

**RCW 74.20A.160 Secretary may set debt payment schedule, release funds in certain hardship cases.** With respect to any arrearages on a support debt assessed under this chapter, the secretary may at any time consistent with the income, earning capacity and resources of the debtor, set or reset a level and schedule of payments to be paid upon a support debt. The secretary may, upon petition of the debtor providing sufficient evidence of hardship, after consideration of the child support schedule adopted under \*RCW 26.19.040, release or refund moneys taken pursuant to RCW 74.20A.080 to provide for the reasonable necessities of the responsible parent or parents and minor children in the home of the responsible parent. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the secretary to take any action which would require collection of less than the obligation for current support required under a superior court order or an administrative order or to take any action which would result in a bar of collection of arrearages from the debtor by reason of the statute of limitations. [1988 c 275 § 11; 1985 c 276 § 8; 1979 ex.s. c 171 § 8; 1971 ex.s. c 164 § 16.]

**\*Reviser's note:** RCW 26.19.040 was repealed by 1991 sp.s. c 28 § 8, effective September 1, 1991.

**Effective dates—Severability—1988 c 275:** See notes following RCW 26.19.001.

**Severability—1979 ex.s. c 171:** See note following RCW 74.20.300.