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HOUSE BILL 2251

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By Representatives Cortes and Eslick

1   AN ACT Relating to the disposition of unenforceable legal
2 financial obligations other than restitution imposed by a court or an
3 agent of the court against a juvenile prior to July 1, 2023; amending
4 RCW 13.40.192; and creating a new section.

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

6   **Sec. 1.**   RCW 13.40.192 and 2023 c 449 s 20 are each amended to
7 read as follows:
8   (1) If a juvenile is ordered to pay restitution, the money
9 judgment remains enforceable for a period of 10 years. When the
10 juvenile reaches the age of 18 years or at the conclusion of juvenile
11 court jurisdiction, whichever occurs later, the superior court clerk
12 must docket the remaining balance of the juvenile's restitution in
13 the same manner as other judgments for the payment of money. The
14 judgment remains valid and enforceable until 10 years from the date
15 of its imposition. The clerk of the superior court may seek extension
16 of the judgment for restitution in the same manner as RCW 6.17.020
17 for purposes of collection as allowed under RCW 36.18.190.
18   (2) A judgment against a juvenile for any legal financial
19 obligation other than restitution including, but not limited to,
20 fines, penalty assessments, attorneys' fees, court costs, and other
21 administrative fees, is not enforceable after July 1, 2023. The

1 superior court clerk shall not accept payments from a respondent who
2 was ordered to pay legal financial obligations, including fines,
3 penalty assessments, attorneys' fees, and court costs after July 1,
4 2023. Any such debts shall be rendered null and void, and considered
5 satisfied and paid in full by July 1, 2025.

6   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The administrative office of the courts
7 may take the necessary steps to ensure that this act is implemented
8 by July 1, 2025.

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