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Child support payments process being reviewed

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is inviting Yukoners to comment on a proposed service to recalculate child support payments when the income of a parent changes.

"This new service would respond to changes in income quickly and efficiently without parents having to undergo the time and cost of a court process," Assistant Deputy Minister of Courts and Regulatory Services Lesley McCullough said.

Currently, parents have to apply to court for a variance order on the original child support order when changes in income level or other factors make recalculation appropriate.

"We are always looking for ways to support families by streamlining processes where possible," McCullough added. "Here, it is a simple matter of inputting a revised income amount into a formula calculation."

Public comments will be considered in drafting a new act to set up the service. The proposed changes are open for comment until August 16.

Details of the proposed administrative recalculation of child support payments and a questionnaire are posted at www.justice.gov.yk.ca.

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