgment entered under this section vacating or setting aside the parentage determi-  
26 nation of a parentage judgment and determining nonparentage:

27 (a) Shall contain the full name and date of birth of the child whose parentage was established  
28 or declared by the parentage judgment.

29 (b) Shall vacate and terminate any ongoing and future child support obligations arising from or  
30 based on the parentage judgment.

31 (c) May vacate or deem as satisfied, in whole or in part, unpaid child support obligations arising  
32 from or based on the parentage judgment.

33 (d) May not order restitution from the state for any sums paid to or collected by the state for  
34 the benefit of the child.

35 (12) If the court vacates or sets aside the parentage determination of a parentage judgment un-  
36 der this section and enters a judgment of nonparentage, the petitioner shall send a court-certified  
37 true copy of the judgment entered under this section to the State Registrar of the Center for Health  
38 Statistics and to the Department of Justice as the state disbursement unit. Upon receipt of the  
39 court-certified true copy of the judgment entered under this section, the state registrar shall correct  
40 any records maintained by the state registrar that indicate that the party to the parentage judgment  
41 is the parent of the child.

42 (13) The court may award to the prevailing party a judgment for reasonable attorney fees and  
43 costs, including the cost of any blood tests ordered by the court and paid by the prevailing party.

44 (14) A judgment entered under this section vacating or setting aside the parentage determi-  
45 nation of a parentage judgment and determining nonparentage is not a bar to further proceedings

1 to determine parentage, as otherwise allowed by law.

2 (15) If a person whose parentage of a child has been determined by a parentage judgment has  
 3 died, an action under this section may not be initiated by or on behalf of the estate of the person.

4 (16) This section does not limit the authority of the court to vacate or set aside a judgment  
 5 under ORCP 71, to modify a judgment within a reasonable period, to entertain an independent action  
 6 to relieve a party from a judgment, to vacate or set aside a judgment for fraud upon the court or  
 7 to render a declaratory judgment under ORS chapter 28.

8 (17) This section shall be liberally construed to the end of achieving substantial justice.

9 **SECTION 8.** ORS 109.124 is amended to read:

10 109.124. As used in ORS 109.124 to 109.230, unless the context requires otherwise:

11 [(1) “Child attending school” has the meaning given that term in ORS 107.108.]

12 [(2)] (1) “Child born out of wedlock” means a child born to an unmarried person or to a married  
 13 person by another person who is not the person’s spouse.

14 [(3)] (2) “Respondent” may include, but is not limited to, one or more persons who may be the  
 15 father of a child born out of wedlock, the spouse of a woman who has or may have a child born out  
 16 of wedlock, the mother of a child born out of wedlock, the person pregnant with a child who may  
 17 be born out of wedlock, or the duly appointed and acting guardian of the child or conservator of the  
 18 child’s estate.

19 **SECTION 9.** ORS 109.155 is amended to read:

20 109.155. (1) The court, in a private hearing, shall first determine the issue of parentage. If the  
 21 respondent admits the parentage, the admission shall be reduced to writing, verified by the re-  
 22 spondent and filed with the court. If the parentage is denied, corroborating evidence, in addition to  
 23 the testimony of the parent or expectant parent, shall be required.

24 (2) If the court finds, from a preponderance of the evidence, that the petitioner or the respondent  
 25 is the father of the child who has been, or who may be born out of wedlock, the court shall then  
 26 proceed to a determination of the appropriate relief to be granted. The court may approve any  
 27 settlement agreement reached between the parties and incorporate the agreement into any judgment  
 28 rendered, and the court may order such investigation or the production of such evidence as the  
 29 court deems appropriate to establish a proper basis for relief.

30 (3) The court, in its discretion, may postpone the hearing from time to time to facilitate any  
 31 investigation or the production of such evidence as it deems appropriate.

32 (4) The court may order either parent to pay such sum as the court deems appropriate for the  
 33 past and future support and maintenance of the child during the child’s minority and while the child  
 34 is [attending school, as defined in ORS 107.108,] **or was 19 years of age or younger and attending**  
 35 **high school** and the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred or to be incurred in connection  
 36 with [prenatal care, expenses attendant with the birth and postnatal care] **the child’s birth, including**  
 37 **but not limited to prenatal and postnatal care.** The court may grant the prevailing party rea-  
 38 sonable costs of suit, which may include expert witness fees, and reasonable attorney fees at trial  
 39 and on appeal. [The provisions of ORS 107.108 apply to an order entered under this section for the  
 40 support of a child attending school.]

41 (5) An affidavit certifying the authenticity of documents substantiating expenses set forth in  
 42 subsection (4) of this section is prima facie evidence to establish the authenticity of the documents.

43 (6)(a) It is the policy of this state:

44 (A) To encourage the settlement of cases brought under this section; and

45 (B) For courts to enforce the terms of settlements described in paragraph (b) of this subsection

1 to the fullest extent possible, except when to do so would violate the law or would clearly  
2 contravene public policy.

3 (b) In a proceeding under this section, the court may enforce the terms set forth in a stipulated  
4 judgment of parentage signed by the parties, a judgment of parentage resulting from a settlement  
5 on the record or a judgment of parentage incorporating a settlement agreement:

6 (A) As contract terms using contract remedies;

7 (B) By imposing any remedy available to enforce a judgment, including but not limited to con-  
8 tempt; or

9 (C) By any combination of the provisions of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph.

10 (c) A party may seek to enforce an agreement and obtain remedies described in paragraph (b)  
11 of this subsection by filing a motion, serving notice on the other party in the manner provided by  
12 ORCP 7 and, if a remedy under paragraph (b)(B) of this subsection is sought, complying with the  
13 statutory requirements for that remedy. All claims for relief arising out of the same acts or omis-  
14 sions must be joined in the same proceeding.

15 (d) Nothing in paragraph (b) or (c) of this subsection limits a party's ability, in a separate pro-  
16 ceeding, to file a motion to set aside, alter or modify a judgment under ORS 109.165 or to seek  
17 enforcement of an ancillary agreement to the judgment.

18 (7) If parentage between a person and a child has been established under ORS 109.065 and the  
19 parentage has not been disestablished before proceedings are initiated under ORS 109.125, the court  
20 may not render a judgment under ORS 109.124 to 109.230 establishing parentage between another  
21 person and the child unless the judgment also disestablishes the parentage established under ORS  
22 109.065.

23 **SECTION 10.** ORS 109.165 is amended to read:

24 109.165. (1) Upon motion of either party, the court may set aside, alter or modify any portion  
25 of the judgment that provides for the support of the minor child [*or child attending school, as defined*  
26 *in ORS 107.108*]. As to any installment or payment of money that has accrued up to the time the  
27 nonmoving party, other than the state, is served with a motion to set aside, alter or modify the  
28 judgment, the judgment is final and the court may not change it. However, the court may allow a  
29 credit against child support arrearages for periods of time, excluding reasonable parenting time un-  
30 less otherwise provided by order or judgment, during which the obligor, with the knowledge and  
31 consent of the obligee or pursuant to court order, has physical custody of the child. [*A child at-*  
32 *tending school is a party for purposes of this section.*]

33 (2) The moving party shall state in the motion, to the extent known:

34 (a) Whether there is pending in this state or any other jurisdiction any type of support pro-  
35 ceeding involving the child, including a proceeding brought under ORS 25.287, 109.100, 125.025,  
36 416.400 to 416.465, 419B.400 or 419C.590 or ORS chapter 110; and

37 (b) Whether there exists in this state or any other jurisdiction a support order, as defined in  
38 ORS 110.503, involving the child, other than the judgment the party is moving to set aside, alter or  
39 modify.

40 (3) The moving party shall include with the motion a certificate regarding any pending support  
41 proceeding and any existing support order other than the judgment the party is moving to set aside,  
42 alter or modify. The party shall use a certificate that is in a form established by court rule and in-  
43 clude information required by court rule and subsection (2) of this section.

44 (4)(a) It is the policy of this state:

45 (A) To encourage the settlement of cases brought under this section; and

1 (B) For courts to enforce the terms of settlements described in paragraph (b) of this subsection  
 2 to the fullest extent possible, except when to do so would violate the law or would clearly  
 3 contravene public policy.

4 (b) In a proceeding under subsection (1) of this section, the court may enforce the terms set  
 5 forth in a stipulated order or judgment signed by the parties, an order or judgment resulting from  
 6 a settlement on the record or an order or judgment incorporating a settlement agreement:

7 (A) As contract terms using contract remedies;

8 (B) By imposing any remedy available to enforce an order or judgment, including but not limited  
 9 to contempt; or

10 (C) By any combination of the provisions of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph.

11 (c) A party may seek to enforce an agreement and obtain remedies described in paragraph (b)  
 12 of this subsection by filing a motion, serving notice on the other party in the manner provided by  
 13 ORCP 7 and, if a remedy under paragraph (b)(B) of this subsection is sought, complying with the  
 14 statutory requirements for that remedy. All claims for relief arising out of the same acts or omis-  
 15 sions must be joined in the same proceeding.

16 (d) Nothing in paragraph (b) or (c) of this subsection limits a party's ability, in a separate pro-  
 17 ceeding, to file a motion to modify an order or judgment under subsection (1) of this section or to  
 18 seek enforcement of an ancillary agreement to the order or judgment.

19 **SECTION 11.** ORS 416.400 is amended to read:

20 416.400. As used in ORS 416.400 to 416.465, unless the context requires otherwise:

21 (1) "Administrator" has the meaning given that term in ORS 25.010.

22 (2) "Court" means any circuit court of this state and any court in another state having juris-  
 23 diction to determine the liability of persons for the support of another person.

24 (3) "Court order" means any judgment or order of any Oregon court that orders payment of a  
 25 set or determinable amount of support money by the subject parent and does not include an order  
 26 or judgment in any proceeding in which the court did not order support.

27 (4) "Department" means the Department of Justice of this state or its equivalent in any other  
 28 state from which a written request for establishment or enforcement of a support obligation is re-  
 29 ceived under ORS 416.415.

30 (5) "Dependent child" means any person under the age of 18 who is not otherwise emancipated,  
 31 self-supporting, married or a member of the Armed Forces of the United States. [*"Dependent child"*  
 32 *also means a child attending school as defined in ORS 107.108.*]

33 (6) "Office" means the office of the Division of Child Support or the office of the district attor-  
 34 ney.

35 (7) "Parent" means:

36 (a) The natural or adoptive father or mother of a dependent child or youth offender;

37 (b) A person whose parentage has been established under ORS 109.065; or

38 (c) A stepparent when the person has an obligation to support a dependent child under ORS  
 39 108.045.

40 (8) "Past support" means the amount of child support that could have been ordered and accu-  
 41 mulated as arrears against a parent for the benefit of a child for any period of time during which  
 42 the child was not supported by the parent and for which period no support order was in effect.

43 (9) "Public assistance" means any money payments made by the state that are paid to or for the  
 44 benefit of any dependent child or youth offender, including but not limited to payments made so that  
 45 food, shelter, medical care, clothing, transportation or other necessary goods, services or items may

1 be provided, and payments made in compensation for the provision of the necessities. "Public as-  
2 sistance" does not include money payments made by the state to or for the benefit of a dependent  
3 child as the result of the child's removal from the parent's home against the wishes of the parent,  
4 if the Department of Human Services determines after completion of a child protective services as-  
5 sessment that the report of abuse is unfounded according to rules adopted by the Department of  
6 Human Services.

7 (10) "Youth offender" has the meaning given that term in ORS 419A.004.

8 **SECTION 12.** ORS 416.415 is amended to read:

9 416.415. (1)(a) At any time after the state is assigned support rights, a public assistance payment  
10 is made, an application for enforcement services under ORS 25.080 is made by an individual who is  
11 not a recipient of public assistance or a written request for enforcement of a support obligation is  
12 received from the state agency of another state responsible for administering the federal child sup-  
13 port enforcement program, the administrator may, if there is no court order or administrative sup-  
14 port order, issue a notice and finding of financial responsibility. The notice shall be served upon the  
15 parent in the manner prescribed for service of summons in a civil action, by certified mail, return  
16 receipt requested, or by any other mail service with delivery confirmation. Notices that involve the  
17 establishment of paternity must be served by personal service. All notices may be personally served  
18 by the administrator.

19 (b) The administrator shall serve the notice and finding issued under this section upon the  
20 obligee. Service shall be by regular mail.

21 (2) The administrator shall include in the notice:

22 (a) A statement of the name of the caretaker relative or agency and the name of the dependent  
23 child for whom support is to be paid;

24 (b) A statement of the monthly support for which the parent shall be responsible;

25 (c) A statement of the past support for which the parent shall be responsible;

26 (d) A statement that the parent may be required to provide health care coverage for the de-  
27 pendent child whenever the coverage is available to the parent at a reasonable cost;

28 (e) To the extent known, a statement of:

29 (A) Whether there is pending in this state or any other jurisdiction any type of support pro-  
30 ceeding involving the dependent child, including a proceeding brought under ORS 25.287, 107.085,  
31 107.135, 107.431, 108.110, 109.100, 109.103, 109.165, 125.025, 416.425, 419B.400 or 419C.590 or ORS  
32 chapter 110; and

33 (B) Whether there exists in this state or any other jurisdiction a support order, as defined in  
34 ORS 110.503, involving the dependent child;

35 (f) A statement that if the parent or the obligee desires to discuss the amount of support or  
36 health care coverage that the parent is required to pay or provide, the parent or the obligee may  
37 contact the office that sent the notice and request a negotiation conference. If no agreement is  
38 reached on the monthly support to be paid, the administrator may issue a new notice and finding  
39 of financial responsibility, which may be sent to the parent and to the obligee by regular mail ad-  
40 dressed to the parent's and to the obligee's last-known address, or if applicable, the parent's or the  
41 obligee's attorney's last-known address;

42 (g) A statement that if the parent or the obligee objects to all or any part of the notice and  
43 finding of financial responsibility, then the parent or the obligee must send to the office issuing the  
44 notice, within 30 days of the date of service, a written response that sets forth any objections and  
45 requests a hearing;

1 (h) A statement that if such a timely response is received by the appropriate office, either the  
2 parent or the obligee or both shall have the right to a hearing; and that if no timely written re-  
3 sponse is received, the administrator may enter an order in accordance with the notice and finding  
4 of financial responsibility;

5 (i) A statement that as soon as the order is entered, the property of the parent is subject to  
6 collection action, including but not limited to wage withholding, garnishment and liens and exe-  
7 cution thereon;

8 (j) A reference to ORS 416.400 to 416.465;

9 (k) A statement that both the parent and the obligee are responsible for notifying the office of  
10 any change of address or employment;

11 (L) A statement that if the parent has any questions, the parent should telephone or visit the  
12 appropriate office or consult an attorney; and

13 (m) Such other information as the administrator finds appropriate.

14 (3) If the paternity of the dependent child has not been legally established, the notice and finding  
15 of financial responsibility shall also include:

16 (a) An allegation that the person is the parent of the dependent child;

17 (b) The name of the child's other parent;

18 (c) The child's date of birth;

19 (d) The probable time or period of time during which conception took place; and

20 (e) A statement that if the alleged parent or the obligee does not timely send to the office is-  
21 suing the notice a written response that denies paternity and requests a hearing, then the adminis-  
22 trator, without further notice to the alleged parent, or to the obligee, may enter an order that  
23 declares and establishes the alleged parent as the legal parent of the child.

24 (4) The statement of monthly future support required under subsection (2)(b) and the statement  
25 of past support required under subsection (2)(c) of this section are to be computed as follows:

26 (a) If there is sufficient information available concerning the parent's financial and living situ-  
27 ation, the formula provided for in ORS 25.275 and 25.280 shall be used; or

28 (b) If there is insufficient information available to use the formula, an allegation of ability to  
29 pay shall be the basis of the statement.

30 (5) The parent or alleged parent and the obligee shall have time to request a hearing as outlined  
31 in subsection (2)(g) of this section. The time limits may be extended by the administrator and are  
32 nonjurisdictional.

33 (6) If a timely written response setting forth objections and requesting a hearing is received by  
34 the appropriate office, a hearing shall be held under ORS 416.427.

35 (7) If no timely written response and request for hearing is received by the appropriate office,  
36 the administrator may enter an order in accordance with the notice, and shall include in that order:

37 (a) If the paternity of the dependent child is established by the order, a declaration of that fact;

38 (b) The amount of monthly support to be paid, with directions on the manner of payment;

39 (c) The amount of past support to be ordered against the parent;

40 (d) Whether health care coverage is to be provided for the dependent child;

41 (e) The name of the caretaker relative or agency and the name and birthdate of the dependent  
42 child for whom support is to be paid; and

43 (f) A statement that the property of the parent is subject to collection action, including but not  
44 limited to wage withholding, garnishment and liens and execution thereon.

45 (8) The parent and the obligee shall be sent a copy of the order by regular mail addressed to

1 the last-known address of each of the parties or if applicable, to the last-known address of an at-  
2 torney of record for a party. The order is final, and action by the administrator to enforce and col-  
3 lect upon the order, including arrearages, may be taken from the date of issuance of the order.

4 [(9) *The provisions of ORS 107.108 apply to an order entered under this section for the support*  
5 *of a child attending school.*]

6 **SECTION 13.** ORS 419B.400 is amended to read:

7 419B.400. (1) The court may, after a hearing on the matter, require the parents or other person  
8 legally obligated to support a child alleged to be within the jurisdiction of the court under ORS  
9 419B.100 or a ward to pay toward the child or ward's support such amounts at such intervals as the  
10 court may direct[, *even though the child or ward is over 18 years of age as long as the child or ward*  
11 *is a child attending school, as defined in ORS 107.108*].

12 (2) At least 21 days before the hearing, the court shall notify the Administrator of the Division  
13 of Child Support of the Department of Justice, or the branch office providing support services to the  
14 county where the hearing will be held, of the hearing. Before the hearing the administrator shall  
15 inform the court, to the extent known:

16 (a) Whether there is pending in this state or any other jurisdiction any type of support pro-  
17 ceeding involving the child or ward, including a proceeding brought under ORS 25.287, 107.085,  
18 107.135, 107.431, 108.110, 109.100, 109.103, 109.165, 125.025, 416.400 to 416.465 or 419C.590 or ORS  
19 chapter 110; and

20 (b) Whether there exists in this state or any other jurisdiction a support order, as defined in  
21 ORS 110.503, involving the child or ward.

22 (3) The Judicial Department and the Department of Justice may enter into an agreement re-  
23 garding how the courts give the notice required under subsection (2) of this section to the Depart-  
24 ment of Justice and how the Department of Justice gives the information described in subsection  
25 (2)(a) and (b) to the courts.

26 (4) The court, in determining the amount to be paid, shall use the scale and formula provided  
27 for in ORS 25.275 and 25.280. Unless otherwise ordered, the amounts so required to be paid shall  
28 be paid to the Department of Justice or the county clerk, whichever is appropriate, for transmission  
29 to the person, institution or agency having legal custody of the child or ward.

30 **SECTION 14.** ORS 419C.590 is amended to read:

31 419C.590. (1) The court may, after a hearing on the matter, require the parents or other person  
32 legally obligated to support a youth offender to pay toward the youth offender's support such  
33 amounts at such intervals as the court may direct, while the youth offender is within the jurisdiction  
34 of the court [*even though the youth offender is over 18 years of age as long as the youth offender is*  
35 *a child attending school, as defined in ORS 107.108*].

36 (2) At least 21 days before the hearing, the court shall notify the Administrator of the Division  
37 of Child Support of the Department of Justice, or the branch office providing support services to the  
38 county where the hearing will be held, of the hearing. Before the hearing the administrator shall  
39 inform the court, to the extent known:

40 (a) Whether there is pending in this state or any other jurisdiction any type of support pro-  
41 ceeding involving the youth offender, including a proceeding brought under ORS 25.287, 107.085,  
42 107.135, 107.431, 108.110, 109.100, 109.103, 109.165, 125.025, 416.400 to 416.465 or 419B.400 or ORS  
43 chapter 110; and

44 (b) Whether there exists in this state or any other jurisdiction a support order, as defined in  
45 ORS 110.503, involving the youth offender.

1 (3) The Judicial Department and the Department of Justice may enter into an agreement re-  
 2 garding how the courts give the notice required under subsection (2) of this section to the Depart-  
 3 ment of Justice and how the Department of Justice gives the information described in subsection  
 4 (2)(a) and (b) to the courts.

5 (4) The court, in determining the amount to be paid, shall use the scale and formula provided  
 6 for in ORS 25.275 and 25.280. Unless otherwise ordered, the amounts so required to be paid shall  
 7 be paid to the Department of Justice or the county clerk, whichever is appropriate, for transmission  
 8 to the person, institution or agency having legal custody of the youth offender.

9 **SECTION 15.** ORS 25.080 is amended to read:

10 25.080. (1) The following entity is primarily responsible for providing the support enforcement  
 11 services described in subsection (4) of this section when an application as described in ORS 25.084  
 12 is made, or when an assignment of support rights is made to the state:

13 (a) The Division of Child Support of the Department of Justice:

14 (A) If support rights are, or were within the past five months, assigned to this or another state;  
 15 or

16 (B) In any case where arrearage under a support order is assigned or owed to or the right to  
 17 recover back support or state debt is held by this state or another state.

18 (b) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, the district attorney in cases other than  
 19 those described in paragraph (a) of this subsection if an application as described in ORS 25.084 is  
 20 made by the obligee, by the obligor[,] **or** by a person having physical custody of a minor child [*or*  
 21 *by a child attending school, as defined in ORS 107.108*].

22 (2) The provisions of this section apply to support enforcement services for any order or judg-  
 23 ment that is or could be entered under ORS 419B.400 or 419C.590 or ORS chapter 107, 108, 109, 110  
 24 or 416. The entity specified in subsection (1) of this section shall provide the support enforcement  
 25 services on behalf of the State of Oregon and not on behalf of any other party or on behalf of a  
 26 parent. The Department of Justice shall adopt rules addressing the provision of support enforcement  
 27 services when the purposes of the state in providing those services may be contradictory in indi-  
 28 vidual cases.

29 (3) Notwithstanding the division of responsibility for providing support enforcement services  
 30 between the Division of Child Support and the district attorney as described in subsection (1) of this  
 31 section, provision of support enforcement services may not be challenged on the basis that the entity  
 32 providing the services in a particular case is not the entity responsible for the case under subsection  
 33 (1) of this section.

34 (4) When responsible for providing support enforcement services and there is sufficient evidence  
 35 available to support the action to be taken, the entity described in subsection (1) of this section:

36 (a) Shall establish and enforce any child support obligation;

37 (b) Shall establish paternity;

38 (c) Shall enforce spousal support when the obligee is living with the obligor's child for whom  
 39 support enforcement services are being provided and those services are funded in part by federal  
 40 moneys;

41 (d) May enforce any other order or judgment for spousal support;

42 (e) Shall, on behalf of the state, initiate and respond to child support modification proceedings  
 43 based upon a substantial change of circumstances;

44 (f) Shall, on behalf of the state, initiate and respond to child support modification proceedings  
 45 based upon a modification conducted under ORS 25.287 concerning existing child support orders;

1 (g) Shall establish and enforce obligations to provide medical insurance coverage for dependent  
2 children;

3 (h) Shall ensure compliance with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 651 to 669 and 45 C.F.R. Chapter  
4 III as authorized by state law;

5 (i) Shall carry out the policy of the State of Oregon regarding child support obligations as ex-  
6 pressed in ORS 416.405; and

7 (j) Shall ensure that child support orders are in compliance with the formula established by this  
8 chapter.

9 (5) In any proceeding under subsection (4) of this section, the parties are those described in ORS  
10 416.407.

11 (6) The district attorney of any county and the department may provide by agreement for as-  
12 sumption by the Division of Child Support of the functions of the district attorney under subsection  
13 (1) of this section or for redistribution between the district attorney and the Division of Child Sup-  
14 port of all or any portion of the duties, responsibilities and functions set forth in subsections (1) and  
15 (4) of this section.

16 (7) All county governing bodies and all district attorneys shall enter into child support cooper-  
17 ative agreements with the department. The following apply to this subsection:

18 (a) The agreements shall contain appropriate terms and conditions sufficient for the state to  
19 comply with all child support enforcement service requirements under federal law; and

20 (b) If this state loses any federal funds due to the failure of a county governing body or district  
21 attorney to either enter into an agreement under this subsection or to provide sufficient support  
22 enforcement service, the county shall be liable to the department for, and the liability shall be lim-  
23 ited to, the amount of money the state determines it lost because of the failure. The state shall offset  
24 the loss from any moneys the state is holding for or owes the county or from any moneys the state  
25 would pay to the county for any purpose.

26 (8) The Department of Justice shall enter into an agreement with the Oregon District Attorneys  
27 Association to establish a position or positions to act as a liaison between the Division of Child  
28 Support and those district attorneys who provide support enforcement services under this section.  
29 The department shall fund the position or positions. The Oregon District Attorneys Association shall  
30 administer the liaison position or positions under the agreement. The liaison shall work to:

31 (a) Enhance the participation and interaction of the district attorneys in the development and  
32 implementation of Child Support Program policies and services; and

33 (b) Increase the effectiveness of child support enforcement services provided by the district at-  
34 torneys.

35 (9) The district attorney or the Division of Child Support, whichever is appropriate, shall pro-  
36 vide the services specified in subsections (1) and (4) of this section to any applicant, but may in their  
37 discretion, upon a determination and notice to the applicant that the prospect of successful recovery  
38 from the obligor of a portion of the delinquency or future payments is remote, require payment to  
39 the district attorney or the Division of Child Support of an application fee, in accordance with an  
40 application fee schedule established by rule by the department. If service performed results in the  
41 district attorney or the Division of Child Support recovering any support enforcement fees, the fees  
42 shall be paid to the applicant in an amount equal to the amount of the application fee.

43 (10) An obligee may request the Division of Child Support or a district attorney to cease all  
44 collection efforts if it is anticipated that physical or emotional harm will be caused to the parent  
45 or caretaker relative or the child for whom support was to have been paid. The department, by rule,

1 shall set out the circumstances under which such requests shall be honored.

2 **SECTION 16.** ORS 25.164 is amended to read:

3 25.164. (1) If the payment method for support payments set forth in the support judgment does  
 4 not require that payments be made through the Department of Justice, an application may be made  
 5 to the department for support enforcement services under this chapter and under federal laws and  
 6 regulations relating to support payments and enforcement of judgments. An application under this  
 7 section may be made by an obligee, by an obligor[,] **or** by a person having physical custody of a  
 8 minor child [*or by a child attending school, as defined in ORS 107.108*].

9 (2) An application under subsection (1) of this section must be in the form prescribed by ORS  
 10 25.084.

11 (3) If an application is made under subsection (1) of this section, the administrator shall give  
 12 notice to all parties that the application has been made. All support payments under the judgment  
 13 that are due after the notice is given must be made through the department.

14 (4) When an application is made under this section, the method of support accounting previously  
 15 used for the support judgment terminates on the first day of the month following the month the  
 16 application is made, and the department shall thereafter provide support accounting for the support  
 17 judgment and disburse amounts paid under the judgment.

18 (5) If an application is made under this section and a complete record of support payments does  
 19 not exist, the department may establish a record of arrearage under ORS 25.167.

20 **SECTION 17. Section 18 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 107.094 to**  
 21 **107.449.**

22 **SECTION 18. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, that portion of a**  
 23 **judgment or order entered before the effective date of this 2019 Act that requires the pay-**  
 24 **ment of support for a child attending school, as defined in ORS 107.108, as in effect imme-**  
 25 **diately before the effective date of this 2019 Act, is void and unenforceable.**

26 **(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not affect a payment of support for a child at-**  
 27 **tending school that became due before the effective date of this 2019 Act.**

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