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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5958**

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**By** Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Rinehart and McDonald; by request of Department of Social and Health Services)

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1 AN ACT Relating to financial responsibility for juvenile offenders;  
2 and amending RCW 13.40.220.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.40.220 and 1977 ex.s. c 291 s 76 are each amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Whenever legal custody of a child is vested in someone other  
7 than his or her parents, after due notice to the parents or other  
8 persons legally obligated to care for and support the child, and after  
9 a hearing, the court may order and decree that the parent or other  
10 legally obligated person shall pay in such a manner as the court may  
11 direct a reasonable sum representing in whole or in part the costs of  
12 support, treatment, and confinement of the child after the decree is  
13 entered.

14 (2) Whenever legal custody of a child is vested in the department  
15 of social and health services, after due notice to the parents or other  
16 persons legally obligated to care for and support the child, and after  
17 a hearing, the court shall order and decree that the parent or other  
18 legally obligated person shall pay for support, treatment, and  
19 confinement of the child after the decree is entered, following the

1 department of social and health services reimbursement of cost  
2 schedule. The department of social and health services shall collect  
3 the debt in accordance with chapter 43.20B RCW.

4 (3) If the parent or other legally obligated person willfully fails  
5 or refuses to pay such sum, the court may proceed against such person  
6 for contempt.

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