

Title 23

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23.72.010 Definitions. Words and terms used in this chapter shall be defined as follows:

(1) "Receiver" means any receiver, trustee, common law assignee, or other liquidating officer of an insolvent corporation;

(2) "Date of application" means the date of filing with the clerk of the court of the petition or other application for the appointment of a receiver, pursuant to which application such appointment is made; or in case the appointment of a receiver is lawfully made without court proceedings, it means the date on which the receiver is designated, elected or otherwise authorized to act as such;

(3) "Preference" means a judgment procured or suffered against itself by an insolvent corporation or a transfer of any of the property of such corporation, the effect of the enforcement of which judgment or transfer at the time it was procured, suffered, or made, would be to enable any one of the creditors of such corporation to obtain a greater percentage of his debt than any other creditor of the same class;

(4) "Insolvent" means, for the purposes of this chapter, a condition whereby the aggregate of a corporation's property, exclusive of any property which it may have conveyed, transferred, concealed, removed or permitted to be concealed or removed, with intent to defraud, hinder, or delay its creditors, shall not at a fair valuation be sufficient in amount to pay its debts. [1959 c 219 § 1; 1941 c 103 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 5831-4. Formerly RCW 23.48.010.]

23.72.020 Action to recover—Limitation. If not otherwise limited by law, actions in the courts of this state by a receiver to recover preferences may be commenced at any time within but not after six months, from the date of application for the appointment of such receiver. [1941 c 103 § 2; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 5831-5. Formerly RCW 23.48.020.]

23.72.030 Preference voidable, when—Recovery. Any preference made or suffered within four months before the date of application for the appointment of a receiver may be avoided and the property or its value recovered by such receiver, if the person receiving the preference or to be benefited thereby or his agent acting therein shall then have reasonable cause to believe that the debtor corporation is insolvent. No preference made or suffered prior to such four months' period may be recovered, and all provisions of law or of the trust fund doctrine permitting recovery of any preference made beyond such four months' period are hereby specifically superseded. [1959 c 219 § 2; 1941 c 103 § 3; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 5831-6. Formerly RCW 23.48.030.]

23.72.040 Mutual debts and credits. In any action by a receiver against a creditor to avoid and recover a preference such creditor may set off against the amount of such preference an amount equal to any credit or credits given by such creditor to the corporation within four months prior to the date of application for the appointment of the receiver when such credit or credits were given in good faith without security of any kind for property which became a part of the assets of the corporation. [1941 c 103 § 4; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 5831-7. Formerly RCW 23.48.040.]

23.72.050 Attorney's fees—Reexamination. If a corporation shall directly or indirectly in contemplation of the appointment of a receiver of such corporation pay money or transfer property to an attorney or counselor at law, solicitor in equity, or proctor in admiralty for services to be rendered, the transaction shall be reexamined by the court on petition of the receiver of such corporation or any creditor and shall be held valid only to the extent of a reasonable amount to be determined by the court and any excess may be recovered by the receiver for the benefit of the creditors of such corporation. [1941 c 103 § 5; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 5831-8. Formerly RCW 23.48.050.]

23.72.060 Setoffs and counterclaims. (1) In all cases of mutual debts or mutual credits between the corporation and a creditor the account shall be stated and one debt shall be set off against the other, and the balance only shall be allowed or paid: PROVIDED, That as against voidable preferences the only offsets shall be the credits specified in RCW 23.72.050.

(2) A setoff or counterclaim shall not be allowed in favor of any debtor of the corporation which (1) is not provable against the corporation, or (2) was purchased by or transferred to him after the appointment of a receiver for such corporation, or within four months before the date of application for the appointment of such receiver, with a view to such use and with knowledge or notice that such corporation was insolvent. [1941 c 103 § 6; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 5831-9. Formerly RCW 23.48.060 and 23.48.070.]

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23.78.010 Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given:

(1) "Employee cooperative" means a corporation that has elected to be governed by the provisions of this chapter.

(2) "Member" means a natural person who has been accepted for membership in, and owns a membership share issued by an employee cooperative.

(3) "Patronage" means the amount of work performed as a member of an employee cooperative, measured in accordance with the articles of incorporation and bylaws.

(4) "Written notice of allocation" means a written instrument which discloses to a member the stated dollar amount of the member's patronage allocation, and the terms for payment of that amount by the employee cooperative. [1987 c 457 § 2.]

23.78.020 Election by corporation to be governed as an employee cooperative—Laws governing. Any corporation organized under the laws of this state may elect to be governed as an employee cooperative under the provisions of this chapter, by so stating in its articles of incorporation,

or articles of amendment filed in accordance with Title 23B RCW.

A corporation so electing shall be governed by all provisions of Title 23B RCW, except RCW 23B.07.050, 23B.13.020, and chapter 23B.11 RCW, and except as otherwise provided in this chapter. [1991 c 72 § 9; 1987 c 457 § 3.]

23.78.030 Revocation of election. An employee cooperative may revoke its election under this chapter by a vote of two-thirds of the members and through articles of amendment filed with the secretary of state in accordance with RCW 23B.01.200 and 23B.10.060. [1991 c 72 § 10; 1987 c 457 § 4.]

23.78.040 Corporate name. An employee cooperative may include the word "cooperative" or "co-op" in its corporate name. [1987 c 457 § 5.]

23.78.050 Members—Membership shares. (1) The articles of incorporation or the bylaws shall establish qualifications and the method of acceptance and termination of members. No person may be accepted as a member unless employed by the employee cooperative on a full-time or part-time basis.

(2) An employee cooperative shall issue a class of voting stock designated as "membership shares." Each member shall own only one membership share, and only members may own these shares.

(3) Membership shares shall be issued for a fee as determined from time to time by the directors. RCW 23B.06.040 and 23B.06.200 do not apply to such membership shares.

Members of an employee cooperative shall have all the rights and responsibilities of stockholders of a corporation organized under Title 23B RCW, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. [1991 c 72 § 11; 1987 c 457 § 6.]

23.78.060 Right to vote—Power to amend or repeal bylaws—Right to amend articles of incorporation. (1) No capital stock other than membership shares shall be given voting power in an employee cooperative, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, or in the articles of incorporation.

(2) The power to amend or repeal bylaws of an employee cooperative shall be in the members only.

(3) Except as otherwise permitted by RCW 23B.10.040, no capital stock other than membership shares shall be permitted to vote on any amendment to the articles of incorporation. [1991 c 72 § 12; 1987 c 457 § 7.]

23.78.070 Net earnings or losses—Apportionment, distribution, and payment. (1) The net earnings or losses of an employee cooperative shall be apportioned and distributed at the times and in the manner as the articles of incorporation or bylaws shall specify. Net earnings declared as patronage allocations with respect to a period of time, and paid or credited to members, shall be apportioned among the members in accordance with the ratio which each member's patronage during the period involved bears to total patronage by all members during that period.

(2) The apportionment, distribution, and payment of net earnings required by subsection (1) of this section may be in cash, credits, written notices of allocation, or capital stock issued by the employee cooperative. [1987 c 457 § 8.]

23.78.080 Internal capital accounts authorized—Redemptions—Assignment of portion of retained net earnings and net losses to collective reserve account authorized. (1) Any employee cooperative may establish through its articles of incorporation or bylaws a system of internal capital accounts to reflect the book value and to determine the redemption price of membership shares, capital stock, and written notices of allocation.

(2) The articles of incorporation or bylaws of an employee cooperative may permit the periodic redemption of written notices of allocation and capital stock, and must provide for recall and redemption of the membership share upon termination of membership in the cooperative. No redemption shall be made if redemption would result in a violation of RCW 23B.06.400.

(3) The articles of incorporation or bylaws may provide for the employee cooperative to pay or credit interest on the balance in each member's internal capital account.

(4) The articles of incorporation or bylaws may authorize assignment of a portion of retained net earnings and net losses to a collective reserve account. Earnings assigned to the collective reserve account may be used for any and all corporate purposes as determined by the board of directors. [1991 c 72 § 13; 1987 c 457 § 9.]

23.78.090 Internal capital account cooperatives. (1) An internal capital account cooperative is an employee cooperative whose entire net book value is reflected in internal capital accounts, one for each member, and a collective reserve account, and in which no persons other than members own capital stock. In an internal capital account cooperative, each member shall have one and only one vote in any matter requiring voting by stockholders.

(2) An internal capital account cooperative shall credit the paid-in membership fee and additional paid-in capital of a member to the member's internal capital account, and shall also record the apportionment of retained net earnings or net losses to the members in accordance with patronage by appropriately crediting or debiting the internal capital accounts of members. The collective reserve account in an internal capital account cooperative shall reflect any paid-in capital, net losses, and retained net earnings not allocated to individual members.

(3) In an internal capital account cooperative, the balances in all the individual internal capital accounts and collective reserve account, if any, shall be adjusted at the end of each accounting period so that the sum of the balances is equal to the net book value of the employee cooperative. [1987 c 457 § 10.]

23.78.100 Provision for conversion of shares and accounts—Limitations upon merger. (1) When any employee cooperative revokes its election in accordance with RCW 23.78.030, the articles of amendment shall provide for conversion of membership shares and internal capital

accounts or their conversion to securities or other property in a manner consistent with Title 23B RCW.

(2) An employee cooperative that has not revoked its election under this chapter may not merge with another corporation other than an employee cooperative. Two or more employee cooperatives may merge in accordance with RCW 23B.01.200, 23B.07.050, and chapter 23B.11 RCW. [1991 c 72 § 14; 1987 c 457 § 11.]

23.78.900 Short title. This chapter may be cited as the employee cooperative corporations act. [1987 c 457 § 1.]

23.78.902 Severability—1987 c 457. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1987 c 457 § 16.]

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23.86.007 Definitions. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Association" means any corporation subject to this chapter.

(2) "Member" or "members" includes a member or members of an association subject to this chapter without capital stock and a shareholder or shareholders of voting common stock in an association subject to this chapter with capital stock.

(3) "Articles of incorporation" means the original or restated articles of incorporation, articles of consolidation, or articles of association and all amendments including articles of merger. Corporations incorporated under this chapter with articles of association shall not be required to amend the title or references to the term "articles of association."

(4) "Director," "directors," or "board of directors" includes "trustee," "trustees," or "board of trustees" respectively. Corporations incorporated under this chapter with references in their articles of association or bylaws to "trustee," "trustees," or "board of trustees" shall not be required to amend the references.

(5) "Agricultural association" means an association that engages in any activity in connection with the marketing or selling of the agricultural products of its members, or with the harvesting, preserving, drying, processing, canning, packing, storing, handling, shipping, or utilization thereof, or the manufacturing or marketing of the byproducts thereof; or in connection with the manufacturing, selling, or supplying to its members of machinery, equipment, or supplies, or in the financing of these activities. In the application of the definition of agricultural association, "agricultural products" includes horticultural, viticultural, forestry, dairy, livestock, poultry, bee, and farm products. [1994 c 206 § 1; 1989 c 307 § 3.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: "The legislature finds that since 1921 there have existed in the laws of this state two separate incorporation statutes expressly designed for corporations intending to operate as nonprofit cooperatives. The existence of two cooperative incorporation statutes has been the source of confusion, disparity of treatment, and legal and administrative ambiguities, and the rationale for having two cooperative incorporation statutes is no longer valid. These cooperative incorporation statutes have not been updated with the regularity of this state's business incorporation statutes and, as a result, are deficient in certain respects." [1989 c 307 § 1.]

23.86.010 Cooperative associations—Who may organize. Any number of persons may associate themselves together as a cooperative association, society, company or exchange, with or without capital stock, for the transaction of any lawful business on the cooperative plan. For the purposes of this chapter the words "association," "company," "exchange," "society" or "union" shall be construed the same. [1989 c 307 § 4; 1913 c 19 § 1; RRS § 3904. Formerly RCW 23.56.010.] [1954 SLC-RO-7]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

Severability—1913 c 19: "If any section or part of a section of this act shall for any cause be held unconstitutional such fact shall not affect the remainder of this act." [1913 c 19 § 20.] This applies to RCW 23.86.010 through 23.86.190.

23.86.020 Business authorized. An association created under this chapter, being for mutual welfare, the words "lawful business" shall extend to every kind of lawful effort for business, agricultural, dairy, mercantile, mining, manufacturing or mechanical business, on the cooperative plan. [1913 c 19 § 7; RRS § 3910. Formerly RCW 23.56.020.]

23.86.030 Association name—Immunity from liability of association board members and officers. (1) The name of any association subject to this chapter may contain the word "corporation," "incorporated," or "limited" or an abbreviation of any such word.

(2) No corporation or association organized or doing business in this state shall be entitled to use the term "cooperative" as a part of its corporate or other business name or title, unless it: (a) Is subject to the provisions of this chapter, chapter 23.78, or 31.12 RCW; (b) is subject to the provisions of chapter 24.06 RCW and operating on a cooperative basis; (c) is, on July 23, 1989, an organization lawfully using the term "cooperative" as part of its corporate or other business name or title; or (d) is a nonprofit corporation or association the voting members of which are corporations or associations operating on a cooperative basis. Any corporation or association violating the provisions of this section may be enjoined from doing business under such name at the instance of any member or any association subject to this chapter.

(3) A member of the board of directors or an officer of any association subject to this chapter shall have the same immunity from liability as is granted in RCW 4.24.264. [1989 c 307 § 5; 1987 c 212 § 706; 1913 c 19 § 17; RRS § 3920. Formerly RCW 23.56.030.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.035 Powers. Each association subject to this chapter shall have the following powers:

(1) To have perpetual succession by its corporate name unless a limited period of duration is stated in the articles of incorporation.

(2) To sue and be sued, complain, and defend in its corporate name.

(3) To have and use a corporate seal.

(4) To purchase, take, receive, lease, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, and deal in and with real or personal property or any interest therein, wherever situated.

(5) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer, or otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property and assets.

(6) To purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of, use, and deal in and with shares or other interest in, or obligations of, other domestic or foreign corporations, associations, partnerships or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United

States or any other government, state, territory, governmental district or municipality, or any instrumentality thereof.

(7) To make contracts and incur liabilities, borrow money at rates of interest the association may determine, issue notes, bonds, certificates of indebtedness, and other obligations, receive funds from members and pay interest thereon, issue capital stock and certificates representing equity interests in assets, allocate earnings and losses at the times and in the manner the articles of incorporation or bylaws or other contract specify, create book credits, capital funds, and reserves, and secure obligations by mortgage or pledge of any of its property, franchises, and income.

(8) To lend money for corporate purposes, invest and reinvest funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds loaned or invested.

(9) To conduct business, carry on operations, have offices, and exercise the powers granted by this chapter, within or without this state.

(10) To elect or appoint officers and agents of the corporation, define their duties, and fix their compensation.

(11) To make and alter bylaws, not inconsistent with its articles of incorporation or with the laws of this state, for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the association.

(12) To make donations for the public welfare or for charitable, scientific, or educational purposes, and in time of war to make donations in aid of war activities.

(13) To pay pensions and establish pension plans, pension trusts, profit-sharing plans, stock bonus plans, stock option plans, and other incentive plans for any or all of its directors, officers, and employees.

(14) To be a partner, member, associate, or manager of any partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise.

(15) To cease corporate activities and surrender its corporate franchise.

(16) To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect its purposes. [1989 c 307 § 6.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.050 Articles—Contents. Every association formed under this chapter after July 23, 1989, shall prepare articles of incorporation in writing, which shall set forth:

(1) The name of the association.

(2) The purpose for which it was formed which may include the transaction of any lawful business for which associations may be incorporated under this chapter. It shall not be necessary to set forth in the articles of incorporation any of the corporate powers enumerated in this chapter.

(3) Its principal place of business.

(4) The term for which it is to exist which may be perpetual or for a stated number of years.

(5) If organized without capital stock, whether the property rights and interest of each member shall be equal or unequal; and if unequal, the articles shall set forth the general rules by which the property rights and interests of all members shall be determined and fixed. The association may admit new members who shall be entitled to share in the property of the association with old members in accordance with the general rules.

(6) If the association is to have capital stock:

(a) The aggregate number of shares which the association shall have authority to issue; if shares are to consist of one class only, the par value of each share, or a statement that all shares are without par value; or, if shares are to be divided into classes, the number of shares of each class, and a statement of the par value of the shares of each class or that shares are to be without par value;

(b) If the shares are to be divided into classes, the designation of each class and a statement of the preferences, limitations, and relative rights in respect to the shares of each class;

(c) If the association is to issue the shares of any preferred or special class in series, the designation of each series and a statement of the variations in the relative rights and preferences between series fixed in the articles of incorporation, and a statement of any authority vested in the board of directors to establish series and fix and determine the variations in the relative rights and preferences between series; and

(d) Any provision limiting or denying to members the preemptive right to acquire additional shares of the association.

(7) Provisions for distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation.

(8) Whether a dissenting member shall be limited to a return of less than the fair value of the member's equity interest in the association. A dissenting member may not be limited to a return of less than the consideration paid to or retained by the association for the equity interest unless the fair value is less than the consideration paid to or retained by the association.

(9) The address of its initial registered office, including street and number, and the name of its initial registered agent at the address.

(10) The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors.

(11) The name and address of each incorporator.

(12) Any provision, not inconsistent with law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in the articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the association, including provisions regarding:

(a) Eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director to the association or its members for monetary damages for conduct as a director: PROVIDED, That such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct by a director or a knowing violation of law by a director, or for any transaction from which the director will personally receive a benefit in money, property, or services to which the director is not legally entitled. No such provision may eliminate or limit the liability of a director for any act or omission occurring before the date when such provision becomes effective; and

(b) Any provision which under this chapter is required or permitted to be set forth in the bylaws.

Associations organized under this chapter before July 23, 1989, or under *chapter 24.32 RCW shall not be required to amend their articles of association or articles of incorporation to conform to this section unless the association is otherwise amending the articles of association or articles of incorporation.

The information specified in subsections (9) through (11) of this section may be deleted when filing amendments. [1989 c 307 § 7; 1987 c 212 § 704; 1982 c 35 § 171; 1961 c 34 § 1; 1913 c 19 § 2; RRS § 3905. Formerly RCW 23.56.050.]

***Reviser's note:** Chapter 24.32 RCW was repealed by 1989 c 307.

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

23.86.055 Articles—Filing. (1) Duplicate originals of the articles of incorporation signed by the incorporators shall be delivered to the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that the articles of incorporation conform to law, the secretary of state shall, when all required fees have been paid:

(a) Endorse each original with the word "filed" and the effective date of the filing.

(b) File one original in his or her office.

(c) Issue a certificate of incorporation with one original attached.

(2) The certificate of incorporation, with an original of the articles of incorporation affixed by the secretary of state, shall be returned to the incorporators or their representatives and shall be retained by the association.

(3) Upon the filing of the articles of incorporation, the corporate existence shall begin, and the certificate of incorporation shall, except as against the state in a proceeding to cancel or revoke the certificate of incorporation, be conclusive evidence that all conditions precedent required to be performed by the incorporators have been complied with and that the corporation has been incorporated under this chapter. [1989 c 307 § 8.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.070 Filing fees. For filing articles of incorporation of an association organized under this chapter or filing application for a certificate of authority by a foreign corporation, there shall be paid to the secretary of state the sum of twenty-five dollars. Fees for filing an amendment to articles of incorporation shall be established by the secretary of state by rule. For filing other documents with the secretary of state and issuing certificates, fees shall be as prescribed in RCW 23B.01.220. Associations subject to this chapter shall not be subject to any corporation license fees excepting the fees hereinabove enumerated. [1993 c 269 § 1; 1991 c 72 § 15; 1989 c 307 § 9; 1982 c 35 § 173; 1959 c 263 § 2; 1953 c 214 § 1; 1925 ex.s. c 99 § 1; 1913 c 19 § 4; RRS § 3907. Formerly RCW 23.56.070.]

Effective date—1993 c 269: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect July 1, 1993." [1993 c 269 § 17.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

23.86.075 Fees for services by secretary of state. See RCW 43.07.120.

23.86.080 Directors—Election and appointment. (1) Associations shall be managed by a board of not less than three directors (which may be referred to as "trustees"). The directors shall be elected by and from the members of the association at such time, in such manner, and for such term of office as the bylaws may prescribe, and shall hold office during the term for which they were elected and until their successors are elected and qualified.

(2) Except as provided in RCW 23.86.087, any vacancy occurring in the board of directors, and any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of directors, may be filled by the board of directors unless the articles of incorporation or the bylaws provide that a vacancy or directorship so created shall be filled in some other manner. A director elected or appointed to fill a vacancy shall be elected or appointed for the unexpired term of the predecessor in office. [1989 c 307 § 10; 1913 c 19 § 5; RRS § 3908. Formerly RCW 23.56.080.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.085 Election of officers. The directors shall elect a president and one or more vice-presidents, who need not be directors. If the president and vice-presidents are not members of the board of directors, the directors shall elect from their number a chairman of the board of directors and one or more vice-chairmen. They shall also elect a secretary and treasurer, who need not be directors, and they may combine the two offices and designate the combined office as secretary-treasurer. The treasurer may be a bank or any depository, and as such shall not be considered an officer but a function of the board of directors. In such case, the secretary shall perform the usual accounting duties of the treasurer, except that the funds shall be deposited only as authorized by the board of directors. [1989 c 307 § 11.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.087 Removal of officers or directors. Any member may bring charges against an officer or director by filing charges in writing with the secretary of the association, together with a petition signed by ten percent of the members requesting the removal of the officer or director in question. The removal shall be voted upon at the next regular or special meeting of the association and, by a vote of a majority of the members voting, the association may remove the officer or director and fill the vacancy. The director or officer against whom such charges have been brought shall be informed in writing of the charges prior to the meeting and shall have an opportunity at the meeting to be heard in person or by counsel and to present witnesses. The person or persons bringing the charges shall have the same opportunity. If the bylaws provide for election of directors by districts, the petition for removal of a director must be signed by the number of members residing in the district from which the officer or director was elected as the articles of incorporation or bylaws specify and, in the absence of such specification, the petition must be signed by ten percent of the members residing in the district. The board of directors must call a special meeting of the members residing in that district to consider the removal of the

director. By a vote of the majority of the members of the district voting, the association may remove the officer or director and fill the vacancy. [1989 c 307 § 12.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.090 Amendments to articles. The articles of incorporation may be amended by a majority vote of the members voting thereon, at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose, after notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all members entitled to vote thereon, in the manner provided by the bylaws: PROVIDED, That if the total vote upon the proposed amendment shall be less than twenty-five percent of the total membership of the association, the amendment shall not be approved. At the meeting, members may vote upon the proposed amendment in person, or by written proxy, or by mailed ballot. The power to amend shall include the power to extend the period of its duration for a further definite time or perpetually, and also include the power to increase or diminish the amount of capital stock and the number of shares: PROVIDED, The amount of the capital stock shall not be diminished below the amount of the paid-up capital stock at the time such amendment is adopted. After the adoption of an amendment to its articles of incorporation, the association shall cause a copy of such amendment adopted to be recorded in the office of the secretary of state as provided in RCW 24.06.195. [1989 c 307 § 23; 1982 c 35 § 174; 1981 c 297 § 32; 1961 c 34 § 2; 1913 c 19 § 6; RRS § 3909. Formerly RCW 23.56.090.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Severability—1981 c 297: See note following RCW 15.36.201.

23.86.095 Registered office and agent. Effective January 1, 1990, every association subject to this chapter shall have and maintain a registered office and a registered agent in this state in accordance with the requirements set forth in RCW 24.06.050. [1989 c 307 § 13.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.100 Bylaws. Any association subject to this chapter may pass bylaws to govern itself in the carrying out of the provisions of this chapter which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter. [1989 c 307 § 24; 1913 c 19 § 19; RRS § 3922. Formerly RCW 23.56.100.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.105 Member liability—Termination. (1) Except for debts lawfully contracted between a member and the association, no member shall be liable for the debts of the association to an amount exceeding the sum remaining unpaid on his or her membership fee or subscription to capital stock.

(2) Membership may be terminated under provisions, rules, or regulations prescribed in the articles of incorporation or bylaws. In the absence thereof, the board of directors

may prescribe such provisions, rules, and regulations. [1989 c 307 § 19.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.115 Voting. (1) The right of a member to vote may be limited, enlarged, or denied to the extent specified in the articles of incorporation or bylaws. Unless so limited, enlarged, or denied, each member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of members. The bylaws may allow subscribers to vote as members if one-fifth of the subscription for the membership fee or capital stock has been paid.

(2) A member may vote in person or, unless the articles of incorporation or the bylaws otherwise provide, may vote by mail or by proxy executed in writing by the member or by a duly authorized attorney-in-fact. No proxy shall be valid for more than eleven months from the date of its execution unless otherwise specified in the proxy. Votes by mail or by proxy shall be made by mail ballot or proxy form prepared and distributed by the association in accordance with procedures set forth in the articles of incorporation or bylaws. Persons voting by mail shall be deemed present for all purposes of quorum, count of votes, and percentage voting of total voting power.

(3) If the articles of incorporation or bylaws provide for more or less than one vote per member on any matter, every reference in this chapter to a majority or other proportion of members shall refer to such a majority or other proportion of votes entitled to be cast by members. [1989 c 307 § 21.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.125 Voting—Quorum. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the articles of incorporation or the bylaws may provide the number or percentage of votes that members are entitled to cast in person, by mail, or by proxy that shall constitute a quorum at meetings of members. In the absence of any provision in the articles of incorporation or bylaws, twenty-five percent of the total membership of the association shall constitute a quorum. [1989 c 307 § 22.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.135 Members right to dissent. A member of an association shall have the right to dissent from any of the following association actions:

(1) Any plan of merger or consolidation to which the association is a party;

(2) Any plan of conversion of the association to an ordinary business corporation; or

(3) Any sale or exchange of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the association not made in the usual and regular course of its business, including a sale in dissolution, but not including a sale pursuant to an order of a court having jurisdiction in the premises or a sale for cash on terms requiring that all or substantially all of the net proceeds of the sale be distributed to the members in accordance with their respective interests within one year from the date of sale. [1989 c 307 § 30.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.145 Rights of dissenting members. (1) Except as provided otherwise under this chapter, the rights and procedures set forth in chapter 23B.13 RCW shall apply to a member who elects to exercise the right of dissent.

(2) The articles of incorporation of an association subject to this chapter may provide that a dissenting member shall be limited to a return of less than the fair value of the member's equity interest in the association, but a dissenting member may not be limited to a return of less than the consideration paid to or retained by the association for the equity interest unless the fair value is less than the consideration paid to or retained by the association.

(3) Any member of an agricultural association who exercises the right to dissent from an association action described in RCW 23.86.135 shall be entitled to payment of the member's equity interest on the same time schedule that would have applied if membership in the association had been terminated.

(4) Subsection (3) of this section does not apply to agricultural associations that are involved in an action under subsection (3) of this section before June 9, 1994: (a) As to the associations that were involved in the particular action; (b) for three years after June 9, 1994. [1994 c 206 § 2; 1991 c 72 § 16; 1989 c 307 § 31.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.155 Failure to appoint registered agent—Removal—Reinstatement. (1) The secretary of state shall notify all associations subject to this chapter thirty days prior to July 23, 1989, that in the event they fail to appoint a registered agent as provided in RCW 23.86.095, they shall thereupon cease to be recorded as an active corporation.

(2) If the notification provided under subsection (1) of this section from the secretary of state to any association was or has been returned unclaimed or undeliverable, the secretary of state shall proceed to remove the name of such association from the records of active corporations.

(3) Associations removed from the records of active corporations under subsection (2) of this section may be reinstated at any time within ten years of the action by the secretary of state. The association shall be reinstated to active status by filing a request for reinstatement, by appointment of a registered agent and designation of a registered office as required by this chapter, and by filing an annual report for the reinstatement year. No fees may be charged for reinstatements under this section. If, during the period of inactive status, another person or corporation has reserved or adopted a corporate name which is identical to or deceptively similar to the association's name, the association seeking reinstatement shall be required to adopt another name consistent with the requirements of this chapter and to amend its articles of incorporation accordingly.

(4) If no action is taken to reinstate to active status as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the association shall be administratively dissolved. [1989 c 307 § 35.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.160 Apportionment of earnings. The directors may apportion the net earnings by paying dividends upon the paid-up capital stock at a rate not exceeding eight percent per annum. They may set aside reasonable reserves out of such net earnings for any association purpose. The directors may, however, distribute all or any portion of the net earnings to members in proportion to the business of each with the association and they may include nonmembers at a rate not exceeding that paid to members. The directors may distribute, on a patronage basis, such net earnings at different rates on different classes, kinds, or varieties of products handled. All dividends declared or other distributions made under this section may, in the discretion of the directors, be in the form of capital stock, capital or equity certificates, book credits, or capital funds of the association. All unclaimed dividends or distributions authorized under this chapter or funds payable on redeemed stock, equity certificates, book credits, or capital funds shall revert to the association at the discretion of the directors at any time after one year from the end of the fiscal year during which such distributions or redemptions have been declared. [1989 c 307 § 25; 1947 c 37 § 1; 1943 c 99 § 3; 1913 c 19 § 13; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 3916. Formerly RCW 23.56.160.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.170 Distribution of dividends. The profits or net earnings of such association shall be distributed to those entitled thereto at such time and in such manner not inconsistent with this chapter as its bylaws shall prescribe, which shall be as often as once a year. [1913 c 19 § 14; RRS § 3917. Formerly RCW 23.56.170.]

23.86.191 Indemnification of agents of any corporation authorized. See RCW 23B.17.030.

23.86.195 Cooperative associations organized under other statutes—Reorganization under chapter. Any cooperative association organized under any other statute may be reorganized under the provisions of this chapter by adopting and filing amendments to its articles of incorporation in accordance with the provisions of this chapter for amending articles of incorporation. The articles of incorporation as amended must conform to the requirements of this chapter, and shall state that the cooperative association accepts the benefits and will be bound by the provisions of this chapter. [1989 c 307 § 26; 1981 c 297 § 38.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

Severability—1981 c 297: See note following RCW 15.36.201.

23.86.200 Definitions. For the purposes of RCW 23.86.200 through 23.86.230 a "domestic" cooperative association or "domestic" corporation is one formed under the laws of this state, and an "ordinary business" corporation is one formed or which could be formed under Title 23B RCW. [1991 c 72 § 17; 1971 ex.s. c 221 § 1.]

23.86.210 Conversion of cooperative association to domestic ordinary business corporation—Procedure. (1) A cooperative association may be converted to a domestic

ordinary business corporation pursuant to the following procedures:

(a) The board of directors of the association shall, by affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all such directors, adopt a plan for such conversion setting forth:

(i) The reasons why such conversion is desirable and in the interests of the members of the association;

(ii) The proposed contents of articles of conversion with respect to items (ii) through (ix) of subparagraph (c) below; and

(iii) Such other information and matters as the board of directors may deem to be pertinent to the proposed plan.

(b) After adoption by the board of directors, the plan for conversion shall be submitted for approval or rejection to the members of the association at any regular meetings or at any special meetings called for that purpose, after notice of the proposed conversion has been given to all members entitled to vote thereon, in the manner provided by the bylaws. The notice of the meeting shall be accompanied by a full copy of the proposed plan for conversion or by a summary of its provisions. At the meeting members may vote upon the proposed conversion in person, or by written proxy, or by mailed ballot. The affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members voting thereon shall be required for approval of the plan of conversion. If the total vote upon the proposed conversion shall be less than twenty-five percent of the total membership of the association, the conversion shall not be approved.

(c) Upon approval by the members of the association, the articles of conversion shall be executed in duplicate by the association by one of its officers and shall set forth:

(i) The dates and vote by which the plan for conversion was adopted by the board of directors and members respectively;

(ii) The corporate name of the converted organization. The name shall comply with requirements for names of business corporations formed under Title 23B RCW, and shall not contain the term "cooperative";

(iii) The purpose or purposes for which the converted corporation is to exist;

(iv) The duration of the converted corporation, which may be perpetual or for a stated term of years;

(v) The capitalization of the converted corporation and the class or classes of shares of stock into which divided, together with the par value, if any, of such shares, in accordance with statutory requirements applicable to ordinary business corporations, and the basis upon which outstanding shares of the association are converted into shares of the converted corporation;

(vi) Any provision limiting or denying to shareholders the preemptive right to acquire additional shares of the converted corporation;

(vii) The address of the converted corporation's initial registered office and its initial registered agent at such address;

(viii) The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors of the converted corporation until the first annual meeting of shareholders of the converted corporation or until their successors are elected and qualify;

(ix) Any additional provisions, not inconsistent with law, provided for by the plan for conversion for the regulation of the internal affairs of the converted corporation, including

any provision restricting the transfer of shares or which under Title 23B RCW is required or permitted to be set forth in bylaws.

(d) The executed duplicate originals of the articles of conversion shall be delivered to the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that the articles of conversion conform to law, the secretary of state shall, when all the fees have been paid as in this section prescribed:

- (i) Endorse on each of such originals the word "Filed", and the effective date of such filing;
- (ii) File one of such originals; and
- (iii) Issue a certificate of conversion to which one of such originals shall be affixed.

(e) The certificate of conversion, together with the original of the articles of conversion affixed thereto by the secretary of state, shall be returned to the converted corporation or its representative. The original affixed to the certificate of conversion shall be retained by the converted corporation.

(f) Upon filing the articles of conversion the converted corporation shall pay, and the secretary of state shall collect, the same filing and license fees as for filing articles of incorporation of a newly formed business corporation similarly capitalized.

(2) Upon filing by the secretary of state of the articles of conversion, the conversion of the cooperative association to an ordinary business corporation shall become effective; the articles of conversion shall thereafter constitute and be treated in like manner as articles of incorporation; and the converted corporation shall be subject to all laws applicable to corporations formed under Title 23B RCW, and shall not thereafter be subject to laws applying only to cooperative associations. The converted corporation shall constitute and be deemed to constitute a continuation of the corporate substance of the cooperative association and the conversion shall in no way derogate from the rights of creditors of the former association. [1991 c 72 § 18; 1989 c 307 § 27; 1982 c 35 § 175; 1981 c 297 § 34; 1971 ex.s. c 221 § 2.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Severability—1981 c 297: See note following RCW 15.36.201.

23.86.220 Merger of cooperative association with one or more cooperative associations or business corporations—Procedure. (1) A cooperative association may merge with one or more domestic cooperative associations, or with one or more domestic ordinary business corporations, in accordance with the procedures and subject to the conditions set forth or referred to in this section.

(2) If the merger is into another domestic cooperative association, the board of directors of each of the associations shall approve by vote of not less than two-thirds of all the directors, a plan of merger setting forth:

- (a) The names of the associations proposing to merge;
- (b) The name of the association which is to be the surviving association in the merger;
- (c) The terms and conditions of the proposed merger;
- (d) The manner and basis of converting the shares of each merging association into shares or other securities or obligations of the surviving association;

(e) A statement of any changes in the articles of incorporation of the surviving association to be effected by such merger; and

(f) Such other provisions with respect to the proposed merger as are deemed necessary or desirable.

(3) Following approval by the boards of directors, the plan of merger shall be submitted to a vote of the members of each of the associations at any regular meeting or at any special meetings called for that purpose, after notice of the proposed merger has been given to all members entitled to vote thereon, in the manner provided in the bylaws. The notice of the meeting shall be in writing stating the purpose or purposes of the meeting and include or be accompanied by a copy or summary of the plan of merger. At the meeting members may vote upon the proposed merger in person, or by written proxy, or by mailed ballot. The affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members voting thereon, by each association, shall be required for approval of the plan of merger. If the total vote of either association upon the proposed merger shall be less than twenty-five percent of the total membership of such association, the merger shall not be approved.

(4) Upon approval by the members of the associations proposing to merge, articles of merger shall be executed in duplicate by each association by an officer of each association, and shall set forth:

- (a) The plan of merger;
- (b) As to each association, the number of members and, if there is capital stock, the number of shares outstanding; and
- (c) As to each association, the number of members who voted for and against such plan, respectively.

(5) Duplicate originals of the articles of merger shall be delivered to the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that such articles conform to law, the secretary of state shall, when all fees have been paid as in this section prescribed:

- (a) Endorse on each of such originals the word "Filed", and the effective date of such filing;
- (b) File one of such originals; and
- (c) Issue a certificate of merger to which one of such originals shall be affixed.

(6) The certificate of merger, together with the duplicate original of the articles of merger affixed thereto by the secretary of state shall be returned to the surviving association or its representative.

(7) For filing articles of merger hereunder the secretary of state shall charge and collect the same fees as apply to filing of articles of merger of ordinary business corporations.

(8) If the plan of merger is for merger of the cooperative association into a domestic ordinary business corporation, the association shall follow the same procedures as hereinabove provided for merger of domestic cooperative associations and the ordinary business corporation shall follow the applicable procedures set forth in RCW 23B.07.050 and chapter 23B.11 RCW.

(9) At any time prior to filing of the articles of merger, the merger may be abandoned pursuant to provisions therefor, if any, set forth in the plan of merger. [1991 c 72 § 19; 1989 c 307 § 28; 1982 c 35 § 176; 1981 c 297 § 35; 1971 ex.s. c 221 § 3.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Severability—1981 c 297: See note following RCW 15.36.201.

23.86.230 Merger of cooperative association with one or more cooperative associations or business corporations—Rights, powers, duties and liabilities of surviving entity—Articles. (1) Upon issuance of the certificate of merger by the secretary of state, the merger of the cooperative association into another cooperative association or ordinary business corporation, as the case may be, shall be effected.

(2) When merger has been effected:

(a) The several parties to the plan of merger shall be a single cooperative association or corporation, as the case may be, which shall be that cooperative association or corporation designated in the plan of merger as the survivor.

(b) The separate existence of all parties to the plan of merger, except that of the surviving cooperative association or corporation, shall cease.

(c) If the surviving entity is a cooperative association, it shall have all the rights, privileges, immunities and powers and shall be subject to all the duties and liabilities of a cooperative association organized under chapter 23.86 RCW. If the surviving entity is an ordinary business corporation, it shall have all the rights, privileges, immunities and powers and shall be subject to all the duties and liabilities of a corporation organized or existing under Title 23B RCW.

(d) Such surviving cooperative association or corporation, as the case may be, shall thereupon and thereafter possess all the rights, privileges, immunities, and franchises, both public and private of each of the merging organizations, to the extent that such rights, privileges, immunities, and franchises are not inconsistent with the corporate nature of the surviving organization; and all property, real, personal and mixed, and all debts due on whatever account, including subscriptions to shares, and all other choses in action, and all and every other interest of or belonging to or due to each of the organizations so merged shall be taken and deemed to be transferred to and vested in such surviving cooperative association or corporation, as the case may be, without further act or deed; and the title to any real estate, or any interest therein, vested in any such merged cooperative association shall not revert or be in any way impaired by reason of such merger.

(3) The surviving cooperative association or corporation, as the case may be, shall, after the merger is effected, be responsible and liable for all the liabilities and obligations of each of the organizations so merged; and any claim existing or action or proceeding pending by or against any of such organizations may be prosecuted as if the merger had not taken place and the surviving cooperative association or corporation may be substituted in its place. Neither the right of creditors nor any liens upon the property of any cooperative association or corporation party to the merger shall be impaired by the merger.

(4) The articles of incorporation of the surviving cooperative association or of the surviving ordinary business corporation, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be amended to the extent, if any, that changes in such articles

are stated in the plan of merger. [1991 c 72 § 20; 1989 c 307 § 29; 1971 ex.s. c 221 § 4.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.250 Dissolution. The members of any association may by the vote of two-thirds of the members voting thereon, at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose, vote to dissolve said association after notice of the proposed dissolution has been given to all members entitled to vote thereon, in the manner provided by the bylaws, and thereupon such proceeding shall be had for the dissolution of said association as is provided by law for the dissolution of corporations organized under chapter 24.06 RCW: PROVIDED, That if the total vote upon the proposed dissolution shall be less than twenty-five percent of the total membership of the association, the dissolution shall not be approved. At the meeting, members may vote upon the proposed dissolution in person, or by written proxy, or by mailed ballot. [1981 c 297 § 36.]

Severability—1981 c 297: See note following RCW 15.36.201.

23.86.300 Application of RCW 24.06.055 and 24.06.060. The provisions of RCW 24.06.055 and 24.06.060 shall apply to every association subject to this chapter. [1989 c 307 § 14.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.310 Application of RCW 24.06.440. Effective January 1, 1990, every association subject to this chapter shall comply with the requirements set forth in RCW 24.06.440. [1989 c 307 § 15.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.320 Application of RCW 24.06.445. The provisions of RCW 24.06.445 shall apply to every association subject to this chapter. [1989 c 307 § 16.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.330 Application of RCW 23B.14.200 and 23B.14.210. The provisions of RCW 23B.14.200 and 23B.14.210 shall apply to every association subject to this chapter formed on or after July 23, 1989. [1991 c 72 § 21; 1989 c 307 § 17.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.340 Application of RCW 23B.14.220—Reinstatement. The provisions of RCW 23B.14.220 shall apply to every association subject to this chapter. An association may apply for reinstatement within three years after the effective date of dissolution. [1991 c 72 § 22; 1989 c 307 § 18.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.350 Application of RCW 24.06.100 and 24.06.105. The provisions of RCW 24.06.100 and 24.06.105

shall apply to every association subject to this chapter. [1989 c 307 § 20.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.360 Application of Title 23B RCW. The provisions of Title 23B RCW shall apply to the associations subject to this chapter, except where such provisions are in conflict with or inconsistent with the express provisions of this chapter. The terms "shareholder" or "shareholders" as used in Title 23B RCW, or in chapter 24.06 RCW as incorporated by reference herein, shall be deemed to refer to "member" or "members" as defined in this chapter. When the terms "share" or "shares" are used with reference to voting rights in Title 23B RCW, or in chapter 24.06 RCW as incorporated by reference herein, such terms shall be deemed to refer to the vote or votes entitled to be cast by a member or members. [1991 c 72 § 23; 1989 c 307 § 32.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.370 Application of RCW 24.06.340 through 24.06.435. The provisions of RCW 24.06.340 through 24.06.435 shall apply to every foreign corporation which desires to conduct affairs in this state under the authority of this chapter. [1989 c 307 § 33.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

23.86.900 Application—1989 c 307. The provisions of this chapter relating to domestic cooperative associations shall apply to:

(1) All cooperative associations organized under this chapter; and

(2) All agricultural cooperative associations organized under *chapter 24.32 RCW. All such agricultural cooperatives are deemed to have been incorporated under this chapter. [1989 c 307 § 2.]

***Reviser's note:** Chapter 24.32 RCW was repealed by 1989 c 307.

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

Chapter 23.90

MASSACHUSETTS TRUSTS

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23.90.030 Form of association authorized. A Massachusetts trust is permitted as a recognized form of association for the conduct of business within the state of Washington. [1959 c 220 § 3.]

23.90.040 Filing trust instrument, effect—Powers and duties of trust. (1) Any Massachusetts trust desiring to do business in this state shall file with the secretary of state a verified copy of the trust instrument creating such a trust and any amendment thereto, the assumed business name, if any, and the names and addresses of its trustees.

(2) Any person dealing with such Massachusetts trust shall be bound by the terms and conditions of the trust instrument and any amendments thereto so filed.

(3) Any Massachusetts trust created under this chapter or entering this state pursuant thereto shall pay such taxes and fees as are imposed by the laws, ordinances, and resolutions of the state of Washington and any counties and municipalities thereof on domestic and foreign corporations, respectively, on an identical basis therewith. In computing such taxes and fees, the shares of beneficial interest of such a trust shall have the character for tax purposes of shares of stock in private corporations.

(4) Any Massachusetts trust shall be subject to such applicable provisions of law, now or hereafter enacted, with respect to domestic and foreign corporations, respectively, as relate to the issuance of securities, filing of required statements or reports, service of process, general grants of power to act, right to sue and be sued, limitation of individual liability of shareholders, rights to acquire, mortgage, sell, lease, operate and otherwise to deal in real and personal property, and other applicable rights and duties existing under the common law and statutes of this state in a manner similar to those applicable to domestic and foreign corporations.

(5) The secretary of state, director of licensing, and the department of revenue of the state of Washington are each authorized and directed to prescribe binding rules and regulations applicable to said Massachusetts trusts consistent with this chapter. [1981 c 302 § 3; 1979 c 158 § 88; 1967 ex.s. c 26 § 21; 1959 c 220 § 4.]

Severability—1981 c 302: See note following RCW 19.76.100.

Effective date—1967 ex.s. c 26: See note following RCW 82.01.050.

23.90.050 Fees for services by secretary of state. See RCW 43.07.120.

23.90.060 Indemnification of agents of any corporation authorized. See RCW 23B.17.030.

23.90.900 Severability—1959 c 220. Notwithstanding any other evidence of legislative intent, it is declared to be

the controlling legislative intent that if any provision of this chapter, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the chapter and the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby. [1959 c 220 § 5.]



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23B.01.010 Short title. This title shall be known and may be cited as the "Washington business corporation act." [1989 c 165 § 1.]

23B.01.020 Reservation of power to amend or repeal. The legislature has power to amend or repeal all or part of this title at any time and all domestic and foreign corporations subject to this title are governed by the amendment or repeal. [1989 c 165 § 2.]

23B.01.200 Filing requirements. (1) A document must satisfy the requirements of this section, and of any other section that adds to or varies from these requirements, to be entitled to filing by the secretary of state.

(2) This title must require or permit filing the document in the office of the secretary of state.

(3) The document must contain the information required by this title. It may contain other information as well.

(4) The document must be typewritten or printed, and must meet such legibility or other standards as may be prescribed by the secretary of state.

(5) The document must be in the English language. A corporate name need not be in English if written in English letters or Arabic or Roman numerals, and the certificate of existence required of foreign corporations need not be in English if accompanied by a reasonably authenticated English translation.

(6) Unless otherwise indicated in this title, all documents submitted for filing must be executed:

(a) By the chairperson of the board of directors of a domestic or foreign corporation, by its president, or by another of its officers;

(b) If directors have not been selected or the corporation has not been formed, by an incorporator; or

(c) If the corporation is in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court-appointed fiduciary, by that fiduciary.

(7) The person executing the document shall sign it and state beneath or opposite the signature the name of the person and the capacity in which the person signs. The document may but need not contain: (a) The corporate seal; (b) an attestation by the secretary or an assistant secretary; or (c) an acknowledgment, verification, or proof.

(8) If the secretary of state has prescribed a mandatory form for the document under RCW 23B.01.210, the document must be in or on the prescribed form.

(9) The document must be delivered to the office of the secretary of state for filing and must be accompanied by one exact or conformed copy, the correct filing fee or charge, including license fee, penalty and service fee, and any attachments which are required for the filing. [1991 c 72 § 24; 1989 c 165 § 3.]

23B.01.210 Forms. The secretary of state may prescribe and furnish on request, forms for: (1) An application for a certificate of existence; (2) a foreign corporation's application for a certificate of authority to transact business in this state; (3) a foreign corporation's application for a certificate of withdrawal; (4) an initial report; (5) an annual report; and (6) such other forms not in conflict with this title as may be prescribed by the secretary of state. If the secretary of state so requires, use of these forms is mandatory. [1991 c 72 § 25; 1989 c 165 § 4.]

23B.01.220 Fees. (1) The secretary of state shall collect in accordance with the provisions of this title:

(a) Fees for filing documents and issuing certificates;

(b) Miscellaneous charges;

(c) License fees as provided in RCW 23B.01.500 through 23B.01.550;

(d) Penalty fees; and

(e) Other fees as the secretary of state may establish by rule adopted under chapter 34.05 RCW.

(2) The secretary of state shall collect the following fees when the documents described in this subsection are delivered for filing:

One hundred seventy-five dollars, pursuant to RCW 23B.01.520 and 23B.01.540, for:

(a) Articles of incorporation; and

(b) Application for certificate of authority.

(3) The secretary of state shall establish by rule, fees for the following:

(a) Application for reinstatement;

(b) Articles of correction;

(c) Amendment of articles of incorporation;

(d) Restatement of articles of incorporation, with or without amendment;

(e) Articles of merger or share exchange;

(f) Articles of revocation of dissolution;

(g) Application for amended certificate of authority;

(h) Application for reservation, registration, or assignment of reserved name;

(i) Corporation's statement of change of registered agent or registered office, or both, except where this information is provided in conjunction with and on an initial report or an annual report form filed under RCW 23B.01.530, 23B.01.550, 23B.02.050, or 23B.16.220;

(j) Agent's resignation, or statement of change of registered office, or both, for each affected corporation;

(k) Initial report; and

(l) Any document not listed in this subsection that is required or permitted to be filed under this title.

(4) Fees shall be adjusted by rule only in an amount that does not exceed the average biennial increase in the cost of providing service. This shall be determined in a biennial cost study performed by the secretary.

(5) The secretary of state shall not collect fees for:

(a) Agent's consent to act as agent;

(b) Agent's resignation, if appointed without consent;

(c) Articles of dissolution;

(d) Certificate of judicial dissolution;

(e) Application for certificate of withdrawal; and

(f) Annual report when filed concurrently with the payment of annual license fees.

(6) The secretary of state shall collect a fee in an amount established by the secretary of state by rule per defendant served, upon being served process under this title. The party to a proceeding causing service of process is entitled to recover this fee as costs if such party prevails in the proceeding.

(7) The secretary of state shall establish by rule and collect a fee from every person or organization:

(a) For furnishing a certified copy of any document, instrument, or paper relating to a corporation;

(b) For furnishing a certificate, under seal, attesting to the existence of a corporation, or any other certificate; and

(c) For furnishing copies of any document, instrument, or paper relating to a corporation, other than of an initial report or an annual report.

(8) For annual license fees for domestic and foreign corporations, see RCW 23B.01.500, 23B.01.510, 23B.01.530, and 23B.01.550. For penalties for nonpayment of annual license fees and failure to complete annual report, see RCW 23B.01.570. [1993 c 269 § 2; 1992 c 107 § 7; 1991 c 72 § 26; 1990 c 178 § 1; 1989 c 165 § 5.]

Effective date—1993 c 269: See note following RCW 23.86.070.

Effective dates—1992 c 107: See note following RCW 19.02.020.

Effective date—1990 c 178: "This act shall take effect July 1, 1990." [1990 c 178 § 13.]

23B.01.230 Effective time and date of document.

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section and RCW 23B.01.240(3), a document accepted for filing is effective on the date it is filed by the secretary of state and

at the time on that date specified in the document. If no time is specified in the document, the document is effective at the close of business on the date it is filed by the secretary of state.

(2) If a document specifies a delayed effective time and date, the document becomes effective at the time and date specified. If a document specifies a delayed effective date but no time is specified, the document is effective at the close of business on that date. A delayed effective date for a document may not be later than the ninetieth day after the date it is filed.

(3) When a document is received for filing by the secretary of state in a form which complies with the requirements of this title and which would entitle the document to be filed on receipt, but the secretary of state's approval action occurs subsequent to the date of receipt, the secretary of state's filing date shall relate back to and be shown as the date on which the secretary of state first received the document in acceptable form. [1989 c 165 § 6.]

23B.01.240 Correcting filed documents. (1) A domestic or foreign corporation may correct a document filed by the secretary of state if the document (a) contains an incorrect statement; or (b) was defectively executed, attested, sealed, verified, or acknowledged.

(2) A document is corrected:

(a) By preparing articles of correction that (i) describe the document, including its filing date, or attach a copy of it to the articles of correction, (ii) specify the incorrect statement and the reason it is incorrect or the manner in which the execution was defective, and (iii) correct the incorrect statement or defective execution; and

(b) By delivering the articles of correction to the secretary of state for filing.

(3) Articles of correction are effective on the effective date of the document they correct except as to persons relying on the uncorrected document and adversely affected by the correction. As to those persons, articles of correction are effective when filed. [1989 c 165 § 7.]

23B.01.250 Filing duty of secretary of state. (1) If a document delivered to the office of the secretary of state for filing satisfies the requirements of RCW 23B.01.200, the secretary of state shall file it.

(2) The secretary of state files a document by stamping or otherwise endorsing "Filed," together with the secretary of state's name and official title and the date of filing, on both the original and the document copy. After filing a document, the secretary of state shall deliver the document copy to the domestic or foreign corporation or its representative.

(3) If the secretary of state refuses to file a document, the secretary of state shall return it to the domestic or foreign corporation or its representative, together with a brief written explanation of the reason for the refusal.

(4) The secretary of state's duty to file documents under this section is ministerial. Filing or refusal to file a document does not:

(a) Affect the validity or invalidity of the document in whole or part;

(b) Relate to the correctness or incorrectness of information contained in the document; or

(c) Create a presumption that the document is valid or invalid or that information contained in the document is correct or incorrect. [1989 c 165 § 8.]

23B.01.260 Judicial review of secretary of state's refusal to file a document. If the secretary of state refuses to file a document delivered to the office for filing, the person submitting the document, in addition to any other legal remedy which may be available, shall have the right to judicial review of such refusal pursuant to the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW. [1989 c 165 § 9.]

23B.01.270 Evidentiary effect of copy of filed document. A certificate bearing the manual or facsimile signature of the secretary of state and the seal of the state, when attached to or located on a document or a copy of a document filed by the secretary of state, is conclusive evidence that the original document is on file with the secretary of state. [1989 c 165 § 10.]

23B.01.280 Certificate of existence or authorization.

(1) Any person may apply to the secretary of state to furnish a certificate of existence for a domestic corporation or a certificate of authorization for a foreign corporation.

(2) A certificate of existence or authorization means that as of the date of its issuance:

(a) The domestic corporation is duly incorporated under the laws of this state, or that the foreign corporation is authorized to transact business in this state;

(b) All fees and penalties owed to this state under this title have been paid, if (i) payment is reflected in the records of the secretary of state, and (ii) nonpayment affects the existence or authorization of the domestic or foreign corporation;

(c) The corporation's initial report or its most recent annual report required by RCW 23B.16.220 has been delivered to the secretary of state; and

(d) Articles of dissolution or an application for withdrawal have not been filed by the secretary of state.

(3) A person may apply to the secretary of state to issue a certificate covering any fact of record.

(4) Subject to any qualification stated in the certificate, a certificate of existence or authorization issued by the secretary of state may be relied upon as conclusive evidence that the domestic or foreign corporation is in existence or is authorized to transact business in the corporate form in this state. [1991 c 72 § 27; 1989 c 165 § 11.]

23B.01.290 Penalty for signing false document. Any person who signs a document such person knows is false in any material respect with intent that the document be delivered to the secretary of state for filing is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW. [1989 c 165 § 12.]

23B.01.300 Powers. The secretary of state has the power reasonably necessary to perform the duties required of the secretary of state by this title, including adoption, amendment, or repeal of rules for the efficient administration of this title. [1989 c 165 § 13.]

23B.01.400 Definitions. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this title.

(1) "Articles of incorporation" include amended and restated articles of incorporation and articles of merger.

(2) "Authorized shares" means the shares of all classes a domestic or foreign corporation is authorized to issue.

(3) "Conspicuous" means so written that a reasonable person against whom the writing is to operate should have noticed it. For example, printing in italics or boldface or contrasting color, or typing in capitals or underlined, is conspicuous.

(4) "Corporation" or "domestic corporation" means a corporation for profit, which is not a foreign corporation, incorporated under or subject to the provisions of this title.

(5) "Deliver" includes (a) mailing and (b) for purposes of delivering a demand, consent, or waiver to the corporation or one of its officers, transmission by facsimile equipment.

(6) "Distribution" means a direct or indirect transfer of money or other property, except its own shares, or inurrence of indebtedness by a corporation to or for the benefit of its shareholders in respect to any of its shares. A distribution may be in the form of a declaration or payment of a dividend; a purchase, redemption, or other acquisition of shares; a distribution of indebtedness; or otherwise.

(7) "Effective date of notice" has the meaning provided in RCW 23B.01.410.

(8) "Employee" includes an officer but not a director. A director may accept duties that make the director also an employee.

(9) "Entity" includes a corporation and foreign corporation, not-for-profit corporation, profit and not-for-profit unincorporated association, business trust, estate, partnership, trust, and two or more persons having a joint or common economic interest, and the state, United States, and a foreign government.

(10) "Foreign corporation" means a corporation for profit incorporated under a law other than the law of this state.

(11) "Foreign limited partnership" means a partnership formed under laws other than of this state and having as partners one or more general partners and one or more limited partners.

(12) "Governmental subdivision" includes authority, county, district, and municipality.

(13) "Includes" denotes a partial definition.

(14) "Individual" includes the estate of an incompetent or deceased individual.

(15) "Limited partnership" or "domestic limited partnership" means a partnership formed by two or more persons under the laws of this state and having one or more general partners and one or more limited partners.

(16) "Means" denotes an exhaustive definition.

(17) "Notice" has the meaning provided in RCW 23B.01.410.

(18) "Person" includes an individual and an entity.

(19) "Principal office" means the office, in or out of this state, so designated in the annual report where the principal executive offices of a domestic or foreign corporation are located.

(20) "Proceeding" includes civil suit and criminal, administrative, and investigatory action.

(21) "Public company" means a corporation that has a class of shares registered with the federal securities and exchange commission pursuant to section 12 of the securities exchange act of 1934, or section 8 of the investment company act of 1940, or any successor statute, and that has more than three hundred holders of record of its shares.

(22) "Record date" means the date established under chapter 23B.07 RCW on which a corporation determines the identity of its shareholders and their shareholdings for purposes of this title. The determinations shall be made as of the close of business on the record date unless another time for doing so is specified when the record date is fixed.

(23) "Secretary" means the corporate officer to whom the board of directors has delegated responsibility under RCW 23B.08.400(3) for custody of the minutes of the meetings of the board of directors and of the shareholders and for authenticating records of the corporation.

(24) "Shares" means the units into which the proprietary interests in a corporation are divided.

(25) "Shareholder" means the person in whose name shares are registered in the records of a corporation or the beneficial owner of shares to the extent of the rights granted by a nominee certificate on file with a corporation.

(26) "State," when referring to a part of the United States, includes a state and commonwealth, and their agencies and governmental subdivisions, and a territory and insular possession, and their agencies and governmental subdivisions, of the United States.

(27) "Subscriber" means a person who subscribes for shares in a corporation, whether before or after incorporation.

(28) "United States" includes a district, authority, bureau, commission, department, and any other agency of the United States.

(29) "Voting group" means all shares of one or more classes or series that under the articles of incorporation or this title are entitled to vote and be counted together collectively on a matter at a meeting of shareholders. All shares entitled by the articles of incorporation or this title to vote generally on the matter are for that purpose a single voting group. [1991 c 269 § 35; 1991 c 72 § 28; 1989 c 165 § 14.]

Reviser's note: This section was amended by 1991 c 72 § 28 and by 1991 c 269 § 35, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

23B.01.410 Notice. (1) Notice under this title must be in writing except that oral notice of any meeting of the board of directors may be given if expressly authorized by the articles of incorporation or bylaws.

(2) Written notice may be transmitted by: Mail, private carrier or personal delivery; telegraph or teletype; or telephone, wire or wireless equipment which transmits a facsimile of the notice. If these forms of written notice are impracticable, written notice may be transmitted by an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where published. Oral notice may be communicated in person or by telephone, wire or wireless equipment which does not transmit a facsimile of the notice. If these forms of oral notice are impracticable, oral notice may be communicated by radio, television, or other form of public broadcast communication.

(3) Written notice by a domestic or foreign corporation to its shareholder, if in a comprehensible form, is effective when mailed, if mailed with first-class postage prepaid and correctly addressed to the shareholder's address shown in the corporation's current record of shareholders.

(4) Written notice to a domestic or foreign corporation, authorized to transact business in this state, may be addressed to its registered agent at its registered office or to the corporation or its secretary at its principal office shown in its most recent annual report or, in the case of a foreign corporation that has not yet delivered an annual report, in its application for a certificate of authority.

(5) Written notice, if in a comprehensible form, is effective at the earliest of the following:

(a) If expressly authorized by the articles of incorporation or bylaws, and if notice is sent to the person's address, telephone number, or other number appearing on the records of the corporation, when dispatched by telegraph, teletype, or facsimile equipment;

(b) When received;

(c) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, five days after its deposit in the United States mail, as evidenced by the postmark, if mailed with first-class postage, prepaid and correctly addressed; or

(d) On the date shown on the return receipt, if sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and the receipt is signed by or on behalf of the addressee.

(6) Oral notice is effective when communicated if communicated in a comprehensible manner.

(7) If this title prescribes notice requirements for particular circumstances, those requirements govern. If articles of incorporation or bylaws prescribe notice requirements, not inconsistent with this section or other provisions of this title, those requirements govern. [1991 c 72 § 29; 1990 c 178 § 2; 1989 c 165 § 15.]

Effective date—1990 c 178: See note following RCW 23B.01.220.

23B.01.500 Domestic corporations—Notice of due date for payment of annual license fee and filing annual report. Not less than thirty nor more than ninety days prior to July 1st of each year or to the expiration date of any staggered yearly license, the secretary of state shall mail to each domestic corporation, at its registered office within the state, by first-class mail, a notice that its annual license fee must be paid and its annual report must be filed as required by this title, and stating that if any domestic corporation shall fail to pay its annual license fee or to file its annual report it shall be dissolved and cease to exist. Failure of the secretary of state to mail any such notice shall not relieve a corporation from its obligations to pay the annual license fees and to file the annual reports required by this title. [1989 c 165 § 16.]

23B.01.510 Foreign corporations—Notice of due date for payment of annual license fee and filing annual report. Not less than thirty nor more than ninety days prior to July 1st of each year or to the expiration date of any staggered yearly license, the secretary of state shall mail to each foreign corporation qualified to do business in this state, by first-class mail addressed to its registered office within this state, a notice that its annual license fee must be

paid and its annual report must be filed as required by this title, and stating that if it shall fail to pay its annual license fee or to file its annual report its certificate of authority to transact business within this state may be revoked. Failure of the secretary of state to mail any such notice shall not relieve a corporation from its obligations to pay the annual license fees and to obtain or file the annual reports required by this title. [1990 c 178 § 3; 1989 c 165 § 17.]

Effective date—1990 c 178: See note following RCW 23B.01.220.

23B.01.520 Domestic corporations—Filing and initial license fees. Every domestic corporation, except one for which existing law provides a different fee schedule, shall pay for filing of its articles of incorporation and its first year's license a fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars. [1989 c 165 § 18.]

23B.01.530 Domestic corporations—Inactive corporation defined—Annual license fee. For the privilege of doing business, every corporation organized under the laws of this state, except the corporations for which existing law provides a different fee schedule, shall make and file a statement in the form prescribed by the secretary of state and shall pay an annual license fee each year following incorporation, on or before the expiration date of its corporate license, to the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall collect an annual license fee of ten dollars for each inactive corporation and fifty dollars for other corporations. As used in this section, "inactive corporation" means a corporation that certifies at the time of filing under this section that it did not engage in any business activities during the year ending on the expiration date of its corporate license. [1993 c 269 § 3; 1989 c 165 § 19.]

Effective date—1993 c 269: See note following RCW 23.86.070.

23B.01.540 Foreign corporations—Filing and license fees on qualification. A foreign corporation doing an intrastate business or seeking to do an intrastate business in the state of Washington shall qualify so to do in the manner prescribed in this title and shall pay for the privilege of so doing the filing and license fees prescribed in this title for domestic corporations, including the same fees as are prescribed in RCW 23B.01.520, for the filing of articles of incorporation of a domestic corporation. [1989 c 165 § 20.]

23B.01.550 Foreign corporations—Annual license fees. All foreign corporations doing intrastate business, or hereafter seeking to do intrastate business in this state shall pay for the privilege of doing such intrastate business in this state the same fees as are prescribed by RCW 23B.01.530 for domestic corporations for annual license fees. All license fees shall be paid on or before the first day of July of each and every year or on the annual license expiration date as the secretary of state may establish under this title. [1989 c 165 § 21.]

23B.01.560 License fees for reinstated corporation. (1) A corporation seeking reinstatement shall pay the full amount of all annual corporation license fees which would have been assessed for the license years of the period of

administrative dissolution had the corporation been in active status, plus a surcharge established by the secretary of state by rule, and the license fee for the year of reinstatement.

(2) The penalties herein established shall be in lieu of any other penalties or interest which could have been assessed by the secretary of state under the corporation laws or which, under those laws, would have accrued during any period of delinquency, dissolution, or expiration of corporate duration. [1993 c 269 § 4; 1989 c 165 § 22.]

Effective date—1993 c 269: See note following RCW 23.86.070.

23B.01.570 Penalty for nonpayment of annual corporate license fees and failure to file a substantially complete annual report—Payment of delinquent fees—Rules. In the event any corporation, foreign or domestic, fails to file a full and complete initial report under RCW 23B.02.050(4) and 23B.16.220(3) or does business in this state without having paid its annual corporate license fee and without having filed a substantially complete annual report under RCW 23B.16.220(1) when either is due, there shall become due and owing the state of Washington a penalty as established by rule by the secretary.

A corporation organized under this title may at any time prior to its dissolution as provided in RCW 23B.14.200, and a foreign corporation qualified to do business in this state may at any time prior to the revocation of its certificate of authority as provided in RCW 23B.15.300, pay to the state of Washington its current annual license fee, provided it also pays an amount equal to all previously unpaid annual license fees plus the penalty established by rule by the secretary. [1994 c 287 § 6; 1991 c 72 § 30; 1989 c 165 § 23.] *

23B.01.580 Waiver of penalty fees. The secretary of state may, where exigent or mitigating circumstances are presented, waive penalty fees due from any licensed corporation previously in good standing which would otherwise be penalized or lose its active status. Any corporation desiring to seek relief under this section shall, within fifteen days of discovery by corporate officials of the missed filing or lapse, notify the secretary of state in writing. The notification shall include the name and mailing address of the corporation, the corporate officer to whom correspondence should be sent, and a statement under oath by a responsible corporate officer, setting forth the nature of the missed filing or lapse, the circumstances giving rise to the missed filing or lapse, and the relief sought. Upon receipt of the notice, the secretary of state shall investigate the circumstances of the missed filing or lapse. If the secretary of state is satisfied that sufficient exigent or mitigating circumstances exist, that the corporation has demonstrated good faith and a reasonable attempt to comply with the applicable corporate license statutes of this state, the secretary of state may issue an order allowing relief from the penalty. If the secretary of state determines the request does not comply with the requirements for relief, the secretary of state shall deny the relief and state the reasons for the denial. Any denial of relief by the secretary of state is not reviewable notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW. [1990 c 178 § 4; 1989 c 165 § 24.]

Effective date—1990 c 178: See note following RCW 23B.01.220.

23B.01.590 Public service companies entitled to deductions. The annual fee required to be paid to the Washington utilities and transportation commission by any public service corporation shall be deducted from the annual license fee provided in this title and the excess only shall be collected.

It shall be the duty of the commission to furnish to the secretary of state on or before July 1st of each year a list of all public service corporations with the amount of annual license fees paid to the commission for the current year. [1989 c 165 § 25.]

Chapter 23B.02 INCORPORATION

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23B.02.010 Incorporators. One or more persons may act as the incorporator or incorporators of a corporation by delivering articles of incorporation to the secretary of state for filing. [1989 c 165 § 26.]

23B.02.020 Articles of incorporation. (1) The articles of incorporation must set forth:

(a) A corporate name for the corporation that satisfies the requirements of RCW 23B.04.010;

(b) The number of shares the corporation is authorized to issue in accordance with RCW 23B.06.010 and 23B.06.020;

(c) The street address of the corporation's initial registered office and the name of its initial registered agent at that office in accordance with RCW 23B.05.010; and

(d) The name and address of each incorporator in accordance with RCW 23B.02.010.

(2) The articles of incorporation or bylaws must either specify the number of directors or specify the process by which the number of directors will be fixed, unless the articles of incorporation dispense with a board of directors pursuant to RCW 23B.08.010.

(3) Unless its articles of incorporation provide otherwise, a corporation is governed by the following provisions:

(a) The board of directors may adopt bylaws to be effective only in an emergency as provided by RCW 23B.02.070;

(b) A corporation has the purpose of engaging in any lawful business under RCW 23B.03.010;

(c) A corporation has perpetual existence and succession in its corporate name under RCW 23B.03.020;

(d) A corporation has the same powers as an individual to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its business and affairs, including itemized powers under RCW 23B.03.020;

(e) All shares are of one class and one series, have unlimited voting rights, and are entitled to receive the net

assets of the corporation upon dissolution under RCW 23B.06.010 and 23B.06.020;

(f) If more than one class of shares is authorized, all shares of a class must have preferences, limitations, and relative rights identical to those of other shares of the same class under RCW 23B.06.010;

(g) If the board of directors is authorized to designate the number of shares in a series, the board may, after the issuance of shares in that series, reduce the number of authorized shares of that series under RCW 23B.06.020;

(h) The board of directors must authorize any issuance of shares under RCW 23B.06.210;

(i) Shares may be issued pro rata and without consideration to shareholders under RCW 23B.06.230;

(j) Shares of one class or series may not be issued as a share dividend with respect to another class or series, unless there are no outstanding shares of the class or series to be issued, or a majority of votes entitled to be cast by such class or series approve as provided in RCW 23B.06.230;

(k) A corporation may issue rights, options, or warrants for the purchase of shares of the corporation under RCW 23B.06.240;

(l) A shareholder has, and may waive, a preemptive right to acquire the corporation's unissued shares as provided in RCW 23B.06.300;

(m) Shares of a corporation acquired by it may be reissued under RCW 23B.06.310;

(n) The board may authorize and the corporation may make distributions not prohibited by statute under RCW 23B.06.400;

(o) The preferential rights upon dissolution of certain shareholders will be considered a liability for purposes of determining the validity of a distribution under RCW 23B.06.400;

(p) Unless this title requires otherwise, the corporation is required to give notice only to shareholders entitled to vote at a meeting and the notice for an annual meeting need not include the purpose for which the meeting is called under RCW 23B.07.050;

(q) A corporation that is a public company shall hold a special meeting of shareholders if the holders of at least ten percent of the votes entitled to be cast on any issue proposed to be considered at the meeting demand a meeting under RCW 23B.07.020;

(r) Subject to statutory exceptions, each outstanding share, regardless of class, is entitled to one vote on each matter voted on at a shareholders' meeting under RCW 23B.07.210;

(s) A majority of the votes entitled to be cast on a matter by a voting group constitutes a quorum, unless the title provides otherwise under RCW 23B.07.250 and 23B.07.270;

(t) Action on a matter, other than election of directors, by a voting group is approved if the votes cast within the voting group favoring the action exceed the votes cast opposing the action, unless this title requires a greater number of affirmative votes under RCW 23B.07.250;

(u) All shares of one or more classes or series that are entitled to vote will be counted together collectively on any matter at a meeting of shareholders under RCW 23B.07.260;

(v) Directors are elected by cumulative voting under RCW 23B.07.280;

(w) Directors are elected by a plurality of votes cast by shares entitled to vote under RCW 23B.07.280;

(x) A corporation must have a board of directors under RCW 23B.08.010;

(y) All corporate powers must be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the corporation managed under the direction of, its board of directors under RCW 23B.08.010;

(z) The shareholders may remove one or more directors with or without cause under RCW 23B.08.080;

(aa) A vacancy on the board of directors may be filled by the shareholders or the board of directors under RCW 23B.08.100;

(bb) A corporation shall indemnify a director who was wholly successful in the defense of any proceeding to which the director was a party because the director is or was a director of the corporation against reasonable expenses incurred by the director in connection with the proceeding under RCW 23B.08.520;

(cc) A director of a corporation who is a party to a proceeding may apply for indemnification of reasonable expenses incurred by the director in connection with the proceeding to the court conducting the proceeding or to another court of competent jurisdiction under RCW 23B.08.540;

(dd) An officer of the corporation who is not a director is entitled to mandatory indemnification under RCW 23B.08.520, and is entitled to apply for court-ordered indemnification under RCW 23B.08.540, in each case to the same extent as a director under RCW 23B.08.570;

(ee) The corporation may indemnify and advance expenses to an officer, employee, or agent of the corporation who is not a director to the same extent as to a director under RCW 23B.08.570;

(ff) A corporation may indemnify and advance expenses to an officer, employee, or agent who is not a director to the extent, consistent with law, that may be provided by its articles of incorporation, bylaws, general or specific action of its board of directors, or contract under RCW 23B.08.570;

(gg) A corporation's board of directors may adopt certain amendments to the corporation's articles of incorporation without shareholder action under RCW 23B.10.020;

(hh) Unless the title or the board of directors require a greater vote or a vote by voting groups, an amendment to the corporation's articles of incorporation must be approved by each voting group entitled to vote on the proposed amendment by two-thirds, or, in the case of a public company, a majority, of all the votes entitled to be cast by that voting group under RCW 23B.10.030;

(ii) A corporation's board of directors may amend or repeal the corporation's bylaws unless this title reserves this power exclusively to the shareholders in whole or in part, or unless the shareholders in amending or repealing a bylaw provide expressly that the board of directors may not amend or repeal that bylaw under RCW 23B.10.200;

(jj) Unless this title or the board of directors require a greater vote or a vote by voting groups, a plan of merger or share exchange must be approved by each voting group entitled to vote on the merger or share exchange by two-thirds of all the votes entitled to be cast by that voting group under RCW 23B.11.030;

(kk) Approval by the shareholders of the sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all, or substantially all, the corporation's property in the usual and regular course of business is not required under RCW 23B.12.010;

(ll) Approval by the shareholders of the mortgage, pledge, dedication to the repayment of indebtedness, or other encumbrance of any or all of the corporation's property, whether or not in the usual and regular course of business, is not required under RCW 23B.12.010;

(mm) Unless the board of directors requires a greater vote or a vote by voting groups, a sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the corporation's property, other than in the usual and regular course of business, must be approved by each voting group entitled to vote on such transaction by two-thirds of all votes entitled to be cast by that voting group under RCW 23B.12.020;

(nn) Unless the board of directors requires a greater vote or a vote by voting groups, a proposal to dissolve must be approved by each voting group entitled to vote on the dissolution by two-thirds of all votes entitled to be cast by that voting group under RCW 23B.14.020; and

(oo) A corporation with fewer than three hundred holders of record of its shares does not require special approval of interested shareholder transactions under RCW 23B.17.020.

(4) Unless its articles of incorporation or its bylaws provide otherwise, a corporation is governed by the following provisions:

(a) The board of directors may authorize the issuance of some or all of the shares of any or all of the corporation's classes or series without certificates under RCW 23B.06.260;

(b) A corporation that is not a public company shall hold a special meeting of shareholders if the holders of at least ten percent of the votes entitled to be cast on any issue proposed to be considered at the meeting demand a meeting under RCW 23B.07.020;

(c) A director need not be a resident of this state or a shareholder of the corporation under RCW 23B.08.020;

(d) The board of directors may fix the compensation of directors under RCW 23B.08.110;

(e) Members of the board of directors may participate in a meeting of the board by any means of similar communication by which all directors participating can hear each other during the meeting under RCW 23B.08.200;

(f) Action permitted or required by this title to be taken at a board of directors' meeting may be taken without a meeting if action is taken by all members of the board under RCW 23B.08.210;

(g) Regular meetings of the board of directors may be held without notice of the date, time, place, or purpose of the meeting under RCW 23B.08.220;

(h) Special meetings of the board of directors must be preceded by at least two days' notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting, and the notice need not describe the purpose of the special meeting under RCW 23B.08.220;

(i) A quorum of a board of directors consists of a majority of the number of directors under RCW 23B.08.240;

(j) If a quorum is present when a vote is taken, the affirmative vote of a majority of directors present is the act of the board of directors under RCW 23B.08.240;

(k) A board of directors may create one or more committees and appoint members of the board of directors to serve on them under RCW 23B.08.250; and

(l) Unless approved by the shareholders, a corporation may indemnify, or make advances to, a director for reasonable expenses incurred in the defense of any proceeding to which the director was a party because of being a director only to the extent such action is consistent with RCW 23B.08.500 through 23B.08.580.

(5) The articles of incorporation may contain the following provisions:

(a) The names and addresses of the individuals who are to serve as initial directors;

(b) The par value of any authorized shares or classes of shares;

(c) Provisions not inconsistent with law related to the management of the business and the regulation of the affairs of the corporation;

(d) Any provision that under this title is required or permitted to be set forth in the bylaws;

(e) Provisions not inconsistent with law defining, limiting, and regulating the powers of the corporation, its board of directors, and shareholders;

(f) If the articles of incorporation authorize dividing shares into classes, the election of all or a specified number of directors may be effected by the holders of one or more authorized classes of shares under RCW 23B.08.040;

(g) The terms of directors may be staggered under RCW 23B.08.060;

(h) Shares may be redeemable or convertible (i) at the option of the corporation, the shareholder, or another person, or upon the occurrence of a designated event; (ii) for cash, indebtedness, securities, or other property; or (iii) in a designated amount or in an amount determined in accordance with a designated formula or by reference to extrinsic data or events under RCW 23B.06.010; and

(i) A director's personal liability to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for conduct as a director may be eliminated or limited under RCW 23B.08.320.

(6) The articles of incorporation or the bylaws may contain the following provisions:

(a) A restriction on the transfer or registration of transfer of the corporation's shares under RCW 23B.06.270;

(b) Shareholders may participate in a meeting of shareholders by any means of communication by which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other under RCW 23B.07.080;

(c) A quorum of the board of directors may consist of as few as one-third of the number of directors under RCW 23B.08.240;

(d) If the corporation is registered as an investment company under the investment company act of 1940, a provision limiting the requirement to hold an annual meeting of shareholders as provided in RCW 23B.07.010(2); and

(e) If the corporation is registered as an investment company under the investment company act of 1940, a provision establishing terms of directors which terms may be longer than one year as provided in RCW 23B.05.050.

(7) The articles of incorporation need not set forth any of the corporate powers enumerated in this title. [1994 c 256 § 27; 1989 c 165 § 27.]

Findings—Construction—1994 c 256: See RCW 43.320.007.

23B.02.030 Effect of filing. (1) Unless a delayed effective date is specified, the corporate existence begins when the articles of incorporation are filed.

(2) The secretary of state's filing of the articles of incorporation is conclusive proof that the incorporators satisfied all conditions precedent to the incorporation except in a proceeding by the state to cancel or revoke the incorporation or involuntarily to dissolve the corporation. [1989 c 165 § 28.]

23B.02.040 Liability for preincorporation transactions. All persons purporting to act as or on behalf of a corporation, knowing there was no incorporation under this title, are jointly and severally liable for liabilities created while so acting except for any liability to any person who also knew that there was no incorporation. [1989 c 165 § 29.]

23B.02.050 Organization of corporation. (1) After incorporation:

(a) If initial directors are named in the articles of incorporation, the initial directors shall hold an organizational meeting, at the call of a majority of the directors, to complete the organization of the corporation by appointing officers, adopting bylaws, and carrying on any other business brought before the meeting;

(b) If initial directors are not named in the articles, the incorporator or incorporators shall hold an organizational meeting at the call of a majority of the incorporators:

(i) To elect directors and complete the organization of the corporation; or

(ii) To elect a board of directors who shall complete the organization of the corporation.

(2) Action required or permitted by this title to be taken by incorporators at an organizational meeting may be taken without a meeting if the action taken is evidenced by one or more written consents describing the action taken and signed by each incorporator.

(3) An organizational meeting may be held in or out of this state.

(4) A corporation's initial report containing the information described in RCW 23B.16.220(1) must be delivered to the secretary of state within one hundred twenty days of the date on which the corporation's articles of incorporation were filed. [1991 c 72 § 31; 1989 c 165 § 30.]

23B.02.060 Bylaws. (1) The incorporators or board of directors of a corporation shall adopt initial bylaws for the corporation.

(2) The articles of incorporation or bylaws must either specify the number of directors or specify the process by which the number of directors will be fixed, unless the articles of incorporation dispense with a board of directors pursuant to RCW 23B.08.010;

(3) Unless its articles of incorporation or its bylaws provide otherwise, a corporation is governed by the following provisions:

(a) The board of directors may authorize the issuance of some or all of the shares of any or all of the corporation's classes or series without certificates under RCW 23B.06.260;

(b) A corporation that is not a public company shall hold a special meeting of shareholders if the holders of at least ten percent of the votes entitled to be cast on any issue proposed to be considered at the meeting demand a meeting under RCW 23B.07.020;

(c) A director need not be a resident of this state or a shareholder of the corporation under RCW 23B.08.020;

(d) The board of directors may fix the compensation of directors under RCW 23B.08.110;

(e) Members of the board of directors may participate in a meeting of the board by means of a conference telephone or similar communication equipment under RCW 23B.08.200;

(f) Action permitted or required by this title to be taken at a board of directors' meeting may be taken without a meeting if action is taken by all members of the board under RCW 23B.08.210;

(g) Regular meetings of the board of directors may be held without notice of the date, time, place, or purpose of the meeting under RCW 23B.08.220;

(h) Special meetings of the board of directors must be preceded by at least two days' notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting, and the notice need not describe the purpose of the special meeting under RCW 23B.08.220;

(i) A quorum of a board of directors consists of a majority of the number of directors under RCW 23B.08.240;

(j) If a quorum is present when a vote is taken, the affirmative vote of a majority of directors present is the act of the board of directors under RCW 23B.08.240;

(k) A board of directors may create one or more committees and appoint members of the board of directors to serve on them under RCW 23B.08.250; and

(l) Unless approved by shareholders, a corporation may indemnify, or make advances to, a director only for reasonable expenses incurred in the defense of any proceeding to which the director was a party because of being a director to the extent such action is consistent with RCW 23B.08.500 through 23B.08.580 under RCW 23B.08.590.

(4) The bylaws of a corporation may contain any provision, not in conflict with law or the articles of incorporation, for managing the business and regulating the affairs of the corporation, including but not limited to the following:

(a) A restriction on the transfer or registration of transfer of the corporation's shares under RCW 23B.06.270;

(b) Shareholders may participate in a meeting of shareholders by any means of communication by which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other under RCW 23B.07.080; and

(c) A quorum of the board of directors may consist of as few as one-third of the number of directors under RCW 23B.08.240. [1989 c 165 § 31.]

23B.02.070 Emergency bylaws. (1) Unless the articles of incorporation provide otherwise, the board of directors of a corporation may adopt bylaws to be effective only in an emergency defined in subsection (4) of this section. The emergency bylaws, which are subject to amendment or repeal by the shareholders, may make all provisions necessary for managing the corporation during the emergency, including:

(a) Procedures for calling a meeting of the board of directors;

(b) Quorum requirements for the meeting; and

(c) Designation of additional or substitute directors.

(2) All provisions of the regular bylaws consistent with the emergency bylaws remain effective during the emergency. The emergency bylaws are not effective after the emergency ends.

(3) Corporate action taken in good faith in accordance with the emergency bylaws:

(a) Binds the corporation; and

(b) May not be used to impose liability on a corporate director, officer, employee, or agent.

(4) An emergency exists for purposes of this section if a quorum of the corporation's directors cannot readily be assembled because of some catastrophic event. [1989 c 165 § 32.]

Chapter 23B.03

POWERS AND PURPOSES

Sections

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23B.03.010 Purposes. (1) Every corporation incorporated under this title has the purpose of engaging in any lawful business unless a more limited purpose is set forth in the articles of incorporation.

(2) Corporations organized for the purposes of banking or engaging in business as an insurer shall not be organized under this title. [1989 c 165 § 33.]

23B.03.020 General powers. (1) Unless its articles of incorporation provide otherwise, every corporation has perpetual duration and succession in its corporate name.

(2) Unless its articles of incorporation provide otherwise, every corporation has the same powers as an individual to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its business and affairs, including without limitation, power:

(a) To sue and be sued, complain, and defend in its corporate name;

(b) To have a corporate seal, which may be altered at will, and to use it, or a facsimile of it, by impressing or affixing it or in any other manner reproducing it;

(c) To make and amend bylaws, not inconsistent with its articles of incorporation or with the laws of this state, for managing the business and regulating the affairs of the corporation;

(d) To purchase, receive, lease, or otherwise acquire, and own, hold, improve, use, and otherwise deal with, real or personal property, or any legal or equitable interest in property, wherever located;

(e) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, and otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property;

(f) To purchase, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire; own, hold, vote, use, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of; and deal in and with shares or other interests in, or obligations of, any person;

(g) To make contracts, incur liabilities, borrow money, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations, which may be convertible into or include the option to purchase other securities of the corporation, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of any of its property, franchises, or income;

(h) To make guarantees respecting the contracts, securities, or obligations of any person; including, but not limited to, any shareholder, affiliated or unaffiliated individual, domestic or foreign corporation, partnership, association, joint venture or trust, if such guarantee may reasonably be expected to benefit, directly or indirectly, the guarantor corporation. As to the enforceability of the guarantee, the decision of the board of directors that the guarantee may be reasonably expected to benefit, directly or indirectly, the guarantor corporation shall be binding in respect to the issue of benefit to the guarantor corporation;

(i) To lend money, invest and reinvest its funds, and receive and hold real and personal property as security for repayment;

(j) To be a promoter, partner, member, associate, or manager of any partnership, joint venture, trust, or other entity;

(k) To conduct its business, locate offices, and exercise the powers granted by this title within or without this state;

(l) To elect, appoint, or hire officers, employees, and other agents of the corporation, define their duties, fix their compensation, and lend them money and credit;

(m) To fix the compensation of directors, and lend them money and credit;

(n) To pay pensions and establish pension plans, pension trusts, profit sharing plans, share bonus plans, share option plans, and benefit or incentive plans for any or all of its current or former directors, officers, employees, and agents;

(o) To make donations for the public welfare or for charitable, scientific, or educational purposes;

(p) To transact any lawful business that will aid governmental policy; and

(q) To make payments or donations, or do any other act, not inconsistent with law, that furthers the business and affairs of the corporation. [1989 c 165 § 34.]

23B.03.030 Emergency powers. (1) In anticipation of or during an emergency defined in subsection (4) of this section, the board of directors of a corporation may:

(a) Modify lines of succession to accommodate the incapacity of any director, officer, employee, or agent; and

(b) Relocate the principal office, designate alternative principal offices or regional offices, or authorize the officers to do so.

(2) During an emergency defined in subsection (4) of this section, unless emergency bylaws provide otherwise:

(a) Notice of a meeting of the board of directors need be given only to those directors whom it is practicable to reach and may be given in any practicable manner, including by publication and radio; and

(b) One or more officers of the corporation present at a meeting of the board of directors may be deemed to be directors for the meeting in order of rank and within the same rank in order of seniority, as necessary to achieve a quorum.

(3) Corporate action taken in good faith during an emergency under this section to further the business affairs of the corporation:

(a) Binds the corporation; and

(b) May not be used to impose liability on a corporate director, officer, employee, or agent.

(4) An emergency exists for purposes of this section if a quorum of the corporation's directors cannot readily be assembled because of some catastrophic event. [1989 c 165 § 35.]

23B.03.040 Ultra vires. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, corporate action may not be challenged on the ground that the corporation lacks or lacked power to act.

(2) A corporation's power to act may be challenged:

(a) In a proceeding by a shareholder against the corporation to enjoin the act;

(b) In a proceeding by the corporation, directly, derivatively, or through a receiver, trustee, or other legal representative, against an incumbent or former director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation; or

(c) In a proceeding by the attorney general under RCW 23B.14.300.

(3) In a shareholder's proceeding under subsection (2)(a) of this section to enjoin an unauthorized corporate act, the court may enjoin or set aside the act, and may award damages for loss suffered by the corporation or another party because of enjoining or setting aside the unauthorized act. [1989 c 165 § 36.]

Chapter 23B.04

NAME

Sections

23B.04.010 Corporate name.

23B.04.020 Reserved name.

23B.04.030 Registered name.

23B.04.010 Corporate name. (Effective until October 1, 1994.) (1) A corporate name:

(a) Must contain the word "corporation," "incorporated," "company," or "limited," or the abbreviation "corp.," "inc.," "co.," or "Ltd.,"

(b) Must not contain language stating or implying that the corporation is organized for a purpose other than those permitted by RCW 23B.03.010 and its articles of incorporation;

(c) Must not contain any of the following words or phrases:

"Bank," "banking," "banker," "trust," "cooperative," or any combination of the words "industrial" and "loan," or any combination of any two or more of the words "building," "savings," "loan," "home," "association," and "society," or any other words or phrases prohibited by any statute of this state; and

(d) Except as authorized by subsections (2) and (3) of this section, must be distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state from:

(i) The corporate name of a corporation incorporated or authorized to transact business in this state;

(ii) A corporate name reserved or registered under RCW 23B.04.020 or 23B.04.030;

(iii) The fictitious name adopted pursuant to RCW 23B.15.060 by a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state because its real name is unavailable;

(iv) The corporate name of a not-for-profit corporation incorporated or authorized to conduct affairs in this state; and

(v) The name or reserved name of a foreign or domestic limited partnership formed or registered under chapter *25.08 or 25.10 RCW.

(2) A corporation may apply to the secretary of state for authorization to use a name that is not distinguishable upon the records from one or more of the names described in subsection (1) of this section. The secretary of state shall authorize use of the name applied for if:

(a) The other corporation, holder, or limited partnership consents to the use in writing and files with the secretary of state documents necessary to change its name or the name reserved or registered to a name that is distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state from the name of the applying corporation; or

(b) The applicant delivers to the secretary of state a certified copy of the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing the applicant's right to use the name applied for in this state.

(3) A corporation may use the name, including the fictitious name, of another domestic or foreign corporation, or of a domestic or foreign limited partnership, that is used in this state if the other corporation is incorporated or authorized to transact business in this state, or if the limited partnership is formed or authorized to transact business in this state, and the proposed user corporation:

(a) Has merged with the other corporation or limited partnership; or

(b) Has been formed by reorganization of the other corporation.

(4) This title does not control the use of assumed business names or "trade names."

(5) A name shall not be considered distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state by virtue of:

(a) A variation in the designation, under subsection (1)(a) of this section, used for the same name;

(b) The addition or deletion of an article or conjunction such as "the" or "and" from the same name;

(c) Punctuation, capitalization, or special characters or symbols in the same name; or

(d) Use of abbreviation or the plural form of a word in the same name. [1991 c 269 § 36; 1991 c 72 § 32; 1989 c 165 § 37.]

Reviser's note: (1) This section was amended by 1991 c 72 § 32 and by 1991 c 269 § 36, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

* (2) Chapter 25.08 RCW was repealed by 1981 c 51 § 72, effective January 1, 1982. See RCW 25.10.670 for application of chapter 25.10 RCW to previously existing partnerships.

23B.04.010 Corporate name. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) A corporate name:

(a) Must contain the word "corporation," "incorporated," "company," or "limited," or the abbreviation "corp.," "inc.," "co.," or "Ltd.,"

(b) Must not contain language stating or implying that the corporation is organized for a purpose other than those permitted by RCW 23B.03.010 and its articles of incorporation;

(c) Must not contain any of the following words or phrases:

"Bank," "banking," "banker," "trust," "cooperative," or any combination of the words "industrial" and "loan," or any combination of any two or more of the words "building," "savings," "loan," "home," "association," and "society," or any other words or phrases prohibited by any statute of this state; and

(d) Except as authorized by subsections (2) and (3) of this section, must be distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state from:

(i) The corporate name of a corporation incorporated or authorized to transact business in this state;

(ii) A corporate name reserved or registered under RCW 23B.04.020 or 23B.04.030;

(iii) The fictitious name adopted pursuant to RCW 23B.15.060 by a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state because its real name is unavailable;

(iv) The corporate name of a not-for-profit corporation incorporated or authorized to conduct affairs in this state;

(v) The name or reserved name of a foreign or domestic limited partnership formed or registered under chapter 25.08 or 25.10 RCW; and

(vi) The name of any limited liability company organized or registered under chapter 25.15 RCW.

(2) A corporation may apply to the secretary of state for authorization to use a name that is not distinguishable upon the records from one or more of the names described in subsection (1) of this section. The secretary of state shall authorize use of the name applied for if:

(a) The other corporation, company, holder, or limited partnership consents to the use in writing and files with the secretary of state documents necessary to change its name or the name reserved or registered to a name that is distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state from the name of the applying corporation; or

(b) The applicant delivers to the secretary of state a certified copy of the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing the applicant's right to use the name applied for in this state.

(3) A corporation may use the name, including the fictitious name, of another domestic or foreign corporation, or of another domestic or foreign limited liability company, or of a domestic or foreign limited partnership, that is used in this state if the other corporation is incorporated or authorized to transact business in this state, or if the limited liability company is organized or authorized to transact business in this state, or if the limited partnership is formed or authorized to transact business in this state, and the proposed user corporation:

(a) Has merged with the other corporation, limited liability company, or limited partnership; or

(b) Has been formed by reorganization of the other corporation.

(4) This title does not control the use of assumed business names or "trade names."

(5) A name shall not be considered distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state by virtue of:

(a) A variation in the designation, under subsection (1)(a) of this section, used for the same name;

(b) The addition or deletion of an article or conjunction such as "the" or "and" from the same name;

(c) Punctuation, capitalization, or special characters or symbols in the same name; or

(d) Use of abbreviation or the plural form of a word in the same name. [1994 c 211 § 1304. Prior: 1991 c 269 § 36; 1991 c 72 § 32; 1989 c 165 § 37.]

*Reviser's note: Chapter 25.08 RCW was repealed by 1981 c 51 § 72, effective January 1, 1982. See RCW 25.10.670 for application of chapter 25.10 RCW to previously existing partnerships.

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23B.04.020 Reserved name. (1) A person may reserve the exclusive use of a corporate name, including a fictitious name adopted pursuant to RCW 23B.15.060 for a foreign corporation whose corporate name is not available, by delivering an application to the secretary of state for filing. The application must set forth the name and address of the applicant and the name proposed to be reserved. If the secretary of state finds that the corporate name applied for is available, the secretary of state shall reserve the name for the applicant's exclusive use for a nonrenewable one hundred eighty-day period.

(2) The owner of a reserved corporate name may transfer the reservation to another person by delivering to the secretary of state a signed notice of the transfer that states the name and address of the transferee. [1989 c 165 § 38.]

23B.04.030 Registered name. (1) A foreign corporation may register its corporate name, or its corporate name with any addition required by RCW 23B.15.060, if the name is distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state from the names specified in RCW 23B.04.010(1).

(2) A foreign corporation registers its corporate name, or its corporate name with any addition required by RCW 23B.15.060, by delivering to the secretary of state for filing an application that:

(a) Sets forth its corporate name, or its corporate name with any addition required by RCW 23B.15.060, and the state or country and date of its incorporation; and

(b) Is accompanied by a certificate of existence, or a document of similar import, from the state or country of incorporation.

(3) The name is registered for the applicant's exclusive use upon the effective date of the application and until the close of the calendar year in which the application for registration is filed.

(4) A foreign corporation whose registration is effective may renew it for successive years by delivering to the secretary of state for filing a renewal application, which complies with the requirements of subsection (2) of this section, between October 1 and December 31 of the preceding year. The renewal application when filed renews the registration for the following calendar year.

(5) A foreign corporation whose registration is effective may thereafter qualify as a foreign corporation under the registered name, or consent in writing to the use of that name by a corporation thereafter incorporated under this title, by a limited partnership thereafter formed under chapter 25.10 RCW, or by another foreign corporation or limited partnership thereafter authorized to transact business in this state. The registration terminates when the domestic corporation is incorporated or the domestic limited partnership is formed, or the foreign corporation qualifies or consents to the qualification of another foreign corporation or limited partnership under the registered name. [1989 c 165 § 39.]

Chapter 23B.05 OFFICE AND AGENT

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23B.05.010 Registered office and registered agent.

(1) Each corporation must continuously maintain in this state:

(a) A registered office that may be the same as any of its places of business. The registered office shall be at a specific geographic location in this state, and be identified by number, if any, and street, or building address or rural route, or, if a commonly known street or rural route address does not exist, by legal description. A registered office may not be identified by post office box number or other nongeographic address. For purposes of communicating by mail, the secretary of state may permit the use of a post office address in the same city as the registered office in conjunction with the registered office address if the corporation also maintains on file the specific geographic address of the registered office where personal service of process may be made;

(b) A registered agent that may be:

(i) An individual residing in this state whose business office is identical with the registered office;

(ii) A domestic corporation or not-for-profit domestic corporation whose business office is identical with the registered office; or

(iii) A foreign corporation or not-for-profit foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state whose business office is identical with the registered office.

(2) A registered agent shall not be appointed without having given prior written consent to the appointment. The written consent shall be filed with the secretary of state in such form as the secretary may prescribe. The written consent shall be filed with or as a part of the document first appointing a registered agent. In the event any individual or corporation has been appointed agent without consent, that person or corporation may file a notarized statement attesting to that fact, and the name shall forthwith be removed from the records of the secretary of state. [1989 c 165 § 40.]

23B.05.020 Change of registered office or registered agent. (1) A corporation may change its registered office or registered agent by delivering to the secretary of state for filing a statement of change that sets forth:

(a) The name of the corporation;

(b) If the current registered office is to be changed, the street address of the new registered office in accord with RCW 23B.05.010(1)(a);

(c) If the current registered agent is to be changed, the name of the new registered agent and the new agent's written consent, either on the statement or attached to it, to the appointment; and

(d) That after the change or changes are made, the street addresses of its registered office and the business office of its registered agent will be identical.

(2) If a registered agent changes the street address of the agent's business office, the registered agent may change the street address of the registered office of any corporation for which the agent is the registered agent by notifying the corporation in writing of the change and signing, either manually or in facsimile, and delivering to the secretary of state for filing a statement that complies with the requirements of subsection (1) of this section and recites that the corporation has been notified of the change. [1989 c 165 § 41.]

23B.05.030 Resignation of registered agent. (1) A registered agent may resign as agent by signing and delivering to the secretary of state for filing a statement of resignation. The statement may include a statement that the registered office is also discontinued.

(2) After filing the statement the secretary of state shall mail a copy of the statement to the corporation at its principal office.

(3) The agency appointment is terminated, and the registered office discontinued if so provided, on the 31st day after the date on which the statement was filed. [1989 c 165 § 42.]

23B.05.040 Service on corporation. (1) A corporation's registered agent is the corporation's agent for service of process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served on the corporation.

(2) The secretary of state shall be an agent of a corporation upon whom any such process, notice, or demand may be served if:

(a) The corporation fails to appoint or maintain a registered agent in this state; or

(b) The registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found at the registered office.

(3) Service on the secretary of state of any such process, notice, or demand shall be made by delivering to and leaving with the secretary of state, or with any duly authorized clerk of the corporation department of the secretary of state's office, the process, notice, or demand. In the event any such process, notice, or demand is served on the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall immediately cause a copy thereof to be forwarded by certified mail, addressed to the secretary of the corporation at the corporation's principal office as shown on the records of the secretary of state. Any

service so had on the secretary of state shall be returnable in not less than thirty days.

(4) The secretary of state shall keep a record of all processes, notices, and demands served upon the secretary of state under this section, and shall record therein the time of such service and the secretary of state's action with reference thereto.

(5) This section does not limit or affect the right to serve any process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon a corporation in any other manner now or hereafter permitted by law. [1989 c 165 § 43.]

23B.05.050 Annual meeting of shareholders—Limitations—Terms of directors. A corporation registered under the investment company act of 1940 that limits the requirement to hold an annual meeting of shareholders in accordance with RCW 23B.07.010(2) may include in its articles of incorporation or bylaws a provision establishing terms of directors which terms may be longer than one year. [1994 c 256 § 31.]

Findings—Construction—1994 c 256: See RCW 43.320.007.

Chapter 23B.06

SHARES AND DISTRIBUTIONS

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23B.06.010 Authorized shares. (1) The articles of incorporation must prescribe the classes of shares and the number of shares of each class that the corporation is authorized to issue.

(a) If more than one class of shares is authorized, the articles of incorporation must prescribe a distinguishing designation for each class, and, prior to the issuance of shares of a class, the preferences, limitations, and relative rights of that class must be described in the articles of incorporation.

(b) Any of the designations, preferences, limitations, or relative rights of any class or series may be made dependent upon facts ascertainable outside the articles of incorporation or of any amendment thereto, or outside the resolution or resolutions providing for the issuance of shares adopted by the board of directors pursuant to authority expressly vested in it by the corporation's articles of incorporation, if the manner in which such facts shall operate on the designations, preferences, limitations, or relative rights of such class or series is clearly and expressly set forth in the articles of

incorporation or in the resolution or resolutions providing for the issue of such shares adopted by the board of directors.

(c) All shares of a class must have preferences, limitations, and relative rights identical with those of other shares of the same class except to the extent otherwise permitted by RCW 23B.06.020.

(2) The articles of incorporation must authorize (a) one or more classes of shares that together have unlimited voting rights, and (b) one or more classes of shares, which may be the same class or classes as those with voting rights, that together are entitled to receive the net assets of the corporation upon dissolution.

(3) The articles of incorporation may authorize one or more classes of shares that:

(a) Have special, conditional, or limited voting rights, or no right to vote, except to the extent prohibited by this title;

(b) Are redeemable or convertible as specified in the articles of incorporation (i) at the option of the corporation, the shareholder, or another person or upon the occurrence of a designated event, (ii) for cash, indebtedness, securities, or other property, (iii) in a designated amount or in an amount determined in accordance with a designated formula or by reference to extrinsic data or events;

(c) Entitle the holders to distributions calculated in any manner, including dividends that may be cumulative, noncumulative, or partially cumulative; or

(d) Have preference over any other class of shares with respect to distributions, including dividends and distributions upon the dissolution of the corporation.

(4) The description of the designations, preferences, limitations, and relative rights of share classes in subsection (3) of this section is not exhaustive. [1989 c 165 § 44.]

23B.06.020 Terms of class or series. (1) If the articles of incorporation so provide, the board of directors may determine, in whole or part, the preferences, limitations, and relative rights, within the limits set forth in this section of (a) any class of shares before the issuance of any shares of that class, or (b) one or more series within a class, and designate the number of shares within that series, before the issuance of any shares of that series.

(2) Each series of a class must be given a distinguishing designation.

(3) All shares of a series must have preferences, limitations, and relative rights identical with those of other shares of the same series and, except to the extent otherwise provided in the description of the series, with those of other series of the same class.

(4) Before issuing any shares of a class or series created under this section, the corporation must deliver to the secretary of state for filing articles of amendment, which are effective without shareholder action, that set forth:

(a) The name of the corporation;

(b) The text of the amendment determining the terms of the class or series of shares;

(c) The date it was adopted; and

(d) The statement that the amendment was duly adopted by the board of directors.

(5) Unless the articles of incorporation provide otherwise, the board of directors may, after the issuance of shares

of a series whose number it is authorized to designate, amend the resolution establishing the series to decrease, but not below the number of shares of such series then outstanding, the number of authorized shares of that series, by filing articles of amendment, which are effective without shareholder action, in the manner provided in subsection (4) of this section. [1989 c 165 § 45.]

23B.06.030 Issued and outstanding shares. (1) A corporation may issue the number of shares of each class or series authorized by the articles of incorporation. Shares that are issued are outstanding shares until they are reacquired, redeemed, converted, or canceled.

(2) The reacquisition, redemption, or conversion of outstanding shares is subject to the limitations of subsection (4) of this section and to RCW 23B.06.400.

(3) Redeemable shares are deemed to have been redeemed and not entitled to vote after notice of redemption is mailed to the holders and a sum sufficient to redeem the shares has been deposited with a bank, trust company, or other financial institution under an irrevocable obligation to pay the holders the redemption price on surrender of the shares.

(4) At all times that shares of the corporation are outstanding, one or more shares that together have unlimited voting rights and one or more shares that together are entitled to receive the net assets of the corporation upon dissolution must be outstanding. [1989 c 165 § 46.]

23B.06.040 Fractional shares. (1) A corporation may:

(a) Issue fractions of a share or pay in money the value of fractions of a share;

(b) Arrange for disposition of fractional shares by the shareholders;

(c) Issue scrip in registered or bearer form entitling the holder to receive a full share upon surrendering enough scrip to equal a full share.

(2) Each certificate representing scrip must be conspicuously labeled "scrip" and must contain the information required by RCW 23B.06.250(2).

(3) The holder of a fractional share is entitled to exercise the rights of a shareholder, including the right to vote, to receive dividends, and to participate in the assets of the corporation upon liquidation. The holder of scrip is not entitled to any of these rights unless the scrip provides for them.

(4) The board of directors may authorize the issuance of scrip subject to any condition considered desirable, including:

(a) That the scrip will become void if not exchanged for full shares before a specified date; and

(b) That the shares for which the scrip is exchangeable may be sold and the proceeds paid to the scripholders. [1989 c 165 § 47.]

23B.06.200 Subscription for shares before incorporation. (1) A written subscription for shares entered into before incorporation is irrevocable for six months unless the subscription agreement provides a longer or shorter period or all the subscribers agree to revocation.

(2) The board of directors may determine the payment terms of subscriptions for shares that were entered into before incorporation, unless the subscription agreement specifies them. A call for payment by the board of directors must be uniform so far as practicable as to all shares of the same class or series, unless the subscription agreement specifies otherwise.

(3) Shares issued pursuant to subscriptions entered into before incorporation are fully paid and nonassessable when the corporation receives the consideration specified in the subscription agreement.

(4) If a subscriber defaults in payment of money or property under a subscription agreement entered into before incorporation, the corporation may collect the amount owed as any other debt. Alternatively, unless the subscription agreement provides otherwise, the corporation may rescind the agreement and may sell the shares if the debt remains unpaid more than twenty days after the corporation sends written demand for payment to the subscriber.

(5) A subscription agreement entered into after incorporation is a contract between the subscriber and the corporation subject to RCW 23B.06.210. [1989 c 165 § 48.]

23B.06.210 Issuance of shares. (1) The powers granted in this section to the board of directors may be reserved to the shareholders by the articles of incorporation.

(2) Any issuance of shares must be authorized by the board of directors. Shares may be issued for consideration consisting of any tangible or intangible property or benefit to the corporation, including cash, promissory notes, services performed, contracts for services to be performed, or other securities of the corporation.

(3) A good faith determination by the board of directors that the consideration received or to be received for the shares to be issued is adequate is conclusive insofar as the adequacy of consideration relates to whether the shares are validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. When the board of directors has made such a determination and the corporation has received the consideration, the shares issued therefor are fully paid and nonassessable.

(4) The corporation may place in escrow shares issued for a contract for future services or benefits or a promissory note, or make other arrangements to restrict the transfer of the shares, and may credit distributions in respect to the shares against their purchase price, until the services are performed, the benefits are received, or the note is paid. If the services are not performed, the benefits are not received, or the note is not paid, the shares escrowed or restricted and the distributions credited may be canceled in whole or part.

(5) Where it cannot be determined that outstanding shares are fully paid and nonassessable, there shall be a conclusive presumption that such shares are fully paid and nonassessable if the board of directors makes a good faith determination that there is no substantial evidence that the full consideration for such shares has not been paid. [1989 c 165 § 49.]

23B.06.220 Liability of shareholders. A purchaser from a corporation of its own shares is not liable to the corporation or its creditors with respect to the shares except to pay the consideration for which the shares were autho-

ized to be issued under RCW 23B.06.210 or specified in the subscription agreement under RCW 23B.06.200. [1989 c 165 § 50.]

23B.06.230 Share dividends. (1) Unless the articles of incorporation provide otherwise, shares may be issued pro rata and without consideration to the corporation's shareholders or to the shareholders of one or more classes or series. An issuance of shares under this subsection is a share dividend.

(2) Shares of one class or series may not be issued as a share dividend in respect to shares of another class or series unless (a) the articles of incorporation so authorize, (b) a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the class or series to be issued approve the issue, or (c) there are no outstanding shares of the class or series to be issued. [1989 c 165 § 51.]

23B.06.240 Share options. Unless the articles of incorporation provide otherwise, a corporation may issue rights, options, or warrants for the purchase of shares of the corporation. The board of directors shall determine the terms upon which the rights, options, or warrants are issued, their form and content, and the consideration for which the shares are to be issued. [1989 c 165 § 52.]

23B.06.250 Certificates. (1) Shares may but need not be represented by certificates. Unless this title or another statute expressly provides otherwise, the rights and obligations of shareholders are identical whether or not their shares are represented by certificates.

(2) At a minimum each share certificate must state on its face:

- (a) The name of the issuing corporation and that it is organized under the laws of this state;
- (b) The name of the person to whom issued; and
- (c) The number and class of shares and the designation of the series, if any, the certificate represents.

(3) If the issuing corporation is authorized to issue different classes of shares or different series within a class, the designations, relative rights, preferences, and limitations applicable to each class and the variations in rights, preferences, and limitations determined for each series, and the authority of the board of directors to determine variations for future series, must be summarized on the front or back of each certificate. Alternatively, each certificate may state conspicuously on its front or back that the corporation will furnish the shareholder this information without charge on request in writing.

(4) Each share certificate (a) must be signed, either manually or in facsimile, by two officers designated in the bylaws or by the board of directors and (b) may bear the corporate seal or its facsimile.

(5) If the person who signed, either manually or in facsimile, a share certificate no longer holds office when the certificate is issued, the certificate is nevertheless valid. [1989 c 165 § 53.]

23B.06.260 Shares without certificates. (1) Unless the articles of incorporation or bylaws provide otherwise, the board of directors of a corporation may authorize the

issue of some or all of the shares of any or all of its classes or series without certificates. The authorization does not affect shares already represented by certificates until they are surrendered to the corporation.

(2) Within a reasonable time after the issue or transfer of shares without certificates, the corporation shall send the shareholder a written statement of the information required on certificates by RCW 23B.06.250 (2) and (3), and, if applicable, RCW 23B.06.270. [1989 c 165 § 54.]

23B.06.270 Restriction on transfer of shares and other securities. (1) The articles of incorporation, bylaws, an agreement among shareholders, or an agreement between shareholders and the corporation may impose restrictions on the transfer or registration of transfer of shares of the corporation. A restriction does not affect shares issued before the restriction was adopted unless the holders of the shares are parties to the restriction agreement or voted in favor of the restriction.

(2) A restriction on the transfer or registration of transfer of shares is valid and enforceable against the holder or a transferee of the holder if the restriction is authorized by this section and its existence is noted conspicuously on the front or back of the certificate or is contained in the information statement required by RCW 23B.06.260(2). Unless so noted, a restriction is not enforceable against a person without knowledge of the restriction.

(3) A restriction on the transfer or registration of transfer of shares is authorized:

(a) To maintain the corporation's status when it is dependent on the number or identity of its shareholders;

(b) To preserve exemptions under federal or state securities law; or

(c) For any other reasonable purpose.

(4) A restriction on the transfer or registration of transfer of shares may:

(a) Obligate the shareholder first to offer the corporation or other persons, separately, consecutively, or simultaneously, an opportunity to acquire the restricted shares;

(b) Obligate the corporation or other persons, separately, consecutively, or simultaneously, to acquire the restricted shares;

(c) Require the corporation, the holders of any class of its shares, or another person to approve the transfer of the restricted shares, if the requirement is not manifestly unreasonable; or

(d) Prohibit the transfer of the restricted shares to designated persons or classes of persons, if the prohibition is not manifestly unreasonable.

(5) For purposes of this section, "shares" includes a security convertible into or carrying a right to subscribe for or acquire shares. [1989 c 165 § 55.]

23B.06.280 Expense of issue. A corporation may pay the expenses of selling or underwriting its shares, and of organizing or reorganizing the corporation, from the consideration received for shares. [1989 c 165 § 56.]

23B.06.300 Shareholders' preemptive rights. (1) Unless the articles of incorporation provide otherwise, and subject to the limitations in subsections (3) and (4) of this

section, the shareholders of a corporation have a preemptive right, granted on uniform terms and conditions prescribed by the board of directors to provide a fair and reasonable opportunity to exercise the right, to acquire proportional amounts of the corporation's unissued shares upon the decision of the board of directors to issue them.

(2) Unless the articles of incorporation provide otherwise, a shareholder may waive the shareholder's preemptive right. A waiver evidenced by a writing is irrevocable even though it is not supported by consideration.

(3) Unless the articles of incorporation provide otherwise, there is no preemptive right with respect to:

(a) Shares issued as compensation to directors, officers, agents, or employees of the corporation, or its subsidiaries or affiliates;

(b) Shares issued to satisfy conversion or option rights created to provide compensation to directors, officers, agents, or employees of the corporation, or its subsidiaries or affiliates;

(c) Shares issued pursuant to the corporation's initial plan of financing; and

(d) Shares sold otherwise than for money.

(4) Unless the articles of incorporation provide otherwise:

(a) Holders of shares of any class without general voting rights but with preferential rights to distributions or assets have no preemptive rights with respect to shares of any class; and

(b) Holders of shares of any class with general voting rights but without preferential rights to distributions or assets have no preemptive rights with respect to shares of any class with preferential rights to distributions or assets unless the shares with preferential rights are convertible into or carry a right to subscribe for or acquire shares without preferential rights.

(5) Unless the articles of incorporation provide otherwise, shares subject to preemptive rights that are not acquired by shareholders may be issued to any person for a period of one year after being offered to shareholders at a consideration set by the board of directors that is not lower than the consideration set for the exercise of preemptive rights. An offer at a lower consideration or after the expiration of one year is subject to the shareholders' preemptive rights.

(6) For purposes of this section, "shares" includes a security convertible into or carrying a right to subscribe for or acquire shares. [1989 c 165 § 57.]

23B.06.310 Corporation's acquisition of its own shares. (1) A corporation may acquire its own shares and shares so acquired constitute authorized but unissued shares.

(2) If the articles of incorporation prohibit the reissue of acquired shares, the number of authorized shares is reduced by the number of shares acquired, effective upon amendment of the articles of incorporation.

(3) The board of directors may adopt articles of amendment under this section without shareholder action and deliver them to the secretary of state for filing. The articles must set forth:

(a) The name of the corporation;

(b) The reduction in the number of authorized shares, itemized by class and series; and

(c) The total number of authorized shares, itemized by class and series, remaining after reduction of the shares. [1989 c 165 § 58.]

23B.06.400 Distributions to shareholders. (1) A board of directors may authorize and the corporation may make distributions to its shareholders subject to restriction by the articles of incorporation and the limitation in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) No distribution may be made if, after giving it effect:

(a) The corporation would not be able to pay its debts as they become due in the usual course of business; or

(b) The corporation's total assets would be less than the sum of its total liabilities plus, unless the articles of incorporation permit otherwise, the amount that would be needed, if the corporation were to be dissolved at the time of the distribution, to satisfy the preferential rights upon dissolution of shareholders whose preferential rights are superior to those receiving the distribution.

(3) For purposes of determinations under subsection (2) of this section:

(a) The board of directors may base a determination that a distribution is not prohibited under subsection (2) of this section either on financial statements prepared on the basis of accounting practices and principles that are reasonable in the circumstances or on a fair valuation or other method that is reasonable in the circumstances; and

(b) Indebtedness of a corporation, including indebtedness issued as a distribution, is not considered a liability if its terms provide that payment of principal and interest are made only if and to the extent that payment of a distribution to shareholders could then be made under this section.

(4) The effect of a distribution under subsection (2) of this section is measured:

(a) In the case of a distribution of indebtedness, the terms of which provide that payment of principal and interest are made only if and to the extent that payment of a distribution to shareholders could then be made under this section, each payment of principal or interest is treated as a distribution, the effect of which is measured on the date the payment is actually made; or

(b) In the case of any other distribution:

(i) If the distribution is by purchase, redemption, or other acquisition of the corporation's shares, the effect of the distribution is measured as of the earlier of the date any money or other property is transferred or debt incurred by the corporation, or the date the shareholder ceases to be a shareholder with respect to the acquired shares;

(ii) If the distribution is of indebtedness other than that described in subsection (4) (a) and (b)(i) of this section, the effect of the distribution is measured as of the date the indebtedness is distributed; and

(iii) In all other cases, the effect of the distribution is measured as of the date the distribution is authorized if payment occurs within one hundred twenty days after the date of authorization, or the date the payment is made if it occurs more than one hundred twenty days after the date of authorization.

(5) A corporation's indebtedness to a shareholder incurred by reason of a distribution made in accordance with this section is at parity with the corporation's indebtedness to its general, unsecured creditors except to the extent provided otherwise by agreement.

(6) In circumstances to which this section and related sections of this title are applicable, such provisions supersede the applicability of any other statutes of this state with respect to the legality of distributions. [1990 c 178 § 10; 1989 c 165 § 59.]

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23B.07.010 Annual meeting. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a corporation shall hold a meeting of shareholders annually at a time stated in or fixed in accordance with the bylaws.

(2)(a) If the articles of incorporation or the bylaws of a corporation registered as an investment company under the investment company act of 1940 so provide, the corporation is not required to hold an annual meeting of shareholders in any year in which the election of directors is not required by the investment company act of 1940.

(b) If a corporation is required under (a) of this subsection to hold an annual meeting of shareholders to elect directors, the meeting shall be held no later than one hundred twenty days after the occurrence of the event requiring the meeting.

(3) Annual shareholders' meetings may be held in or out of this state at the place stated in or fixed in accordance with the bylaws. If no place is stated in or fixed in accordance with the bylaws, annual meetings shall be held at the corporation's principal office.

(4) The failure to hold an annual meeting at the time stated in or fixed in accordance with a corporation's bylaws does not affect the validity of any corporate action. [1994 c 256 § 28; 1989 c 165 § 60.]

Findings—Construction—1994 c 256: See RCW 43.320.007.

23B.07.020 Special meeting. (1) A corporation shall hold a special meeting of shareholders:

(a) On call of its board of directors or the person or persons authorized to do so by the articles of incorporation or bylaws; or

(b) Except as set forth in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, if the holders of at least ten percent of all the votes entitled to be cast on any issue proposed to be considered at the proposed special meeting sign, date, and deliver to the corporation's secretary one or more written demands for the meeting describing the purpose or purposes for which it is to be held.

(2) The right of shareholders of a public company to call a special meeting may be limited or denied to the extent provided in the articles of incorporation.

(3) If the corporation is other than a public company, the articles or bylaws may require the demand specified in subsection (1)(b) of this section be made by a greater percentage, not in excess of twenty-five percent, of all the votes entitled to be cast on any issue proposed to be considered at the proposed special meeting.

(4) If not otherwise fixed under RCW 23B.07.030 or 23B.07.070, the record date for determining shareholders entitled to demand a special meeting is the date the first shareholder signs the demand.

(5) Special shareholders' meetings may be held in or out of this state at the place stated in or fixed in accordance with the bylaws. If no place is stated or fixed in accordance with the bylaws, special meetings shall be held at the corporation's principal office.

(6) Only business within the purpose or purposes described in the meeting notice required by RCW 23B.07.050(3) may be conducted at a special shareholders' meeting. [1989 c 165 § 61.]

23B.07.030 Court-ordered meeting. (1) The superior court of the county in which the corporation's registered office is located may, after notice to the corporation, summarily order a meeting to be held:

(a) On application of any shareholder of the corporation entitled to vote in the election of directors at an annual meeting, if an annual meeting was not held within the earlier of six months after the end of the corporation's fiscal year or fifteen months after its last annual meeting; or

(b) On application of a shareholder who signed a demand for a special meeting valid under RCW 23B.07.020, if:

(i) Notice of the special meeting was not given within thirty days after the date the demand was delivered to the corporation's secretary; or

(ii) The special meeting was not held in accordance with the notice.

(2) The court may, after notice to the corporation, fix the time and place of the meeting, determine the shares and shareholders entitled to participate in the meeting, specify a record date for determining shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting, prescribe the manner, form, and content of the meeting notice, fix the quorum required for specific matters to be considered at the meeting, or direct that the votes represented at the meeting constitute a quorum for action on those matters, and enter other orders necessary

to accomplish the purpose or purposes of the meeting. [1989 c 165 § 62.]

23B.07.040 Action without meeting. (1) Action required or permitted by this title to be taken at a shareholders' meeting may be taken without a meeting if the action is taken by all the shareholders entitled to vote on the action. The action must be evidenced by one or more written consents describing the action taken, signed by all the shareholders entitled to vote on the action, and delivered to the corporation for inclusion in the minutes or filing with the corporate records.

(2) If not otherwise fixed under RCW 23B.07.030 or 23B.07.070, the record date for determining shareholders entitled to take action without a meeting is the date the first shareholder signs the consent under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) A shareholder may withdraw consent only by delivering a written notice of withdrawal to the corporation prior to the time when all consents have been delivered to the corporation.

(4) Action taken under this section is effective when all consents have been delivered to the corporation, unless the consent specifies a later effective date.

(5) A consent signed under this section has the effect of a meeting vote and may be described as such in any document.

(6) If this title requires that notice of proposed action be given to nonvoting shareholders and the action is to be taken by unanimous consent of the voting shareholders, the corporation must give its nonvoting shareholders written notice of the proposed action at least ten days before the action is taken. The notice must contain or be accompanied by the same material that, under this title, would have been required to be sent to nonvoting shareholders in a notice of meeting at which the proposed action would have been submitted to such shareholders for action. [1991 c 72 § 33; 1989 c 165 § 63.]

23B.07.050 Notice of meeting. (1) A corporation shall notify shareholders of the date, time, and place of each annual and special shareholders' meeting. Such notice shall be given no fewer than ten nor more than sixty days before the meeting date, except that notice of a shareholders' meeting to act on an amendment to the articles of incorporation, a plan of merger or share exchange, a proposed sale of assets pursuant to RCW 23B.12.020, or the dissolution of the corporation shall be given no fewer than twenty nor more than sixty days before the meeting date. Unless this title or the articles of incorporation require otherwise, the corporation is required to give notice only to shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting.

(2) Unless this title or the articles of incorporation require otherwise, notice of an annual meeting need not include a description of the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called.

(3) Notice of a special meeting must include a description of the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called.

(4) Unless the bylaws require otherwise, if an annual or special shareholders' meeting is adjourned to a different

date, time, or place, notice need not be given of the new date, time, or place if the new date, time, or place is announced at the meeting before adjournment. If a new record date for the adjourned meeting is or must be fixed under RCW 23B.07.070, however, notice of the adjourned meeting must be given under this section to persons who are shareholders as of the new record date. [1989 c 165 § 64.]

23B.07.060 Waiver of notice. (1) A shareholder may waive any notice required by this title, the articles of incorporation, or bylaws before or after the date and time of the meeting that is the subject of such notice, or in the case of notice required by RCW 23B.07.040(6), before or after the action to be taken by written consent is effective. Except as provided by subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the waiver must be in writing, be signed by the shareholder entitled to the notice, and be delivered to the corporation for inclusion in the minutes or filing with the corporate records.

(2) A shareholder's attendance at a meeting waives objection to lack of notice or defective notice of the meeting, unless the shareholder at the beginning of the meeting objects to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting.

(3) A shareholder waives objection to consideration of a particular matter at a meeting that is not within the purpose or purposes described in the meeting notice, unless the shareholder objects to considering the matter when it is presented. [1991 c 72 § 34; 1989 c 165 § 65.]

23B.07.070 Record date. (1) The bylaws may fix or provide the manner of fixing the record date for one or more voting groups in order to determine the shareholders entitled to notice of a shareholders' meeting, to demand a special meeting, to vote, or to take any other action. If the bylaws do not fix or provide for fixing a record date, the board of directors of the corporation may fix a future date as the record date.

(2) If not otherwise fixed under subsection (1) of this section or RCW 23B.07.030, the record date for determining shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at an annual or special shareholders' meeting is the day before the first notice is delivered to shareholders.

(3) If the board of directors does not fix the record date for determining shareholders entitled to a share dividend, it is the date the board of directors authorizes the share dividend.

(4) If the board of directors does not fix the record date for determining shareholders entitled to a distribution, other than one involving a purchase, redemption, or other acquisition of the corporation's shares, it is the date the board of directors authorizes the distribution.

(5) A record date fixed under this section may not be more than seventy days before the meeting or action requiring a determination of shareholders.

(6) A determination of shareholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a shareholders' meeting is effective for any adjournment of the meeting unless the board of directors fixes a new record date, which it must do if the meeting is adjourned to a date more than one hundred twenty days after the date fixed for the original meeting.

(7) If a court orders a meeting adjourned to a date more than one hundred twenty days after the date fixed for the original meeting, it may provide that the original record date continues in effect or it may fix a new record date. [1989 c 165 § 66.]

23B.07.080 Shareholder participation by means of communication equipment. If the articles of incorporation or bylaws so provide, shareholders may participate in any meeting of shareholders by any means of communication by which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other during the meeting. A shareholder participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting. [1989 c 165 § 67.]

23B.07.200 Shareholders' list for meeting. (1) After fixing a record date for a meeting, a corporation shall prepare an alphabetical list of the names of all its shareholders on the record date who are entitled to notice of a shareholders' meeting. The list must be arranged by voting group, and within each voting group by class or series of shares, and show the address of and number of shares held by each shareholder.

(2) The shareholders' list must be available for inspection by any shareholder, beginning ten days prior to the meeting and continuing through the meeting, at the corporation's principal office or at a place identified in the meeting notice in the city where the meeting will be held. A shareholder, the shareholder's agent, or the shareholder's attorney is entitled to inspect the list, during regular business hours and at the shareholder's expense, during the period it is available for inspection.

(3) The corporation shall make the shareholders' list available at the meeting, and any shareholder, the shareholder's agent, or the shareholder's attorney is entitled to inspect the list at any time during the meeting or any adjournment.

(4) If the corporation refuses to allow a shareholder, the shareholder's agent, or the shareholder's attorney to inspect the shareholders' list before or at the meeting, the superior court of the county where a corporation's principal office, or, if none in this state, its registered office, is located, on application of the shareholder, may summarily order the inspection at the corporation's expense and may postpone the meeting for which the list was prepared until the inspection is complete.

(5) A shareholder's right to copy the shareholders' list, and a shareholder's right to otherwise inspect and copy the record of shareholders, is governed by RCW 23B.16.020(3).

(6) Refusal or failure to prepare or make available the shareholders' list does not affect the validity of action taken at the meeting. [1989 c 165 § 68.]

23B.07.210 Voting entitlement of shares. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section or unless the articles of incorporation provide otherwise, each outstanding share, regardless of class, is entitled to one vote on each matter voted on at a shareholders' meeting. Only shares are entitled to vote.

(2) The shares of a corporation are not entitled to vote if they are owned, directly or indirectly, by a second

corporation, domestic or foreign, and the first corporation owns, directly or indirectly, a majority of the shares entitled to vote for directors of the second corporation.

(3) Subsection (2) of this section does not limit the power of a corporation to vote any shares, including its own shares, held by it in a fiduciary capacity. [1989 c 165 § 69.]

23B.07.220 Proxies. (1) A shareholder may vote the shareholder's shares in person or by proxy.

(2) A shareholder may appoint a proxy to vote or otherwise act for the shareholder by signing an appointment form, either personally or by the shareholder's attorney-in-fact or agent.

(3) An appointment of a proxy is effective when received by the secretary or other officer or agent authorized to tabulate votes. An appointment is valid for eleven months unless a longer period is expressly provided in the appointment form.

(4) An appointment of a proxy is revocable by the shareholder unless the appointment is coupled with an interest. Appointments coupled with an interest include the appointment of:

(a) A pledgee;

(b) A person who purchased or agreed to purchase the shares;

(c) A creditor of the corporation who extended it credit under terms requiring the appointment;

(d) An employee of the corporation whose employment contract requires the appointment; or

(e) A party to a voting agreement created under RCW 23B.07.310.

(5) The death or incapacity of the shareholder appointing a proxy does not affect the right of the corporation to accept the proxy's authority unless notice of the death or incapacity is received by the secretary or other officer or agent authorized to tabulate votes before the proxy exercises the proxy's authority under the appointment.

(6) An appointment made irrevocable under subsection (4) of this section is revoked when the interest with which it is coupled is extinguished.

(7) A transferee for value of shares subject to an irrevocable appointment may revoke the appointment if the transferee did not know of its existence when the transferee acquired the shares and the existence of the irrevocable appointment was not noted conspicuously on the certificate representing the shares or on the information statement for shares without certificates.

(8) Subject to RCW 23B.07.240 and to any express limitation on the proxy's authority appearing on the face of the appointment form, a corporation is entitled to accept the proxy's vote or other action as that of the shareholder making the appointment. [1989 c 165 § 70.]

23B.07.230 Shares held by nominees. (1) A corporation may establish a procedure by which the beneficial owner of shares that are registered in the name of a nominee is recognized by the corporation as the shareholder. The extent of this recognition may be determined in the procedure.

(2) The procedure may set forth:

(a) The types of nominees to which it applies;

(b) The rights or privileges that the corporation recognizes in a beneficial owner;

(c) The manner in which the procedure is selected by the nominee;

(d) The information that must be provided when the procedure is selected;

(e) The period for which selection of the procedure is effective; and

(f) Other aspects of the rights and duties created. [1989 c 165 § 71.]

23B.07.240 Corporation's acceptance of votes. (1) If the name signed on a vote, consent, waiver, or proxy appointment corresponds to the name of a shareholder, the corporation, if acting in good faith, is entitled to accept the vote, consent, waiver, or proxy appointment and give it effect as the act of the shareholder.

(2) If the name signed on a vote, consent, waiver, or proxy appointment does not correspond to the name of its shareholder, the corporation, if acting in good faith, is nevertheless entitled to accept the vote, consent, waiver, or proxy appointment and give it effect as the act of the shareholder if:

(a) The shareholder is an entity and the name signed purports to be that of an officer, partner, or agent of the entity;

(b) The name signed purports to be that of an administrator, executor, guardian, or conservator representing the shareholder and, if the corporation requests, evidence of fiduciary status acceptable to the corporation has been presented with respect to the vote, consent, waiver, or proxy appointment;

(c) The name signed purports to be that of a receiver or trustee in bankruptcy of the shareholder and, if the corporation requests, evidence of this status acceptable to the corporation has been presented with respect to the vote, consent, waiver, or proxy appointment;

(d) The name signed purports to be that of a pledgee, beneficial owner, or attorney-in-fact of the shareholder and, if the corporation requests, evidence acceptable to the corporation of the signatory's authority to sign for the shareholder has been presented with respect to the vote, consent, waiver, or proxy appointment; or

(e) Two or more persons are the shareholder as cotenants or fiduciaries and the name signed purports to be the name of at least one of the coowners and the person signing appears to be acting on behalf of all the coowners.

(3) The corporation is entitled to reject a vote, consent, waiver, or proxy appointment if the secretary or other officer or agent authorized to tabulate votes, acting in good faith, has reasonable basis for doubt about the validity of the signature on it or about the signatory's authority to sign for the shareholder.

(4) The corporation and its officer or agent who accepts or rejects a vote, consent, waiver, or proxy appointment in good faith and in accordance with the standards of this section are not liable in damages to the shareholder for the consequences of the acceptance or rejection.

(5) Corporate action based on the acceptance or rejection of a vote, consent, waiver, or proxy appointment under

this section is valid unless a court of competent jurisdiction determines otherwise. [1989 c 165 § 72.]

23B.07.250 Quorum and voting requirements. (1) Shares entitled to vote as a separate voting group may take action on a matter at a meeting only if a quorum of those shares exists with respect to that matter. Unless the articles of incorporation or this title provide otherwise, a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter by the voting group constitutes a quorum of that voting group for action on that matter.

(2) Once a share is represented for any purpose at a meeting other than solely to object to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting, it is deemed present for quorum purposes for the remainder of the meeting and for any adjournment of that meeting unless a new record date is or must be set for that adjourned meeting.

(3) If a quorum exists, action on a matter, other than the election of directors, is approved by a voting group if the votes cast within the voting group favoring the action exceed the votes cast within the voting group opposing the action, unless the articles of incorporation or this title require a greater number of affirmative votes.

(4) An amendment of articles of incorporation adding, changing, or deleting either (i) a quorum for a voting group greater or lesser than specified in subsection (1) of this section, or (ii) a voting requirement for a voting group greater than specified in subsection (3) of this section, is governed by RCW 23B.07.270.

(5) The election of directors is governed by RCW 23B.07.280. [1989 c 165 § 73.]

23B.07.260 Action by single and multiple voting groups. (1) If the articles of incorporation or this title provide for voting by a single voting group on a matter, action on that matter is taken when voted upon by that voting group as provided in RCW 23B.07.250.

(2) If the articles of incorporation or this title provide for voting by two or more voting groups on a matter, action on that matter is taken only when voted upon by each of those voting groups counted separately as provided in RCW 23B.07.250. Action may be taken by one voting group on a matter even though no action is taken by another voting group entitled to vote on the matter. [1989 c 165 § 74.]

23B.07.270 Greater or lesser quorum or voting requirements. (1) The articles of incorporation may provide for a greater or lesser quorum, but not less than one-third of the votes entitled to be cast, for shareholders, or voting groups of shareholders, than is provided for by this title.

(2) The articles of incorporation may provide for a greater voting requirement for shareholders, or voting groups of shareholders, than is provided for by this title.

(3) Under RCW 23B.10.030, 23B.11.030, 23B.12.020, and 23B.14.020, the articles of incorporation may provide for a lesser vote than is otherwise prescribed in those sections or for a lesser vote by separate voting groups, so long as the vote provided for each voting group entitled to vote separately on the plan or transaction is not less than a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast on the plan or transaction by that voting group.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, an amendment to the articles of incorporation that adds, changes, or deletes a greater or lesser quorum or voting requirement for a particular corporate action must meet the same quorum requirement and be adopted by the same vote and voting groups required to take action under the quorum and voting requirements then in effect for the corporate action.

(5) An amendment to the articles of incorporation that adds, changes, or deletes a greater or lesser quorum or voting requirement for a merger, share exchange, sale of substantially all assets, or dissolution must be adopted by the same vote and voting groups required to take action under the quorum and voting requirements then in effect for the particular corporate action, or the quorum and voting requirements then in effect for amendments to articles of incorporation, whichever is greater. [1990 c 178 § 11; 1989 c 165 § 75.]

Effective date—1990 c 178: See note following RCW 23B.01.220.

23B.07.280 Voting for directors—Cumulative voting. (1) Unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation, shareholders entitled to vote at any election of directors are entitled to cumulate votes by multiplying the number of votes they are entitled to cast by the number of directors for whom they are entitled to vote and to cast the product for a single candidate or distribute the product among two or more candidates.

(2) Unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation, in any election of directors the candidates elected are those receiving the largest numbers of votes cast by the shares entitled to vote in the election, up to the number of directors to be elected by such shares. [1989 c 165 § 76.]

23B.07.300 Voting trusts. (1) One or more shareholders may create a voting trust, conferring on a trustee the right to vote or otherwise act for them, by signing an agreement setting out the provisions of the trust, which may include anything consistent with its purpose, and transferring their shares to the trustee. When a voting trust agreement is signed, the trustee shall prepare a list of the names and addresses of all owners of beneficial interests in the trust, together with the number and class of shares each owner of a beneficial interest transferred to the trust, and deliver copies of the list and agreement to the corporation's principal office.

(2) A voting trust becomes effective on the date the first shares subject to the trust are registered in the trustee's name. A voting trust is valid for not more than ten years after its effective date unless extended under subsection (3) of this section.

(3) All or some of the parties to a voting trust may extend it for additional terms of not more than ten years each by signing an extension agreement and obtaining the voting trustee's written consent to the extension. An extension is valid only until the earlier of ten years from the date the first shareholder signs the extension agreement or the date of expiration of the extension. The voting trustee must deliver copies of the extension agreement and list of beneficial owners to the corporation's principal office. An

extension agreement binds only those parties signing it. [1989 c 165 § 77.]

23B.07.310 Voting agreements. (1) Two or more shareholders may provide for the manner in which they will vote their shares by signing an agreement for that purpose. A voting agreement created under this section is not subject to the provisions of RCW 23B.07.300.

(2) A voting agreement created under this section is specifically enforceable. [1989 c 165 § 78.]

23B.07.320 Agreements among shareholders. (1) An agreement among the shareholders of a corporation that complies with this section is effective among the shareholders and the corporation even though it is inconsistent with one or more other provisions of this title in that it:

(a) Eliminates the board of directors or restricts the discretion or powers of the board of directors;

(b) Governs the authorization or making of distributions whether or not in proportion to ownership of shares, subject to the limitations in RCW 23B.06.400;

(c) Establishes who shall be directors or officers of the corporation, or their terms of office or manner of selection or removal;

(d) Governs, in general or in regard to specific matters, the exercise or division of voting power by or between the shareholders and directors or by or among any of them, including use of weighted voting rights or director proxies;

(e) Establishes the terms and conditions of any agreement for the transfer or use of property or the provision of services between the corporation and any shareholder, director, officer, or employee of the corporation or among any of them;

(f) Transfers to one or more shareholders or other persons all or part of the authority to exercise the corporate powers or to manage the business and affairs of the corporation;

(g) Resolves any issue about which there exists a deadlock among directors or shareholders;

(h) Requires dissolution of the corporation at the request of one or more shareholders or upon the occurrence of a specified event or contingency; or

(i) Otherwise governs the exercise of the corporate powers or the management of the business and affairs of the corporation or the relationship among the shareholders, the directors, and the corporation, or among any of them, and is not contrary to public policy.

(2) An agreement authorized by this section shall be:

(a) Set forth in a written agreement that is signed by all persons who are shareholders at the time of the agreement and is made known to the corporation;

(b) Subject to amendment only by all persons who are shareholders at the time of the amendment, unless the agreement provides otherwise; and

(c) Valid for ten years, unless the agreement provides otherwise.

(3) The existence of an agreement authorized by this section shall be noted conspicuously on the front or back of each certificate for outstanding shares or on the information statement required by RCW 23B.06.260(2). If at the time of the agreement the corporation has shares outstanding

represented by certificates, the corporation shall recall the outstanding certificates and issue substitute certificates that comply with this subsection. The failure to note the existence of the agreement on the certificate or information statement shall not affect the validity of the agreement or any action taken pursuant to it. Any purchaser of shares who, at the time of purchase, did not have knowledge of the existence of the agreement shall be entitled to rescission of the purchase. A purchaser shall be deemed to have knowledge of the existence of the agreement if its existence is noted on the certificate or information statement for the shares in compliance with this subsection and, if the shares are not represented by a certificate, the information statement is delivered to the purchaser at or prior to the time of purchase of the shares. An action to enforce the right of rescission authorized by this subsection must be commenced within the earlier of ninety days after discovery of the existence of the agreement or two years after the time of purchase of the shares.

(4) An agreement authorized by this section shall cease to be effective when shares of the corporation are listed on a national securities exchange or regularly traded in a market maintained by one or more members of a national or affiliated securities association.

(5) An agreement authorized by this section that limits the discretion or powers of the board of directors shall relieve the directors of, and impose upon the person or persons in whom such discretion or powers are vested, liability for acts or omissions imposed by law on directors to the extent that the discretion or powers of the directors are limited by the agreement.

(6) The existence or performance of an agreement authorized by this section shall not be a ground for imposing personal liability on any shareholder for the acts or debts of the corporation even if the agreement or its performance treats the corporation as if it were a partnership or results in failure to observe the corporate formalities otherwise applicable to the matters governed by the agreement.

(7) Incorporators or subscribers for shares may act as shareholders with respect to an agreement authorized by this section if no shares have been issued when the agreement is made. [1993 c 290 § 4.]

23B.07.400 Derivative proceedings procedure. (1)

A person may not commence a proceeding in the right of a domestic or foreign corporation unless the person was a shareholder of the corporation when the transaction complained of occurred or unless the person became a shareholder through transfer by operation of law from one who was a shareholder at that time.

(2) A complaint in a proceeding brought in the right of a corporation must be verified and allege with particularity the demand made, if any, to obtain action by the board of directors and either that the demand was refused or ignored or why a demand was not made. Whether or not a demand for action was made, if the corporation commences an investigation of the charges made in the demand or complaint, the court may stay any proceeding until the investigation is completed.

(3) A proceeding commenced under this section may not be discontinued or settled without the court's approval. If

the court determines that a proposed discontinuance or settlement will substantially affect the interest of the corporation's shareholders or a class of shareholders, the court shall direct that notice be given to the shareholders affected.

(4) On termination of the proceeding the court may require the plaintiff to pay any defendant's reasonable expenses, including counsel fees, incurred in defending the proceeding if it finds that the proceeding was commenced without reasonable cause.

(5) For purposes of this section, "shareholder" includes a beneficial owner whose shares are held in a voting trust or held by a nominee on behalf of the beneficial owner. [1989 c 165 § 79.]

Chapter 23B.08

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

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23B.08.010 Requirement for and duties of board of directors. (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, each corporation must have a board of directors.

(2) All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the corporation managed under the direction of, its board of directors,

subject to any limitation set forth in the articles of incorporation.

(3) A corporation may dispense with or limit the authority of its board of directors by describing in its articles of incorporation who will perform some or all of the duties of the board of directors. [1989 c 165 § 80.]

23B.08.020 Qualifications of directors. The articles of incorporation or bylaws may prescribe qualifications for directors. A director need not be a resident of this state or a shareholder of the corporation unless the articles of incorporation or bylaws so prescribe. [1989 c 165 § 81.]

23B.08.030 Number and election of directors. (1) A board of directors must consist of one or more individuals, with the number specified in or fixed in accordance with the articles of incorporation or bylaws.

(2) Directors are elected at the first annual shareholders' meeting and at each annual meeting thereafter unless (a) their terms are staggered under RCW 23B.08.060, or (b) their terms are otherwise governed by RCW 23B.05.050. [1994 c 256 § 29; 1989 c 165 § 82.]

Findings—Construction—1994 c 256: See RCW 43.320.007.

23B.08.040 Election of directors by certain classes or series of shares. If the articles of incorporation authorize dividing the shares into classes or series, the articles may also authorize the election of all or a specified number of directors by the holders of one or more authorized classes or series of shares. A class, or classes, or series of shares entitled to elect one or more directors is a separate voting group for purposes of the election of directors. [1989 c 165 § 83.]

23B.08.050 Terms of directors—Generally. (1) The terms of the initial directors of a corporation expire at the first shareholders' meeting at which directors are elected.

(2) The terms of all other directors expire at the next annual shareholders' meeting following their election unless (a) their terms are staggered under RCW 23B.08.060, or (b) their terms are otherwise governed by RCW 23B.05.050.

(3) A decrease in the number of directors does not shorten an incumbent director's term.

(4) The term of a director elected to fill a vacancy expires at the next shareholders' meeting at which directors are elected.

(5) Despite the expiration of a director's term, the director continues to serve until the director's successor is elected and qualified or until there is a decrease in the number of directors. [1994 c 256 § 30; 1989 c 165 § 84.]

Findings—Construction—1994 c 256: See RCW 43.320.007.

23B.08.060 Staggered terms for directors. (1) The articles of incorporation may provide for staggering the terms of directors by dividing the total number of directors into two or three groups, with each group containing one-half or one-third of the total, as near as may be. In that event, the terms of directors in the first group expire at the first annual shareholders' meeting after their election, the terms of the second group expire at the second annual shareholders' meeting after their election, and the terms of

the third group, if any, expire at the third annual shareholders' meeting after their election. At each annual shareholders' meeting held thereafter, directors shall be chosen for a term of two years or three years, as the case may be, to succeed those whose terms expire.

(2) If cumulative voting is authorized, any provision establishing staggered terms of directors shall provide that at least three directors shall be elected at each annual shareholders' meeting. [1989 c 165 § 85.]

23B.08.070 Resignation of directors. (1) A director may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the board of directors, its chairperson, the president, or the secretary.

(2) A resignation is effective when the notice is delivered unless the notice specifies a later effective date. [1989 c 165 § 86.]

23B.08.080 Removal of directors by shareholders. (1) The shareholders may remove one or more directors with or without cause unless the articles of incorporation provide that directors may be removed only for cause.

(2) If a director is elected by holders of one or more authorized classes or series of shares, only the holders of those classes or series of shares may participate in the vote to remove the director.

(3) If cumulative voting is authorized, a director may not be removed if the number of votes sufficient to elect the director under cumulative voting is voted against the director's removal. If cumulative voting is not authorized, a director may be removed only if the number of votes cast to remove the director exceeds the number of votes cast not to remove the director.

(4) A director may be removed by the shareholders only at a special meeting called for the purpose of removing the director and the meeting notice must state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is removal of the director. [1989 c 165 § 87.]

23B.08.090 Removal of directors by judicial proceeding. (1) The superior court of the county where a corporation's principal office, or, if none in this state, its registered office, is located may remove a director of the corporation from office in a proceeding commenced either by the corporation or by its shareholders holding at least ten percent of the outstanding shares of any class if the court finds that (a) the director engaged in fraudulent or dishonest conduct with respect to the corporation, and (b) removal is in the best interest of the corporation.

(2) The court that removes a director may bar the director from reelection for a period prescribed by the court.

(3) If shareholders commence a proceeding under subsection (1) of this section, they shall make the corporation a party defendant. [1989 c 165 § 88.]

23B.08.100 Vacancy on board of directors. (1) Unless the articles of incorporation provide otherwise, if a vacancy occurs on a board of directors, including a vacancy resulting from an increase in the number of directors:

(a) The shareholders may fill the vacancy;

(b) The board of directors may fill the vacancy; or

(c) If the directors in office constitute fewer than a quorum of the board, they may fill the vacancy by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the directors in office.

(2) If the vacant office was held by a director elected by holders of one or more authorized classes or series of shares, only the holders of those classes or series of shares are entitled to vote to fill the vacancy.

(3) A vacancy that will occur at a specific later date, by reason of a resignation effective at a later date under RCW 23B.08.070(2) or otherwise, may be filled before the vacancy occurs but the new director may not take office until the vacancy occurs. [1989 c 165 § 89.]

23B.08.110 Compensation of directors. Unless the articles of incorporation or bylaws provide otherwise, the board of directors may fix the compensation of directors. [1989 c 165 § 90.]

23B.08.200 Meetings and action of the board. (1) The board of directors may hold regular or special meetings in or out of this state.

(2) Unless the articles of incorporation or bylaws provide otherwise, any or all directors may participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication by which all directors participating can hear each other during the meeting. A director participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting. [1989 c 165 § 91.]

23B.08.210 Action without meeting. (1) Unless the articles of incorporation or bylaws provide otherwise, action required or permitted by this title to be taken at a board of directors' meeting may be taken without a meeting if the action is taken by all members of the board. The action must be evidenced by one or more written consents describing the action taken, signed by each director either before or after the action taken, and delivered to the corporation for inclusion in the minutes or filing with the corporate records.

(2) Action taken under this section is effective when the last director signs the consent, unless the consent specifies a later effective date.

(3) A consent signed under this section has the effect of a meeting vote and may be described as such in any document. [1989 c 165 § 92.]

23B.08.220 Notice of meeting. (1) Unless the articles of incorporation or bylaws provide otherwise, regular meetings of the board of directors may be held without notice of the date, time, place, or purpose of the meeting.

(2) Unless the articles of incorporation or bylaws provide for a longer or shorter period, special meetings of the board of directors must be preceded by at least two days' notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting. The notice need not describe the purpose of the special meeting unless required by the articles of incorporation or bylaws. [1989 c 165 § 93.]

23B.08.230 Waiver of notice. (1) A director may waive any notice required by this title, the articles of incorporation, or bylaws before or after the date and time

stated in the notice, and such waiver shall be equivalent to the giving of such notice. Except as provided by subsection (2) of this section, the waiver must be in writing, signed by the director entitled to the notice, and delivered to the corporation for inclusion in the minutes or filing with the corporate records.

(2) A director's attendance at or participation in a meeting waives any required notice to the director of the meeting unless the director at the beginning of the meeting, or promptly upon the director's arrival, objects to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting and does not thereafter vote for or assent to action taken at the meeting. [1989 c 165 § 94.]

23B.08.240 Quorum and voting. (1) Unless the articles of incorporation or bylaws require a greater or lesser number, a quorum of a board of directors consists of a majority of the number of directors specified in or fixed in accordance with the articles of incorporation or bylaws.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a quorum of a board of directors may in no event be less than one-third of the number of directors specified in or fixed in accordance with the articles of incorporation or bylaws.

(3) If a quorum is present when a vote is taken, the affirmative vote of a majority of directors present is the act of the board of directors unless the articles of incorporation or bylaws require the vote of a greater number of directors.

(4) A director who is present at a meeting of the board of directors when action is taken is deemed to have assented to the action taken unless: (a) The director objects at the beginning of the meeting, or promptly upon the director's arrival, to holding it or transacting business at the meeting; (b) the director's dissent or abstention from the action taken is entered in the minutes of the meeting; or (c) the director delivers written notice of the director's dissent or abstention to the presiding officer of the meeting before its adjournment or to the corporation within a reasonable time after adjournment of the meeting. The right of dissent or abstention is not available to a director who votes in favor of the action taken. [1991 c 72 § 35; 1989 c 165 § 95.]

23B.08.250 Committees. (1) Unless the articles of incorporation or bylaws provide otherwise, a board of directors may create one or more committees of directors. Each committee must have two or more members, who serve at the pleasure of the board of directors.

(2) The creation of a committee and appointment of members to it must be approved by the greater of (a) a majority of all the directors in office when the action is taken or (b) the number of directors required by the articles of incorporation or bylaws to take action under RCW 23B.08.240.

(3) RCW 23B.08.200 through 23B.08.240, which govern meetings, action without meetings, notice and waiver of notice, and quorum and voting requirements of the board of directors, apply to committees and their members as well.

(4) To the extent specified by the board of directors or in the articles of incorporation or bylaws, each committee may exercise the authority of the board of directors under RCW 23B.08.010.

(5) A committee may not, however:

(a) Authorize or approve a distribution except according to a general formula or method prescribed by the board of directors;

(b) Approve or propose to shareholders action that this title requires be approved by shareholders;

(c) Fill vacancies on the board of directors or on any of its committees;

(d) Amend articles of incorporation pursuant to RCW 23B.10.020;

(e) Adopt, amend, or repeal bylaws;

(f) Approve a plan of merger not requiring shareholder approval; or

(g) Authorize or approve the issuance or sale or contract for sale of shares, or determine the designation and relative rights, preferences, and limitations of a class or series of shares, except that the board of directors may authorize a committee, or a senior executive officer of the corporation to do so within limits specifically prescribed by the board of directors.

(6) The creation of, delegation of authority to, or action by a committee does not alone constitute compliance by a director with the standards of conduct described in RCW 23B.08.300. [1989 c 165 § 96.]

23B.08.300 General standards for directors. (1) A director shall discharge the duties of a director, including duties as member of a committee:

(a) In good faith;

(b) With the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances; and

(c) In a manner the director reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the corporation.

(2) In discharging the duties of a director, a director is entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports, or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, if prepared or presented by:

(a) One or more officers or employees of the corporation whom the director reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented;

(b) Legal counsel, public accountants, or other persons as to matters the director reasonably believes are within the person's professional or expert competence; or

(c) A committee of the board of directors of which the director is not a member if the director reasonably believes the committee merits confidence.

(3) A director is not acting in good faith if the director has knowledge concerning the matter in question that makes reliance otherwise permitted by subsection (2) of this section unwarranted.

(4) A director is not liable for any action taken as a director, or any failure to take any action, if the director performed the duties of the director's office in compliance with this section. [1989 c 165 § 97.]

23B.08.310 Liability for unlawful distributions. (1) A director who votes for or assents to a distribution made in violation of RCW 23B.06.400 or the articles of incorporation is personally liable to the corporation for the amount of the distribution that exceeds what could have been distributed without violating RCW 23B.06.400 or the articles of incorporation if it is established that the director did not

perform the director's duties in compliance with RCW 23B.08.300. In any proceeding commenced under this section, a director has all of the defenses ordinarily available to a director.

(2) A director held liable under subsection (1) of this section for an unlawful distribution is entitled to contribution:

(a) From every other director who could be held liable under subsection (1) of this section for the unlawful distribution; and

(b) From each shareholder for the amount the shareholder accepted knowing the distribution was made in violation of RCW 23B.06.400 or the articles of incorporation.

(3) A proceeding under this section is barred unless it is commenced within two years after the date on which the effect of the distribution was measured under RCW 23B.06.400(4). [1989 c 165 § 98.]

23B.08.320 Limitation on liability of directors. The articles of incorporation may contain provisions not inconsistent with law that eliminate or limit the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for conduct as a director, provided that such provisions shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct by a director or a knowing violation of law by a director, for conduct violating RCW 23B.08.310, or for any transaction from which the director will personally receive a benefit in money, property, or services to which the director is not legally entitled. No such provision shall eliminate or limit the liability of a director for any act or omission occurring prior to the date when such provision becomes effective. [1989 c 165 § 99.]

23B.08.400 Officers. (1) A corporation has the officers described in its bylaws or appointed by the board of directors in accordance with the bylaws.

(2) A duly appointed officer may appoint one or more officers or assistant officers if authorized by the bylaws or the board of directors.

(3) The bylaws or the board of directors shall delegate to one of the officers responsibility for preparing minutes of the directors' and shareholders' meetings and for authenticating records of the corporation.

(4) The same individual may simultaneously hold more than one office in a corporation. [1989 c 165 § 100.]

23B.08.410 Duties of officers. Each officer has the authority and shall perform the duties set forth in the bylaws or, to the extent consistent with the bylaws, the duties prescribed by the board of directors or by an officer authorized by the board of directors to prescribe the duties of other officers. [1989 c 165 § 101.]

23B.08.420 Standards of conduct for officers. (1) An officer with discretionary authority shall discharge the officer's duties under that authority:

(a) In good faith;

(b) With the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances; and

(c) In a manner the officer reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the corporation.

(2) In discharging the officer's duties, the officer is entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports, or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, if prepared or presented by:

(a) One or more officers or employees of the corporation whom the officer reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented; or

(b) Legal counsel, public accountants, or other persons as to matters the officer reasonably believes are within the person's professional or expert competence.

(3) An officer is not acting in good faith if the officer has knowledge concerning the matter in question that makes reliance otherwise permitted by subsection (2) of this section unwarranted.

(4) An officer is not liable for any action taken as an officer, or any failure to take any action, if the officer performed the duties of the officer's office in compliance with this section. [1989 c 165 § 102.]

23B.08.430 Resignation and removal of officers. (1) An officer may resign at any time by delivering notice to the corporation. A resignation is effective when the notice is delivered unless the notice specifies a later effective date.

(2) A board of directors may remove any officer at any time with or without cause. An officer or assistant officer, if appointed by another officer, may be removed by any officer authorized to appoint officers or assistant officers. [1989 c 165 § 103.]

23B.08.440 Contract rights of officers. (1) The appointment of an officer does not itself create contract rights.

(2) An officer's removal does not affect the officer's contract rights, if any, with the corporation. An officer's resignation does not affect the corporation's contract rights, if any, with the officer. [1989 c 165 § 104.]

23B.08.500 Indemnification definitions. For purposes of RCW 23B.08.510 through 23B.08.600:

(1) "Corporation" includes any domestic or foreign predecessor entity of a corporation in a merger or other transaction in which the predecessor's existence ceased upon consummation of the transaction.

(2) "Director" means an individual who is or was a director of a corporation or an individual who, while a director of a corporation, is or was serving at the corporation's request as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan, or other enterprise. A director is considered to be serving an employee benefit plan at the corporation's request if the director's duties to the corporation also impose duties on, or otherwise involve services by, the director to the plan or to participants in or beneficiaries of the plan. "Director" includes, unless the context requires otherwise, the estate or personal representative of a director.

(3) "Expenses" include counsel fees.

(4) "Liability" means the obligation to pay a judgment, settlement, penalty, fine, including an excise tax assessed

with respect to an employee benefit plan, or reasonable expenses incurred with respect to a proceeding.

(5) "Official capacity" means: (a) When used with respect to a director, the office of director in a corporation; and (b) when used with respect to an individual other than a director, as contemplated in RCW 23B.08.570, the office in a corporation held by the officer or the employment or agency relationship undertaken by the employee or agent on behalf of the corporation. "Official capacity" does not include service for any other foreign or domestic corporation or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan, or other enterprise.

(6) "Party" includes an individual who was, is, or is threatened to be made a named defendant or respondent in a proceeding.

(7) "Proceeding" means any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative and whether formal or informal. [1989 c 165 § 105.]

23B.08.510 Authority to indemnify. (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a corporation may indemnify an individual made a party to a proceeding because the individual is or was a director against liability incurred in the proceeding if:

(a) The individual acted in good faith; and

(b) The individual reasonably believed:

(i) In the case of conduct in the individual's official capacity with the corporation, that the individual's conduct was in its best interests; and

(ii) In all other cases, that the individual's conduct was at least not opposed to its best interests; and

(c) In the case of any criminal proceeding, the individual had no reasonable cause to believe the individual's conduct was unlawful.

(2) A director's conduct with respect to an employee benefit plan for a purpose the director reasonably believed to be in the interests of the participants in and beneficiaries of the plan is conduct that satisfies the requirement of subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section.

(3) The termination of a proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent is not, of itself, determinative that the director did not meet the standard of conduct described in this section.

(4) A corporation may not indemnify a director under this section:

(a) In connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation in which the director was adjudged liable to the corporation; or

(b) In connection with any other proceeding charging improper personal benefit to the director, whether or not involving action in the director's official capacity, in which the director was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by the director.

(5) Indemnification permitted under this section in connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation is limited to reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the proceeding. [1989 c 165 § 106.]

23B.08.520 Mandatory indemnification. Unless limited by its articles of incorporation, a corporation shall indemnify a director who was wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which the director was a party because of being a director of the corporation against reasonable expenses incurred by the director in connection with the proceeding. [1989 c 165 § 107.]

23B.08.530 Advance for expenses. (1) A corporation may pay for or reimburse the reasonable expenses incurred by a director who is a party to a proceeding in advance of final disposition of the proceeding if:

(a) The director furnishes the corporation a written affirmation of the director's good faith belief that the director has met the standard of conduct described in RCW 23B.08.510; and

(b) The director furnishes the corporation a written undertaking, executed personally or on the director's behalf, to repay the advance if it is ultimately determined that the director did not meet the standard of conduct.

(2) The undertaking required by subsection (1)(b) of this section must be an unlimited general obligation of the director but need not be secured and may be accepted without reference to financial ability to make repayment.

(3) Authorization of payments under this section may be made by provision in the articles of incorporation or bylaws, by resolution adopted by the shareholders or board of directors, or by contract. [1989 c 165 § 108.]

23B.08.540 Court-ordered indemnification. Unless a corporation's articles of incorporation provide otherwise, a director of a corporation who is a party to a proceeding may apply for indemnification or advance of expenses to the court conducting the proceeding or to another court of competent jurisdiction. On receipt of an application, the court after giving any notice the court considers necessary may order indemnification or advance of expenses if it determines:

(1) The director is entitled to mandatory indemnification under RCW 23B.08.520, in which case the court shall also order the corporation to pay the director's reasonable expenses incurred to obtain court-ordered indemnification;

(2) The director is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification in view of all the relevant circumstances, whether or not the director met the standard of conduct set forth in RCW 23B.08.510 or was adjudged liable as described in RCW 23B.08.510(4), but if the director was adjudged so liable the director's indemnification is limited to reasonable expenses incurred unless the articles of incorporation or a bylaw, contract, or resolution approved or ratified by the shareholders pursuant to RCW 23B.08.560 provides otherwise; or

(3) In the case of an advance of expenses, the director is entitled pursuant to the articles of incorporation, bylaws, or any applicable resolution or contract, to payment or reimbursement of the director's reasonable expenses incurred as a party to the proceeding in advance of final disposition of the proceeding. [1989 c 165 § 109.]

23B.08.550 Determination and authorization of indemnification. (1) A corporation may not indemnify a director under RCW 23B.08.510 unless authorized in the specific case after a determination has been made that indemnification of the director is permissible in the circumstances because the director has met the standard of conduct set forth in RCW 23B.08.510.

(2) The determination shall be made:

(a) By the board of directors by majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors not at the time parties to the proceeding;

(b) If a quorum cannot be obtained under (a) of this subsection, by majority vote of a committee duly designated by the board of directors, in which designation directors who are parties may participate, consisting solely of two or more directors not at the time parties to the proceeding;

(c) By special legal counsel:

(i) Selected by the board of directors or its committee in the manner prescribed in (a) or (b) of this subsection; or

(ii) If a quorum of the board of directors cannot be obtained under (a) of this subsection and a committee cannot be designated under (b) of this subsection, selected by majority vote of the full board of directors, in which selection directors who are parties may participate; or

(d) By the shareholders, but shares owned by or voted under the control of directors who are at the time parties to the proceeding may not be voted on the determination.

(3) Authorization of indemnification and evaluation as to reasonableness of expenses shall be made in the same manner as the determination that indemnification is permissible, except that if the determination is made by special legal counsel, authorization of indemnification and evaluation as to reasonableness of expenses shall be made by those entitled under subsection (2)(c) of this section to select counsel. [1989 c 165 § 110.]

23B.08.560 Shareholder authorized indemnification and advancement of expenses. (1) If authorized by the articles of incorporation, a bylaw adopted or ratified by the shareholders, or a resolution adopted or ratified, before or after the event, by the shareholders, a corporation shall have power to indemnify or agree to indemnify a director made a party to a proceeding, or obligate itself to advance or reimburse expenses incurred in a proceeding, without regard to the limitations in RCW 23B.08.510 through 23B.08.550, provided that no such indemnity shall indemnify any director from or on account of:

(a) Acts or omissions of the director finally adjudged to be intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;

(b) Conduct of the director finally adjudged to be in violation of RCW 23B.08.310; or

(c) Any transaction with respect to which it was finally adjudged that such director personally received a benefit in money, property, or services to which the director was not legally entitled.

(2) Unless the articles of incorporation, or a bylaw or resolution adopted or ratified by the shareholders, provide otherwise, any determination as to any indemnity or advance of expenses under subsection (1) of this section shall be made in accordance with RCW 23B.08.550. [1989 c 165 § 111.]

23B.08.570 Indemnification of officers, employees, and agents. Unless a corporation's articles of incorporation provide otherwise:

(1) An officer of the corporation who is not a director is entitled to mandatory indemnification under RCW 23B.08.520, and is entitled to apply for court-ordered indemnification under RCW 23B.08.540, in each case to the same extent as a director;

(2) The corporation may indemnify and advance expenses under RCW 23B.08.510 through 23B.08.560 to an officer, employee, or agent of the corporation who is not a director to the same extent as to a director; and

(3) A corporation may also indemnify and advance expenses to an officer, employee, or agent who is not a director to the extent, consistent with law, that may be provided by its articles of incorporation, bylaws, general or specific action of its board of directors, or contract. [1989 c 165 § 112.]

23B.08.580 Insurance. A corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of an individual who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation, or who, while a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation, is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan, or other enterprise, against liability asserted against or incurred by the individual in that capacity or arising from the individual's status as a director, officer, employee, or agent, whether or not the corporation would have power to indemnify the individual against the same liability under RCW 23B.08.510 or 23B.08.520. [1989 c 165 § 113.]

23B.08.590 Validity of indemnification or advance for expenses. (1) A provision treating a corporation's indemnification of or advance for expenses to directors that is contained in its articles of incorporation, bylaws, a resolution of its shareholders or board of directors, or in a contract or otherwise, is valid only if and to the extent the provision is consistent with RCW 23B.08.500 through 23B.08.580. If articles of incorporation limit indemnification or advance for expenses, indemnification and advance for expenses are valid only to the extent consistent with the articles of incorporation.

(2) RCW 23B.08.500 through 23B.08.580 do not limit a corporation's power to pay or reimburse expenses incurred by a director in connection with the director's appearance as a witness in a proceeding at a time when the director has not been made a named defendant or respondent to the proceeding. [1989 c 165 § 114.]

23B.08.600 Report to shareholders. If a corporation indemnifies or advances expenses to a director under RCW 23B.08.510, 23B.08.520, 23B.08.530, 23B.08.540, or 23B.08.560 in connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation, the corporation shall report the indemnification or advance in writing to the shareholders with or before the notice of the next shareholders' meeting. [1989 c 165 § 115.]

23B.08.700 Definitions. For purposes of RCW 23B.08.710 through 23B.08.730:

(1) "Conflicting interest" with respect to a corporation means the interest a director of the corporation has respecting a transaction effected or proposed to be effected by the corporation, or by a subsidiary of the corporation or any other entity in which the corporation has a controlling interest, if:

(a) Whether or not the transaction is brought before the board of directors of the corporation for action, the director knows at the time of commitment that the director or a related person is a party to the transaction or has a beneficial financial interest in or so closely linked to the transaction and of such financial significance to the director or a related person that the interest would reasonably be expected to exert an influence on the director's judgment if the director were called upon to vote on the transaction; or

(b) The transaction is brought, or is of such character and significance to the corporation that it would in the normal course be brought, before the board of directors of the corporation for action, and the director knows at the time of commitment that any of the following persons is either a party to the transaction or has a beneficial financial interest in or so closely linked to the transaction and of such financial significance to the person that the interest would reasonably be expected to exert an influence on the director's judgment if the director were called upon to vote on the transaction: (i) An entity, other than the corporation, of which the director is a director, general partner, agent, or employee; (ii) a person that controls one or more of the entities specified in (b)(i) of this subsection or an entity that is controlled by, or is under common control with, one or more of the entities specified in (b)(i) of this subsection; or (iii) an individual who is a general partner, principal, or employer of the director.

(2) "Director's conflicting interest transaction" with respect to a corporation means a transaction effected or proposed to be effected by the corporation, or by a subsidiary of the corporation or any other entity in which the corporation has a controlling interest, respecting which a director of the corporation has a conflicting interest.

(3) "Related person" of a director means (a) the spouse, or a parent or sibling thereof, of the director, or a child, grandchild, sibling, parent, or spouse of any thereof, of the director, or an individual having the same home as the director, or a trust or estate of which an individual specified herein is a substantial beneficiary; or (b) a trust, estate, incompetent, conservatee, or minor of which the director is a fiduciary.

(4) "Required disclosure" means disclosure by the director who has a conflicting interest of (a) the existence and nature of the director's conflicting interest, and (b) all facts known to the director respecting the subject matter of the transaction that an ordinarily prudent person would reasonably believe to be material to a judgment about whether or not to proceed with the transaction.

(5) "Time of commitment" respecting a transaction means the time when the transaction is consummated or, if made pursuant to contract, the time when the corporation, or its subsidiary or the entity in which it has a controlling interest, becomes contractually obligated so that its unilateral

withdrawal from the transaction would entail significant loss, liability, or other damage. [1989 c 165 § 116.]

23B.08.710 Judicial action. (1) A transaction effected or proposed to be effected by a corporation, or by a subsidiary of the corporation or any other entity in which the corporation has a controlling interest, that is not a director's conflicting interest transaction may not be enjoined, set aside, or give rise to an award of damages or other sanctions, in a proceeding by a shareholder or by or in the right of the corporation, because a director of the corporation, or any person with whom or which the director has a personal, economic, or other association, has an interest in the transaction.

(2) A director's conflicting interest transaction may not be enjoined, set aside, or give rise to an award of damages or other sanctions, in a proceeding by a shareholder or by or in the right of the corporation, because the director, or any person with whom or which the director has a personal, economic, or other association, has an interest in the transaction, if:

- (a) Directors' action respecting the transaction was at any time taken in compliance with RCW 23B.08.720;
- (b) Shareholders' action respecting the transaction was at any time taken in compliance with RCW 23B.08.730; or
- (c) The transaction, judged according to the circumstances at the time of commitment, is established to have been fair to the corporation. [1989 c 165 § 117.]

23B.08.720 Directors' action. (1) Directors' action respecting a transaction is effective for purposes of RCW 23B.08.710(2)(a) if the transaction received the affirmative vote of a majority, but no fewer than two, of those qualified directors on the board of directors or on a duly empowered committee of the board who voted on the transaction after either required disclosure to them, to the extent the information was not known by them, or compliance with subsection (2) of this section, provided that action by a committee is so effective only if:

- (a) All its members are qualified directors; and
- (b) Its members are either all the qualified directors on the board or are appointed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified directors on the board.

(2) If a director has a conflicting interest respecting a transaction, but neither the director nor a related person of the director specified in RCW 23B.08.700(3)(a) is a party to the transaction, and if the director has a duty under law or professional canon, or a duty of confidentiality to another person, respecting information relating to the transaction such that the director may not make the disclosure described in RCW 23B.08.700(4)(b), then disclosure is sufficient for purposes of subsection (1) of this section if the director (a) discloses to the directors voting on the transaction the existence and nature of the director's conflicting interest and informs them of the character and limitations imposed by that duty before their vote on the transaction, and (b) plays no part, directly or indirectly, in their deliberations or vote.

(3) A majority, but no fewer than two, of all the qualified directors on the board of directors, or on the committee, constitutes a quorum for purposes of action that complies with this section. Directors' action that otherwise

complies with this section is not affected by the presence or vote of a director who is not a qualified director.

(4) For purposes of this section "qualified director" means, with respect to a director's conflicting interest transaction, any director who does not have either (a) a conflicting interest respecting the transaction, or (b) a familial, financial, professional, or employment relationship with a second director who does have a conflicting interest respecting the transaction, which relationship would, in the circumstances, reasonably be expected to exert an influence on the first director's judgment when voting on the transaction. [1989 c 165 § 118.]

23B.08.730 Shareholders' action. (1) Shareholders' action respecting a transaction is effective for purposes of RCW 23B.08.710(2)(b) if a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of all qualified shares were cast in favor of the transaction after (a) notice to shareholders describing the director's conflicting interest transaction, (b) provision of the information referred to in subsection (4) of this section, and (c) required disclosure to the shareholders who voted on the transaction, to the extent the information was not known by them.

(2) For purposes of this section, "qualified shares" means any shares entitled to vote with respect to the director's conflicting interest transaction except shares that, to the knowledge, before the vote, of the secretary, or other officer or agent of the corporation authorized to tabulate votes, are beneficially owned, or the voting of which is controlled, by a director who has a conflicting interest respecting the transaction or by a related person of the director, or both.

(3) A majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of all qualified shares constitutes a quorum for purposes of action that complies with this section. Subject to the provisions of subsections (4) and (5) of this section, shareholders' action that otherwise complies with this section is not affected by the presence of holders, or the voting, of shares that are not qualified shares.

(4) For purposes of compliance with subsection (1) of this section, a director who has a conflicting interest respecting the transaction shall, before the shareholders' vote, inform the secretary, or other officer or agent of the corporation authorized to tabulate votes, of the number, and the identity of persons holding or controlling the vote, of all shares that the director knows are beneficially owned, or the voting of which is controlled, by the director, or by a related person of the director, or both.

(5) If a shareholders' vote does not comply with subsection (1) of this section solely because of a failure of a director to comply with subsection (4) of this section, and if the director establishes that the director's failure did not determine and was not intended by the director to influence the outcome of the vote, the court may, with or without further proceedings respecting RCW 23B.08.710(2)(c), take such action respecting the transaction and the director, and give such effect, if any, to the shareholders' vote, as it considers appropriate in the circumstances. [1989 c 165 § 119.]

Chapter 23B.09

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Chapter 23B.10

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF
INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS

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23B.10.010 Authority to amend articles of incorporation. (1) A corporation may amend its articles of incorporation at any time to add or change a provision that is required or permitted in the articles of incorporation or to delete a provision not required in the articles of incorporation. Whether a provision is required or permitted in the articles of incorporation is determined as of the effective date of the amendment.

(2) A shareholder of the corporation does not have a vested property right resulting from any provision in the articles of incorporation, including provisions relating to management, control, capital structure, dividend entitlement, or purpose or duration of the corporation. [1989 c 165 § 120.]

23B.10.020 Amendment of articles of incorporation by board of directors. Unless the articles of incorporation provide otherwise, a corporation's board of directors may adopt one or more amendments to the corporation's articles of incorporation without shareholder action:

(1) If the corporation has only one class of shares outstanding, to provide, change, or eliminate any provision with respect to the par value of any class of shares;

(2) To delete the names and addresses of the initial directors;

(3) To delete the name and address of the initial registered agent or registered office, if a statement of change is on file with the secretary of state;

(4) If the corporation has only one class of shares outstanding, solely to change the number of authorized shares to effectuate a split of, or stock dividend in, the corporation's own shares, or solely to do so and to change the number of authorized shares in proportion thereto;

(5) To change the corporate name; or

(6) To make any other change expressly permitted by this title to be made without shareholder action. [1989 c 165 § 121.]

23B.10.030 Amendment of articles of incorporation by board of directors and shareholders. (1) A corporation's board of directors may propose one or more amendments to the articles of incorporation for submission to the shareholders.

(2) For the amendment to be adopted:

(a) The board of directors must recommend the amendment to the shareholders unless the board of directors determines that because of conflict of interest or other special circumstances it should make no recommendation and communicates the basis for its determination to the shareholders with the amendment; and

(b) The shareholders entitled to vote on the amendment must approve the amendment as provided in subsection (5) of this section.

(3) The board of directors may condition its submission of the proposed amendment on any basis.

(4) The corporation shall notify each shareholder, whether or not entitled to vote, of the proposed shareholders' meeting in accordance with *RCW 23B.07.050. The notice of meeting must also state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is to consider the proposed amendment and contain or be accompanied by a copy of the amendment.

(5) Unless this title, the articles of incorporation, or the board of directors, acting pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, require a greater vote or a vote by voting groups, the amendment to be adopted must be approved by each voting group entitled to vote thereon by two-thirds, or, in the case of a public company, a majority, of all the votes entitled to be cast by that voting group. The articles of incorporation of a corporation other than a public company may provide for a lesser vote than that provided for in this subsection, or for a lesser vote by separate voting groups, so long as the vote provided for each voting group entitled to vote separately on the amendment is not less than a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast on the amendment by that voting group. [1989 c 165 § 122.]

***Reviser's note:** The reference to "section 62 of this act" has been translated to "RCW 23B.07.050," the section dealing with notice of shareholder meetings. A literal translation would have been "RCW 23B.07.030," which appears to be erroneous.

23B.10.040 Voting on amendments to articles of incorporation by voting groups. (1) The holders of the outstanding shares of a class are entitled to vote as a separate voting group, if shareholder voting is otherwise required by this title, on a proposed amendment if the amendment would:

(a) Increase or decrease the aggregate number of authorized shares of the class;

(b) Effect an exchange or reclassification of all or part of the shares of the class into shares of another class;

(c) Effect an exchange or reclassification, or create the right of exchange, of all or part of the shares of another class into shares of the class;

(d) Change the designation, rights, preferences, or limitations of all or part of the shares of the class;

(e) Change the shares of all or part of the class into a different number of shares of the same class;

(f) Create a new class of shares having rights or preferences with respect to distributions or to dissolution that are prior, superior, or substantially equal to the shares of the class;

(g) Increase the rights, preferences, or number of authorized shares of any class that, after giving effect to the amendment, have rights or preferences with respect to distributions or to dissolution that are prior, superior, or substantially equal to the shares of the class;

(h) Limit or deny an existing preemptive right of all or part of the shares of the class; or

(i) Cancel or otherwise affect rights to distributions or dividends that have accumulated but not yet been declared on all or part of the shares of the class.

(2) If a proposed amendment would affect only a series of a class of shares in one or more of the ways described in subsection (1) of this section, only the shares of that series are entitled to vote as a separate voting group on the proposed amendment.

(3) If a proposed amendment that entitles two or more series of shares within a class to vote as separate voting groups under this section would affect those two or more series in the same or a substantially similar way, the shares of all the series within the class so affected must vote together as a single voting group on the proposed amendment.

(4) A class or series of shares is entitled to the voting rights granted by this section although the articles of incorporation provide that the shares are nonvoting shares. [1989 c 165 § 123.]

23B.10.050 Amendment of articles of incorporation before issuance of shares. If a corporation has not yet issued shares, its board of directors, or incorporators if initial directors were not named in the articles of incorporation and have not been elected, may adopt one or more amendments to the corporation's articles of incorporation. [1989 c 165 § 124.]

23B.10.060 Articles of amendment. A corporation amending its articles of incorporation shall deliver to the secretary of state for filing articles of amendment setting forth:

(1) The name of the corporation;

(2) The text of each amendment adopted;

(3) If an amendment provides for an exchange, reclassification, or cancellation of issued shares, provisions for implementing the amendment if not contained in the amendment itself;

(4) The date of each amendment's adoption;

(5) If an amendment was adopted by the incorporators or board of directors without shareholder action, a statement to that effect and that shareholder action was not required; and

(6) If shareholder action was required, a statement that the amendment was duly approved by the shareholders in accordance with the provisions of RCW 23B.10.030 and 23B.10.040. [1989 c 165 § 125.]

23B.10.070 Restated articles of incorporation. (1)

Any officer of the corporation may restate its articles of incorporation at any time.

(2) A restatement may include one or more amendments to the articles of incorporation. If the restatement includes an amendment not requiring shareholder approval, it must be adopted by the board of directors. If the restatement includes an amendment requiring shareholder approval, it must be adopted in accordance with RCW 23B.10.030.

(3) If the board of directors submits a restatement for shareholder action, the corporation shall notify each shareholder, whether or not entitled to vote, of the proposed shareholders' meeting in accordance with RCW 23B.07.050. The notice must also state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is to consider the proposed restatement and contain or be accompanied by a copy of the restatement that identifies any amendment or other change it would make in the articles of incorporation.

(4) A corporation restating its articles of incorporation shall deliver to the secretary of state for filing articles of restatement setting forth the name of the corporation and the text of the restated articles of incorporation together with a certificate setting forth:

(a) If the restatement does not include an amendment to the articles of incorporation, a statement to that effect;

(b) If the restatement contains an amendment to the articles of incorporation not requiring shareholder approval, a statement that the board of directors adopted the restatement and the date of such adoption;

(c) If the restatement contains an amendment to the articles of incorporation requiring shareholder approval, the information required by RCW 23B.10.060; and

(d) Both the articles of restatement and the certificate must be executed.

(5) Duly adopted restated articles of incorporation supersede the original articles of incorporation and all amendments to them.

(6) The secretary of state may certify restated articles of incorporation, as the articles of incorporation currently in effect, without including the certificate information required by subsection (4) of this section. [1991 c 72 § 36; 1989 c 165 § 126.]

23B.10.080 Amendment of articles of incorporation pursuant to reorganization. (1) A corporation's articles of incorporation may be amended without action by the board of directors or shareholders to carry out a plan of reorganization ordered or decreed by a court of competent jurisdiction under federal statute if the articles of incorporation after amendment contain only provisions required or permitted by RCW 23B.02.020.

(2) The individual or individuals designated by the court shall deliver to the secretary of state for filing articles of amendment setting forth:

(a) The name of the corporation;

(b) The text of each amendment approved by the court;

(c) The date of the court's order or decree approving the articles of amendment;

(d) The title of the reorganization proceeding in which the order or decree was entered; and

(e) A statement that the court had jurisdiction of the proceeding under federal statute.

(3) Shareholders of a corporation undergoing reorganization do not have dissenters' rights except as and to the extent provided in the reorganization plan.

(4) This section does not apply after entry of a final decree in the reorganization proceeding even though the court retains jurisdiction of the proceeding for limited purposes unrelated to consummation of the reorganization plan. [1989 c 165 § 127.]

23B.10.090 Effect of amendment of articles of incorporation. An amendment to articles of incorporation does not affect a cause of action existing against or in favor of the corporation, a proceeding to which the corporation is a party, or the existing rights of persons other than shareholders of the corporation. An amendment changing a corporation's name does not abate a proceeding brought by or against the corporation in its former name. [1989 c 165 § 128.]

23B.10.200 Amendment of bylaws by board of directors or shareholders. (1) A corporation's board of directors may amend or repeal the corporation's bylaws, or adopt new bylaws, unless:

(a) The articles of incorporation or this title reserve this power exclusively to the shareholders in whole or part; or

(b) The shareholders, in amending or repealing a particular bylaw, provide expressly that the board of directors may not amend or repeal that bylaw.

(2) A corporation's shareholders may amend or repeal the corporation's bylaws, or adopt new bylaws, even though the bylaws may also be amended or repealed, or new bylaws may also be adopted, by its board of directors. [1989 c 165 § 129.]

23B.10.210 Bylaw increasing quorum or voting requirements for directors. (1) A bylaw that fixes a greater quorum or voting requirement for the board of directors may be amended or repealed:

(a) If originally adopted by the shareholders, only by the shareholders; or

(b) If originally adopted by the board of directors, either by the shareholders or by the board of directors.

(2) A bylaw adopted or amended by the shareholders that fixes a greater quorum or voting requirement for the board of directors may provide that it may be amended or repealed only by a specified vote of either the shareholders or the board of directors.

(3) If the corporation is a public company, action by the board of directors under subsection (1)(b) of this section to adopt or amend a bylaw that changes the quorum or voting requirement for the board of directors must meet the quorum requirement and be adopted by the vote required to take action under the quorum and voting requirement then in effect.

(4) If the corporation is not a public company, action by the board of directors under subsection (1)(b) of this section to adopt or amend a bylaw that changes the quorum or voting requirement for the board of directors must meet the same quorum requirement and be adopted by the same vote

required to take action under the quorum and voting requirement then in effect or proposed to be adopted, whichever is greater. [1989 c 165 § 130.]

Chapter 23B.11

MERGER AND SHARE EXCHANGE

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23B.11.010 Merger. (1) One or more corporations may merge into another corporation if the board of directors of each corporation adopts and its shareholders, if required by RCW 23B.11.030, approve a plan of merger.

(2) The plan of merger must set forth:

(a) The name of each corporation planning to merge and the name of the surviving corporation into which each other corporation plans to merge;

(b) The terms and conditions of the merger; and

(c) The manner and basis of converting the shares of each corporation into shares, obligations, or other securities of the surviving or any other corporation or into cash or other property in whole or part.

(3) The plan of merger may set forth:

(a) Amendments to the articles of incorporation of the surviving corporation; and

(b) Other provisions relating to the merger. [1989 c 165 § 131.]

23B.11.020 Share exchange. (1) A corporation may acquire all of the outstanding shares of one or more classes or series of another corporation if the board of directors of each corporation adopts and its shareholders, if required by RCW 23B.11.030, approve the exchange.

(2) The plan of exchange must set forth:

(a) The name of the corporation whose shares will be acquired and the name of the acquiring corporation;

(b) The terms and conditions of the exchange;

(c) The manner and basis of exchanging the shares to be acquired for shares, obligations, or other securities of the acquiring or any other corporation or for cash or other property in whole or part.

(3) The plan of exchange may set forth other provisions relating to the exchange.

(4) This section does not limit the power of a corporation to acquire all or part of the shares of one or more classes or series of another corporation through a voluntary exchange or otherwise. [1989 c 165 § 132.]

23B.11.030 Action on plan of merger or share exchange. (1) After adopting a plan of merger or share

exchange, the board of directors of each corporation party to the merger, and the board of directors of the corporation whose shares will be acquired in the share exchange, shall submit the plan of merger, except as provided in subsection (7) of this section, or share exchange for approval by its shareholders.

(2) For a plan of merger or share exchange to be approved:

(a) The board of directors must recommend the plan of merger or share exchange to the shareholders, unless the board of directors determines that because of conflict of interest or other special circumstances it should make no recommendation and communicates the basis for its determination to the shareholders with the plan; and

(b) The shareholders entitled to vote must approve the plan.

(3) The board of directors may condition its submission of the proposed merger or share exchange on any basis.

(4) The corporation shall notify each shareholder, whether or not entitled to vote, of the proposed shareholders' meeting in accordance with RCW 23B.07.050. The notice must also state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is to consider the plan of merger or share exchange and contain or be accompanied by a copy or summary of the plan.

(5) Unless this title, the articles of incorporation, or the board of directors, acting pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, require a greater vote or a vote by voting groups, the plan of merger to be authorized must be approved by each voting group entitled to vote separately on the plan by two-thirds of all the votes entitled to be cast on the plan by that voting group. The articles of incorporation may provide for a lesser vote than that provided in this subsection, or for a lesser vote by separate voting groups, so long as the vote provided for each voting group entitled to vote separately on the plan of merger is not less than a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast on the plan of merger by that voting group. Separate voting by voting groups is required on a plan of merger if the plan contains a provision that, if contained in a proposed amendment to articles of incorporation, would require action by one or more separate voting groups on the proposed amendment under RCW 23B.10.040.

(6) Unless this title, the articles of incorporation, or the board of directors, acting pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, require a greater vote or a vote by voting groups, the plan of share exchange to be authorized must be approved by each voting group entitled to vote separately on the plan by two-thirds of all the votes entitled to be cast on the plan by that voting group. The articles of incorporation may provide for a lesser vote than that provided in this subsection, or for a lesser vote by separate voting groups, so long as the vote provided for each voting group entitled to vote separately on the plan of share exchange is not less than a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast on the plan of share exchange by that voting group. Separate voting by voting groups is required on a plan of share exchange by each class or series of shares included in the exchange, with each class or series constituting a separate voting group.

(7) Action by the shareholders of the surviving corporation on a plan of merger is not required if:

(a) The articles of incorporation of the surviving corporation will not differ, except for amendments enumerat-

ed in RCW 23B.10.020, from its articles of incorporation before the merger;

(b) Each shareholder of the surviving corporation whose shares were outstanding immediately before the effective date of the merger will hold the same number of shares, with identical designations, preferences, limitations, and relative rights, immediately after the merger;

(c) The number of voting shares outstanding immediately after the merger, plus the number of voting shares issuable as a result of the merger, either by the conversion of securities issued pursuant to the merger or the exercise of rights and warrants issued pursuant to the merger, will not exceed the total number of voting shares of the surviving corporation authorized by its articles of incorporation immediately before the merger; and

(d) The number of participating shares outstanding immediately after the merger, plus the number of participating shares issuable as a result of the merger, either by the conversion of securities issued pursuant to the merger or the exercise of rights and warrants issued pursuant to the merger, will not exceed the total number of participating shares authorized by its articles of incorporation immediately before the merger.

(8) As used in subsection (7) of this section:

(a) "Participating shares" means shares that entitle their holders to participate without limitation in distributions.

(b) "Voting shares" means shares that entitle their holders to vote unconditionally in elections of directors.

(9) After a merger or share exchange is authorized, and at any time before articles of merger or share exchange are filed, the planned merger or share exchange may be abandoned, subject to any contractual rights, without further shareholder action, in accordance with the procedure set forth in the plan of merger or share exchange or, if none is set forth, in the manner determined by the board of directors. [1989 c 165 § 133.]

23B.11.040 Merger of subsidiary. (1) A parent corporation owning at least ninety percent of the outstanding shares of each class of a subsidiary corporation may merge the subsidiary into itself without approval of the shareholders of the parent or subsidiary.

(2) The board of directors of the parent shall adopt a plan of merger that sets forth:

(a) The names of the parent and subsidiary; and

(b) The manner and basis of converting the shares of the subsidiary into shares, obligations, or other securities of the parent or any other corporation or into cash or other property in whole or part.

(3) Within ten days after the corporate action is taken, the parent shall mail a copy of the plan of merger to each shareholder of the subsidiary.

(4) Articles of merger under this section may not contain amendments to the articles of incorporation of the parent corporation, except for amendments enumerated in RCW 23B.10.020. [1989 c 165 § 134.]

23B.11.050 Articles of merger or share exchange. After a plan of merger or share exchange is approved by the shareholders, or adopted by the board of directors if shareholder approval is not required, the surviving or acquiring

corporation shall deliver to the secretary of state for filing articles of merger or share exchange setting forth:

- (1) The plan of merger or share exchange;
- (2) If shareholder approval was not required, a statement to that effect; or
- (3) If approval of the shareholders of one or more corporations party to the merger or share exchange was required, a statement that the merger or share exchange was duly approved by the shareholders pursuant to RCW 23B.11.030. [1989 c 165 § 135.]

23B.11.060 Effect of merger or share exchange. (1)

When a merger takes effect:

- (a) Every other corporation party to the merger merges into the surviving corporation and the separate existence of every corporation except the surviving corporation ceases;
- (b) The title to all real estate and other property owned by each corporation party to the merger is vested in the surviving corporation without reversion or impairment;
- (c) The surviving corporation has all liabilities of each corporation party to the merger;
- (d) A proceeding pending against any corporation party to the merger may be continued as if the merger did not occur or the surviving corporation may be substituted in the proceeding for the corporation whose existence ceased;
- (e) The articles of incorporation of the surviving corporation are amended to the extent provided in the plan of merger; and
- (f) The former holders of the shares of every corporation party to the merger are entitled only to the rights provided in the articles of merger or to their rights under chapter 23B.13 RCW.

(2) When a share exchange takes effect, the shares of each acquired corporation are exchanged as provided in the plan, and the former holders of the shares are entitled only to the exchange rights provided in the articles of share exchange or to their rights under chapter 23B.13 RCW. [1989 c 165 § 136.]

23B.11.070 Merger or share exchange with foreign corporation. (1) One or more foreign corporations may merge or enter into a share exchange with one or more domestic corporations if:

- (a) In a merger, the merger is permitted by the law of the state or country under whose law each foreign corporation is incorporated and each foreign corporation complies with that law in effecting the merger;
- (b) In a share exchange, the corporation whose shares will be acquired is a domestic corporation, whether or not a share exchange is permitted by the law of the state or country under whose law the acquiring corporation is incorporated;
- (c) The foreign corporation complies with RCW 23B.11.050 if it is the surviving corporation of the merger or acquiring corporation of the share exchange; and

(d) Each domestic corporation complies with the applicable provisions of RCW 23B.11.010 through 23B.11.040 and, if it is the surviving corporation of the merger or acquiring corporation of the share exchange, with RCW 23B.11.050.

(2) Upon the merger or share exchange taking effect, the surviving foreign corporation of a merger and the acquiring foreign corporation of a share exchange is deemed:

- (a) To appoint the secretary of state as its agent for service of process in a proceeding to enforce any obligation or the rights of dissenting shareholders of each domestic corporation party to the merger or share exchange; and
- (b) To agree that it will promptly pay to the dissenting shareholders of each domestic corporation party to the merger or share exchange the amount, if any, to which they are entitled under chapter 23B.13 RCW.

(3) This section does not limit the power of a foreign corporation to acquire all or part of the shares of one or more classes or series of a domestic corporation through a voluntary exchange or otherwise. [1989 c 165 § 137.]

23B.11.080 Merger with limited partnership. (1) One or more domestic corporations may merge with one or more limited partnerships if:

(a) The board of directors of each corporation adopts and the shareholders of each corporation approve, if approval would be necessary, the plan of merger as required by RCW 23B.11.030; and

(b) The partners of each limited partnership approve the plan of merger as required by RCW 25.10.810.

(2) The plan of merger must set forth:

(a) The name of each corporation and limited partnership planning to merge and the name of the surviving corporation or limited partnership into which each other corporation or limited partnership plans to merge;

(b) The terms and conditions of the merger; and

(c) The manner and basis of converting the shares of each corporation and the partnership interests of each limited partnership into shares, partnership interests, obligations or other securities of the surviving corporation or limited partnership, or into cash or other property, including shares, obligations, or securities of any other corporation, and partnership interests, obligations, or securities of any other limited partnership, in whole or in part.

(3) The plan of merger may set forth:

(a) Amendments to the articles of incorporation of the surviving corporation;

(b) Amendments to the certificate of limited partnership of the surviving limited partnership; and

(c) Other provisions relating to the merger. [1991 c 269 § 38.]

23B.11.090 Articles of merger—Limited partnership. After a plan of merger for one or more corporations and one or more limited partnerships is approved by the shareholders of each corporation (or adopted by the board of directors of any corporation for which shareholder approval is not required), and is approved by the partners for each limited partnership as required by RCW 25.10.810, the surviving entity must:

(1) If the surviving entity is a corporation, file with the secretary of state articles of merger setting forth:

(a) The plan of merger;

(b) A statement that the merger was duly approved by the shareholders of each corporation pursuant to RCW

23B.11.030 (or a statement that shareholder approval was not required for a merging corporation); and

(c) A statement that the merger was duly approved by the partners of each limited partnership pursuant to RCW 25.10.810.

(2) If the surviving entity is a limited partnership, comply with the requirements in RCW 25.10.820. [1991 c 269 § 39.]

23B.11.100 Effect of merger with limited partnership. When a merger of one or more corporations and one or more limited partnerships takes effect, and a corporation is the surviving entity:

(1) Every other corporation and every limited partnership party to the merger merges into the surviving corporation and the separate existence of every corporation except the surviving corporation, and every limited partnership, ceases;

(2) The title to all real estate and other property owned by each corporation and limited partnership party to the merger is vested in the surviving corporation without reversion or impairment;

(3) The surviving corporation has all the liabilities of each corporation and limited partnership party to the merger;

(4) A proceeding pending against any corporation or limited partnership party to the merger may be continued as if the merger did not occur or the surviving corporation may be substituted in the proceeding for the corporation or limited partnership whose existence ceased;

(5) The articles of incorporation of the surviving corporation are amended to the extent provided in the plan of merger;

(6) The former holders of the shares of every corporation party to the merger are entitled only to the rights provided in the plan of merger or to their rights under chapter 23B.13 RCW; and

(7) The former holders of partnership interests of every limited partnership party to the merger are entitled only to the rights provided in the plan of merger or to their rights under chapter 25.10 RCW. [1991 c 269 § 40.]

23B.11.110 Merger with foreign limited partnerships and corporations—Effect. (1) One or more foreign limited partnerships and one or more foreign corporations may merge with one or more domestic corporations, provided that:

(a) The merger is permitted by the law of the jurisdiction under which each foreign limited partnership was organized and the law of the state or country under which each foreign corporation was incorporated and each foreign limited partnership or foreign corporation complies with that law in effecting the merger;

(b) If the surviving entity is a foreign or domestic corporation, that corporation complies with RCW 23B.11.090;

(c) If the surviving entity is a foreign or domestic limited partnership, that limited partnership complies with RCW 25.10.820;

(d) Each domestic corporation complies with RCW 23B.11.080; and

(e) Each domestic limited partnership complies with RCW 25.10.810.

(2) Upon the merger taking effect, a surviving foreign corporation or limited partnership is deemed:

(a) To appoint the secretary of state as its agent for service of process in a proceeding to enforce any obligation or the rights of dissenting shareholders or partners of each domestic corporation or domestic limited partnership party to the merger; and

(b) To agree that it will promptly pay to the dissenting shareholders or partners of each domestic corporation or domestic limited partnership party to the merger the amount, if any, to which they are entitled under chapter 23B.13 RCW, in the case of dissenting shareholders, or under chapter 25.10 RCW, in the case of dissenting partners. [1991 c 269 § 41.]

Chapter 23B.12

SALE OF ASSETS

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23B.12.010 Sale of assets in regular course of business and mortgage of assets.

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23B.12.010 Sale of assets in regular course of business and mortgage of assets. (1) A corporation may on the terms and conditions and for the consideration determined by the board of directors:

(a) Sell, lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of all, or substantially all, of its property in the usual and regular course of business; or

(b) Mortgage, pledge, dedicate to the repayment of indebtedness, whether with or without recourse, or otherwise encumber any or all of its property whether or not in the usual and regular course of business.

(2) Unless the articles of incorporation require it, approval by the shareholders of a transaction described in subsection (1) of this section is not required. [1990 c 178 § 12; 1989 c 165 § 138.]

Effective date—1990 c 178: See note following RCW 23B.01.220.

23B.12.020 Sale of assets other than in the regular course of business. (1) A corporation may sell, lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of all, or substantially all, of its property, otherwise than in the usual and regular course of business, on the terms and conditions and for the consideration determined by the corporation's board of directors, if the board of directors proposes and its shareholders approve the proposed transaction.

(2) For a transaction to be authorized:

(a) The board of directors must recommend the proposed transaction to the shareholders unless the board of directors determines that because of conflict of interest or other special circumstances it should make no recommendation and communicates the basis for its determination to the shareholders with the submission of the proposed transaction; and

(b) The shareholders entitled to vote must approve the transaction.

(3) The board of directors may condition its submission of the proposed transaction on any basis.

(4) The corporation shall notify each shareholder, whether or not entitled to vote, of the proposed shareholders' meeting in accordance with RCW 23B.07.050. The notice must also state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is to consider the sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all, or substantially all, the property of the corporation and contain or be accompanied by a description of the transaction.

(5) Unless the articles of incorporation or the board of directors, acting pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, require a greater vote or a vote by voting groups, the transaction to be authorized must be approved by two-thirds of all the votes entitled to be cast on the transaction. The articles of incorporation may provide for a lesser vote than that provided for in this subsection, or for a lesser vote by separate voting groups, so long as the vote provided for each voting group entitled to vote separately on the transaction is not less than a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast on the transaction by that voting group.

(6) After a sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of property is authorized, the transaction may be abandoned, subject to any contractual rights, without further shareholder action.

(7) A transaction that constitutes a distribution is governed by RCW 23B.06.400 and not by this section. [1989 c 165 § 139.]

Chapter 23B.13

DISSENTERS' RIGHTS

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23B.13.010 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Corporation" means the issuer of the shares held by a dissenter before the corporate action, or the surviving or acquiring corporation by merger or share exchange of that issuer.

(2) "Dissenter" means a shareholder who is entitled to dissent from corporate action under RCW 23B.13.020 and who exercises that right when and in the manner required by RCW 23B.13.200 through 23B.13.280.

(3) "Fair value," with respect to a dissenter's shares, means the value of the shares immediately before the effective date of the corporate action to which the dissenter objects, excluding any appreciation or depreciation in anticipation of the corporate action unless exclusion would be inequitable.

(4) "Interest" means interest from the effective date of the corporate action until the date of payment, at the average rate currently paid by the corporation on its principal bank loans or, if none, at a rate that is fair and equitable under all the circumstances.

(5) "Record shareholder" means the person in whose name shares are registered in the records of a corporation or the beneficial owner of shares to the extent of the rights granted by a nominee certificate on file with a corporation.

(6) "Beneficial shareholder" means the person who is a beneficial owner of shares held in a voting trust or by a nominee as the record shareholder.

(7) "Shareholder" means the record shareholder or the beneficial shareholder. [1989 c 165 § 140.]

23B.13.020 Right to dissent. (1) A shareholder is entitled to dissent from, and obtain payment of the fair value of the shareholder's shares in the event of, any of the following corporate actions:

(a) Consummation of a plan of merger to which the corporation is a party (i) if shareholder approval is required for the merger by RCW 23B.11.030, 23B.11.080, or the articles of incorporation and the shareholder is entitled to vote on the merger, or (ii) if the corporation is a subsidiary that is merged with its parent under RCW 23B.11.040;

(b) Consummation of a plan of share exchange to which the corporation is a party as the corporation whose shares will be acquired, if the shareholder is entitled to vote on the plan;

(c) Consummation of a sale or exchange of all, or substantially all, of the property of the corporation other than in the usual and regular course of business, if the shareholder is entitled to vote on the sale or exchange, including a sale in dissolution, but not including a sale pursuant to court order or a sale for cash pursuant to a plan by which all or substantially all of the net proceeds of the sale will be distributed to the shareholders within one year after the date of sale;

(d) An amendment of the articles of incorporation that materially reduces the number of shares owned by the shareholder to a fraction of a share if the fractional share so created is to be acquired for cash under RCW 23B.06.040; or

(e) Any corporate action taken pursuant to a shareholder vote to the extent the articles of incorporation, bylaws, or a resolution of the board of directors provides that voting or nonvoting shareholders are entitled to dissent and obtain payment for their shares.

(2) A shareholder entitled to dissent and obtain payment for the shareholder's shares under this chapter may not challenge the corporate action creating the shareholder's entitlement unless the action fails to comply with the procedural requirements imposed by this title, RCW 25.10.900 through 25.10.955, the articles of incorporation, or the bylaws, or is fraudulent with respect to the shareholder or the corporation.

(3) The right of a dissenting shareholder to obtain payment of the fair value of the shareholder's shares shall terminate upon the occurrence of any one of the following events:

(a) The proposed corporate action is abandoned or rescinded;

(b) A court having jurisdiction permanently enjoins or sets aside the corporate action; or

(c) The shareholder's demand for payment is withdrawn with the written consent of the corporation. [1991 c 269 § 37; 1989 c 165 § 141.]

23B.13.030 Dissent by nominees and beneficial owners. (1) A record shareholder may assert dissenters' rights as to fewer than all the shares registered in the shareholder's name only if the shareholder dissents with respect to all shares beneficially owned by any one person and notifies the corporation in writing of the name and address of each person on whose behalf the shareholder asserts dissenters' rights. The rights of a partial dissenter under this subsection are determined as if the shares as to which the dissenter dissents and the dissenter's other shares were registered in the names of different shareholders.

(2) A beneficial shareholder may assert dissenters' rights as to shares held on the beneficial shareholder's behalf only if:

(a) The beneficial shareholder submits to the corporation the record shareholder's written consent to the dissent not later than the time the beneficial shareholder asserts dissenters' rights; and

(b) The beneficial shareholder does so with respect to all shares of which such shareholder is the beneficial shareholder or over which such shareholder has power to direct the vote. [1989 c 165 § 142.]

23B.13.200 Notice of dissenters' rights. (1) If proposed corporate action creating dissenters' rights under RCW 23B.13.020 is submitted to a vote at a shareholders' meeting, the meeting notice must state that shareholders are or may be entitled to assert dissenters' rights under this chapter and be accompanied by a copy of this chapter.

(2) If corporate action creating dissenters' rights under RCW 23B.13.020 is taken without a vote of shareholders, the corporation, within ten days after [the] effective date of such corporate action, shall notify in writing all shareholders entitled to assert dissenters' rights that the action was taken and send them the dissenters' notice described in RCW 23B.13.220. [1989 c 165 § 143.]

23B.13.210 Notice of intent to demand payment. (1) If proposed corporate action creating dissenters' rights under RCW 23B.13.020 is submitted to a vote at a shareholders' meeting, a shareholder who wishes to assert dissenters' rights must (a) deliver to the corporation before the vote is taken written notice of the shareholder's intent to demand payment for the shareholder's shares if the proposed action is effected, and (b) not vote such shares in favor of the proposed action.

(2) A shareholder who does not satisfy the requirements of subsection (1) of this section is not entitled to payment for the shareholder's shares under this chapter. [1989 c 165 § 144.]

23B.13.220 Dissenters' notice. (1) If proposed corporate action creating dissenters' rights under RCW

23B.13.020 is authorized at a shareholders' meeting, the corporation shall deliver a written dissenters' notice to all shareholders who satisfied the requirements of RCW 23B.13.210.

(2) The dissenters' notice must be sent within ten days after the effective date of the corporate action, and must:

(a) State where the payment demand must be sent and where and when certificates for certificated shares must be deposited;

(b) Inform holders of uncertificated shares to what extent transfer of the shares will be restricted after the payment demand is received;

(c) Supply a form for demanding payment that includes the date of the first announcement to news media or to shareholders of the terms of the proposed corporate action and requires that the person asserting dissenters' rights certify whether or not the person acquired beneficial ownership of the shares before that date;

(d) Set a date by which the corporation must receive the payment demand, which date may not be fewer than thirty nor more than sixty days after the date the notice in subsection (1) of this section is delivered; and

(e) Be accompanied by a copy of this chapter. [1989 c 165 § 145.]

23B.13.230 Duty to demand payment. (1) A shareholder sent a dissenters' notice described in RCW 23B.13.220 must demand payment, certify whether the shareholder acquired beneficial ownership of the shares before the date required to be set forth in the dissenters' notice pursuant to RCW 23B.13.220(2)(c), and deposit the shareholder's certificates in accordance with the terms of the notice.

(2) The shareholder who demands payment and deposits the shareholder's share certificates under subsection (1) of this section retains all other rights of a shareholder until the proposed corporate action is effected.

(3) A shareholder who does not demand payment or deposit the shareholder's share certificates where required, each by the date set in the dissenters' notice, is not entitled to payment for the shareholder's shares under this chapter. [1989 c 165 § 146.]

23B.13.240 Share restrictions. (1) The corporation may restrict the transfer of uncertificated shares from the date the demand for their payment is received until the proposed corporate action is effected or the restriction is released under RCW 23B.13.260.

(2) The person for whom dissenters' rights are asserted as to uncertificated shares retains all other rights of a shareholder until the effective date of the proposed corporate action. [1989 c 165 § 147.]

23B.13.250 Payment. (1) Except as provided in RCW 23B.13.270, within thirty days of the later of the effective date of the proposed corporate action, or the date the payment demand is received, the corporation shall pay each dissenter who complied with RCW 23B.13.230 the amount the corporation estimates to be the fair value of the shareholder's shares, plus accrued interest.

(2) The payment must be accompanied by:

(a) The corporation's balance sheet as of the end of a fiscal year ending not more than sixteen months before the date of payment, an income statement for that year, a statement of changes in shareholders' equity for that year, and the latest available interim financial statements, if any;

(b) An explanation of how the corporation estimated the fair value of the shares;

(c) An explanation of how the interest was calculated;

(d) A statement of the dissenter's right to demand payment under RCW 23B.13.280; and

(e) A copy of this chapter. [1989 c 165 § 148.]

23B.13.260 Failure to take action. (1) If the corporation does not effect the proposed action within sixty days after the date set for demanding payment and depositing share certificates, the corporation shall return the deposited certificates and release any transfer restrictions imposed on uncertificated shares.

(2) If after returning deposited certificates and releasing transfer restrictions, the corporation wishes to undertake the proposed action, it must send a new dissenters' notice under RCW 23B.13.220 and repeat the payment demand procedure. [1989 c 165 § 149.]

23B.13.270 After-acquired shares. (1) A corporation may elect to withhold payment required by RCW 23B.13.250 from a dissenter unless the dissenter was the beneficial owner of the shares before the date set forth in the dissenters' notice as the date of the first announcement to news media or to shareholders of the terms of the proposed corporate action.

(2) To the extent the corporation elects to withhold payment under subsection (1) of this section, after taking the proposed corporate action, it shall estimate the fair value of the shares, plus accrued interest, and shall pay this amount to each dissenter who agrees to accept it in full satisfaction of the dissenter's demand. The corporation shall send with its offer an explanation of how it estimated the fair value of the shares, an explanation of how the interest was calculated, and a statement of the dissenter's right to demand payment under RCW 23B.13.280. [1989 c 165 § 150.]

23B.13.280 Procedure if shareholder dissatisfied with payment or offer. (1) A dissenter may notify the corporation in writing of the dissenter's own estimate of the fair value of the dissenter's shares and amount of interest due, and demand payment of the dissenter's estimate, less any payment under RCW 23B.13.250, or reject the corporation's offer under RCW 23B.13.270 and demand payment of the dissenter's estimate of the fair value of the dissenter's shares and interest due, if:

(a) The dissenter believes that the amount paid under RCW 23B.13.250 or offered under RCW 23B.13.270 is less than the fair value of the dissenter's shares or that the interest due is incorrectly calculated;

(b) The corporation fails to make payment under RCW 23B.13.250 within sixty days after the date set for demanding payment; or

(c) The corporation does not effect the proposed action and does not return the deposited certificates or release the

transfer restrictions imposed on uncertificated shares within sixty days after the date set for demanding payment.

(2) A dissenter waives the right to demand payment under this section unless the dissenter notifies the corporation of the dissenter's demand in writing under subsection (1) of this section within thirty days after the corporation made or offered payment for the dissenter's shares. [1989 c 165 § 151.]

23B.13.300 Court action. (1) If a demand for payment under RCW 23B.13.280 remains unsettled, the corporation shall commence a proceeding within sixty days after receiving the payment demand and petition the court to determine the fair value of the shares and accrued interest. If the corporation does not commence the proceeding within the sixty-day period, it shall pay each dissenter whose demand remains unsettled the amount demanded.

(2) The corporation shall commence the proceeding in the superior court of the county where a corporation's principal office, or, if none in this state, its registered office, is located. If the corporation is a foreign corporation without a registered office in this state, it shall commence the proceeding in the county in this state where the registered office of the domestic corporation merged with or whose shares were acquired by the foreign corporation was located.

(3) The corporation shall make all dissenters, whether or not residents of this state, whose demands remain unsettled, parties to the proceeding as in an action against their shares and all parties must be served with a copy of the petition. Nonresidents may be served by registered or certified mail or by publication as provided by law.

(4) The corporation may join as a party to the proceeding any shareholder who claims to be a dissenter but who has not, in the opinion of the corporation, complied with the provisions of this chapter. If the court determines that such shareholder has not complied with the provisions of this chapter, the shareholder shall be dismissed as a party.

(5) The jurisdiction of the court in which the proceeding is commenced under subsection (2) of this section is plenary and exclusive. The court may appoint one or more persons as appraisers to receive evidence and recommend decision on the question of fair value. The appraisers have the powers described in the order appointing them, or in any amendment to it. The dissenters are entitled to the same discovery rights as parties in other civil proceedings.

(6) Each dissenter made a party to the proceeding is entitled to judgment (a) for the amount, if any, by which the court finds the fair value of the dissenter's shares, plus interest, exceeds the amount paid by the corporation, or (b) for the fair value, plus accrued interest, of the dissenter's after-acquired shares for which the corporation elected to withhold payment under RCW 23B.13.270. [1989 c 165 § 152.]

23B.13.310 Court costs and counsel fees. (1) The court in a proceeding commenced under RCW 23B.13.300 shall determine all costs of the proceeding, including the reasonable compensation and expenses of appraisers appointed by the court. The court shall assess the costs against the corporation, except that the court may assess the costs

against all or some of the dissenters, in amounts the court finds equitable, to the extent the court finds the dissenters acted arbitrarily, vexatiously, or not in good faith in demanding payment under RCW 23B.13.280.

(2) The court may also assess the fees and expenses of counsel and experts for the respective parties, in amounts the court finds equitable:

(a) Against the corporation and in favor of any or all dissenters if the court finds the corporation did not substantially comply with the requirements of RCW 23B.13.200 through 23B.13.280; or

(b) Against either the corporation or a dissenter, in favor of any other party, if the court finds that the party against whom the fees and expenses are assessed acted arbitrarily, vexatiously, or not in good faith with respect to the rights provided by chapter 23B.13 RCW.

(3) If the court finds that the services of counsel for any dissenter were of substantial benefit to other dissenters similarly situated, and that the fees for those services should not be assessed against the corporation, the court may award to these counsel reasonable fees to be paid out of the amounts awarded the dissenters who were benefited. [1989 c 165 § 153.]

Chapter 23B.14 DISSOLUTION

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23B.14.010 Dissolution by initial directors or incorporators. A majority of the initial directors, or, if initial directors were not named in the articles of incorporation and have not been elected, the incorporators of a corporation that either has not issued shares or has not commenced business may dissolve the corporation by delivering to the secretary of state for filing:

(1) A copy of a revenue clearance certificate issued pursuant to RCW 82.32.260; and

(2) Articles of dissolution that set forth:

(a) The name of the corporation;

(b) The date of its incorporation;

(c) Either (i) that none of the corporation's shares have been issued or (ii) that the corporation has not commenced business;

(d) That no debt of the corporation remains unpaid;

(e) That the net assets of the corporation remaining after winding up have been distributed to the shareholders, if shares were issued; and

(f) That a majority of the initial directors authorized the dissolution, or that initial directors were not named in the articles of incorporation and have not been elected and a majority of incorporators authorized the dissolution. [1989 c 165 § 154.]

23B.14.020 Dissolution by board of directors and shareholders. (1) A corporation's board of directors may propose dissolution for submission to the shareholders.

(2) For a proposal to dissolve to be adopted:

(a) The board of directors must recommend dissolution to the shareholders unless the board of directors determines that because of conflict of interest or other special circumstances it should make no recommendation and communicates the basis for its determination to the shareholders; and

(b) The shareholders entitled to vote must approve the proposal to dissolve as provided in subsection (5) of this section.

(3) The board of directors may condition its submission of the proposal for dissolution on any basis.

(4) The corporation shall notify each shareholder, whether or not entitled to vote, of the proposed shareholders' meeting in accordance with RCW 23B.07.050. The notice must also state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is to consider dissolving the corporation.

(5) Unless the articles of incorporation or the board of directors, acting pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, require a greater vote or a vote by voting groups, the proposal to dissolve must be approved by two-thirds of all the votes entitled to be cast on that proposal in order to be adopted. The articles of incorporation may provide for a lesser vote than that provided for in this subsection, or for a lesser vote by separate voting groups, so long as the vote provided for each voting group entitled to vote separately on the proposal to dissolve is not less than a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast on the proposal by that voting group. [1989 c 165 § 155.]

23B.14.030 Articles of dissolution. (1) At any time after dissolution is authorized, the corporation may dissolve by delivering to the secretary of state for filing:

(a) A copy of a revenue clearance certificate issued pursuant to RCW 82.32.260; and

(b) Articles of dissolution setting forth:

(i) The name of the corporation;

(ii) The date dissolution was authorized; and

(iii) If shareholder approval was required for dissolution, a statement that dissolution was duly approved by the shareholders in accordance with RCW 23B.14.020.

(2) A corporation is dissolved upon the effective date of its articles of dissolution. [1989 c 165 § 156.]

23B.14.040 Revocation of dissolution. (1) A corporation may revoke its dissolution within one hundred twenty days of its effective date.

(2) Revocation of dissolution must be authorized in the same manner as the dissolution was authorized unless that authorization permitted revocation by action of the board of directors alone, in which event the board of directors may revoke the dissolution without shareholder action.

(3) After the revocation of dissolution is authorized, the corporation may revoke the dissolution by delivering to the secretary of state for filing articles of revocation of dissolution, together with a copy of its articles of dissolution, that set forth:

(a) The name of the corporation and a statement that such name satisfies the requirements of RCW 23B.04.010; if the name is not available, the corporation must file articles of amendment changing its name with the articles of revocation of dissolution;

(b) The effective date of the dissolution that was revoked;

(c) The date that the revocation of dissolution was authorized;

(d) If the corporation's board of directors, or incorporators, revoked the dissolution, a statement to that effect;

(e) If the corporation's board of directors revoked a dissolution authorized by the shareholders, a statement that revocation was permitted by action by the board of directors alone pursuant to that authorization; and

(f) If shareholder action was required to revoke the dissolution, a statement that revocation of the dissolution was duly approved by the shareholders in accordance with RCW 23B.14.040(2) and 23B.14.020.

(4) Revocation of dissolution is effective upon the effective date of the articles of revocation of dissolution.

(5) When the revocation of dissolution is effective, it relates back to and takes effect as of the effective date of the dissolution and the corporation resumes carrying on its business as if dissolution had never occurred. [1989 c 165 § 157.]

23B.14.050 Effect of dissolution. (1) A dissolved corporation continues its corporate existence but may not carry on any business except that appropriate to wind up and liquidate its business and affairs, including:

(a) Collecting its assets;

(b) Disposing of its properties that will not be distributed in kind to its shareholders;

(c) Discharging or making provision for discharging its liabilities;

(d) Distributing its remaining property among its shareholders according to their interests; and

(e) Doing every other act necessary to wind up and liquidate its business and affairs.

(2) Dissolution of a corporation does not:

(a) Transfer title to the corporation's property;

(b) Prevent transfer of its shares or securities, although the authorization to dissolve may provide for closing the corporation's share transfer records;

(c) Subject its directors or officers to standards of conduct different from those prescribed in chapter 23B.08 RCW;

(d) Change quorum or voting requirements for its board of directors or shareholders; change provisions for selection, resignation, or removal of its directors or officers or both; or change provisions for amending its bylaws;

(e) Prevent commencement of a proceeding by or against the corporation in its corporate name;

(f) Abate or suspend a proceeding pending by or against the corporation on the effective date of dissolution; or

(g) Terminate the authority of the registered agent of the corporation. [1989 c 165 § 158.]

23B.14.060 Known claims against a dissolved corporation. (1) A dissolved corporation may dispose of the known claims against it by following the procedure described in this section.

(2) The dissolved corporation shall notify its known claimants in writing of the dissolution at any time after its effective date. The written notice must:

(a) Describe information that must be included in a claim;

(b) Provide a mailing address where a claim may be sent;

(c) State the deadline, which may not be fewer than one hundred twenty days from the effective date of the written notice, by which the dissolved corporation must receive the claim; and

(d) State that the claim will be barred if not received by the deadline.

(3) A claim against the dissolved corporation is barred:

(a) If a claimant who was given written notice under subsection (2) of this section does not deliver the claim to the dissolved corporation by the deadline; or

(b) If a claimant whose claim was rejected by the dissolved corporation does not commence a proceeding to enforce the claim within ninety days from the effective date of the rejection notice.

(4) For purposes of this section, "claim" does not include a contingent liability or a claim based on an event occurring after the effective date of dissolution. [1989 c 165 § 159.]

23B.14.200 Administrative dissolution—Grounds. The secretary of state may administratively dissolve a corporation under RCW 23B.14.210 if:

(1) The corporation does not pay any license fees or penalties, imposed by this title, when they become due;

(2) The corporation does not deliver its completed initial report or annual report to the secretary of state when it is due;

(3) The corporation is without a registered agent or registered office in this state;

(4) The corporation does not notify the secretary of state that its registered agent or registered office has been changed, that its registered agent has resigned, or that its registered office has been discontinued;

(5) The corporation's period of duration stated in its articles of incorporation expired after July 1, 1990; or

(6) The corporation's period of duration stated in its articles of incorporation expired prior to July 1, 1990, but the corporation has timely paid all license fees imposed by this title and set by rule by the secretary, has timely filed annual reports with the secretary of state, has never been without a registered agent or registered office in this state for sixty days or more, and has never failed to notify the secretary of state of changes in a registered agent or registered office within sixty days of such change. [1994 c 287 § 7; 1991 c 72 § 37; 1990 c 178 § 5; 1989 c 165 § 160.]

Effective date—1990 c 178: See note following RCW 23B.01.220.

23B.14.210 Administrative dissolution—Procedure and effect. (1) If the secretary of state determines that one or more grounds exist under RCW 23B.14.200 for dissolving a corporation, the secretary of state shall give the corporation written notice of the determination by first-class mail, postage prepaid.

(2) If the corporation does not correct each ground for dissolution or demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the secretary of state that each ground determined by the secretary of state does not exist within sixty days after notice is effective, the secretary of state shall administratively dissolve the corporation and give the corporation written notice of the dissolution that recites the ground or grounds therefor and its effective date.

(3) A corporation administratively dissolved continues its corporate existence but may not carry on any business except that necessary to wind up and liquidate its business and affairs under RCW 23B.14.050 and notify claimants under RCW 23B.14.060.

(4) The administrative dissolution of a corporation does not terminate the authority of its registered agent. [1989 c 165 § 161.]

23B.14.220 Reinstatement following administrative dissolution. (1) A corporation administratively dissolved under RCW 23B.14.210 may apply to the secretary of state for reinstatement within two years after the effective date of dissolution. The application must:

(a) Recite the name of the corporation and the effective date of its administrative dissolution;

(b) State that the ground or grounds for dissolution either did not exist or have been eliminated; and

(c) State that the corporation's name satisfies the requirements of RCW 23B.04.010.

(2) If the secretary of state determines that the application contains the information required by subsection (1) of this section and that the name is available, the secretary of state shall reinstate the corporation and give the corporation written notice of the reinstatement that recites the effective date of reinstatement. If the name is not available, the corporation must file articles of amendment changing its name with its application for reinstatement.

(3) When the reinstatement is effective, it relates back to and takes effect as of the effective date of the administrative dissolution and the corporation resumes carrying on its business as if the administrative dissolution had never occurred. [1989 c 165 § 162.]

23B.14.300 Judicial dissolution—Grounds. The superior courts may dissolve a corporation:

(1) In a proceeding by the attorney general if it is established that:

(a) The corporation obtained its articles of incorporation through fraud; or

(b) The corporation has continued to exceed or abuse the authority conferred upon it by law;

(2) In a proceeding by a shareholder if it is established that:

(a) The directors are deadlocked in the management of the corporate affairs, the shareholders are unable to break the deadlock, and irreparable injury to the corporation is threat-

ened or being suffered, or the business and affairs of the corporation can no longer be conducted to the advantage of the shareholders generally, because of the deadlock;

(b) The directors or those in control of the corporation have acted, are acting, or will act in a manner that is illegal, oppressive, or fraudulent;

(c) The shareholders are deadlocked in voting power and have failed, for a period that includes at least two consecutive annual meeting dates, to elect successors to directors whose terms have expired;

(d) The corporate assets are being misapplied or wasted; or

(e) The corporation has ceased all business activity and has failed, within a reasonable time, to dissolve, to liquidate its assets, or to distribute its remaining assets among its shareholders;

(3) In a proceeding by a creditor if it is established that:

(a) The creditor's claim has been reduced to judgment, the execution on the judgment was returned unsatisfied, and the corporation is insolvent; or

(b) The corporation has admitted in writing that the creditor's claim is due and owing and the corporation is insolvent; or

(4) In a proceeding by the corporation to have its voluntary dissolution continued under court supervision. [1993 c 290 § 3; 1989 c 165 § 163.]

23B.14.310 Judicial dissolution—Procedure. (1) Venue for any proceeding to dissolve a corporation brought by any party named in RCW 23B.14.300 lies in the county where a corporation's registered office is or was last located.

(2) It is not necessary to make shareholders or directors parties to a proceeding to dissolve a corporation unless relief is sought against them individually.

(3) A court in a proceeding brought to dissolve a corporation may issue injunctions, appoint a receiver or custodian pendente lite with all powers and duties the court directs, take other action required to preserve the corporate assets wherever located, and carry on the business of the corporation until a full hearing can be held. [1989 c 165 § 164.]

23B.14.320 Receivership or custodianship. (1) A court in a judicial proceeding brought to dissolve a corporation may appoint one or more receivers to wind up and liquidate, or one or more custodians to manage, the business and affairs of the corporation. The court shall hold a hearing, after notifying all parties to the proceeding and any interested persons designated by the court, before appointing a receiver or custodian. The court appointing a receiver or custodian has exclusive jurisdiction over the corporation and all of its property wherever located.

(2) The court may appoint an individual or a domestic or foreign corporation, authorized to transact business in this state, as a receiver or custodian. The court may require the receiver or custodian to post bond, with or without sureties, in an amount the court directs.

(3) The court shall describe the powers and duties of the receiver or custodian in its appointing order, which may be amended from time to time. Among other powers:

(a) The receiver (i) may dispose of all or any part of the assets of the corporation wherever located, at a public or private sale, if authorized by the court, and (ii) may sue and defend in the receiver's own name as receiver of the corporation in all courts of this state; and

(b) The custodian may exercise all of the powers of the corporation, through or in place of its board of directors or officers, to the extent necessary to manage the affairs of the corporation in the best interests of its shareholders and creditors.

(4) The court, during a receivership, may redesignate the receiver a custodian, and during a custodianship may redesignate the custodian a receiver, if doing so is in the best interests of the corporation, its shareholders, and creditors.

(5) The court from time to time during the receivership or custodianship may order compensation paid and expense disbursements or reimbursements made to the receiver or custodian and counsel from the assets of the corporation or proceeds from the sale of the assets. [1989 c 165 § 165.]

23B.14.330 Decree of dissolution. (1) If after a hearing the court determines that one or more grounds for judicial dissolution described in RCW 23B.14.300 exist, it may enter a decree dissolving the corporation and specifying the effective date of the dissolution, and the clerk of the court shall deliver a certified copy of the decree to the secretary of state, who shall file it.

(2) After entering the decree of dissolution, the court shall direct the winding up and liquidation of the corporation's business and affairs in accordance with RCW 23B.14.050 and the notification of claimants in accordance with RCW 23B.14.060. [1989 c 165 § 166.]

23B.14.340 Survival of remedy after dissolution. The dissolution of a corporation either: (1) By the issuance of a certificate of dissolution by the secretary of state, (2) by a decree of court, or (3) by expiration of its period of duration shall not take away or impair any remedy available against such corporation, its directors, officers, or shareholders, for any right or claim existing, or any liability incurred, prior to such dissolution if action or other proceeding thereon is commenced within two years after the date of such dissolution. Any such action or proceeding against the corporation may be defended by the corporation in its corporate name. [1990 c 178 § 6; 1989 c 165 § 167.]

Effective date—1990 c 178: See note following RCW 23B.01.220.

23B.14.400 Deposit with state treasurer. Assets of a dissolved corporation that should be transferred to a creditor, claimant, or shareholder of the corporation who cannot be found or who is not competent to receive them may be reduced to cash and deposited with the state treasurer for safekeeping. If assets are transferred to the state treasurer, and if the creditor, claimant, or shareholder furnishes satisfactory proof of entitlement to the amount deposited, the state treasurer or other appropriate state official shall pay such person or such person's representative that amount. [1989 c 165 § 168.]

Chapter 23B.15

FOREIGN CORPORATIONS

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23B.15.010 Authority to transact business required.

(1) Unless it is otherwise authorized to transact business pursuant to a state or federal statute, a foreign corporation may not transact business in this state until it obtains a certificate of authority from the secretary of state.

(2) The following activities, among others, do not constitute transacting business within the meaning of subsection (1) of this section:

(a) Maintaining or defending any action or suit or any administrative or arbitration proceeding, or effecting the settlement thereof or the settlement of claims or disputes;

(b) Holding meetings of the board of directors or shareholders or carrying on other activities concerning internal corporate affairs;

(c) Maintaining bank accounts, share accounts in savings and loan associations, custodian or agency arrangements with a bank or trust company, or stock or bond brokerage accounts;

(d) Maintaining offices or agencies for the transfer, exchange, and registration of the corporation's own securities or maintaining trustees or depositaries with respect to those securities;

(e) Selling through independent contractors;

(f) Soliciting or procuring orders, whether by mail or through employees or agents or otherwise, where the orders require acceptance outside this state before becoming binding contracts and where the contracts do not involve any local performance other than delivery and installation;

(g) Making loans or creating or acquiring evidences of debt, mortgages, or liens on real or personal property, or recording same;

(h) Securing or collecting debts or enforcing mortgages and security interests in property securing the debts;

(i) Owning, without more, real or personal property;

(j) Conducting an isolated transaction that is completed within thirty days and that is not one in the course of repeated transactions of a like nature;

(k) Transacting business in interstate commerce;

(l) Owning and controlling a subsidiary corporation incorporated in or transacting business within this state; or

(m) Operating an approved branch campus of a foreign degree-granting institution in compliance with chapter 28B.90 RCW and in accordance with RCW 23B.15.015.

(3) The list of activities in subsection (2) of this section is not exhaustive. [1993 c 181 § 11; 1990 c 178 § 7; 1989 c 165 § 169.]

Effective date—1990 c 178: See note following RCW 23B.01.220.

23B.15.015 Foreign degree-granting institution branch campus—Acts not deemed transacting business in state. In addition to those acts that are specified in RCW 23B.15.010(2), a foreign degree-granting institution that establishes an approved branch campus in the state under chapter 28B.90 RCW shall not be deemed to transact business in the state solely because it:

(1) Owns and controls an incorporated branch campus in this state;

(2) Pays the expenses of tuition, or room and board charged by the incorporated branch campus for its students enrolled at the branch campus or contributes to the capital thereof; or

(3) Provides personnel who furnish assistance and counsel to its students while in the state but who have no authority to enter into any transactions for or on behalf of the foreign degree-granting institution. [1993 c 181 § 5.]

23B.15.020 Consequences of transacting business without authority. (1) Unless it is otherwise authorized to transact business pursuant to a state or federal statute, a foreign corporation transacting business in this state without a certificate of authority may not maintain a proceeding in any court in this state until it obtains a certificate of authority.

(2) The successor to a foreign corporation that transacted business in this state without a certificate of authority and the assignee of a cause of action arising out of that business may not maintain a proceeding based on that cause of action in any court in this state until the foreign corporation or its successor obtains a certificate of authority.

(3) A court may stay a proceeding commenced by a foreign corporation, its successor, or assignee until it determines whether the foreign corporation or its successor requires a certificate of authority. If it so determines, the court may further stay the proceeding until the foreign corporation or its successor obtains the certificate.

(4) A foreign corporation which transacts business in this state without a certificate of authority is liable to this state, for the years or parts thereof during which it transacted business in this state without a certificate of authority, in an amount equal to all fees which would have been imposed by this title upon such corporation had it applied for and received a certificate of authority to transact business in this state as required by this title and thereafter filed all reports required by this title, plus all penalties imposed by this title for failure to pay such fees.

(5) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the failure of a foreign corporation to obtain a certificate of authority does not impair the validity of its corporate acts or prevent it from defending any proceeding in this state. [1990 c 178 § 8; 1989 c 165 § 170.]

Effective date—1990 c 178: See note following RCW 23B.01.220.

23B.15.030 Application for certificate of authority.

(1) A foreign corporation may apply for a certificate of authority to transact business in this state by delivering an application to the secretary of state for filing. The application must state:

(a) That the name of the foreign corporation meets the requirements stated in RCW 23B.15.060;

(b) The name of the state or country under whose law it is incorporated;

(c) Its date of incorporation and period of duration;

(d) The street address of its principal office;

(e) The street address of its registered office in this state and the name of its registered agent at that office, in accordance with RCW 23B.15.070; and

(f) The names and usual business addresses of its current directors and officers.

(2) The foreign corporation shall deliver with the completed application a certificate of existence, or a document of similar import, issued no more than sixty days before the date of the application and duly authenticated by the secretary of state or other official having custody of corporate records in the state or country under whose law it is incorporated. [1989 c 165 § 171.]

23B.15.040 Amended certificate of authority. (1) A foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state must obtain an amended certificate of authority from the secretary of state if it changes:

(a) Its corporate name; or

(b) The period of its duration.

(2) A foreign corporation may apply for an amended certificate of authority by delivering an application to the secretary of state for filing that sets forth:

(a) The name of the foreign corporation and the name in which the corporation is authorized to transact business in Washington, if different;

(b) The name of the state or country under whose law it is incorporated;

(c) The date it was authorized to transact business in this state;

(d) A statement of the change or changes being made;

(e) In the event the change or changes include a name change to a name that does not meet the requirements of RCW 23B.15.060, a fictitious name for use in Washington, and a copy of the resolution of the board of directors, certified by the corporation's secretary, adopting the fictitious name; and

(f) A copy of the document filed in the state or country of incorporation showing that jurisdiction's "filed" stamp. [1991 c 72 § 38; 1989 c 165 § 172.]

23B.15.050 Effect of certificate of authority. (1) A certificate of authority authorizes the foreign corporation to which it is issued to transact business in this state subject, however, to the right of the state to revoke the certificate as provided in this title.

(2) A foreign corporation holding a valid certificate of authority shall have no greater rights and privileges than a domestic corporation of like character. Except as otherwise provided by this title, a foreign corporation is subject to the

same duties, restrictions, penalties, and liabilities now or later imposed on a domestic corporation of like character.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in *chapter 23B.19 RCW, this title does not authorize this state to regulate the organization or internal affairs of a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state. [1989 c 165 § 173.]

***Reviser's note:** The reference to "sections 202 through 205 of this act" has been translated to "chapter 23B.19 RCW," dealing with significant business transactions. A literal translation would be "RCW 23B.900.010 through 23B.900.040" which appears to be erroneous.

23B.15.060 Corporate name of foreign corporation.

(1) No certificate of authority shall be issued to a foreign corporation unless the corporate name of such corporation:

(a) Contains the word "corporation," "incorporated," "company," or "limited," or the abbreviation "corp.," "inc.," "co.," or "ltd.;"

(b) Does not contain language stating or implying that the corporation is organized for a purpose other than that permitted by RCW 23B.03.010 and its articles of incorporation;

(c) Does not contain any of the following words or phrases: "Bank," "banking," "banker," "trust," "cooperative," or any combination of the words "industrial" and "loan," or any combination of any two or more words "building," "savings," "loan," "home," "association," and "society," or any other words or phrases prohibited by any statute of this state; and

(d) Except as authorized by subsections (3) and (4) of this section, is distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state from:

(i) The corporate name of a corporation incorporated or authorized to transact business in this state;

(ii) A corporate name reserved or registered under RCW 23B.04.020 or 23B.04.030;

(iii) The fictitious name adopted pursuant to subsection (2) of this section by a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state because its real name is unavailable;

(iv) The corporate name of a not-for-profit corporation incorporated or authorized to conduct affairs in this state; and

(v) The name or reserved name of a foreign or domestic limited partnership formed or registered under chapter 25.10 RCW.

(2) If the corporate name of a foreign corporation does not satisfy the requirements of subsection (1) of this section, the foreign corporation to obtain or maintain a certificate of authority to transact business in this state:

(a) May add the word "corporation," "incorporated," "company," or "limited," or the abbreviation "corp.," "inc.," "co.," or "ltd.," to its corporate name for use in this state; or

(b) May use a fictitious name to transact business in this state if its real name is unavailable and it delivers to the secretary of state for filing a copy of the resolution of its board of directors, certified by its secretary, adopting the fictitious name.

(3) A foreign corporation may apply to the secretary of state for authorization to use a name that is not distinguishable upon the records from one or more of the names

described in subsection (1)(d) of this section. The secretary of state shall authorize use of the name applied for if:

(a) The other corporation, holder, or limited partnership consents to the use in writing and files with the secretary of state documents necessary to change its name or the name reserved or registered to a name that is distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state from the name of the applying corporation; or

(b) The applicant delivers to the secretary of state a certified copy of the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing the applicant's right to use the name applied for in this state.

(4) A foreign corporation may use in this state the name, including the fictitious name, of another domestic or foreign corporation that is used in this state if the other corporation is incorporated or authorized to transact business in this state and the foreign corporation:

(a) Has merged with the other corporation; or

(b) Has been formed by reorganization of the other corporation.

(5) If a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state changes its corporate name to one that does not satisfy the requirements of subsection (1) of this section, it may not transact business in this state under the changed name until it adopts a name satisfying such requirements and obtains an amended certificate of authority under RCW 23B.15.040. [1989 c 165 § 174.]

23B.15.070 Registered office and registered agent of foreign corporation. (1) Each foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state must continuously maintain in this state:

(a) A registered office which may be, but need not be, the same as its place of business in this state. The registered office shall be at a specific geographic location in this state, and be identified by number, if any, and street, building address, or rural route, or, if a commonly known street or rural route address does not exist, by legal description. A registered office may not be identified by post office box number or other nongeographic address. For purposes of communicating by mail, the secretary of state may permit the use of a post office address in the same city as the registered office to be used in conjunction with the registered office address if the corporation also maintains on file the specific geographic address of the registered office where personal service of process may be made.

(b) A registered agent, who may be:

(i) An individual who resides in this state and whose business office is identical with the registered office;

(ii) A domestic corporation or not-for-profit domestic corporation whose business office is identical with the registered office; or

(iii) A foreign corporation or foreign not-for-profit corporation authorized to transact business or conduct affairs in this state whose business office is identical with the registered office.

(2) A registered agent shall not be appointed without having given prior written consent to the appointment. The written consent shall be filed with the secretary of state in such form as the secretary may prescribe. The written consent shall be filed with or as a part of the document first

appointing a registered agent. In the event any individual or corporation has been appointed agent without consent, that person or corporation may file a notarized statement attesting to that fact, and the name shall forthwith be removed from the records. [1989 c 165 § 175.]

23B.15.080 Change of registered office or registered agent of foreign corporation. (1) A foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state may change its registered office or registered agent by delivering to the secretary of state for filing a statement of change that sets forth:

- (a) Its name;
- (b) If the current registered office is to be changed, the street address of its new registered office;
- (c) If the current registered agent is to be changed, the name of its new registered agent and the new agent's written consent, either on the statement or attached to it, to the appointment; and
- (d) That, after the change or changes are made, the street addresses of its registered office and the business office of its registered agent will be identical.

(2) If a registered agent changes the street address of the agent's business office, the registered agent may change the street address of the registered office of any foreign corporation for which the agent is the registered agent by notifying the corporation in writing of the change and signing, either manually or in facsimile, and delivering to the secretary of state for filing a statement of change that complies with the requirements of subsection (1) of this section and recites that the corporation has been notified of the change. [1989 c 165 § 176.]

23B.15.090 Resignation of registered agent of foreign corporation. (1) The registered agent of a foreign corporation may resign as agent by signing and delivering to the secretary of state for filing a statement of resignation. The statement of resignation may include a statement that the registered office is also discontinued.

(2) After filing the statement, the secretary of state shall mail a copy of the statement to the foreign corporation at its principal office address shown in its most recent annual report, or in the application for certificate of authority if no annual report has been filed.

(3) The agency appointment is terminated, and the registered office discontinued if so provided, on the thirty-first day after the date on which the statement was filed. [1989 c 165 § 177.]

23B.15.100 Service on foreign corporation. (1) The registered agent appointed by a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state shall be an agent of such corporation upon whom any process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon the corporation may be served.

(2) The secretary of state shall be an agent of a foreign corporation upon whom any process, notice, or demand may be served, if:

- (a) The corporation is authorized to transact business in this state, and it fails to appoint or maintain a registered

agent in this state, or its registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found at the registered office;

(b) The corporation's authority to transact business in this state has been revoked under RCW 23B.15.310; or

(c) The corporation has been authorized to transact business in this state and has withdrawn under RCW 23B.15.200.

(3) Service on the secretary of state of any such process, notice, or demand shall be made by delivering to and leaving with the secretary of state, or with any duly authorized clerk of the corporation department of the secretary of state's office, the process, notice, or demand. In the event any such process, notice, or demand is served on the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall immediately cause a copy thereof to be forwarded by certified mail, addressed to the secretary of the corporation at its principal office as shown on the records of the secretary of state. Any service so had on the secretary of state shall be returnable in not less than thirty days.

(4) The secretary of state shall keep a record of all processes, notices, and demands served upon the secretary of state under this section, and shall record therein the time of such service and the secretary of state's action with reference thereto.

(5) This section does not limit or affect the right to serve any process, notice, or demand, required or permitted by law to be served upon a corporation in any other manner now or hereafter permitted by law. [1989 c 165 § 178.]

23B.15.200 Withdrawal of foreign corporation. (1) A foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state may not withdraw from this state until it obtains a certificate of withdrawal from the secretary of state.

(2) A foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state may apply for a certificate of withdrawal by delivering an application to the secretary of state for filing. The application must be accompanied by a copy of a revenue clearance certificate issued pursuant to RCW 82.32.260, and must set forth:

(a) The name of the foreign corporation and the name of the state or country under whose law it is incorporated;

(b) That it is not transacting business in this state and that it surrenders its authority to transact business in this state;

(c) That it revokes the authority of its registered agent to accept service on its behalf and appoints the secretary of state as its agent for service of process in any proceeding based on a cause of action arising during the time it was authorized to transact business in this state;

(d) A mailing address to which the secretary of state may mail a copy of any process served on the secretary of state under (c) of this subsection; and

(e) A commitment to notify the secretary of state in the future of any change in its mailing address.

(3) After the withdrawal of the corporation is effective, service of process on the secretary of state under RCW 23B.15.100 is service on the foreign corporation. [1989 c 165 § 179.]

23B.15.300 Revocation—Grounds. The secretary of state may revoke the certificate of authority of a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state if:

(1) The foreign corporation does not deliver its completed initial report or annual report to the secretary of state when it is due;

(2) The foreign corporation does not pay any license fees or penalties, imposed by this title, when they become due;

(3) The foreign corporation is without a registered agent or registered office in this state;

(4) The foreign corporation does not inform the secretary of state under RCW 23B.15.080 or 23B.15.090 that its registered agent or registered office has changed, that its registered agent has resigned, or that its registered office has been discontinued;

(5) An incorporator, director, officer, or agent of the foreign corporation signed a document knowing it was false in any material respect with intent that the document be delivered to the secretary of state for filing; or

(6) The secretary of state receives a duly authenticated certificate from the secretary of state or other official having custody of corporate records in the state or country under whose law the foreign corporation is incorporated stating that it has been dissolved or disappeared as the result of a merger. [1991 c 72 § 39; 1990 c 178 § 9; 1989 c 165 § 180.]

Effective date—1990 c 178: See note following RCW 23B.01.220.

23B.15.310 Revocation—Procedure and effect. (1) If the secretary of state determines that one or more grounds exist under RCW 23B.15.300 for revocation of a certificate of authority, the secretary of state shall give the foreign corporation written notice of the determination by first-class mail, postage prepaid.

(2) If the foreign corporation does not correct each ground for revocation or demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the secretary of state that each ground determined by the secretary of state does not exist within sixty days after notice is effective, the secretary of state shall revoke the foreign corporation's certificate of authority by signing a certificate of revocation that recites the ground or grounds for revocation and its effective date. The secretary of state shall file the original of the certificate and mail a copy to the foreign corporation.

(3) The authority of a foreign corporation to transact business in this state ceases on the date shown on the certificate revoking its certificate of authority.

(4) The secretary of state's revocation of a foreign corporation's certificate of authority appoints the secretary of state the foreign corporation's agent for service of process in any proceeding based on a cause of action which arose during the time the foreign corporation was authorized to transact business in this state. Service of process on the secretary of state under RCW 23B.15.100 is service on the foreign corporation.

(5) Revocation of a foreign corporation's certificate of authority does not terminate the authority of the registered agent of the corporation. [1989 c 165 § 181.]

Chapter 23B.16 RECORDS AND REPORTS

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23B.16.010 Corporate records. (1) A corporation shall keep as permanent records minutes of all meetings of its shareholders and board of directors, a record of all actions taken by the shareholders or board of directors without a meeting, and a record of all actions taken by a committee of the board of directors exercising the authority of the board of directors on behalf of the corporation.

(2) A corporation shall maintain appropriate accounting records.

(3) A corporation or its agent shall maintain a record of its shareholders, in a form that permits preparation of a list of the names and addresses of all shareholders, in alphabetical order by class of shares showing the number and class of shares held by each.

(4) A corporation shall maintain its records in written form or in another form capable of conversion into written form within a reasonable time.

(5) A corporation shall keep a copy of the following records at its principal office:

(a) Its articles or restated articles of incorporation and all amendments to them currently in effect;

(b) Its bylaws or restated bylaws and all amendments to them currently in effect;

(c) The minutes of all shareholders' meetings, and records of all action taken by shareholders without a meeting, for the past three years;

(d) The financial statements described in RCW 23B.16.200(1), for the past three years;

(e) All written communications to shareholders generally within the past three years;

(f) A list of the names and business addresses of its current directors and officers; and

(g) Its initial report or most recent annual report delivered to the secretary of state under RCW 23B.16.220. [1991 c 72 § 40; 1989 c 165 § 182.]

23B.16.020 Inspection of records by shareholders.

(1) A shareholder of a corporation is entitled to inspect and copy, during regular business hours at the corporation's principal office, any of the records of the corporation described in RCW 23B.16.010(5) if the shareholder gives the corporation written notice of the shareholder's demand at least five business days before the date on which the shareholder wishes to inspect and copy.

(2) A shareholder of a corporation is entitled to inspect and copy, during regular business hours at a reasonable location specified by the corporation, any of the following records of the corporation if the shareholder meets the requirements of subsection (3) of this section and gives the corporation written notice of the shareholder's demand at

least five business days before the date on which the shareholder wishes to inspect and copy:

(a) Excerpts from minutes of any meeting of the board of directors, records of any action of a committee of the board of directors while exercising the authority of the board of directors, minutes of any meeting of the shareholders, and records of action taken by the shareholders or board of directors without a meeting, to the extent not subject to inspection under subsection (1) of this section;

(b) Accounting records of the corporation; and

(c) The record of shareholders.

(3) A shareholder may inspect and copy the records described in subsection (2) of this section only if:

(a) The shareholder's demand is made in good faith and for a proper purpose;

(b) The shareholder describes with reasonable particularity the shareholder's purpose and the records the shareholder desires to inspect; and

(c) The records are directly connected with the shareholder's purpose.

(4) The right of inspection granted by this section may not be abolished or limited by a corporation's articles of incorporation or bylaws.

(5) This section does not affect:

(a) The right of a shareholder to inspect records under RCW 23B.07.200 or, if the shareholder is in litigation with the corporation, to the same extent as any other litigant; or

(b) The power of a court, independently of this title, to compel the production of corporate records for examination.

(6) For purposes of this section, "shareholder" includes a beneficial owner whose shares are held in a voting trust or by a nominee on the beneficial owner's behalf. [1989 c 165 § 183.]

23B.16.030 Scope of inspection right. (1) A shareholder's agent or attorney has the same inspection and copying rights as the shareholder.

(2) The right to copy records under *RCW 23B.16.020 includes, if reasonable, the right to receive copies made by photographic, xerographic, or other means, including copies in electronic or other nonwritten form if the shareholder so requests.

(3) The corporation may impose a reasonable charge, covering the costs of labor and material, for copies of any records provided to the shareholder. The charge may not exceed the estimated cost of production or reproduction of the records.

(4) The corporation may comply with a shareholder's demand to inspect the record of shareholders under RCW 23B.16.020(2)(c) by providing the shareholder with a list of its shareholders that was compiled no earlier than the date of the shareholder's demand. [1989 c 165 § 184.]

***Reviser's note:** The reference to "section 184 of this act" has been translated to "RCW 23B.16.020." A literal translation would be "RCW 23B.16.030" which is the section above and appears to be erroneous.

23B.16.040 Court-ordered inspection. (1) If a corporation does not allow a shareholder who complies with RCW 23B.16.020(1) to inspect and copy any records required by that subsection to be available for inspection, the superior court of the county where the corporation's principal office, or, if none in this state, its registered office, is

located may summarily order inspection and copying of the records demanded at the corporation's expense upon application of the shareholder.

(2) If a corporation does not within a reasonable time allow a shareholder to inspect and copy any other record, the shareholder who complies with RCW 23B.16.020 (2) and (3) may apply to the superior court of the county where the corporation's principal office, or, if none in this state, its registered office, is located for an order to permit inspection and copying of the records demanded. The court shall dispose of an application under this subsection on an expedited basis.

(3) If the court orders inspection and copying of the records demanded, it shall also order the corporation to pay the shareholder's costs, including reasonable counsel fees, incurred to obtain the order unless the corporation proves that it refused inspection in good faith because it had a reasonable basis for doubt about the right of the shareholder to inspect the records demanded.

(4) If the court orders inspection and copying of the records demanded, it may impose reasonable restrictions on the use or distribution of the records by the demanding shareholder. [1989 c 165 § 185.]

23B.16.200 Financial statements for shareholders.

(1) Not later than four months after the close of each fiscal year, and in any event prior to the annual meeting of shareholders, each corporation shall prepare (a) a balance sheet showing in reasonable detail the financial condition of the corporation as of the close of its fiscal year, and (b) an income statement showing the results of its operation during its fiscal year. Such statements may be consolidated or combined statements of the corporation and one or more of its subsidiaries, as appropriate. If financial statements are prepared by the corporation for any purpose on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles, the annual statements must also be prepared, and disclose that they are prepared, on that basis. If financial statements are prepared only on a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles, they must be prepared, and disclose that they are prepared, on the same basis as other reports and statements prepared by the corporation for the use of others.

(2) Upon written request, the corporation shall promptly mail to any shareholder a copy of the most recent balance sheet and income statement. If prepared for other purposes, the corporation shall also furnish upon written request a statement of sources and applications of funds, and a statement of changes in shareholders' equity, for the most recent fiscal year.

(3) If the annual financial statements are reported upon by a public accountant, the accountant's report must accompany them. If not, the statements must be accompanied by a statement of the president or the person responsible for the corporation's accounting records:

(a) Stating the person's reasonable belief whether the statements were prepared on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles and, if not, describing the basis of preparation; and

(b) Describing any respects in which the statements were not prepared on a basis of accounting consistent with the basis used for statements prepared for the preceding year.

(4) For purposes of this section, "shareholder" includes a beneficial owner whose shares are held in a voting trust or by a nominee on the beneficial owner's behalf. [1989 c 165 § 186.]

23B.16.220 Initial and annual reports for secretary of state. (1) Each domestic corporation, and each foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state, shall deliver to the secretary of state for filing initial and annual reports that set forth:

(a) The name of the corporation and the state or country under whose law it is incorporated;

(b) The street address of its registered office and the name of its registered agent at that office in this state;

(c) In the case of a foreign corporation, the address of its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated;

(d) The address of the principal place of business of the corporation in this state;

(e) The names and addresses of its directors, if the corporation has dispensed with or limited the authority of its board of directors pursuant to RCW 23B.08.010, in an agreement authorized under RCW 23B.07.320, or analogous authority, the names and addresses of persons who will perform some or all of the duties of the board of directors;

(f) A brief description of the nature of its business; and

(g) The names and addresses of its chairperson of the board of directors, if any, president, secretary, and treasurer, or of individuals, however designated, performing the functions of such officers.

(2) Information in an initial report or an annual report must be current as of the date the report is executed on behalf of the corporation.

(3) A corporation's initial report must be delivered to the secretary of state within one hundred twenty days of the date on which the articles of incorporation for a domestic corporation were filed, or on which a foreign corporation's certificate of authority was filed. Subsequent annual reports must be delivered to the secretary of state on, or prior to, the date on which the domestic or foreign corporation is required to pay its annual corporate license fee, and at such additional times as the corporation elects. [1993 c 290 § 5; 1991 c 72 § 41; 1989 c 165 § 187.]

Chapter 23B.17

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sections

- 23B.17.010 Application to existing corporations.
 23B.17.020 Transactions involving interested shareholders.
 23B.17.030 Limitation on liability of directors—Indemnification.

23B.17.010 Application to existing corporations. (1) Unless otherwise provided, this title applies to all domestic corporations in existence on July 1, 1990, that were incorporated under any general statute of this state providing for incorporation of corporations for profit.

(2) Unless otherwise provided, a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state on July 1, 1990, is subject to this title but is not required to obtain a new

certificate of authority to transact business under this title. [1989 c 165 § 188.]

23B.17.020 Transactions involving interested shareholders. (1) For purposes of this section:

(a) An interested shareholder transaction means any transaction between a corporation, or any subsidiary thereof, and an interested shareholder of such corporation or an affiliated person of an interested shareholder that must be authorized pursuant to the provisions of chapters 23B.11 and 23B.14 RCW, or RCW 23B.12.020;

(b) An interested shareholder:

(i) Includes any person or group of affiliated persons who beneficially own twenty percent or more of the outstanding voting shares of a corporation. An affiliated person is any person who either acts jointly or in concert with, or directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another person; and

(ii) Excludes any person who, in good faith and not for the purpose of circumventing this section, is an agent, bank, broker, nominee, or trustee for another person, if such other person is not an interested shareholder under (b)(i) of this subsection.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, an interested shareholder transaction must be approved by each voting group entitled to vote separately on the transaction by two-thirds of the votes entitled to be counted under this subsection for that voting group. The votes of all outstanding shares entitled to vote under this title or the articles of incorporation shall be entitled to be counted under this subsection except that the votes of shares owned by or voted under the control of an interested shareholder may not be counted to determine whether shareholders have approved a transaction for purposes of this subsection. The votes of shares owned by or voted under the control of an interested shareholder, however, shall be counted in determining whether a transaction is approved under other sections of this title and for purposes of determining a quorum.

(3) This section shall not apply to a transaction:

(a) Unless the articles of incorporation provide otherwise, by a corporation with fewer than three hundred holders of record of its shares;

(b) Approved by a majority vote of the corporation's board of directors. For such purpose, the votes of directors who are directors or officers of, or have a material financial interest in an interested shareholder, or who were nominated for election as a director as a result of an arrangement with an interested shareholder and first elected as a director within twenty-four months of the proposed transaction, shall not be counted in determining whether the transaction is approved by such directors;

(c) In which a majority of directors whose votes are entitled to be counted under (3)(b) of this section determines that the fair market value of the consideration to be received by noninterested shareholders for shares of any class of which shares are owned by any interested shareholder is not less than the highest fair market value of the consideration paid by any interested shareholder in acquiring shares of the same class within twenty-four months of the proposed transaction; or

(d) By a corporation whose original articles of incorporation have a provision, or whose shareholders adopt an amendment to the articles of incorporation by two-thirds of the votes entitled to be counted under this subsection, expressly electing not to be covered by this section. The votes of all outstanding shares entitled to vote under this title or the articles of incorporation shall be entitled to be counted under this subsection except that the votes of shares owned by or voted under the control of an interested shareholder may not be counted to determine whether shareholders have voted to approve the amendment. The votes of shares owned by or voted under the control of an interested shareholder, however, shall be counted in determining whether the amendment is approved under other sections of this title and for purposes of determining a quorum.

(4) The requirements imposed by this section are in addition to, and not in lieu of, requirements imposed on any transaction by any other provision in this title, the articles of incorporation, or the bylaws of the corporation, or otherwise. [1989 c 165 § 189.]

23B.17.030 Limitation on liability of directors—Indemnification. The provisions of RCW 23B.08.320 and 23B.08.500 through 23B.08.600 shall apply to any corporation, other than a municipal corporation, incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington. [1989 c 165 § 190.]

Chapter 23B.18

NONADMITTED ORGANIZATIONS

Sections

23B.18.010	Ownership and enforcement of notes secured by real estate mortgages.
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23B.18.010 Ownership and enforcement of notes secured by real estate mortgages. Any corporation, bank, trust company, mutual savings bank, savings and loan association, national banking association, or other corporation or association organized and existing under the laws of the United States or under the laws of any state or territory of the United States other than the state of Washington, including, without restriction of the generality of the foregoing description, employee pension fund organizations, charitable foundations, trust funds, or other funds, foundations or trusts engaged in the investment of moneys, and trustees of such organizations, foundations, funds or trusts, and which are not admitted to conduct business in the state of Washington under the provisions of this title, and which are not otherwise specifically authorized to transact business in this state, herein collectively referred to as "nonadmitted organizations," may purchase, acquire, hold, sell, assign, transfer, and enforce notes secured by real estate mortgages covering real property situated in this state and the security interests thereby provided, and may make commitments to purchase or acquire such notes so secured. [1989 c 165 § 191.]

23B.18.020 Mortgage foreclosure. Such nonadmitted organizations shall have the right to foreclose such mortgages under the laws of this state or to receive voluntary conveyance in lieu of foreclosure, and in the course of such foreclosure or of such receipt of conveyance in lieu of foreclosure, to acquire the mortgaged property, and to hold and own such property and to dispose thereof. Such nonadmitted organizations however, shall not be allowed to hold, own, and operate said property for a period exceeding five years. In the event said nonadmitted organizations do hold, own, and operate said property for a period in excess of five years, it shall be forthwith required to appoint an agent as required by RCW 23B.15.070 for foreign corporations doing business in this state. [1989 c 165 § 192.]

23B.18.030 Transacting business. The activities authorized by RCW 23B.18.010 and 23B.18.020 by such nonadmitted organizations shall not constitute "transacting business" within the meaning of chapter 23B.15 RCW. [1989 c 165 § 193.]

23B.18.040 Service of process. In any action in law or equity commenced by the obligor or obligors, it, his, her, or their assignee or assignees against the said nonadmitted organizations on the said notes secured by said real estate mortgages purchased by said nonadmitted organizations, service of all legal process may be had by serving the secretary of state of the state of Washington. [1989 c 165 § 194.]

23B.18.050 Service of process—Procedure. Duplicate copies of legal process against said nonadmitted organizations shall be served upon the secretary of state by registered mail. At the time of service the plaintiff shall pay to the secretary of state twenty-five dollars taxable as costs in the action and shall also furnish the secretary of state the home office address of said nonadmitted organization. The secretary of state shall forthwith send one of the copies of process by certified mail to the said nonadmitted organization to its home office. The secretary of state shall keep a record of the day, month, and year of service upon the secretary of state of all legal process. No proceedings shall be had against the nonadmitted organization nor shall it be required to appear, plead, or answer until the expiration of forty days after the date of service upon the secretary of state. [1989 c 165 § 195.]

23B.18.060 Venue. Suit upon causes of action arising against the said nonadmitted organizations shall be brought in the county where the property is situated which is the subject of the mortgage purchased by the said nonadmitted organizations. If the property covered by the said mortgage is situated in more than one county, venue may be had in any of said counties where the property lies. [1989 c 165 § 196.]

Chapter 23B.19

SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

Sections

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23B.19.010 Legislative findings—Intent. The legislature finds that:

(1) Corporations that offer employment and health, retirement, and other benefits to citizens of the state of Washington are vital to the economy of this state and the well-being of all of its citizens;

(2) The welfare of the employees of these corporations is of paramount interest and concern to this state;

(3) Many businesses in this state rely on these corporations to purchase goods and services;

(4) Hostile or unfriendly attempts to gain control of or influence otherwise publicly held corporations can cause corporate management to dissipate a corporation's assets in an effort to resist the takeover by selling or distributing cash or assets, redeeming stock, or taking other steps to increase the short-term gain to shareholders and to dissipate energies required for strategic planning, market development, capital investment decisions, assessment of technologies, and evaluation of competitive challenges that can damage the long-term interests of shareholders and the economic health of the state by reducing or eliminating the ability to finance investments in research and development, new products, facilities and equipment, and by undermining the planning process for those purposes;

(5) Hostile or unfriendly attempts to gain control or influence otherwise publicly held corporations are often highly leveraged pursuant to financing arrangements which assume that an acquirer will promptly obtain access to an acquired corporation's cash or assets and use them, or the proceeds of their sale, to repay acquisition indebtedness;

(6) Hostile or unfriendly attempts to gain control of or influence otherwise publicly held corporations can harm the economy of the state by weakening corporate performance, and causing unemployment, plant closings, reduced charitable donations, declining population base, reduced income to fee-supported local government services, reduced tax base, and reduced income to other businesses; and

(7) The state has a substantial and legitimate interest in regulating domestic corporations and those foreign corporations that have their most significant business contacts with this state and in regulating hostile or unfriendly attempts to gain control of or influence otherwise publicly held domestic corporations and those foreign corporations that employ a large number of citizens of the state, pay significant taxes, and have a substantial economic base in the state.

The legislature intends this chapter to balance the substantial and legitimate interests of the state in domestic corporations and those foreign corporations that employ a large number of citizens of the state and that have a substantial economic base in the state with: The interests of citizens of other states who own shares of such corporations;

the interests of the state of incorporation of such foreign corporations in regulating the internal affairs of corporations incorporated in that state; and the interests of promoting interstate commerce. To this effect, the legislature intends to regulate certain transactions between publicly held corporations and acquiring persons that will tend to harm the long-term health of domestic corporations and of foreign corporations that have their principal executive office and a majority of their assets in this state and that employ a large number of citizens of this state. [1989 c 165 § 197.]

23B.19.020 Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Acquiring person" means a person or group of persons, other than the target corporation or a subsidiary of the target corporation, who beneficially owns ten percent or more of the outstanding voting shares of the target corporation. The term "acquiring person" does not include a person who (a) beneficially owns ten percent or more of the outstanding voting shares of the target corporation on March 23, 1988; (b) acquires its shares by gift, inheritance, or in a transaction in which no consideration is exchanged; or (c) exceeds the ten percent threshold as a result of action taken solely by the target corporation, such as redemption of shares, unless that person, by its own action, acquires additional shares of the target corporation. An agent, bank, broker, nominee, or trustee for another person, if the other person is not an acquiring person, who acts in good faith and not for the purpose of circumventing this chapter, is not an acquiring person.

(2) "Affiliate" means a person who directly or indirectly controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, a person.

(3) "Associate" means (a) a domestic or foreign corporation or organization of which a person is an officer, director, or partner or in which a person performs a similar function; (b) a direct or indirect beneficial owner of ten percent or more of any class of equity securities of a person; (c) a trust or estate in which a person has a beneficial interest or as to which a person serves as trustee or in a similar fiduciary capacity; and (d) if having the same residence as a person, the person's relative, spouse, or spouse's relative.

(4) "Beneficial ownership," when used with respect to any shares, means ownership by a person:

(a) Who, individually or with or through any of its affiliates or associates, beneficially owns such shares, directly or indirectly; or

(b) Who, individually or with or through any of its affiliates or associates, has (i) the right to acquire the shares, whether the right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time, pursuant to any agreement, arrangement, or understanding, whether or not in writing, or upon the exercise of conversion rights, exchange rights, warrants or options, or otherwise. A person is not the beneficial owner of shares tendered pursuant to a tender or exchange offer made by the person or any of the person's affiliates or associates until the tendered shares are accepted for purchase or exchange; or (ii) the right to vote the shares pursuant to any agreement, arrangement, or understanding, whether or not in writing. A person is not the beneficial owner of any shares under (b)(ii) of this subsection if the agreement, ar-

agement, or understanding to vote the shares arises solely from a revocable proxy or consent given in response to a proxy or consent solicitation made in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations under the exchange act and is not then reportable on schedule 13D under the exchange act, or any comparable or successor report; or

(c) Who has any agreement, arrangement, or understanding, whether or not in writing, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting, except voting pursuant to a revocable proxy or consent as described in (b)(ii) of this subsection, or disposing of the shares with any other person who beneficially owns, or whose affiliates or associates beneficially own, directly or indirectly, the shares.

(5) "Control," "controlling," "controlled by," and "under common control with," means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a person, whether through the ownership of voting shares, by contract, or otherwise. A person's beneficial ownership of ten percent or more of a domestic or foreign corporation's outstanding voting shares shall create a presumption that such person has control of such corporation. However, a person does not have control of a domestic or foreign corporation if the person holds voting shares, in good faith and not for the purpose of circumventing this chapter, as an agent, bank, broker, nominee, custodian, or trustee for one or more beneficial owners who do not individually or as a group have control of such corporation.

(6) "Exchange act" means the federal securities exchange act of 1934, as amended.

(7) "Market value," in the case of property other than cash or shares, means the fair market value of the property on the date in question as determined by the board of directors of the target corporation in good faith.

(8) "Person" means an individual, domestic or foreign corporation, partnership, trust, unincorporated association, or other entity; an affiliate or associate of any such person; or any two or more persons acting as a partnership, syndicate, or other group for the purpose of acquiring, holding, or dispersing of securities of a domestic or foreign corporation.

(9) "Significant business transaction" means:

(a) A merger or consolidation of a target corporation or a subsidiary of a target corporation with (i) an acquiring person, or (ii) any other domestic or foreign corporation which is, or after the merger or consolidation would be, an affiliate or associate of the acquiring person;

(b) A sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer, or other disposition or encumbrance, whether in one transaction or a series of transactions, to or with an acquiring person or an affiliate or associate of an acquiring person of assets of a target corporation or a subsidiary of a target corporation (i) having an aggregate market value equal to five percent or more of the aggregate market value of all the assets, determined on a consolidated basis, of the target corporation, (ii) having an aggregate market value equal to five percent or more of the aggregate market value of all the outstanding shares of the target corporation, or (iii) representing five percent or more of the earning power or net income, determined on a consolidated basis, of the target corporation;

(c) The termination, while the corporation has an acquiring person and as a result of the acquiring person's

acquisition of ten percent or more of the shares of the corporation, of five percent or more of the employees of the target corporation or its subsidiaries employed in this state, whether at one time or over the five-year period following the share acquisition date. For the purposes of (c) of this subsection, a termination other than an employee's death or disability or bona fide voluntary retirement, transfer, resignation, or leave of absence shall be presumed to be a termination resulting from the acquiring person's acquisition of shares, which presumption may be rebutted by clear and convincing evidence. A bona fide voluntary transfer of employees between the target corporation and its subsidiaries or between its subsidiaries is not a termination for the purposes of (c) of this subsection;

(d) The issuance, transfer, or redemption by a target corporation or a subsidiary of a target corporation, whether in one transaction or a series of transactions, of shares or of options, warrants, or rights to acquire shares of a target corporation or a subsidiary of a target corporation to or beneficially owned by an acquiring person or an affiliate or associate of an acquiring person except pursuant to the exercise of warrants or rights to purchase shares offered, or a dividend, distribution, or redemption paid or made pro rata to, all shareholders or holders of options, warrants, or rights to acquire shares of the target corporation, and except for involuntary redemptions permitted by the target corporation's charter or by the law of this state or the state of incorporation;

(e) The adoption of a plan or proposal for the sale of assets, liquidation, or dissolution of a target corporation proposed by, or pursuant to an agreement, arrangement, or understanding, whether or not in writing, with an acquiring person or an affiliate or associate of an acquiring person;

(f) A reclassification of securities, including, without limitation, any stock split, stock dividend, or other distribution of stock in respect of stock, or any reverse stock split, or recapitalization of a target corporation, or a merger or consolidation of a target corporation with a subsidiary of the target corporation, or any other transaction, whether or not with or into or otherwise involving an acquiring person, proposed by, or pursuant to an agreement, arrangement, or understanding, whether or not in writing, with an acquiring person or an affiliate or associate of an acquiring person, that has the effect, directly or indirectly, of increasing the proportionate share of the outstanding shares of a class or series of voting shares or securities convertible into voting shares of a target corporation or a subsidiary of the target corporation that is directly or indirectly owned by an acquiring person or an affiliate or associate of an acquiring person, except as a result of immaterial changes due to fractional share adjustments;

(g) A receipt by an acquiring person or an affiliate or associate of an acquiring person of the benefit, directly or indirectly, except proportionately as a shareholder of a target corporation, of loans, advances, guarantees, pledges, or other financial assistance or tax credits or other tax advantages provided by or through a target corporation; or

(h) An agreement, contract, or other arrangement providing for any of the transactions in this subsection.

(10) "Share acquisition date" means the date on which a person first becomes an acquiring person of a target corporation.

(11) "Subsidiary" means a domestic or foreign corporation that has a majority of its outstanding voting shares owned, directly or indirectly, by another domestic or foreign corporation.

(12) "Tangible assets" means tangible real and personal property of all kinds. It shall also include leasehold interests in tangible real and personal property.

(13) "Target corporation" means:

(a) Every domestic corporation organized under chapter 23B.02 RCW or any predecessor provision if, as of the share acquisition date, the corporation's principal executive office is located in the state and either a majority of the corporation's employees, together with those of its subsidiaries, are residents of the state or the corporation, together with its subsidiaries, employs more than one thousand residents of the state; and

(b) Every foreign corporation required to have a certificate of authority to transact business in this state pursuant to chapter 23B.15 RCW, if, as of the share acquisition date:

(i) The corporation's principal executive office is located in the state;

(ii) The corporation has: (A) More than ten percent of its shareholders of record resident in the state; or (B) more than ten percent of its shares owned of record by state residents; or (C) one thousand or more shareholders of record resident in the state;

(iii) A majority of the corporation's employees, together with those of its subsidiaries, are residents of the state or the corporation, together with its subsidiaries, employs more than one thousand residents of the state; and

(iv) A majority of the corporation's tangible assets, together with those of its subsidiaries, measured by market value, are located in the state or the corporation, together with its subsidiaries, has more than fifty million dollars' worth of tangible assets located in the state.

For purposes of this subsection, the record date for determining the percentages and numbers of shareholders and shares shall be the last shareholder record date before the event requiring that the determination be made. A shareholder record date shall be determined pursuant to RCW 23B.07.070 for a domestic corporation and the comparable provision of the law of the state in which a foreign corporation is incorporated. If a shareholder record date has not been fixed by the board of directors within the preceding four months, the determination shall be made as of the end of the domestic or foreign corporation's most recent fiscal quarter.

The residence of each shareholder is presumed to be the address appearing in the records of the domestic or foreign corporation. Shares held of record by brokers or nominees shall be disregarded for purposes of calculating the percentages and numbers specified in this subsection. Shares of a domestic or foreign corporation allocated to the account of an employee or former employee or beneficiaries of employees or former employees of a domestic or foreign corporation and held in a plan that is qualified under section 401(a) of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, as amended, and is a defined contribution plan within the meaning of section 414(i) of the code shall be deemed, for the purposes of this subsection, to be held of record by the employee to whose account such shares are allocated.

A domestic or foreign corporation shall be deemed to be a target corporation if the domestic or foreign corporation's failure to satisfy the requirements of this subsection is caused by the action of, or is the result of a proposal by, an acquiring person or affiliate or associate of an acquiring person. [1989 c 165 § 198.]

23B.19.030 Transactions excluded from chapter.

This chapter does not apply to:

(1) A significant business transaction of a target corporation that does not have a class of voting stock registered with the securities and exchange commission pursuant to section 12 of the exchange act [15 U.S.C. Sec. 78L]; or

(2) A significant business transaction of a target corporation with an acquiring person of the target corporation which became an acquiring person inadvertently, if the acquiring person (a) as soon as practicable, divests itself of a sufficient amount of the voting shares of the target corporation so that it no longer is the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of ten percent or more of the outstanding voting shares of the target corporation, and (b) would not at any time within the five-year period preceding the date of the first public announcement of the significant business transaction have been an acquiring person but for the inadvertent acquisition. [1989 c 165 § 199.]

23B.19.040 Approval of significant business transaction required—Violation.

(1)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this title, a target corporation shall not engage in any significant business transaction for a period of five years following the acquiring person's share acquisition date unless the significant business transaction or the purchase of shares made by the acquiring person on the share acquisition date is approved prior to the acquiring person's share acquisition date by a majority of the members of the board of directors of the target corporation.

(b) If a good faith proposal for a significant business transaction is made in writing to the board of directors of the target corporation prior to the significant business transaction or prior to the share acquisition date, the board of directors shall respond in writing, within thirty days or such shorter period, if any, as may be required by the exchange act setting forth its reasons for its decision regarding the proposal. If a good faith proposal to purchase shares is made in writing to the board of directors of the target corporation, the board of directors, unless it responds affirmatively in writing within thirty days or a shorter period, if any, as may be required by the exchange act shall be deemed to have disapproved such share purchase.

(2) A target corporation that engages in a significant business transaction that violates subsection (1) of this section and that is not exempt under RCW 23B.19.010 shall have its certificate of incorporation or certificate of authority to transact business in this state revoked under RCW 23B.14.200 or 23B.15.300 for domestic or foreign target corporations, respectively. In addition, such significant transaction shall be void. [1989 c 165 § 200.]

23B.19.050 Provisions of chapter additional to other requirements. The requirements imposed by this chapter

are to be in addition to, and not in lieu of, requirements imposed on a transaction by any provision in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws of the target corporation, or otherwise. [1989 c 165 § 201.]

Chapter 23B.900 CONSTRUCTION

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23B.900.030 Repealer—1989 c 165.

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23B.900.010 Savings provisions—1989 c 165. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the repeal of a statute by this title does not affect:

(a) The operation of the statute or any action taken under it before its repeal;

(b) Any ratification, right, remedy, privilege, obligation, or liability acquired, accrued, or incurred under the statute before its repeal;

(c) Any violation of the statute, or any penalty, forfeiture, or punishment incurred because of the violation, before its repeal; or

(d) Any proceeding, reorganization, or dissolution commenced under the statute before its repeal, and the proceeding, reorganization, or dissolution may be completed in accordance with the statute as if it had not been repealed.

(2) If a penalty or punishment imposed for violation of a statute repealed by this title is reduced by this title, the penalty or punishment if not already imposed shall be imposed in accordance with this title. [1989 c 165 § 202.]

23B.900.020 Severability—1989 c 165. If any provision of this title or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the title that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of the title are severable. [1989 c 165 § 203.]

23B.900.030 Repealer—1989 c 165. See 1989 c 165 § 204.

23B.900.040 Effective date—1989 c 165. This title shall take effect July 1, 1990. [1989 c 165 § 205.]

23B.900.050 Section headings—1989 c 165. Section headings as used in this title do not constitute any part of the law. [1989 c 165 § 206.]

Title 24

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24.03.005 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:

(1) "Corporation" or "domestic corporation" means a corporation not for profit subject to the provisions of this chapter, except a foreign corporation.

(2) "Foreign corporation" means a corporation not for profit organized under laws other than the laws of this state.

(3) "Not for profit corporation" or "nonprofit corporation" means a corporation no part of the income of which is distributable to its members, directors or officers.

(4) "Articles of incorporation" and "articles" mean the original articles of incorporation and all amendments thereto, and includes articles of merger and restated articles.

(5) "Bylaws" means the code or codes of rules adopted for the regulation or management of the affairs of the corporation irrespective of the name or names by which such rules are designated.

(6) "Member" means an individual or entity having membership rights in a corporation in accordance with the provisions of its articles or incorporation or bylaws.

(7) "Board of directors" means the group of persons vested with the management of the affairs of the corporation irrespective of the name by which such group is designated in the articles or bylaws.

(8) "Insolvent" means inability of a corporation to pay debts as they become due in the usual course of its affairs.

(9) "Duplicate originals" means two copies, original or otherwise, each with original signatures, or one original with original signatures and one copy thereof.

(10) "Conforms to law" as used in connection with duties of the secretary of state in reviewing documents for filing under this chapter, means the secretary of state has determined that the document complies as to form with the applicable requirements of this chapter.

(11) "Effective date" means, in connection with a document filing made by the secretary of state, the date which is shown by affixing a "filed" stamp on the documents. When a document is received for filing by the secretary of state in a form which complies with the requirements of this chapter and which would entitle the document to be filed immediately upon receipt, but the secretary of state's approval action occurs subsequent to the date of receipt, the secretary of state's filing date shall relate back to the date on which the secretary of state first received the document in acceptable form. An applicant may request a specific effective date no more than thirty days later than the receipt date which might otherwise be applied as the effective date.

(12) "Executed by an officer of the corporation," or words of similar import, means that any document signed by such person shall be and is signed by that person under penalties of perjury and in an official and authorized capacity on behalf of the corporation or person making the document submission with the secretary of state.

(13) "An officer of the corporation" means, in connection with the execution of documents submitted for filing with the secretary of state, the president, a vice president, the secretary, or the treasurer of the corporation.

(14) "Public benefit not for profit corporation" or "public benefit nonprofit corporation" means a corporation no part of the income of which is distributable to its members, directors, or officers and that holds a current tax exempt status as provided under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) or is specifically exempted from the requirement to apply for its

tax exempt status under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3). [1989 c 291 § 3; 1986 c 240 § 1; 1982 c 35 § 72; 1967 c 235 § 2.]

Finding—Severability—1989 c 291: See notes following RCW 24.03.490.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.010 Applicability. The provisions of this chapter relating to domestic corporations shall apply to:

- (1) All corporations organized hereunder; and
- (2) All not for profit corporations heretofore organized under any act hereby repealed, for a purpose or purposes for which a corporation might be organized under this chapter; and
- (3) Any corporation to which this chapter does not otherwise apply, which is authorized to elect, and does elect, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, as now or hereafter amended, to have the provisions of this chapter apply to it.

The provisions of this chapter relating to foreign corporations shall apply to all foreign not for profit corporations conducting affairs in this state for a purpose or purposes for which a corporation might be organized under this chapter. [1971 ex.s. c 53 § 1; 1967 c 235 § 3.]

Repealer—Savings—1967 c 235: See RCW 24.03.920, 24.03.905.

24.03.015 Purposes. Corporations may be organized under this chapter for any lawful purpose or purposes, including, without being limited to, any one or more of the following purposes: Charitable; benevolent; eleemosynary; educational; civic; patriotic; political; religious; social; fraternal; literary; cultural; athletic; scientific; agricultural; horticultural; animal husbandry; and professional, commercial, industrial or trade association; but labor unions, cooperative organizations, and organizations subject to any of the provisions of the banking or insurance laws of this state may not be organized under this chapter: PROVIDED, That any not for profit corporation heretofore organized under any act hereby repealed and existing for the purpose of providing health care services as defined in RCW 48.44.010(1) or 48.46.020(1), as now or hereafter amended, shall continue to be organized under this chapter. [1986 c 240 § 2; 1983 c 106 § 22; 1967 c 235 § 4.]

Repealer—Savings—1967 c 235: See RCW 24.03.920, 24.03.905.

Fish marketing act: Chapter 24.36 RCW.

Granges: Chapter 24.28 RCW.

Insurance: Title 48 RCW.

Labor unions: Chapter 49.36 RCW.

24.03.017 Corporation may elect to have chapter apply to it—Procedure. Any corporation organized under any act of the state of Washington for any one or more of the purposes for which a corporation may be organized under this chapter and for no purpose other than those permitted by this chapter, and to which this chapter does not otherwise apply, may elect to have this chapter and the provisions thereof apply to such corporation. Such corporation may so elect by having a resolution to do so adopted by the governing body of such corporation and by delivering to the secretary of state a statement of election in accordance with this section. Such statement of election shall be

executed in duplicate by the corporation by an officer of the corporation, and shall set forth:

- (1) The name of the corporation;
- (2) The act which created the corporation or pursuant to which it was organized;
- (3) That the governing body of the corporation has elected to have this chapter and the provisions thereof apply to said corporation.

Duplicate originals of such statement of election shall be delivered to the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that the statement of election conforms to law, the secretary of state shall, when fees in the same amount as required by this chapter for filing articles of incorporation have been paid, endorse on each of such duplicates the word "filed" and the effective date of the filing thereof, shall file one of such duplicate originals, and shall issue a certificate of elective coverage to which the other duplicate original shall be affixed.

The certificate of elective coverage together with the duplicate original affixed thereto by the secretary of state shall be returned to the corporation or its representative. Upon the filing of the statement of elective coverage, the provisions of this chapter shall apply to said corporation which thereafter shall be subject to and shall have the benefits of this chapter and the provisions thereof as they exist on the date of filing such statement of election and as they may be amended from time to time thereafter, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the power to amend its charter or articles of incorporation, whether or not created by special act of the legislature, delete provisions therefrom and add provisions thereto in any manner and to any extent it may choose to do from time to time so long as its amended articles shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter. [1982 c 35 § 73; 1971 ex.s. c 53 § 2.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.020 Incorporators. One or more persons of the age of eighteen years or more, or a domestic or foreign, profit or nonprofit, corporation, may act as incorporator or incorporators of a corporation by signing and delivering to the secretary of state articles of incorporation for such corporation. [1986 c 240 § 3; 1982 c 35 § 74; 1967 c 235 § 5.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.025 Articles of incorporation. The articles of incorporation shall set forth:

- (1) The name of the corporation.
- (2) The period of duration, which may be perpetual or for a stated number of years.
- (3) The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized.
- (4) Any provisions, not inconsistent with law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in the articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation, including provisions regarding:
 - (a) Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation;

(b) The definition, limitation, and regulation of the powers of the corporation, the directors, and the members, if any;

(c) Eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its members, if any, for monetary damages for conduct as a director: PROVIDED, That such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct by a director or a knowing violation of law by a director, or for any transaction from which the director will personally receive a benefit in money, property, or services to which the director is not legally entitled. No such provision may eliminate or limit the liability of a director for any act or omission occurring before the date when such provision becomes effective; and

(d) Any provision which under this title is required or permitted to be set forth in the bylaws.

(5) The address of its initial registered office, including street and number, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address.

(6) The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors.

(7) The name and address of each incorporator.

(8) The name of any person or corporations to whom net assets are to be distributed in the event the corporation is dissolved.

It shall not be necessary to set forth in the articles of incorporation any of the corporate powers enumerated in this chapter.

Unless the articles of incorporation provide that a change in the number of directors shall be made only by amendment to the articles of incorporation, a change in the number of directors made by amendment to the bylaws shall be controlling. In all other cases, whenever a provision of the articles of incorporation is inconsistent with a bylaw, the provision of the articles of incorporation shall be controlling. [1987 c 212 § 703; 1982 c 35 § 75; 1967 c 235 § 6.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Amending articles of incorporation: RCW 24.03.160 through 24.03.180.

Bylaws: RCW 24.03.070.

24.03.027 Filing false statements—Penalty. See RCW 43.07.210.

24.03.030 Limitations. A corporation subject to this chapter:

(1) Shall not have or issue shares of stock;

(2) Shall not make any disbursement of income to its members, directors or officers;

(3) Shall not loan money or credit to its officers or directors;

(4) May pay compensation in a reasonable amount to its members, directors or officers for services rendered;

(5) May confer benefits upon its members in conformity with its purposes; and

(6) Upon dissolution or final liquidation may make distributions to its members as permitted by this chapter, and no such payment, benefit or distribution shall be deemed to

be a dividend or a distribution of income. [1986 c 240 § 4; 1967 c 235 § 7.]

24.03.035 General powers. Each corporation shall have power:

(1) To have perpetual succession by its corporate name unless a limited period of duration is stated in its articles of incorporation.

(2) To sue and be sued, complain and defend, in its corporate name.

(3) To have a corporate seal which may be altered at pleasure, and to use the same by causing it, or a facsimile thereof, to be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced.

(4) To purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use and otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated.

(5) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer and otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property and assets.

(6) To lend money or credit to its employees other than its officers and directors.

(7) To purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of, and otherwise use and deal in and with, shares or other interests in, or obligations of, other domestic or foreign corporations, whether for profit or not for profit, associations, partnerships or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United States, or of any other government, state, territory, governmental district or municipality or of any instrumentality thereof.

(8) To make contracts and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of all or any of its property, franchises and income.

(9) To lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.

(10) To conduct its affairs, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted by this chapter in any state, territory, district, or possession of the United States, or in any foreign country.

(11) To elect or appoint officers and agents of the corporation, and define their duties and fix their compensation.

(12) To make and alter bylaws, not inconsistent with its articles of incorporation or with the laws of this state, for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the corporation.

(13) Unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation, to make donations for the public welfare or for charitable, scientific or educational purposes; and in time of war to make donations in aid of war activities.

(14) To indemnify any director or officer or former director or officer or other person in the manner and to the extent provided in RCW 23B.08.500 through 23B.08.600, as now existing or hereafter amended.

(15) To make guarantees respecting the contracts, securities, or obligations of any person (including, but not limited to, any member, any affiliated or unaffiliated individual, domestic or foreign, profit or not for profit, corporation, partnership, association, joint venture or trust) if such guarantee may reasonably be expected to benefit, directly or indirectly, the guarantor corporation. As to the enforceability of the guarantee, the decision of the board of directors that the guarantee may be reasonably expected to benefit, directly or indirectly, the guarantor corporation shall be binding in respect to the issue of benefit to the guarantor corporation.

(16) To pay pensions and establish pension plans, pension trusts, and other benefit plans for any or all of its directors, officers, and employees.

(17) To be a promoter, partner, member, associate or manager of any partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.

(18) To be a trustee of a charitable trust, to administer a charitable trust and to act as executor in relation to any charitable bequest or devise to the corporation. This subsection shall not be construed as conferring authority to engage in the general business of trusts nor in the business of trust banking.

(19) To cease its corporate activities and surrender its corporate franchise.

(20) To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is organized. [1991 c 72 § 42; 1986 c 240 § 5; 1967 c 235 § 8.]

Unauthorized assumption of corporate power: RCW 24.03.470.

24.03.040 Defense of ultra vires. No act of a corporation and no conveyance or transfer of real or personal property to or by a corporation shall be invalid by reason of the fact that the corporation was without capacity or power to do such act or to make or receive such conveyance or transfer, but such lack of capacity or power may be asserted:

(1) In a proceeding by a member or a director against the corporation to enjoin the doing or continuation of unauthorized acts, or the transfer of real or personal property by or to the corporation. If the unauthorized acts or transfer sought to be enjoined are being, or are to be, performed pursuant to any contract to which the corporation is a party, the court may, if all of the parties to the contract are parties to the proceeding and if it deems the same to be equitable, set aside and enjoin the performance of such contract, and in so doing may allow to the corporation or the other parties to the contract, as the case may be, compensation for the loss or damage sustained by either of them which may result from the action of the court in setting aside and enjoining the performance of such contract, but anticipated profits to be derived from the performance of the contract shall not be awarded by the court as a loss or damage sustained.

(2) In a proceeding by the corporation, whether acting directly or through a receiver, trustee, or other legal representative, or through members in a representative suit, against the officers or directors of the corporation for exceeding their authority.

(3) In a proceeding by the attorney general, as provided in this chapter, to dissolve the corporation, or in a proceed-

ing by the attorney general to enjoin the corporation from performing unauthorized acts, or in any other proceeding by the attorney general. [1967 c 235 § 9.]

Dissolution: RCW 24.03.220 through 24.03.270.

24.03.043 Indemnification of agents of any corporation authorized. See RCW 23B.17.030.

24.03.045 Corporate name. (Effective until October 1, 1994.) The corporate name:

(1) Shall not contain any word or phrase which indicates or implies that it is organized for any purpose other than one or more of the purposes contained in its articles of incorporation.

(2) Shall not be the same as, or deceptively similar to, the name of any corporation, whether for profit or not for profit, existing under any act of this state, or any foreign corporation, whether for profit or not for profit, authorized to transact business or conduct affairs in this state, any domestic or foreign limited partnership on file with the secretary, or a limited partnership existing under chapter 25.10 RCW, or a corporate name reserved or registered as permitted by the laws of this state. This subsection shall not apply if the applicant files with the secretary of state either of the following: (a) The written consent of the other corporation, limited partnership, or holder of a reserved name to use the same or deceptively similar name and one or more words are added or deleted to make the name distinguishable from the other name as determined by the secretary of state, or (b) a certified copy of a final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing the prior right of the applicant to the use of the name in this state.

(3) Shall be transliterated into letters of the English alphabet, if it is not in English.

(4) Shall not include or end with "incorporated," "company," "corporation," "partnership," "limited partnership," or "Ltd.," or any abbreviation thereof, but may use "club," "league," "association," "services," "committee," "fund," "society," "foundation," ".", a nonprofit corporation," or any name of like import.

(5) May only include the term "public benefit" or names of like import if the corporation has been designated as a public benefit nonprofit corporation by the secretary in accordance with this chapter. [1989 c 291 § 10; 1987 c 55 § 39; 1986 c 240 § 6; 1982 c 35 § 76; 1967 c 235 § 10.]

Finding—Severability—1989 c 291: See notes following RCW 24.03.490.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Corporate name of foreign corporation: RCW 24.03.315.

24.03.045 Corporate name. (Effective October 1, 1994.) The corporate name:

(1) Shall not contain any word or phrase which indicates or implies that it is organized for any purpose other than one or more of the purposes contained in its articles of incorporation.

(2) Shall not be the same as, or deceptively similar to, the name of any corporation, whether for profit or not for profit, existing under any act of this state, or any foreign corporation, whether for profit or not for profit, authorized

to transact business or conduct affairs in this state, any foreign or domestic limited liability company on file with the secretary of state, any domestic or foreign limited partnership on file with the secretary, or a limited partnership existing under chapter 25.10 RCW, or a corporate name reserved or registered as permitted by the laws of this state. This subsection shall not apply if the applicant files with the secretary of state either of the following: (a) The written consent of the other corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership, or holder of a reserved name to use the same or deceptively similar name and one or more words are added or deleted to make the name distinguishable from the other name as determined by the secretary of state, or (b) a certified copy of a final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing the prior right of the applicant to the use of the name in this state.

(3) Shall be transliterated into letters of the English alphabet, if it is not in English.

(4) Shall not include or end with "incorporated," "company," "corporation," "partnership," "limited partnership," or "Ltd.," or any abbreviation thereof, but may use "club," "league," "association," "services," "committee," "fund," "society," "foundation," ".", a nonprofit corporation," or any name of like import.

(5) May only include the term "public benefit" or names of like import if the corporation has been designated as a public benefit nonprofit corporation by the secretary in accordance with this chapter. [1994 c 211 § 1305; 1989 c 291 § 10; 1987 c 55 § 39; 1986 c 240 § 6; 1982 c 35 § 76; 1967 c 235 § 10.]

Effective date—Severability—1994 c 211: See RCW 25.15.900 and 25.15.902.

Finding—Severability—1989 c 291: See notes following RCW 24.03.490.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Corporate name of foreign corporation: RCW 24.03.315.

24.03.046 Reservation of exclusive right to use a corporate name. The exclusive right to the use of a corporate name may be reserved by:

(1) Any person intending to organize a corporation under this title.

(2) Any domestic corporation intending to change its name.

(3) Any foreign corporation intending to make application for a certificate of authority to transact business in this state.

(4) Any foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state and intending to change its name.

(5) Any person intending to organize a foreign corporation and intending to have such corporation make application for a certificate of authority to transact business in this state.

The reservation shall be made by filing with the secretary of state an application to reserve a specified corporate name, executed by or on behalf of the applicant. If the secretary of state finds that the name is available for corporate use, the secretary of state shall reserve the same for the exclusive use of the applicant for a period of one hundred and eighty days. Such reservation shall be limited to one filing.

The right to the exclusive use of a specified corporate name so reserved may be transferred to any other person or corporation by filing in the office of the secretary of state, a notice of such transfer, executed by the applicant for whom the name was reserved, and specifying the name and address of the transferee. [1993 c 356 § 1; 1982 c 35 § 77.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect July 1, 1993." [1993 c 356 § 25.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.047 Registration of corporate name. (Effective until October 1, 1994.) Any corporation, organized and existing under the laws of any state or territory of the United States may register its corporate name under this title, provided its corporate name is not the same as, or deceptively similar to, the name of any domestic corporation existing under the laws of this state, the name of any foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state, the name of any limited partnership on file with the secretary, or any corporate name reserved or registered under this title.

Such registration shall be made by:

(1) Filing with the secretary of state: (a) An application for registration executed by the corporation by an officer thereof, setting forth the name of the corporation, the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated, [and] the date of its incorporation, and (b) a certificate setting forth that such corporation is in good standing under the laws of the state or territory wherein it is organized, executed by the secretary of state of such state or country or by such other official as may have custody of the records pertaining to corporations, and

(2) Paying to the secretary of state the applicable registration fee.

The registration shall be effective until the close of the calendar year in which the application for registration is filed. [1993 c 356 § 2; 1987 c 55 § 40; 1986 c 240 § 7; 1982 c 35 § 78.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.047 Registration of corporate name. (Effective October 1, 1994.) Any corporation, organized and existing under the laws of any state or territory of the United States may register its corporate name under this title, provided its corporate name is not the same as, or deceptively similar to, the name of any domestic corporation existing under the laws of this state, the name of any foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state, the name of any domestic limited liability company organized under the laws of this state, the name of any foreign limited liability company authorized to transact business in this state, the name of any limited partnership on file with the secretary, or any corporate name reserved or registered under this title.

Such registration shall be made by:

(1) Filing with the secretary of state: (a) An application for registration executed by the corporation by an officer thereof, setting forth the name of the corporation, the state

or country under the laws of which it is incorporated, [and] the date of its incorporation, and (b) a certificate setting forth that such corporation is in good standing under the laws of the state or territory wherein it is organized, executed by the secretary of state of such state or country or by such other official as may have custody of the records pertaining to corporations, and

(2) Paying to the secretary of state the applicable registration fee.

The registration shall be effective until the close of the calendar year in which the application for registration is filed. [1994 c 211 § 1306; 1993 c 356 § 2; 1987 c 55 § 40; 1986 c 240 § 7; 1982 c 35 § 78.]

Effective date—Severability—1994 c 211: See RCW 25.15.900 and 25.15.902.

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.048 Renewal of registration of corporate name. A corporation which has in effect a registration of its corporate name, may renew such registration from year to year by annually filing an application for renewal setting forth the facts required to be set forth in an original application for registration and a certificate of good standing as required for the original registration and by paying the applicable fee. A renewal application may be filed between the first day of October and the thirty-first day of December in each year, and shall extend the registration for the following calendar year. [1986 c 240 § 8; 1982 c 35 § 79.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.050 Registered office and registered agent. Each corporation shall have and continuously maintain in this state:

(1) A registered office which may be, but need not be, the same as its principal office. The registered office shall be at a specific geographic location in this state, and be identified by number, if any, and street, or building address or rural route, or, if a commonly known street or rural route address does not exist, by legal description. A registered office may not be identified by post office box number or other nongeographic address. For purposes of communicating by mail, the secretary of state may permit the use of a post office address in conjunction with the registered office address if the corporation also maintains on file the specific geographic address of the registered office where personal service of process may be made.

(2) A registered agent, which agent may be either an individual resident in this state whose business office is identical with such registered office, or a domestic corporation, whether for profit or not for profit, or a foreign corporation, whether for profit or not for profit, authorized to transact business or conduct affairs in this state, having an office identical with such registered office. A registered agent shall not be appointed without having given prior written consent to the appointment. The written consent shall be filed with the secretary of state in such form as the secretary may prescribe. The written consent shall be filed with or as a part of the document first appointing a registered agent. In the event any individual or corporation has

been appointed agent without consent, that person or corporation may file a notarized statement attesting to that fact, and the name shall forthwith be removed from the records of the secretary of state.

No Washington corporation or foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state may be permitted to maintain any action in any court in this state until the corporation complies with the requirements of this section. [1986 c 240 § 9; 1982 c 35 § 80; 1969 ex.s. c 163 § 1; 1967 c 235 § 11.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.055 Change of registered office or registered agent. A corporation may change its registered office or change its registered agent, or both, upon filing in the office of the secretary of state in the form prescribed by the secretary of state a statement setting forth:

(1) The name of the corporation.

(2) If the current registered office is to be changed, the street address to which the registered office is to be changed.

(3) If the current registered agent is to be changed, the name of the new registered agent.

(4) That the address of its registered office and the address of the office of its registered agent, as changed, will be identical.

Such statement shall be executed by the corporation by an officer of the corporation, and delivered to the secretary of state, together with a written consent of the registered agent to his or its appointment, if applicable. If the secretary of state finds that such statement conforms to the provisions of this chapter, the secretary of state shall endorse thereon the word "Filed," and the month, day, and year of the filing thereof, and file the statement. The change of address of the registered office, or the appointment of a new registered agent, or both, as the case may be, shall become effective upon filing unless a later date is specified.

Any registered agent of a corporation may resign as such agent upon filing a written notice thereof, executed in duplicate, with the secretary of state, who shall forthwith mail a copy thereof to the corporation in care of an officer, who is not the resigning registered agent, at the address of such officer as shown by the most recent annual report of the corporation. The appointment of such agent shall terminate upon the expiration of thirty days after receipt of such notice by the secretary of state.

If a registered agent changes the agent's business address to another place within the state, the agent may change such address and the address of the registered office of any corporation of which the agent is a registered agent, by filing a statement as required by this section except that it need be signed only by the registered agent, it need not be responsive to subsection (3) of this section, and it must recite that a copy of the statement has been mailed to the secretary of the corporation. [1993 c 356 § 3; 1986 c 240 § 10; 1982 c 35 § 81; 1967 c 235 § 12.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.060 Service of process on corporation. The registered agent so appointed by a corporation shall be an agent of such corporation upon whom any process, notice or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon the corporation may be served.

Whenever a corporation shall fail to appoint or maintain a registered agent in this state, or whenever its registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found at the registered office, then the secretary of state shall be an agent of such corporation upon whom any such process, notice, or demand may be served. Service on the secretary of state of any such process, notice, or demand shall be made by delivering to and leaving with the secretary of state, or with any duly authorized clerk of the corporation department of the secretary of state's office, duplicate copies of such process, notice or demand. In the event any such process, notice or demand is served on the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall immediately cause one of the copies thereof to be forwarded by certified mail, addressed to the secretary of the corporation as shown on the records of the secretary of state. Any service so had on the secretary of state shall be returnable in not less than thirty days.

The secretary of state shall keep a record of all processes, notices and demands served upon the secretary of state under this section, and shall record therein the time of such service and the secretary of state's action with reference thereto.

Nothing herein contained shall limit or affect the right to serve any process, notice or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon a corporation in any other manner now or hereafter permitted by law. [1986 c 240 § 11; 1982 c 35 § 82; 1967 c 235 § 13.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.065 Members. A corporation may have one or more classes of members or may have no members. If the corporation has one or more classes of members, the designation of such class or classes, the manner of election or appointment and the qualifications and rights of the members of each class shall be set forth in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. Unless otherwise specified in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws, an individual, domestic or foreign profit or nonprofit corporation, a general or limited partnership, an association or other entity may be a member of a corporation. If the corporation has no members, that fact shall be set forth in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. A corporation may issue certificates evidencing membership therein. [1986 c 240 § 12; 1967 c 235 § 14.]

24.03.070 Bylaws. The initial bylaws of a corporation shall be adopted by its board of directors. The power to alter, amend or repeal the bylaws or adopt new bylaws shall be vested in the board of directors unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. The bylaws may contain any provisions for the regulation and management of the affairs of a corporation not inconsistent with law or the articles of incorporation. The board may adopt emergency bylaws in the manner provided by RCW

23B.02.070. [1991 c 72 § 43; 1986 c 240 § 13; 1967 c 235 § 15.]

24.03.075 Meetings of members. Meetings of members may be held at such place, either within or without this state, as may be stated in or fixed in accordance with the bylaws. In the absence of any such provision, all meetings shall be held at the registered office of the corporation in this state.

An annual meeting of the members shall be held at such time as may be stated in or fixed in accordance with the bylaws. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the corporation.

Special meetings of the members may be called by the president or by the board of directors. Special meetings of the members may also be called by such other officers or persons or number or proportion of members as may be provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. In the absence of a provision fixing the number or proportion of members entitled to call a meeting, a special meeting of members may be called by members having one-twentieth of the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting.

Except as may be otherwise restricted by the articles of incorporation or the bylaws, members of the corporation may participate in a meeting of members by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting. [1986 c 240 § 14; 1967 c 235 § 16.]

24.03.080 Notice of members' meetings. Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the annual meeting and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten nor more than fifty days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the president, or the secretary, or the officers or persons calling the meeting, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting. Notice of regular meetings other than annual shall be made by providing each member with the adopted schedule of regular meetings for the ensuing year at any time after the annual meeting and ten days prior to the next succeeding regular meeting and at any time when requested by a member or by such other notice as may be prescribed by the bylaws. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the corporation, with postage thereon prepaid. [1969 ex.s. c 115 § 1; 1967 c 235 § 17.]

Waiver of notice: RCW 24.03.460.

24.03.085 Voting. The right of the members, or any class or classes of members, to vote may be limited, enlarged or denied to the extent specified in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. Unless so limited, enlarged or denied, each member, regardless of class, shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of members.

A member may vote in person or, if so authorized by the articles of incorporation or the bylaws, may vote by

proxy executed in writing by the member or by his duly authorized attorney-in-fact. No proxy shall be valid after eleven months from the date of its execution, unless otherwise provided in the proxy. Where directors or officers are to be elected by members, the bylaws may provide that such elections may be conducted by mail.

The articles of incorporation or the bylaws may provide that in all elections for directors every member entitled to vote shall have the right to cumulate his vote and to give one candidate a number of votes equal to his vote multiplied by the number of directors to be elected, or by distributing such votes on the same principle among any number of such candidates. [1969 ex.s. c 115 § 2; 1967 c 235 § 18.]

Greater voting requirements: RCW 24.03.455.

24.03.090 Quorum. The bylaws may provide the number or percentage of members entitled to vote represented in person or by proxy, or the number or percentage of votes represented in person or by proxy, which shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of members. In the absence of any such provision, members holding one-tenth of the votes entitled to be cast represented in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum. The vote of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the members present or represented by proxy at a meeting at which a quorum is present, shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted upon by the members, unless a greater proportion is required by this chapter, the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. [1967 c 235 § 19.]

Greater voting requirements: RCW 24.03.455.

24.03.095 Board of directors. The affairs of a corporation shall be managed by a board of directors. Directors need not be residents of this state or members of the corporation unless the articles of incorporation or the bylaws so require. The articles of incorporation or the bylaws may prescribe other qualifications for directors. [1967 c 235 § 20.]

24.03.100 Number and election or appointment of directors. The board of directors of a corporation shall consist of one or more individuals. The number of directors shall be fixed by or in the manner provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws, except as to the number constituting the initial board of directors, which number shall be fixed by the articles of incorporation. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment to or in the manner provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws, but a decrease shall not have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent director. In the absence of a bylaw providing for the number of directors, the number shall be the same as that provided for in the articles of incorporation. The names and addresses of the members of the first board of directors shall be stated in the articles of incorporation. Such persons shall hold office until the first annual election of directors or for such other period as may be specified in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. Thereafter, directors shall be elected or appointed in the manner and for the terms provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. Directors may be divided into classes and the terms of office and manner of election

or appointment need not be uniform. Each director shall hold office for the term for which the director is elected or appointed and until the director's successor shall have been selected and qualified. [1986 c 240 § 15; 1967 c 235 § 21.]

24.03.103 Removal of directors. The bylaws or articles of incorporation may contain a procedure for removal of directors. If the articles of incorporation or bylaws provide for the election of any director or directors by members, then in the absence of any provision regarding removal of directors:

(1) Any director elected by members may be removed, with or without cause, by two-thirds of the votes cast by members having voting rights with regard to the election of any director, represented in person or by proxy at a meeting of members at which a quorum is present;

(2) In the case of a corporation having cumulative voting, if less than the entire board is to be removed, no one of the directors may be removed if the votes cast against that director's removal would be sufficient to elect that director if then cumulatively voted at an election of the entire board of directors, or, if there be classes of directors, at an election of the class of directors of which he or she is a part; and

(3) Whenever the members of any class are entitled to elect one or more directors by the provisions of the articles of incorporation, the provisions of this section shall apply, in respect to the removal of a director or directors so elected, to the vote of the members of that class and not to the vote of the members as a whole. [1986 c 240 § 16.]

24.03.105 Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the board of directors and any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of directors may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining board of directors even though less than a quorum is present unless the articles of incorporation or the bylaws provide that a vacancy or directorship so created shall be filled in some other manner, in which case such provision shall control. A director elected or appointed, as the case may be, to fill a vacancy shall be elected or appointed for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office. [1986 c 240 § 17; 1967 c 235 § 22.]

24.03.110 Quorum of directors. A majority of the number of directors fixed by, or in the manner provided in the bylaws, or in the absence of a bylaw fixing or providing for the number of directors, then of the number fixed by or in the manner provided in the articles of incorporation, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws; but in no event shall a quorum consist of less than one-third of the number of directors so fixed or stated. The act of the majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the board of directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by this chapter, the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. [1986 c 240 § 18; 1967 c 235 § 23.]

Greater voting requirements: RCW 24.03.455.

24.03.113 Assent presumed—Procedures for dissent or abstention. A director of a corporation who is present at

a meeting of its board of directors at which action on any corporate matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless the director's dissent or abstention shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting or unless the director shall file his or her written dissent or abstention to such action with the person acting as the secretary of the meeting before the adjournment thereof or shall forward such dissent or abstention by registered mail to the secretary of the corporation immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. Such right to dissent or abstain shall not apply to a director who voted in favor of such action. [1986 c 240 § 19.]

24.03.115 Committees. If the articles of incorporation or the bylaws so provide, the board of directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the directors in office, may designate and appoint one or more committees each of which shall consist of two or more directors, which committees, to the extent provided in such resolution, in the articles of incorporation or in the bylaws of the corporation, shall have and exercise the authority of the board of directors in the management of the corporation: PROVIDED, That no such committee shall have the authority of the board of directors in reference to amending, altering or repealing the bylaws; electing, appointing or removing any member of any such committee or any director or officer of the corporation; amending the articles of incorporation; adopting a plan of merger or adopting a plan of consolidation with another corporation; authorizing the sale, lease, or exchange of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the corporation not in the ordinary course of business; authorizing the voluntary dissolution of the corporation or revoking proceedings therefor; adopting a plan for the distribution of the assets of the corporation; or amending, altering or repealing any resolution of the board of directors which by its terms provides that it shall not be amended, altered or repealed by such committee. The designation and appointment of any such committee and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the board of directors, or any individual director of any responsibility imposed upon it or him by law. [1986 c 240 § 20; 1967 c 235 § 24.]

24.03.120 Place and notice of directors' meetings. Meetings of the board of directors, regular or special, may be held either within or without this state.

Regular meetings of the board of directors or of any committee designated by the board of directors may be held with or without notice as prescribed in the bylaws. Special meeting of the board of directors or any committee designated by the board of directors shall be held upon such notice as is prescribed in the bylaws. Attendance of a director or a committee member at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director or a committee member attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the board of directors or any committee designated by the board of directors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting unless required by the bylaws.

Except as may be otherwise restricted by the articles of incorporation or bylaws, members of the board of directors or any committee designated by the board of directors may participate in a meeting of such board or committee by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting. [1986 c 240 § 21; 1967 c 235 § 25.]

Waiver of notice: RCW 24.03.460.

24.03.125 Officers. The officers of a corporation shall consist of a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer, each of whom shall be elected or appointed at such time and in such manner and for such terms as may be prescribed in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. In the absence of any such provision, all officers shall be elected or appointed annually by the board of directors. If the articles or bylaws so provide, any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of president and secretary. Such other officers and assistant officers or agents as may be deemed necessary may be elected or appointed by the board of directors or chosen in such other manner as may be prescribed by the articles or bylaws.

The articles of incorporation or the bylaws may provide that any one or more officers of the corporation shall be ex officio members of the board of directors.

The officers of a corporation may be designated by such additional titles as may be provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. [1986 c 240 § 22; 1967 c 235 § 26.]

24.03.127 Duties of a director. A director shall perform the duties of a director, including the duties as a member of any committee of the board upon which the director may serve, in good faith, in a manner such director believes to be in the best interests of the corporation, and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances.

In performing the duties of a director, a director shall be entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports, or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, in each case prepared or presented by:

(1) One or more officers or employees of the corporation whom the director believes to be reliable and competent in the matter presented;

(2) Counsel, public accountants, or other persons as to matters which the director believes to be within such person's professional or expert competence; or

(3) A committee of the board upon which the director does not serve, duly designated in accordance with a provision in the articles of incorporation or bylaws, as to matters within its designated authority, which committee the director believes to merit confidence; so long as, in any such case, the director acts in good faith, after reasonable inquiry when the need therefor is indicated by the circumstances and without knowledge that would cause such reliance to be unwarranted. [1986 c 240 § 23.]

24.03.130 Removal of officers. Any officer elected or appointed may be removed by the persons authorized to elect or appoint such officer whenever in their judgment the best interests of the corporation will be served thereby. The removal of an officer shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the officer so removed. Election or appointment of an officer or agent shall not of itself create contract rights. [1967 c 235 § 27.]

24.03.135 Records. Each corporation shall keep at its registered office, its principal office in this state, or at its secretary's office if in this state, the following:

- (1) Current articles and bylaws;
- (2) A record of members, including names, addresses, and classes of membership, if any;
- (3) Correct and adequate records of accounts and finances;
- (4) A record of officers' and directors' names and addresses;
- (5) Minutes of the proceedings of the members, if any, the board, and any minutes which may be maintained by committees of the board. Records may be written, or electronic if capable of being converted to writing.

The records shall be open at any reasonable time to inspection by any member of more than three months standing or a representative of more than five percent of the membership.

Cost of inspecting or copying shall be borne by such member except for costs for copies of articles or bylaws. Any such member must have a purpose for inspection reasonably related to membership interests. Use or sale of members' lists by such member if obtained by inspection is prohibited.

The superior court of the corporation's or such member's residence may order inspection and may appoint independent inspectors. Such member shall pay inspection costs unless the court orders otherwise. [1986 c 240 § 24; 1967 c 235 § 28.]

24.03.140 Loans to directors and officers prohibited. No loans shall be made by a corporation to its directors or officers. The directors of a corporation who vote for or assent to the making of a loan to a director or officer of the corporation, and any officer or officers participating in the making of such loan, shall be jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of such loan until the repayment thereof. [1967 c 235 § 29.]

24.03.145 Filing of articles of incorporation. Duplicate originals of the articles of incorporation shall be delivered to the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that the articles of incorporation conform to law, the secretary of state shall, when all fees have been paid as in this chapter prescribed:

- (1) Endorse on each of such duplicate originals the word "Filed" and the effective date of the filing thereof.
- (2) File one of such duplicate originals.
- (3) Issue a certificate of incorporation to which the other duplicate original shall be affixed.

The certificate of incorporation together with the duplicate original of the articles of incorporation affixed

thereto by the secretary of state, shall be returned to the incorporators or their representative. [1982 c 35 § 83; 1967 c 235 § 30.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.150 Effect of filing the articles of incorporation. Upon the filing of the articles of incorporation, the corporate existence shall begin, and the certificate of incorporation shall be conclusive evidence that all conditions precedent required to be performed by the incorporators have been complied with and that the corporation has been incorporated under this chapter, except as against the state in a proceeding to cancel or revoke the certificate of incorporation or for involuntary or administrative dissolution. [1986 c 240 § 25; 1982 c 35 § 84; 1967 c 235 § 31.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.155 Organization meetings. After the issuance of the certificate of incorporation an organization meeting of the board of directors named in the articles of incorporation shall be held, either within or without this state, at the call of a majority of the directors named in the articles of incorporation, for the purpose of adopting bylaws, electing officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The directors calling the meeting shall give at least three days' notice thereof by mail to each director so named, which notice shall state the time and place of the meeting. Any action permitted to be taken at the organization meeting of the directors may be taken without a meeting if each director signs an instrument stating the action so taken. [1986 c 240 § 26; 1967 c 235 § 32.]

24.03.160 Right to amend articles of incorporation. A corporation may amend its articles of incorporation, from time to time, in any and as many respects as may be desired, so long as its articles of incorporation as amended contain only such provisions as are lawful under this chapter. [1967 c 235 § 33.]

24.03.165 Procedure to amend articles of incorporation. Amendments to the articles of incorporation shall be made in the following manner:

(1) Where there are members having voting rights, with regard to the question, the board of directors shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of members having voting rights, which may be either an annual or a special meeting. Written or printed notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each member entitled to vote at such meeting within the time and in the manner provided in this chapter for the giving of notice of meetings of members. The proposed amendment shall be adopted upon receiving at least two-thirds of the votes which members present at such meeting or represented by proxy are entitled to cast.

(2) Where there are no members, or no members having voting rights, with regard to the question, an amendment

shall be adopted at a meeting of the board of directors upon receiving the vote of a majority of the directors in office.

Any number of amendments may be submitted and voted upon at any one meeting. [1986 c 240 § 27; 1967 c 235 § 34.]

24.03.170 Articles of amendment. The articles of amendment shall be executed in duplicate by the corporation by an officer of the corporation, and shall set forth:

(1) The name of the corporation.

(2) The amendment so adopted.

(3) Where there are members having voting rights, (a) a statement setting forth the date of the meeting of members at which the amendment was adopted, that a quorum was present at such meeting, and that such amendment received at least two-thirds of the votes which members present at such meeting or represented by proxy were entitled to cast, or (b) a statement that such amendment was adopted by a consent in writing signed by all members entitled to vote with respect thereto.

(4) Where there are no members, or no members having voting rights, a statement of such fact, the date of the meeting of the board of directors at which the amendment was adopted, and a statement of the fact that such amendment received the vote of a majority of the directors in office. [1982 c 35 § 85; 1967 c 235 § 35.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.175 Filing of articles of amendment. Duplicate originals of the articles of amendment shall be delivered to the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that the articles of amendment conform to law, the secretary of state shall, when all fees have been paid as in this chapter prescribed:

(1) Endorse on each of such duplicate originals the word "Filed," and the effective date of the filing thereof.

(2) File one of such duplicate originals.

(3) Issue a certificate of amendment to which the other duplicate original shall be affixed.

The certificate of amendment, together with the duplicate original of the articles of amendment affixed thereto by the secretary of state, shall be returned to the corporation or its representative. [1982 c 35 § 86; 1967 c 235 § 36.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Fees: RCW 24.03.405, 24.03.410.

24.03.180 Effect of filing of articles of amendment. Upon the filing of the articles of amendment by the secretary of state, or on such later date, not more than thirty days subsequent to the filing thereof by the secretary of state, as may be provided in the articles of amendment, the amendment shall become effective and the articles of incorporation shall be deemed to be amended accordingly.

No amendment shall affect any existing cause of action in favor of or against such corporation, or any pending action to which such corporation shall be a party, or the existing rights of persons other than members; and, in the event the corporate name shall be changed by amendment, no action brought by or against such corporation under its

former name shall abate for that reason. [1986 c 240 § 28; 1982 c 35 § 87; 1967 c 235 § 37.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.183 Restated articles of incorporation. A domestic corporation may at any time restate its articles of incorporation by a resolution adopted by the board of directors. A corporation may amend and restate in one resolution, but may not present the amendments and restatement for filing by the secretary in a single document. Separate articles of amendment, under RCW 24.03.165 and articles of restatement, under this section, must be presented notwithstanding the corporation's adoption of a single resolution of amendment and restatement.

Upon the adoption of the resolution, restated articles of incorporation shall be executed in duplicate by the corporation by one of its officers. The restated articles shall set forth all of the operative provisions of the articles of incorporation together with a statement that the restated articles of incorporation correctly set forth without change the provisions of the articles of incorporation as amended and that the restated articles of incorporation supersede the original articles of incorporation and all amendments thereto.

Duplicate originals of the restated articles of incorporation shall be delivered to the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that the restated articles of incorporation conform to law, the secretary of state shall, when all fees required by this title have been paid:

(1) Endorse on each duplicate original the word "Filed" and the date of the filing thereof;

(2) File one duplicate original; and

(3) Issue a restated certificate of incorporation, to which the other duplicate original shall be affixed.

The restated certificate of incorporation, together with the duplicate original of the restated articles of incorporation affixed thereto by the secretary of state, shall be returned to the corporation or its representative.

Upon the filing of the restated articles of incorporation by the secretary of state, the restated articles of incorporation shall become effective and shall supersede the original articles of incorporation and all amendments thereto. [1986 c 240 § 29; 1982 c 35 § 88.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.185 Procedure for merger. Any two or more domestic corporations subject to this chapter may merge into one of such corporations pursuant to a plan of merger approved in the manner provided in this chapter.

Each corporation shall adopt a plan of merger setting forth:

(1) The names of the corporations proposing to merge, and the name of the corporation into which they propose to merge, which is hereinafter designated as the surviving corporation.

(2) The terms and conditions of the proposed merger.

(3) A statement of any changes in the articles of incorporation of the surviving corporation to be effected by such merger.

(4) Such other provisions with respect to the proposed merger as are deemed necessary or desirable. [1986 c 240 § 30; 1967 c 235 § 38.]

24.03.190 Procedure for consolidation. Any two or more domestic corporations subject to this chapter may consolidate into a new corporation pursuant to a plan of consolidation approved in the manner provided in this chapter.

Each corporation shall adopt a plan of consolidation setting forth:

(1) The names of the corporations proposing to consolidate, and the name of the new corporation into which they propose to consolidate, which is hereinafter designated as the new corporation.

(2) The terms and conditions of the proposed consolidation.

(3) With respect to the new corporation, all of the statements required to be set forth in articles of incorporation for corporations organized under this chapter.

(4) Such other provisions with respect to the proposed consolidation as are deemed necessary or desirable. [1986 c 240 § 31; 1967 c 235 § 39.]

24.03.195 Approval of merger or consolidation. A plan of merger or consolidation shall be adopted in the following manner:

(1) Where the members of any merging or consolidating corporation have voting rights with regard to the question, the board of directors of such corporation shall adopt a resolution approving the proposed plan and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of members having voting rights, which may be either an annual or a special meeting. Written or printed notice setting forth the proposed plan or a summary thereof shall be given to each member entitled to vote at such meeting within the time and in the manner provided in this chapter for the giving of notice of meetings of members. The proposed plan shall be adopted upon receiving at least two-thirds of the votes which members present at each such meeting or represented by proxy are entitled to cast.

(2) Where any merging or consolidating corporation has no members, or no members having voting rights with regard to the question, a plan of merger or consolidation shall be adopted at a meeting of the board of directors of such corporation upon receiving the vote of a majority of the directors in office.

After such approval, and at any time prior to the filing of the articles of merger or consolidation, the merger or consolidation may be abandoned pursuant to provisions therefor, if any, set forth in the plan of merger or consolidation. [1986 c 240 § 32; 1967 c 235 § 40.]

24.03.200 Articles of merger or consolidation. (1) Upon such approval, articles of merger or articles of consolidation shall be executed in duplicate by each corporation by an officer of each corporation, and shall set forth:

(a) The plan of merger or the plan of consolidation;

(b) Where the members of any merging or consolidating corporation have voting rights, then as to each such corporation (i) a statement setting forth the date of the meeting of

members at which the plan was adopted, that a quorum was present at such meeting, and that such plan received at least two-thirds of the votes which members present at such meeting or represented by proxy were entitled to cast, or (ii) a statement that such amendment was adopted by a consent in writing signed by all members entitled to vote with respect thereto;

(c) Where any merging or consolidating corporation has no members, or no members having voting rights, then as to each such corporation a statement of such fact, the date of the meeting of the board of directors at which the plan was adopted and a statement of the fact that such plan received the vote of a majority of the directors in office.

(2) Duplicate originals of the articles of merger or articles of consolidation shall be delivered to the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that such articles conform to law, the secretary of state shall, when all fees have been paid as in this chapter prescribed:

(a) Endorse on each of such duplicate originals the word "Filed," and the date of the filing thereof;

(b) File one of such duplicate originals; and

(c) Issue a certificate of merger or a certificate of consolidation to which the other duplicate original shall be affixed.

The certificate of merger or certificate of consolidation, together with the duplicate original of the articles of merger or articles of consolidation affixed thereto by the secretary of state, shall be returned to the surviving or new corporation, as the case may be, or its representative. [1986 c 240 § 33; 1982 c 35 § 89; 1967 c 235 § 41.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.205 Merger or consolidation—When effective.

A merger or consolidation shall become effective upon the filing of the articles of merger or articles of consolidation with the secretary of state, or on such later date, not more than thirty days after the filing thereof with the secretary of state, as shall be provided for in the plan. [1986 c 240 § 34; 1982 c 35 § 90; 1967 c 235 § 42.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.207 Merger or consolidation of domestic and foreign corporation. One or more foreign corporations and one or more domestic corporations may be merged or consolidated in the following manner, if such merger or consolidation is permitted by the laws of the state under which each such foreign corporation is organized:

(1) Each domestic corporation shall comply with the provisions of this title with respect to the merger or consolidation as the case may be, of domestic corporations and each foreign corporation shall comply with the applicable provisions of the laws of the state under which it is organized.

(2) If the surviving or new corporation in a merger or consolidation is to be governed by the laws of any state other than this state, it shall comply with the provisions of this title with respect to foreign corporations if it is to transact business in this state, and in every case it shall file with the secretary of state of this state:

(a) An agreement that it may be served with process in this state in any proceeding for the enforcement of any obligation of any domestic corporation which is a party to the merger or consolidation and in any proceeding for the enforcement of the rights, if any, of a member of any such domestic corporation against the surviving or new corporation; and

(b) An irrevocable appointment of the secretary of state of this state as its agent to accept service of process in any such proceeding.

The effect of the merger or consolidation shall be the same as in the case of the merger or consolidation of domestic corporations, if the surviving or new corporation is to be governed by the laws of this state. If the surviving or new corporation is to be governed by the laws of any state other than this state, the effect of the merger or consolidation shall be the same as in the case of the merger or consolidation of domestic corporations except as the laws of the other state provide otherwise.

(3) At any time prior to the effective date of the articles of merger or consolidation, the merger or consolidation may be abandoned pursuant to provision therefor, if any, set forth in the plan of merger or consolidation. In the event the merger or consolidation is abandoned, the parties thereto shall execute a notice of abandonment in triplicate signed by an officer for each corporation signing the notice. If the secretary of state finds the notice conforms to law, the secretary of state shall:

(a) Endorse on each of the originals the word "Filed" and the date of the filing;

(b) File one of the triplicate originals in the secretary of state's office; and

(c) Issue the other triplicate originals to the respective parties or their representatives. [1986 c 240 § 35; 1982 c 35 § 91.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35:
See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.210 Effect of merger or consolidation. When such merger or consolidation has been affected:

(1) The several corporations parties to the plan of merger or consolidation shall be a single corporation, which, in the case of a merger, shall be that corporation designated in the plan of merger as the surviving corporation, and, in the case of a consolidation, shall be the new corporation provided for in the plan of consolidation.

(2) The separate existence of all corporations parties to the plan of merger or consolidation, except the surviving or new corporation, shall cease.

(3) Such surviving or new corporation shall have all the rights, privileges, immunities and powers and shall be subject to all the duties and liabilities of a corporation organized under this chapter.

(4) Such surviving or new corporation shall thereupon and thereafter possess all the rights, privileges, immunities, and franchises, as well of a public as of a private nature, of each of the merging or consolidating corporations; and all property, real, personal and mixed, and all debts due on whatever account, and all other choses in action, and all and every other interest, of or belonging to or due to each of the corporations so merged or consolidated, shall be taken and deemed to be transferred to and vested in such single

corporation without further act or deed; and the title to any real estate, or any interest therein, vested in any of such corporations shall not revert or be in any way impaired by reason of such merger or consolidation.

(5) Such surviving or new corporation shall thenceforth be responsible and liable for all the liabilities and obligations of each of the corporations so merged or consolidated; and any claim existing or action or proceeding pending by or against any of such corporations may be prosecuted as if such merger or consolidation had not taken place, or such surviving or new corporation may be substituted in its place. Neither the rights of creditors nor any liens upon the property of any such corporation shall be impaired by such merger or consolidation.

(6) In the case of a merger, the articles of incorporation of the surviving corporation shall be deemed to be amended to the extent, if any, that changes in its articles of incorporation are stated in the plan of merger; and, in the case of a consolidation, the statements set forth in the articles of consolidation and which are required or permitted to be set forth in the articles of incorporation of corporations organized under this chapter shall be deemed to be the articles of incorporation of the new corporation. [1967 c 235 § 43.]

24.03.215 Sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of assets not in the ordinary course of business. A sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all, or substantially all, the property and assets of a corporation, if not in the ordinary course of business, may be made upon such terms and conditions and for such consideration, which may consist in whole or in part of money or property, real or personal, including shares of any corporation for profit, domestic or foreign, as may be authorized in the following manner:

(1) Where there are members having voting rights with regard to the question, the board of directors shall adopt a resolution recommending such sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of members having voting rights, which may be either an annual or a special meeting. Written or printed notice stating that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of such meeting is to consider the sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all, or substantially all, the property and assets of the corporation shall be given to each member entitled to vote at such meeting, within the time and in the manner provided by this chapter for the giving of notice of meetings of members. At such meeting the members may authorize such sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition and may fix, or may authorize the board of directors to fix, any or all of the terms and conditions thereof and the consideration to be received by the corporation therefor. Such authorization shall require at least two-thirds of the votes which members present at such meeting or represented by proxy are entitled to cast. After such authorization by a vote of members, the board of directors, nevertheless, in its discretion, may abandon such sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of assets, subject to the rights of third parties under any contracts relating thereto, without further action or approval by members.

(2) Where there are no members, or no members having voting rights with regard to the question, a sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all, or substantially all, the

property and assets of a corporation shall be authorized upon receiving the vote of a majority of the directors in office. [1986 c 240 § 36; 1967 c 235 § 44.]

24.03.217 Sale, lease, exchange, or disposition of assets in course of business—Mortgage and pledge of assets. The sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of all, or substantially all, the property and assets of a corporation in the usual and regular course of its business and the mortgage or pledge of any or all property and assets of a corporation whether or not in the usual course of business may be made upon such terms and conditions and for such consideration, which may consist in whole or in part of money or property, real or personal, including shares, obligations, or other securities of any other corporation, domestic or foreign, as shall be authorized by its board of directors. In any such case, no other authorization or consent of any member shall be required. [1986 c 240 § 37.]

24.03.220 Voluntary dissolution. A corporation may dissolve and wind up its affairs in the following manner:

(1) Where there are members having voting rights with regard to the question, the board of directors shall adopt a resolution recommending that the corporation be dissolved, and directing that the question of such dissolution be submitted to a vote at a meeting of members having such voting rights, which may be either an annual or a special meeting. Written or printed notice stating that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of such meeting is to consider the advisability of dissolving the corporation, shall be given to each member entitled to vote at such meeting, within the time and in the manner provided in this chapter for the giving of notice of meetings of members. A resolution to dissolve the corporation shall be adopted upon receiving at least two-thirds of the votes which members present at such meeting or represented by proxy are entitled to cast.

(2) Where there are no members, or no members having voting rights with regard to the question, the dissolution of the corporation shall be authorized at a meeting of the board of directors upon the adoption of a resolution to dissolve by the vote of a majority of the directors in office.

Upon the adoption of such resolution by the members, or by the board of directors where there are no members or no members having voting rights, the corporation shall cease to conduct its affairs except in so far as may be necessary for the winding up thereof, shall immediately cause a notice of the proposed dissolution to be mailed to each known creditor of the corporation, to the attorney general with respect to assets subject to RCW 24.03.225(3), and to the department of revenue, and shall proceed to collect its assets and apply and distribute them as provided in this chapter. [1986 c 240 § 38; 1982 c 35 § 92; 1967 c 235 § 45.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35:
See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.225 Distribution of assets. The assets of a corporation in the process of dissolution shall be applied and distributed as follows:

(1) All liabilities and obligations of the corporation shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provision shall be made therefor;

(2) Assets held by the corporation upon condition requiring return, transfer or conveyance, which condition occurs by reason of the dissolution, shall be returned, transferred or conveyed in accordance with such requirements;

(3) Assets received and held by the corporation subject to limitations permitting their use only for charitable, religious, eleemosynary, benevolent, educational or similar purposes, but not held upon a condition requiring return, transfer or conveyance by reason of the dissolution, shall be transferred or conveyed to one or more domestic or foreign corporations, societies or organizations engaged in activities substantially similar to those of the dissolving corporation, pursuant to a plan of distribution adopted as provided in this chapter;

(4) Other assets, if any, shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of the articles of incorporation or the bylaws to the extent that the articles of incorporation or bylaws determine the distributive rights of members, or any class or classes of members, or provide for distribution to others;

(5) Any remaining assets may be distributed to such persons, societies, organizations or domestic or foreign corporations, whether for profit or not for profit, as may be specified in a plan of distribution adopted as provided in this chapter. [1967 c 235 § 46.]

24.03.230 Plan of distribution. A plan providing for the distribution of assets, not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, may be adopted by a corporation in the process of dissolution and shall be adopted by a corporation for the purpose of authorizing any transfer or conveyance of assets for which this chapter requires a plan of distribution, in the following manner:

(1) Where there are members having voting rights, the board of directors shall adopt a resolution recommending a plan of distribution and directing the submission thereof to a vote at a meeting of members having voting rights, which may be either an annual or a special meeting. Written or printed notice setting forth the proposed plan of distribution or a summary thereof shall be given to each member entitled to vote at such meeting, within the time and in the manner provided in this chapter for the giving of notice of meetings of members. Such plan of distribution shall be adopted upon receiving at least two-thirds of the votes which members present at such meeting or represented by proxy are entitled to cast.

(2) Where there are no members, or no members having voting rights, a plan of distribution shall be adopted at a meeting of the board of directors upon receiving a vote of a majority of the directors in office.

If the plan of distribution includes assets received and held by the corporation subject to limitations described in subsection (3) of RCW 24.03.225, notice of the adoption of the proposed plan shall be submitted to the attorney general by registered or certified mail directed to him at his office in Olympia, at least twenty days prior to the meeting at which the proposed plan is to be adopted. No plan for the distribu-

tion of such assets may be adopted without the approval of the attorney general, or the approval of a court of competent jurisdiction in a proceeding to which the attorney general is made a party. In the event that an objection is not filed within twenty days after the date of mailing, his approval shall be deemed to have been given. [1969 ex.s. c 115 § 3; 1967 c 235 § 47.]

24.03.235 Revocation of voluntary dissolution proceedings. A corporation may, at any time prior to the issuance of a certificate of dissolution by the secretary of state, revoke the action theretofore taken to dissolve the corporation, in the following manner:

(1) Where there are members having voting rights, the board of directors shall adopt a resolution recommending that the voluntary dissolution proceedings be revoked, and directing that the question of such revocation be submitted to a vote at a meeting of members having voting rights, which may be either an annual or a special meeting. Written or printed notice stating that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of such meeting is to consider the advisability of revoking the voluntary dissolution proceedings, shall be given to each member entitled to vote at such meeting, within the time and in the manner provided in this chapter for the giving of notice of meetings of members. A resolution to revoke the voluntary dissolution proceedings shall be adopted upon receiving at least two-thirds of the votes which members present at such meeting or represented by proxy are entitled to cast.

(2) Where there are no members, or no members having voting rights, a resolution to revoke the voluntary dissolution proceedings shall be adopted at a meeting of the board of directors upon receiving the vote of a majority of the directors in office.

Upon the adoption of such resolution by the members, or by the board of directors where there are no members or no members having voting rights, the corporation may thereupon again conduct its affairs. [1967 c 235 § 48.]

Notice of members' meetings: RCW 24.03.080.

24.03.240 Articles of dissolution. If voluntary dissolution proceedings have not been revoked, then when all debts, liabilities and obligations of the corporation shall have been paid and discharged, or adequate provision shall have been made therefor, and all of the remaining property and assets of the corporation shall have been transferred, conveyed or distributed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, articles of dissolution shall be executed in duplicate by the corporation by an officer of the corporation and shall set forth:

(1) The name of the corporation.

(2) Where there are members having voting rights, (a) a statement setting forth the date of the meeting of members at which the resolution to dissolve was adopted, that a quorum was present at such meeting, and that such resolution received at least two-thirds of the votes which members present at such meeting or represented by proxy were entitled to cast, or (b) a statement that such resolution was adopted by a consent in writing signed by all members entitled to vote with respect thereto.

(3) Where there are no members, or no members having voting rights, a statement of such fact, the date of the meeting of the board of directors at which the resolution to dissolve was adopted and a statement of the fact that such resolution received the vote of a majority of the directors in office.

(4) That all debts, obligations, and liabilities of the corporation have been paid and discharged or that adequate provision has been made therefor.

(5) A copy of a revenue clearance certificate issued pursuant to chapter 82.32 RCW.

(6) That all the remaining property and assets of the corporation have been transferred, conveyed or distributed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(7) That there are no suits pending against the corporation in any court, or that adequate provision has been made for the satisfaction of any judgment, order or decree which may be entered against it in any pending suit. [1993 c 356 § 4; 1982 c 35 § 93; 1967 c 235 § 49.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.245 Filing of articles of dissolution. Duplicate originals of such articles of dissolution shall be delivered to the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that such articles of dissolution conform to law, the secretary of state shall, when all requirements have been met as in this chapter prescribed:

(1) Endorse on each of such duplicate originals the word "Filed," and the effective date of the filing thereof.

(2) File one of such duplicate originals.

(3) Issue a certificate of dissolution to which the other duplicate original shall be affixed.

The certificate of dissolution, together with the duplicate original of the articles of dissolution affixed thereto by the secretary of state, shall be returned to the representative of the dissolved corporation. Upon the filing of such articles of dissolution the existence of the corporation shall cease, except for the purpose of suits, other proceedings and appropriate corporate action by members, directors and officers as provided in this chapter. [1982 c 35 § 94; 1967 c 235 § 50.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.250 Involuntary dissolution. A corporation may be dissolved involuntarily by a decree of the superior court in an action filed by the attorney general when it is established that:

(1) The corporation procured its articles of incorporation through fraud; or

(2) The corporation has continued to exceed or abuse the authority conferred upon it by law. [1969 ex.s. c 163 § 2; 1967 c 235 § 51.]

Filing annual or biennial report: RCW 24.03.400.

24.03.255 Notification to attorney general. The secretary of state shall certify, from time to time, the names of all corporations which have given cause for dissolution as provided in RCW 24.03.250, together with the facts pertinent

thereto. Whenever the secretary of state shall certify the name of a corporation to the attorney general as having given any cause for dissolution, the secretary of state shall concurrently mail to the corporation at its registered office a notice that such certification has been made. Upon the receipt of such certification, the attorney general shall file an action in the name of the state against such corporation for its dissolution. [1982 c 35 § 95; 1969 ex.s. c 163 § 3; 1967 c 235 § 52.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35:
See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.260 Venue and process. Every action for the involuntary dissolution of a corporation shall be commenced by the attorney general either in the superior court of the county in which the registered office of the corporation is situated, or in the superior court of Thurston county. Summons shall issue and be served as in other civil actions. If process is returned not found, the attorney general shall cause publication to be made as in other civil cases in some newspaper published in the county where the registered office of the corporation is situated, containing a notice of the pendency of such action, the title of the court, the title of the action, and the date on or after which default may be entered. The attorney general may include in one notice the names of any number of corporations against which actions are then pending in the same court. The attorney general shall cause a copy of such notice to be mailed to the corporation at its registered office within ten days after the first publication thereof. The certificate of the attorney general of the mailing of such notice shall be prima facie evidence thereof. Such notice shall be published at least once each week for two successive weeks, and the first publication thereof may begin at any time after the summons has been returned. Unless a corporation shall have been served with summons, no default shall be taken against it earlier than thirty days after the first publication of such notice. [1967 c 235 § 53.]

24.03.265 Jurisdiction of court to liquidate assets and affairs of corporation. Superior courts shall have full power to liquidate the assets and affairs of a corporation:

(1) In an action by a member, director, or the attorney general when it is made to appear:

(a) That the directors are deadlocked in the management of the corporate affairs and that irreparable injury to the corporation is being suffered or is threatened by reason thereof, and either that the members are unable to break the deadlock or there are no members having voting rights; or

(b) That the acts of the directors or those in control of the corporation are illegal, oppressive or fraudulent; or

(c) That the corporate assets are being misapplied or wasted; or

(d) That the corporation is unable to carry out its purposes.

(2) In an action by a creditor:

(a) When the claim of the creditor has been reduced to judgment and an execution thereon has been returned unsatisfied and it is established that the corporation is insolvent; or

(b) When the corporation has admitted in writing that the claim of the creditor is due and owing and it is established that the corporation is insolvent.

(3) Upon application by a corporation to have its dissolution continued under the supervision of the court.

(4) When an action has been filed by the attorney general to dissolve a corporation under the provisions of this chapter and it is established that liquidation of its affairs should precede the entry of a decree of dissolution.

Proceedings under subsections (1), (2), or (3) of this section shall be brought in the county in which the registered office or the principal office of the corporation is situated.

It shall not be necessary to make directors or members parties to any such action or proceedings unless relief is sought against them personally. [1986 c 240 § 39; 1967 c 235 § 54.]

24.03.270 Procedure in liquidation of corporation by court. In proceedings to liquidate the assets and affairs of a corporation the court shall have the power to issue injunctions, to appoint a receiver or receivers pendente lite, with such powers and duties as the court, from time to time, may direct, and to take such other proceedings as may be requisite to preserve the corporate assets wherever situated, and carry on the affairs of the corporation until a full hearing can be had.

After a hearing had upon such notice as the court may direct to be given to all parties to the proceedings and to any other parties in interest designated by the court, the court may appoint a liquidating receiver or receivers with authority to collect the assets of the corporation. Such liquidating receiver or receivers shall have authority, subject to the order of the court, to sell, convey and dispose of all or any part of the assets of the corporation wherever situated, either at public or private sale. The order appointing such liquidating receiver or receivers shall state their powers and duties. Such powers and duties may be increased or diminished at any time during the proceedings.

The assets of the corporation or the proceeds resulting from the sale, conveyance, or other disposition thereof shall be applied and distributed as follows:

(1) All costs and expenses of the court proceedings and all liabilities and obligations of the corporation shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provision shall be made therefor;

(2) Assets held by the corporation upon condition requiring return, transfer or conveyance, which condition occurs by reason of the dissolution or liquidation, shall be returned, transferred or conveyed in accordance with such requirements;

(3) Assets received and held by the corporation subject to limitations permitting their use only for charitable, religious, eleemosynary, benevolent, educational or similar purposes, but not held upon a condition requiring return, transfer or conveyance by reason of the dissolution or liquidation, shall be transferred or conveyed to one or more domestic or foreign corporations, societies or organizations engaged in activities substantially similar to those of the dissolving or liquidating corporation as the court may direct;

(4) Other assets, if any, shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of the articles of incorporation or

the bylaws to the extent that the articles of incorporation or bylaws determine the distributive rights of members, or any class or classes of members, or provide for distribution to others;

(5) Any remaining assets may be distributed to such persons, societies, organizations or domestic or foreign corporations, whether for profit or not for profit, specified in the plan of distribution adopted as provided in this chapter, or where no plan of distribution has been adopted, as the court may direct.

The court shall have power to allow, from time to time, as expenses of the liquidation compensation to the receiver or receivers and to attorneys in the proceeding, and to direct the payment thereof out of the assets of the corporation or the proceeds of any sale or disposition of such assets.

A receiver of a corporation appointed under the provisions of this section shall have authority to sue and defend in all courts in his own name as receiver of such corporation. The court appointing such receiver shall have exclusive jurisdiction of the corporation and its property, wherever situated. [1967 c 235 § 55.]

24.03.275 Qualification of receivers—Bond. A receiver shall in all cases be a citizen of the United States or a corporation for profit authorized to act as receiver, which corporation may be a domestic corporation or a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state, and shall in all cases give such bond as the court may direct with such sureties as the court may require. [1967 c 235 § 56.]

24.03.280 Filing of claims in liquidation proceedings. In proceedings to liquidate the assets and affairs of a corporation the court may require all creditors of the corporation to file with the clerk of the court or with the receiver, in such form as the court may prescribe, proofs under oath of their respective claims. If the court requires the filing of claims it shall fix a date, which shall be not less than four months from the date of the order, as the last day for the filing of claims, and shall prescribe the notice that shall be given to creditors and claimants of the date so fixed. Prior to the date so fixed, the court may extend the time for the filing of claims. Creditors and claimants failing to file proofs of claim on or before the date so fixed may be barred, by order of court, from participating in the distribution of the assets of the corporation. [1967 c 235 § 57.]

24.03.285 Discontinuance of liquidation proceedings. The liquidation of the assets and affairs of a corporation may be discontinued at any time during the liquidation proceedings when it is established that cause for liquidation no longer exists. In such event the court shall dismiss the proceedings and direct the receiver to redeliver to the corporation all its remaining property and assets. [1967 c 235 § 58.]

24.03.290 Decree of involuntary dissolution. In proceedings to liquidate the assets and affairs of a corporation, when the costs and expenses of such proceedings and all debts, obligations, and liabilities of the corporation shall have been paid and discharged and all of its remaining property and assets distributed in accordance with the

provisions of this chapter, or in case its property and assets are not sufficient to satisfy and discharge such costs, expenses, debts, and obligations, and all the property and assets have been applied so far as they will go to their payment, the court shall enter a decree dissolving the corporation, whereupon the existence of the corporation shall cease. [1967 c 235 § 59.]

24.03.295 Filing of decree of dissolution. In case the court shall enter a decree dissolving a corporation, it shall be the duty of the clerk of such court to cause a certified copy of the decree to be filed with the secretary of state. No fee shall be charged by the clerk for issuance or by the secretary of state for the filing thereof. [1986 c 240 § 40; 1967 c 235 § 60.]

24.03.300 Survival of remedy after dissolution—Extension of duration of corporation. The dissolution of a corporation either (1) by the filing and issuance of a certificate of dissolution, voluntary or administrative, by the secretary of state, or (2) by a decree of court when the court has not liquidated the assets and affairs of the corporation as provided in this chapter, or (3) by expiration of its period of duration, shall not take away or impair any remedy available to or against such corporation, its directors, officers, or members, for any right or claim existing, or any liability incurred, prior to such dissolution if action or other proceeding thereon is commenced within two years after the date of such dissolution. Any such action or proceeding by or against the corporation may be prosecuted or defended by the corporation in its corporate name. The members, directors and officers shall have power to take such corporate or other action as shall be appropriate to protect such remedy, right or claim. If such corporation was dissolved by the expiration of its period of duration, such corporation may amend its articles of incorporation at any time during such period of two years after expiration so as to extend its period of duration. If, during the period of dissolution, another person or corporation has reserved or adopted a corporate name which is identical to or deceptively similar to the dissolved corporation's name, the corporation extending its period of duration shall be required to adopt another name consistent with the requirements of this chapter and to amend its articles of incorporation accordingly. The corporation shall also pay to the state all fees and penalties which would otherwise have been due if the corporate charter had not expired, plus a reinstatement fee as provided in this chapter. [1986 c 240 § 41; 1982 c 35 § 96; 1967 c 235 § 61.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.302 Administrative dissolution—Grounds—Notice—Reinstatement—Fee set by rule—Corporate name—Survival of actions. A corporation shall be administratively dissolved by the secretary of state upon the conditions prescribed in this section when the corporation:

- (1) Has failed to file or complete its annual report within the time required by law; or
- (2) Has failed for thirty days to appoint or maintain a registered agent in this state; or

(3) Has failed for thirty days, after change of its registered agent or registered office, to file in the office of the secretary of state a statement of such change.

A corporation shall not be dissolved under this section unless the secretary of state has given the corporation not less than sixty days' notice of its delinquency or omission, by first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the registered office, or, if there is no registered office, to the last known address of any officer or director as shown by the records of the secretary of state, and unless the corporation has failed to correct the omission or delinquency before expiration of the sixty-day period.

When a corporation has given cause for dissolution under this section, and has failed to correct the delinquency or omission as provided in this section, the secretary of the state shall dissolve the corporation by issuing a certificate of administrative dissolution containing a statement that the corporation has been dissolved and the date and reason for which it was dissolved. The original certificate of administrative dissolution shall be filed in the records of the secretary of state, and a copy of the certificate shall forthwith be mailed to the corporation at its registered office or, if there is no registered office, to the last known address of the corporation or any officer, director, or incorporator of the corporation, as shown by the records of the secretary of state. Upon the filing of the certificate of administrative dissolution, the existence of the corporation shall cease, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, and its name shall be available to and may be adopted by another corporation after the dissolution.

Any notice provided by the secretary of state under this section shall be designed to clearly identify and warn the recipient of the contents thereof. A delinquency notice shall provide a succinct and readable description of the delinquency or omission, the date on which dissolution will occur, and the action necessary to cure the delinquency or omission prior to dissolution.

A corporation which has been dissolved by operation of this section may be reinstated within a period of three years following its administrative dissolution if it completes and files a current annual report for the reinstatement year or if it appoints or maintains a registered agent, or if it files with the secretary of state a required statement of change of registered agent or registered office and in addition, if it pays a reinstatement fee as set by rule by the secretary plus the full amount of all annual fees that would have been assessed for the years of administrative dissolution had the corporation been in active status, including the reinstatement year plus any penalties established by rule by the secretary of state. If, during the period of dissolution, another person or corporation has reserved or adopted a corporate name which is identical to or deceptively similar to the dissolved corporation's name, the dissolved corporation seeking reinstatement shall be required to adopt another name consistent with the requirements of this chapter and to amend its articles of incorporation accordingly. When a corporation has been dissolved by operation of this section, remedies available to or against it shall survive in the manner provided in RCW 24.03.300 and the directors of the corporation shall hold the title to the property of the corporation as trustees for the benefit of its creditors and members. [1994 c 287 § 8; 1993 c 356 § 5; 1987 c 117 § 3; 1986 c

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240 § 42; 1982 c 35 § 97; 1971 ex.s. c 128 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 163 § 9.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.303 Reinstatement under certain circumstances—Request for relief. The secretary of state may, where exigent or mitigating circumstances are presented, reinstate to full active status any corporation previously in good standing which would otherwise be penalized or lose its active status. Any corporation desiring to seek relief under this section shall, within fifteen days of discovery by corporate officials of the missed filing or lapse, notify the secretary of state in writing. The notification shall include the name and mailing address of the corporation, the corporate officer to whom correspondence should be sent, and a statement under oath by a responsible corporate officer, setting forth the nature of the missed filing or lapse, the circumstances giving rise to the missed filing or lapse, and the relief sought. Upon receipt of the notice, the secretary of state shall investigate the circumstances of the missed filing or lapse. If the secretary of state is satisfied that sufficient exigent or mitigating circumstances exist, that the corporation has demonstrated good faith and a reasonable attempt to comply with the applicable corporate license statutes of this state, that disproportionate harm would occur to the corporation if relief were not granted, and that relief would not be contrary to the public interest expressed in this title, the secretary may issue an order reinstating the corporation and specifying any terms and conditions of the relief. Reinstatement may relate back to the date of lapse or dissolution. If the secretary of state determines the request does not comply with the requirements for relief, the secretary shall issue an order denying the requested relief and stating the reasons for the denial. Any denial of relief by the secretary of state is final and is not appealable. The secretary of state shall keep records of all requests for relief and the disposition of the requests. The secretary of state shall annually report to the legislature the number of relief requests received in the preceding year and a summary of the secretary's disposition of the requests. [1987 c 117 § 6.]

24.03.305 Admission of foreign corporation. No foreign corporation shall have the right to conduct affairs in this state until it shall have procured a certificate of authority so to do from the secretary of state. No foreign corporation shall be entitled to procure a certificate of authority under this chapter to conduct in this state any affairs which a corporation organized under this chapter is not permitted to conduct. A foreign corporation shall not be denied a certificate of authority by reason of the fact that the laws of the state or country under which such corporation is organized governing its organization and internal affairs differ from the laws of this state, and nothing in this chapter contained shall be construed to authorize this state to regulate the organization or the internal affairs of such corporation.

Without excluding other activities which may not constitute conducting affairs in this state, a foreign corporation shall not be considered to be conducting affairs in this

state, for the purposes of this chapter, by reason of carrying on in this state any one or more of the following activities:

(1) Maintaining or defending any action or suit or any administrative or arbitration proceeding, or effecting the settlement thereof or the settlement of claims or disputes.

(2) Holding meetings of its directors or members or carrying on other activities concerning its internal affairs.

(3) Maintaining bank accounts.

(4) Creating evidences of debt, mortgages or liens on real or personal property.

(5) Securing or collecting debts due to it or enforcing any rights in property securing the same.

(6) Effecting sales through independent contractors.

(7) Soliciting or procuring orders, whether by mail or through employees or agents or otherwise, where such orders require acceptance without this state before becoming binding contracts.

(8) Creating as borrower or lender, or acquiring, indebtedness or mortgages or other security interests in real or personal property.

(9) Securing or collecting debts or enforcing any rights in property securing the same.

(10) Transacting any business in interstate commerce.

(11) Conducting an isolated transaction completed within a period of thirty days and not in the course of a number of repeated transactions of like nature.

(12) Operating an approved branch campus of a foreign degree-granting institution in compliance with chapter 28B.90 RCW and in accordance with RCW 24.03.307. [1993 c 181 § 12; 1986 c 240 § 43; 1967 c 235 § 62.]

24.03.307 Foreign degree-granting institution branch campus—Acts not deemed transacting business in state. In addition to those acts that are specified in RCW 24.03.305 (1) through (11), a foreign degree-granting institution that establishes an approved branch campus in the state under chapter 28B.90 RCW shall not be deemed to transact business in the state solely because it:

(1) Owns and controls an incorporated branch campus in this state;

(2) Pays the expenses of tuition, or room and board charged by the incorporated branch campus for its students enrolled at the branch campus or contributes to the capital thereof; or

(3) Provides personnel who furnish assistance and counsel to its students while in the state but who have no authority to enter into any transactions for or on behalf of the foreign degree-granting institution. [1993 c 181 § 6.]

24.03.310 Powers of foreign corporation. A foreign corporation which shall have received a certificate of authority under this chapter shall, until a certificate of revocation or of withdrawal shall have been issued as provided in this chapter, enjoy the same, but no greater, rights and privileges as a domestic corporation organized for the purposes set forth in the application pursuant to which such certificate of authorization is issued; and, except as in this chapter otherwise provided, shall be subject to the same duties, restrictions, penalties and liabilities now or hereafter imposed upon a domestic corporation of like character. [1967 c 235 § 63.]

24.03.315 Corporate name of foreign corporation—Fictitious name. No certificate of authority shall be issued to a foreign corporation unless the corporate name of such corporation complies with the provisions of RCW 24.03.045. However, a foreign corporation applying for a certificate of authority may file with the secretary of state a resolution of its board of directors adopting a fictitious name for use in transacting business in this state, if the fictitious name complies with RCW 24.03.045. [1982 c 35 § 98; 1967 c 235 § 64.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Registration of corporate name: RCW 24.03.047.

Reservation of exclusive right to use a corporate name: RCW 24.03.046.

24.03.320 Change of name by foreign corporation. Whenever a foreign corporation which is authorized to conduct affairs in this state shall change its name to one under which a certificate of authority would not be granted to it on application therefor, the certificate of authority of such corporation shall be suspended and it shall not thereafter conduct any affairs in this state until it has changed its name to a name which is available to it under the laws of this state or has otherwise complied with the provisions of this chapter. [1986 c 240 § 44; 1967 c 235 § 65.]

24.03.325 Application for certificate of authority. A foreign corporation, in order to procure a certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state, shall make application therefor to the secretary of state, which application shall set forth:

(1) The name of the corporation and the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated.

(2) If the name of the corporation contains the word "corporation," "company," "incorporated," or "limited," or contains an abbreviation of one of such words, then the name of the corporation which it elects for use in this state.

(3) The date of incorporation and the period of duration of the corporation.

(4) The address of the principal office of the corporation.

(5) A statement that a registered agent has been appointed and the name and address of such agent, and that a registered office exists and the address of such registered office is identical to that of the registered agent.

(6) The purpose or purposes of the corporation which it proposes to pursue in conducting its affairs in this state.

(7) The names and respective addresses of the directors and officers of the corporation.

(8) Such additional information as may be necessary or appropriate in order to enable the secretary of state to determine whether such corporation is entitled to a certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state.

The application shall be made in the form prescribed by the secretary of state and shall be executed in duplicate by the corporation by one of its officers.

The application shall be accompanied by a certificate of good standing which has been issued no more than sixty days before the date of filing of the application for a certificate of authority to do business in this state and has been certified to by the proper officer of the state or country

under the laws of which the corporation is incorporated. [1986 c 240 § 45; 1967 c 235 § 66.]

24.03.330 Filing of application for certificate of authority. Duplicate originals of the application of the corporation for a certificate of authority shall be delivered to the secretary of state.

If the secretary of state finds that such application conforms to law, the secretary of state shall, when all fees have been paid as in this chapter prescribed:

(1) Endorse on each of such documents the word "Filed," and the date of the filing thereof.

(2) File one of such duplicate originals of the application and the copy of the articles of incorporation and amendments thereto.

(3) Issue a certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state to which the other duplicate original application shall be affixed.

The certificate of authority, together with the duplicate original of the application affixed thereto by the secretary of state, shall be returned to the corporation or its representative. [1986 c 240 § 46; 1982 c 35 § 99; 1969 ex.s. c 163 § 4; 1967 c 235 § 67.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.335 Effect of certificate of authority. Upon the filing of the application for certificate of authority by the secretary of state, the corporation shall be authorized to conduct affairs in this state for those purposes set forth in its application, subject, however, to the right of this state to suspend or to revoke such authority as provided in this chapter. [1982 c 35 § 100; 1967 c 235 § 68.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.340 Registered office and registered agent of foreign corporation. Each foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state shall have and continuously maintain in this state:

(1) A registered office which may be, but need not be, the same as its principal office. The registered office shall be at a specific geographic location in this state, and be identified by number, if any, and street, or building address or rural route, or, if a commonly known street or rural route address does not exist, by legal description. A registered office may not be identified by post office box number or other nongeographic address. For purposes of communicating by mail, the secretary of state may permit the use of a post office address in conjunction with the registered office address if the corporation also maintains on file the specific geographic address of the registered office where personal service of process may be made.

(2) A registered agent, which agent may be either an individual resident in this state whose business office is identical with such registered office, or a domestic corporation, whether for profit or not for profit, or a foreign corporation, whether for profit or not for profit, authorized to transact business or conduct affairs in this state, having an office identical with such registered office. A registered agent shall not be appointed without having given prior

written consent to the appointment. The written consent shall be filed with the secretary of state in such form as the secretary may prescribe. The written consent shall be filed with or as a part of the document first appointing a registered agent. In the event any individual or corporation has been appointed agent without consent, that person or corporation may file a notarized statement attesting to that fact, and the name shall forthwith be removed from the records of the secretary of state.

No foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state may be permitted to maintain any action in any court in this state until the corporation complies with the requirements of this section. [1982 c 35 § 101; 1967 c 235 § 69.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.345 Change of registered office or registered agent of foreign corporation. A foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state may change its registered office or change its registered agent, or both, upon filing in the office of the secretary of state in a form approved by the secretary of state a statement setting forth:

(1) The name of the corporation.

(2) If the current registered office is to be changed, the street address to which the registered office is to be changed.

(3) If the current registered agent is to be changed, the name of the new registered agent.

(4) That the address of its registered office and the address of the office of its registered agent, as changed, will be identical.

Such statement shall be executed by the corporation by an officer of the corporation, and delivered to the secretary of state, together with a written consent of the registered agent to his or its appointment, if applicable. If the secretary of state finds that such statement conforms to the provisions of this chapter, the secretary of state shall endorse thereon the word "Filed," and the month, day, and year of the filing thereof, and file the statement. The change of address of the registered office, or the appointment of a new registered agent, or both, as the case may be, shall become effective upon filing unless a later date is specified.

Any registered agent in this state appointed by a foreign corporation may resign as such agent upon filing a written notice thereof, executed in duplicate, with the secretary of state who shall forthwith mail a copy thereof to the secretary of the foreign corporation at its principal office as shown by its most recent annual report. The appointment of such agent shall terminate upon the expiration of thirty days after receipt of such notice by the secretary of state.

If a registered agent changes his business address to another place within the state, the registered agent may change such address and the address of the registered office of any corporation of which the registered agent is a registered agent by filing a statement as required by this section, except that it need be signed only by the registered agent, it need not be responsive to subsection (3) of this section, and it must recite that a copy of the statement has been mailed to the corporation. [1993 c 356 § 6; 1986 c 240 § 47; 1982 c 35 § 102; 1967 c 235 § 70.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35:
See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.350 Service on foreign corporation. The registered agent so appointed by a foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state shall be an agent of such corporation upon whom any process, notice or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon the corporation may be served.

Whenever a foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state shall fail to appoint or maintain a registered agent in this state, or whenever any such registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found at the registered office, or whenever the certificate of authority of a foreign corporation shall be suspended or revoked, then the secretary of state shall be an agent of such corporation upon whom any such process, notice, or demand may be served. Service on the secretary of state of any such process, notice, or demand shall be made by delivering to and leaving with the secretary of state, or with any duly authorized clerk of the corporation department of the secretary of state's office, duplicate copies of such process, notice or demand. In the event any such process, notice or demand is served on the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall immediately cause one of such copies thereof to be forwarded by certified mail, addressed to the secretary of the corporation as shown on the records of the secretary of state. Any service so had on the secretary of state shall be returnable in not less than thirty days.

The secretary of state shall keep a record of all processes, notices and demands served upon the secretary of state under this section, and shall record therein the time of such service and his action with reference thereto.

Nothing herein contained shall limit or affect the right to serve any process, notice or demand, required or permitted by law to be served upon a corporation in any other manner now or hereafter permitted by law. [1986 c 240 § 48; 1982 c 35 § 103; 1967 c 235 § 71.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35:
See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.360 Merger of foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state. Whenever a foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state shall be a party to a statutory merger permitted by the laws of the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated, and such corporation shall be the surviving corporation, it shall not be necessary for such corporation to procure either a new or amended certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state unless the name of such corporation be changed thereby or unless the corporation desires to pursue in this state other or additional purposes than those which it is then authorized to pursue in this state. [1986 c 240 § 49; 1967 c 235 § 73.]

Purposes: RCW 24.03.015.

24.03.365 Amended certificate of authority. A foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state shall procure an amended certificate of authority in the event it changes its corporate name, or desires to pursue in this state other or additional purposes than those set forth in its

prior application for a certificate of authority, by making application therefor to the secretary of state.

The requirements in respect to the form and contents of such application, the manner of its execution, the filing of duplicate originals thereof with the secretary of state, the issuance of an amended certificate of authority and the effect thereof, shall be the same as in the case of an original application for a certificate of authority. [1967 c 235 § 74.]

24.03.370 Withdrawal of foreign corporation. A foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state may withdraw from this state upon procuring from the secretary of state a certificate of withdrawal. In order to procure such certificate of withdrawal, such foreign corporation shall deliver to the secretary of state an application for withdrawal, which shall set forth:

(1) The name of the corporation and the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated.

(2) That the corporation is not conducting affairs in this state.

(3) That the corporation surrenders its authority to conduct affairs in this state.

(4) That the corporation revokes the authority of its registered agent in this state to accept service of process and consents that service of process in any action, suit or proceeding based upon any cause of action arising in this state during the time the corporation was authorized to conduct affairs in this state may thereafter be made on such corporation by service thereof on the secretary of state.

(5) A copy of a revenue clearance certificate issued pursuant to chapter 82.32 RCW.

(6) A post office address to which the secretary of state may mail a copy of any process against the corporation that may be served on the secretary of state.

The application for withdrawal shall be made on forms prescribed and furnished by the secretary of state and shall be executed by the corporation by an officer of the corporation, or, if the corporation is in the hands of a receiver or trustee, shall be executed on behalf of the corporation by such receiver or trustee. [1993 c 356 § 7; 1982 c 35 § 104; 1967 c 235 § 75.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35:
See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.375 Filing of application for withdrawal. Duplicate originals of such application for withdrawal shall be delivered to the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that such application conforms to the provisions of this chapter, the secretary of state shall, when all requirements have been met as in this chapter prescribed:

(1) Endorse on each of such duplicate originals the word "Filed," and the effective date of the filing thereof.

(2) File one of such duplicate originals.

(3) Issue a certificate of withdrawal to which the other duplicate original shall be affixed.

The certificate of withdrawal, together with the duplicate original of the application for withdrawal affixed thereto by the secretary of state, shall be returned to the corporation or its representative. Upon the filing of such application of withdrawal, the authority of the corporation to conduct

affairs in this state shall cease. [1982 c 35 § 105; 1967 c 235 § 76.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35:
See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Fees: RCW 24.03.405.

24.03.380 Revocation of certificate of authority—

Notice. (1) The certificate of authority of a foreign corporation to conduct affairs in this state shall be revoked by the secretary of state upon the conditions prescribed in this section when:

(a) The corporation has failed to file its annual report within the time required by this chapter, or has failed to pay any fees or penalties prescribed by this chapter when they have become due and payable; or

(b) The corporation has failed for thirty days to appoint and maintain a registered agent in this state as required by this chapter; or

(c) The corporation has failed, for thirty days after change of its registered agent or registered office, to file in the office of the secretary of state a statement of such change as required by this chapter; or

(d) The corporation has continued to exceed or abuse the authority conferred upon it by this chapter; or

(e) A misrepresentation has been made of any material matter in any application, report, affidavit, or other document submitted by such corporation pursuant to this chapter.

(2) Prior to revoking a certificate of authority under subsection (1) of this section, the secretary of state shall give the corporation written notice of the corporation's delinquency or omission by first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the corporation's registered agent. If, according to the records of the secretary of state, the corporation does not have a registered agent, the notice may be given by mail addressed to the corporation at its last known address or at the address of any officer or director of the corporation, as shown by the records of the secretary of state. Notice is deemed to have been given five days after the date deposited in the United States mail, correctly addressed, and with correct postage affixed. The notice shall inform the corporation that its certificate of authority shall be revoked at the expiration of sixty days following the date the notice had been deemed to have been given, unless it corrects the delinquency or omission within the sixty-day period.

(3) Any notice provided by the secretary of state under this section shall be designed to clearly identify and warn the recipient of the contents thereof. A delinquency notice shall provide a succinct and readable description of the delinquency or omission, the date on which dissolution will occur, and the action necessary to cure the delinquency or omission prior to dissolution.

(4) The attorney general may take such action regarding revocation of a certificate of authority as is provided by RCW 24.03.250 for the dissolution of a domestic corporation. The procedures of RCW 24.03.250 shall apply to any action under this section. The clerk of any superior court entering a decree of revocation of a certificate of authority shall file a certified copy, without cost or filing fee, with the office of the secretary of state. [1986 c 240 § 50; 1982 c 35 § 106; 1967 c 235 § 77.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35:
See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

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24.03.385 Issuance of certificate of revocation.

Upon revoking any certificate of authority under RCW 24.03.380, the secretary of state shall:

(1) Issue a certificate of revocation in duplicate.

(2) File one of such certificates in the secretary of state's office.

(3) Mail the other duplicate certificate to such corporation at its registered office in this state or, if there is no registered office in this state, to the corporation at the last known address of any officer or director of the corporation, as shown by the records of the secretary of state.

Upon the filing of such certificate of revocation, the authority of the corporation to conduct affairs in this state shall cease. [1986 c 240 § 51; 1982 c 35 § 107; 1967 c 235 § 78.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35:
See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.386 Foreign corporations—Application for reinstatement.

(1) A corporation revoked under RCW 24.03.380 may apply to the secretary of state for reinstatement within three years after the effective date of revocation. An application filed within such three-year period may be amended or supplemented and any such amendment or supplement shall be effective as of the date of original filing. The application filed under this section shall be filed under and by authority of an officer of the corporation.

(2) The application shall:

(a) State the name of the corporation and, if applicable, the name the corporation had elected to use in this state at the time of revocation, and the effective date of its revocation;

(b) Provide an explanation to show that the grounds for revocation either did not exist or have been eliminated;

(c) State the name of the corporation at the time of reinstatement and, if applicable, the name the corporation elects to use in this state at the time of reinstatement which may be reserved under RCW 24.03.046;

(d) Appoint a registered agent and state the registered office address under RCW 24.03.340; and

(e) Be accompanied by payment of applicable fees and penalties.

(3) If the secretary of state determines that the application conforms to law, and that all applicable fees have been paid, the secretary of state shall cancel the certificate of revocation, prepare and file a certificate of reinstatement, and mail a copy of the certificate of reinstatement to the corporation.

(4) Reinstatement under this section relates back to and takes effect as of the date of revocation. The corporate authority shall be deemed to have continued without interruption from that date.

(5) In the event the application for reinstatement states a corporate name which the secretary of state finds to be contrary to the requirements of RCW 24.03.046, the application, amended application, or supplemental application shall be amended to adopt another corporate name which is in compliance with RCW 24.03.046. In the event the reinstatement application so adopts a new corporate name for use in Washington, the application for authority shall be deemed to have been amended to change the corporation's name to the name so adopted for use in Washington, effective as of the

effective date of the certificate of reinstatement. [1993 c 356 § 8; 1987 c 117 § 1; 1986 c 240 § 57.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

24.03.388 Foreign corporations—Fees for application for reinstatement—Filing current annual report—Penalties established by rule. (1) An application processing fee as provided in RCW 24.03.405 shall be charged for an application for reinstatement under RCW 24.03.386.

(2) An application processing fee as provided in RCW 24.03.405 shall be charged for each amendment or supplement to an application for reinstatement.

(3) The corporation seeking reinstatement shall file a current annual report and pay the full amount of all annual corporation fees which would have been assessed for the years of the period of administrative revocation, had the corporation been in active status, including the reinstatement year, plus any penalties as established by rule by the secretary. [1994 c 287 § 9; 1993 c 356 § 9; 1991 c 223 § 3; 1987 c 117 § 2; 1986 c 240 § 58.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Effective date—1991 c 223: See note following RCW 24.03.405.

24.03.390 Conducting affairs without certificate of authority. No foreign corporation which is conducting affairs in this state without a certificate of authority shall be permitted to maintain any action, suit or proceeding in any court of this state until such corporation shall have obtained a certificate of authority. Nor shall any action, suit or proceeding be maintained in any court of this state by any successor or assignee of such corporation on any right, claim or demand arising out of the conduct of affairs by such corporation in this state, until a certificate of authority shall have been obtained by such corporation or by a corporation which has acquired all or substantially all of its assets.

The failure of a foreign corporation to obtain a certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state shall not impair the validity of any contract or act of such corporation, and shall not prevent such corporation from defending any action, suit or proceeding in any court of this state.

A foreign corporation which transacts business in this state without a certificate of authority shall be liable to this state, for the years or parts thereof during which it transacted business in this state without a certificate of authority, in an amount equal to all fees which would have been imposed by this chapter upon such corporation had it duly applied for and received a certificate of authority to transact business in this state as required by this chapter and thereafter filed all reports required by this chapter, plus all penalties imposed by this chapter for failure to pay such fees. The attorney general shall bring proceedings to recover all amounts due this state under the provisions of this section. [1986 c 240 § 52; 1967 c 235 § 79.]

24.03.395 Annual report of domestic and foreign corporations—Biennial filing may be authorized. Each domestic corporation, and each foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state, shall file, within the time prescribed by this chapter, an annual report in the form prescribed by the secretary of state. The secretary may by

rule provide that a biennial filing meets this requirement. The report shall set forth:

(1) The name of the corporation and the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated;

(2) The address of the registered office of the corporation in this state including street and number and the name of its registered agent in this state at such address, and, in the case of a foreign corporation, the address of its principal office;

(3) A brief statement of the character of the affairs which the corporation is actually conducting, or, in the case of a foreign corporation, which the corporation is actually conducting in this state;

(4) The names and respective addresses of the directors and officers of the corporation; and

(5) The corporation's unified business identifier number.

The information shall be given as of the date of the execution of the report. It shall be executed by the corporation by an officer of the corporation, or, if the corporation is in the hands of a receiver or trustee, it shall be executed on behalf of the corporation by such receiver or trustee.

The secretary of state may provide that correction or updating of information appearing on previous annual or biennial filings is sufficient to constitute the current filing. [1993 c 356 § 10; 1989 c 291 § 2; 1987 c 117 § 4; 1986 c 240 § 53; 1982 c 35 § 108; 1967 c 235 § 80.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Finding—Severability—1989 c 291: See notes following RCW 24.03.490.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.400 Filing of annual or biennial report of domestic and foreign corporations—Notice—Reporting dates. Not less than thirty days prior to a corporation's renewal date, or by December 1 of each year for a nonstaggered renewal, the secretary of state shall mail to each domestic and foreign corporation, by first class mail addressed to its registered office, a notice that its annual or biennial report must be filed as required by this chapter, and stating that if it fails to file its annual or biennial report it shall be dissolved or its certificate of authority revoked, as the case may be. Failure of the secretary of state to mail any such notice shall not relieve a corporation from its obligation to file the annual or biennial reports required by this chapter.

Such report of a domestic or foreign corporation shall be delivered to the secretary of state between the first day of January and the first day of March of each year, or on an annual or biennial renewal date as the secretary of state may establish. The secretary of state may adopt rules to establish biennial reporting dates and to stagger reporting dates.

If the secretary of state finds that such report substantially conforms to the requirements of this chapter, the secretary of state shall file the same. [1993 c 356 § 11; 1986 c 240 § 54; 1982 c 35 § 109; 1973 c 90 § 1; 1967 c 235 § 81.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.405 Fees for filing documents and issuing certificates. (1) The secretary of state shall charge and collect for:

(a) Filing articles of incorporation, thirty dollars.

(b) Filing an annual report of a domestic or foreign corporation, ten dollars.

(c) Filing an application of a foreign corporation for a certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state, thirty dollars.

(2) The secretary of state shall establish by rule, fees for the following:

(a) An application for reinstatement under RCW 24.03.386.

(b) Filing articles of amendment or restatement or an amendment or supplement to an application for reinstatement.

(c) Filing articles of merger or consolidation.

(d) Filing a statement of change of address of registered office or change of registered agent, or revocation, resignation, or any combination of these. A separate fee for filing such statement shall not be charged if the statement appears in an amendment to articles of incorporation or in conjunction with the filing of the annual report.

(e) Filing articles of dissolution, no fee.

(f) Filing an application of a foreign corporation for an amended certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state.

(g) Filing an application for withdrawal of a foreign corporation and issuing a certificate of withdrawal, no fee.

(h) Filing a certificate by a foreign corporation of the appointment of a registered agent. A separate fee for filing such certificate shall not be charged if the statement appears in conjunction with the filing of the annual report.

(i) Filing a certificate of election adopting the provisions of chapter 24.03 RCW.

(j) Filing an application to reserve a corporate name.

(k) Filing a notice of transfer of a reserved corporate name.

(l) Filing a name registration.

(m) Filing any other statement or report authorized for filing under this chapter.

(3) Fees shall be adjusted by rule only in an amount that does not exceed the average biennial increase in the cost of providing service. This shall be determined in a biannual [biennial] cost study performed by the secretary. [1993 c 269 § 5; 1991 c 223 § 1; 1987 c 117 § 5; 1986 c 240 § 55; 1982 c 35 § 110; 1981 c 230 § 5; 1969 ex.s. c 163 § 5; 1967 c 235 § 82.]

Effective date—1993 c 269: See note following RCW 23.86.070.

Effective date—1991 c 223: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect on July 1, 1991." [1991 c 223 § 4.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.410 Miscellaneous fees. The secretary of state shall establish fees by rule and collect:

(1) For furnishing a certified copy of any charter document or any other document, instrument, or paper relating to a corporation.

(2) For furnishing a certificate, under seal, attesting to the status of a corporation or any other certificate.

(3) For furnishing copies of any document, instrument or paper relating to a corporation.

(4) At the time of any service of process on him or her as registered agent of a corporation an amount that may be recovered as taxable costs by the party to the suit or action causing such service to be made if such party prevails in the suit or action. [1993 c 269 § 6; 1982 c 35 § 111; 1979 ex.s. c 133 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 163 § 6; 1967 c 235 § 83.]

Effective date—1993 c 269: See note following RCW 23.86.070.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Deposit of certain fees recovered under this section in secretary of state's revolving fund: RCW 43.07.130.

24.03.415 Disposition of fees. Any money received by the secretary of state under the provisions of this chapter shall be by him paid into the state treasury as provided by law. [1967 c 235 § 84.]

State officers—Daily remittance of moneys to treasury: RCW 43.01.050.

24.03.417 Fees for services by secretary of state. See RCW 43.07.120.

24.03.420 Penalties imposed upon corporation. Each corporation, domestic or foreign, that fails or refuses to answer truthfully and fully within the time prescribed by this chapter interrogatories propounded by the secretary of state in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined in any amount not exceeding five hundred dollars. [1969 ex.s. c 163 § 7; 1967 c 235 § 85.]

Filing of annual or biennial report of domestic and foreign corporations: RCW 24.03.400.

24.03.425 Penalties imposed upon directors and officers. Each director and officer of a corporation, domestic or foreign, who fails or refuses within the time prescribed by this chapter to answer truthfully and fully interrogatories propounded to him by the secretary of state in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, or who signs any articles, statement, report, application or other document filed with the secretary of state which is known to such officer or director to be false in any material respect, shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof may be fined in any amount not exceeding five hundred dollars. [1967 c 235 § 86.]

24.03.430 Interrogatories by secretary of state. The secretary of state may propound to any corporation, domestic or foreign, subject to the provisions of this chapter, and to any officer or director thereof, such interrogatories as may be reasonably necessary and proper to enable the secretary of state to ascertain whether such corporation has complied with all the provisions of this chapter applicable to such corporation. Such interrogatories shall be answered within thirty days after the mailing thereof, or within such additional time as shall be fixed by the secretary of state, and the answers thereto shall be full and complete and shall be made in writing and under oath. If such interrogatories be directed

to an individual they shall be answered by him, and if directed to a corporation they shall be answered by the president, vice president, secretary or assistant secretary thereof. The secretary of state need not file any document to which such interrogatories relate until such interrogatories be answered as herein provided, and not then if the answers thereto disclose that such document is not in conformity with the provisions of this chapter. The secretary of state shall certify to the attorney general, for such action as the attorney general may deem appropriate, all interrogatories and answers thereto which disclose a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter. [1982 c 35 § 112; 1967 c 235 § 87.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.435 Confidential nature of information disclosed by interrogatories. Interrogatories propounded by the secretary of state and the answers thereto shall not be open to public inspection nor shall the secretary of state disclose any facts or information obtained therefrom except in so far as the secretary of state's official duty may require the same to be made public or in the event such interrogatories or the answers thereto are required for evidence in any criminal proceedings or in any other action by this state. [1982 c 35 § 113; 1967 c 235 § 88.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.440 Power and authority of secretary of state. The secretary of state shall have the power and authority reasonably necessary for the efficient and effective administration of this chapter, including the adoption of rules under chapter 34.05 RCW. [1982 c 35 § 114; 1967 c 235 § 89.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Power and authority of secretary of state: RCW 23B.01.210 and 23B.01.300.

24.03.445 Appeal from disapproval of secretary of state. If the secretary of state shall fail to approve any articles of incorporation, amendment, merger, consolidation or dissolution, or any other document required by this chapter to be approved by the secretary of state before the same shall be filed in his or her office, the secretary of state shall give written notice of disapproval to the person or corporation, domestic or foreign, delivering the same, specifying the reasons therefor. Within thirty days from such disapproval such person or corporation may appeal to the superior court pursuant to the provisions of the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW. [1986 c 240 § 56; 1982 c 35 § 115; 1967 c 235 § 90.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.450 Certificates and certified copies to be received in evidence. All certificates issued by the secretary of state in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and all copies of documents filed in the office of the secretary of state in accordance with the provisions of this chapter when certified by the secretary of state under the

seal of the state, shall be taken and received in all courts, public offices, and official bodies as prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated. A certificate by the secretary of state under the seal of this state, as to the existence or nonexistence of the facts relating to corporations which would not appear from a certified copy of any of the foregoing documents or certificates shall be taken and received in all courts, public offices, and official bodies as prima facie evidence of the existence or nonexistence of the facts therein stated. [1982 c 35 § 116; 1967 c 235 § 91.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.03.455 Greater voting requirements. Whenever, with respect to any action to be taken by the members or directors of a corporation, the articles of incorporation require the vote or concurrence of a greater proportion of the members or directors, as the case may be, than required by this chapter with respect to such action, the provisions of the articles of incorporation shall control. [1967 c 235 § 92.]

24.03.460 Waiver of notice. Whenever any notice is required to be given to any member or director of a corporation under the provisions of this chapter or under the provisions of the articles of incorporation or bylaws of the corporation, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be equivalent to the giving of such notice. [1967 c 235 § 93.]

24.03.465 Action by members or directors without a meeting. Any action required by this chapter to be taken at a meeting of the members or directors of a corporation, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the members or directors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the members entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof, or all of the directors, as the case may be.

Such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote, and may be stated as such in any articles or document filed with the secretary of state under this chapter. [1967 c 235 § 94.]

24.03.470 Unauthorized assumption of corporate powers. All persons who assume to act as a corporation without authority so to do shall be jointly and severally liable for all debts and liabilities incurred or arising as a result thereof. [1967 c 235 § 95.]

24.03.480 Postsecondary education loans—Interest rates. A nonprofit corporation may charge interest upon any loan made under a program to finance postsecondary education at any rate or rates of interest which are permitted by state or federal law to be charged by any state or federally chartered bank, savings and loan association, or credit union. [1989 c 166 § 1.]

24.03.490 Public benefit nonprofit corporation designation established. There is hereby established the

special designation "public benefit not for profit corporation" or "public benefit nonprofit corporation." A corporation may be designated as a public benefit nonprofit corporation if it meets the following requirements:

(1) The corporation complies with the provisions of this chapter; and

(2) The corporation holds a current tax exempt status as provided under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) or is not required to apply for its tax exempt status under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3). [1989 c 291 § 4.]

Finding—1989 c 291: "The legislature finds that it is in the public interest to increase the level of accountability to the public of nonprofit corporations through improved reporting, increased consistency between state and federal statutes, and a clear definition of those nonprofit corporations that may hold themselves out as operating to benefit the public." [1989 c 291 § 1.]

Severability—1989 c 291: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1989 c 291 § 12.]

24.03.500 Public benefit nonprofit corporations—Temporary designation. A temporary designation as a public benefit nonprofit corporation may be provided to a corporation that has applied for tax exempt status under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3). The temporary designation is valid for up to one year and may be renewed at the discretion of the secretary. [1989 c 291 § 5.]

Finding—Severability—1989 c 291: See notes following RCW 24.03.490.

24.03.510 Public benefit nonprofit corporations—Application. The secretary shall develop an application process for new and existing corporations to apply for public benefit nonprofit corporation status. [1989 c 291 § 6.]

Finding—Severability—1989 c 291: See notes following RCW 24.03.490.

24.03.520 Public benefit nonprofit corporations—Renewal. The designation "public benefit nonprofit corporation" shall be renewed annually. The secretary may schedule renewals in conjunction with existing corporate renewals. [1989 c 291 § 7.]

Finding—Severability—1989 c 291: See notes following RCW 24.03.490.

24.03.530 Public benefit nonprofit corporations—Fees. The secretary may establish fees to cover the cost of renewals. [1989 c 291 § 8.]

Finding—Severability—1989 c 291: See notes following RCW 24.03.490.

24.03.540 Public benefit nonprofit corporations—Removal of status. The secretary may remove a corporation's public benefit nonprofit corporation designation if it does not comply with the provisions of this chapter or does not maintain its exempt status under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3). The secretary in removing a corporation's public benefit nonprofit corporation status shall comply with administrative procedures provided by this chapter. [1989 c 291 § 9.]

Finding—Severability—1989 c 291: See notes following RCW 24.03.490.

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24.03.900 Short title. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Washington nonprofit corporation act." [1967 c 235 § 1.]

24.03.905 Savings—1967 c 235. Any corporation existing on the date when this chapter takes effect shall continue to exist as a corporation despite any provision of this chapter changing the requirements for forming a corporation or repealing or amending the law under which it was formed. The provisions of this chapter shall, however, apply prospectively to the fullest extent permitted by the Constitutions of the United States and the state of Washington to all existing corporations organized under any general act of the territory or the state of Washington providing for the organization of corporations for a purpose or purposes for which a corporation might be organized under this chapter. The repeal of any prior act or part thereof by this chapter shall not affect any right accrued or any liability or penalty incurred, under the provisions of such act, prior to the repeal thereof. The repeal of a prior act or acts by this chapter shall not affect any existing corporation organized for a purpose or purposes other than those for which a corporation might be organized under this chapter. [1967 c 235 § 96.]

24.03.910 Severability—1967 c 235. If a court of competent jurisdiction shall adjudge to be invalid or unconstitutional any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this chapter, such judgment or decree shall not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify the remainder of this chapter, but the effect thereof shall be confined to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this chapter so adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional. [1967 c 235 § 97.]

24.03.915 Notice to existing corporations. (1) The secretary of state shall notify all existing nonprofit corporations thirty days prior to the effective date of this chapter, that in the event they fail to appoint a registered agent as provided in *this 1969 amendatory act within ninety days following the effective date of *this 1969 amendatory act, they shall thereupon cease to exist.

(2) If the notification provided under subsection (1) of this section, from the secretary of state to any corporation was or has been returned unclaimed or undeliverable, the secretary of state shall proceed to dissolve the corporation by striking the name of such corporation from the records of active corporations.

(3) Corporations dissolved under subsection (2) of this section may be reinstated at any time within three years of the dissolution action by the secretary of state. The corporation shall be reinstated by filing a request for reinstatement, by appointment of a registered agent and designation of a registered office as required by this chapter, and by filing an annual report for the reinstatement year. No fees may be charged for reinstatements under this section. If, during the period of dissolution, another person or corporation has reserved or adopted a corporate name which is identical to or deceptively similar to the dissolved corporation's name, the corporation seeking reinstatement shall be required to adopt another name consistent with the requirements of this chapter and to amend its articles of incorporation according-

ly. [1982 c 35 § 117; 1969 ex.s. c 163 § 8; 1967 c 235 § 98.]

***Reviser's note:** "this 1969 amendatory act" consists of RCW 24.03.302 and the 1969 amendments to RCW 24.03.050, 24.03.250, 24.03.255, 24.03.330, 24.03.405, 24.03.410, 24.03.420, 24.03.915.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Effective date—1969 ex.s. c 163: August 11, 1969, see preface to 1969 session laws.

Effective date—1967 c 235: See RCW 24.03.925.

24.03.920 Repealer—Exception. The following acts or parts of acts, except insofar as may be applicable to the rights, powers and duties of persons and corporations not subject to the provisions of this chapter, are hereby repealed:

- (1) Chapter 110, Laws of 1961;
- (2) Section 6, chapter 12, Laws of 1959;
- (3) Section 3, chapter 263, Laws of 1959;
- (4) Chapter 32, Laws of 1955;
- (5) Chapter 121, Laws of 1953;
- (6) Chapter 249, Laws of 1947;
- (7) Chapter 122, Laws of 1943;
- (8) Chapter 89, Laws of 1933;
- (9) Section 2, chapter 63, Laws of 1925 extraordinary

session;

- (10) Chapter 8, Laws of 1923;
- (11) Chapter 75, Laws of 1907;
- (12) Chapter 134, Laws of 1907;
- (13) Chapter 125, Laws of 1905;
- (14) Page 24, chapter XIX (19), Laws of 1895;
- (15) Page 348, chapter CXXXV (135), Laws of 1895;
- (16) Chapter CLVIII (158), Laws of 1895;
- (17) Section 1, page 86, Laws of 1886;
- (18) Sections 2450 through 2454, Code of 1881;
- (19) Pages 409 through 411, Laws of 1873;
- (20) Pages 341 and 342, Laws of 1869;
- (21) Pages 67 and 68, Laws of 1866; and
- (22) RCW sections 24.01.010, 24.04.010 through

24.04.170, 24.08.010 through 24.08.900, and 24.16.010 through 24.16.140. [1967 c 235 § 100.]

24.03.925 Effective date—1967 c 235. This chapter shall become effective July 1, 1969. [1967 c 235 § 99.]

Chapter 24.06

NONPROFIT MISCELLANEOUS AND MUTUAL CORPORATIONS ACT

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24.06.005 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:

- (1) "Corporation" or "domestic corporation" means a mutual corporation or miscellaneous corporation subject to the provisions of this chapter, except a foreign corporation.
- (2) "Foreign corporation" means a mutual or miscellaneous corporation or other corporation organized under laws other than the laws of this state which would be subject to the provisions of this chapter if organized under the laws of this state.
- (3) "Mutual corporation" means a corporation organized to accomplish one or more of its purposes on a mutual basis for members and other persons.
- (4) "Miscellaneous corporation" means any corporation which is organized for a purpose or in a manner not provided for by the Washington business corporation act or by the Washington nonprofit corporation act, and which is not required to be organized under other laws of this state.
- (5) "Articles of incorporation" includes the original articles of incorporation and all amendments thereto, and includes articles of merger.

(6) "Bylaws" means the code or codes of rules adopted for the regulation or management of the affairs of the corporation irrespective of the name or names by which such rules are designated.

(7) "Member" means one having membership rights in a corporation in accordance with provisions of its articles of incorporation or bylaws.

(8) "Stock" or "share" means the units into which the proprietary interests of a corporation are divided in a corporation organized with stock.

(9) "Stockholder" or "shareholder" means one who is a holder of record of one or more shares in a corporation organized with stock.

(10) "Board of directors" means the group of persons vested with the management of the affairs of the corporation irrespective of the name by which such group is designated.

(11) "Insolvent" means inability of a corporation to pay debts as they become due in the usual course of its affairs.

(12) "Duplicate originals" means two copies, original or otherwise, each with original signatures, or one original with original signatures and one copy thereof.

(13) "Conforms to law" as used in connection with duties of the secretary of state in reviewing documents for filing under this chapter, means the secretary of state has determined the document complies as to form with the applicable requirements of this chapter.

(14) "Effective date" means, in connection with a document filing made by the secretary of state, the date which is shown by affixing a "filed" stamp on the documents. When a document is received for filing by the secretary of state in a form which complies with the requirements of this chapter and which would entitle the document to be filed immediately upon receipt, but the secretary of state's approval action occurs subsequent to the date of receipt, the secretary of state's filing date shall relate back to the date on which the secretary of state first received the document in acceptable form. An applicant may request a specific effective date no more than thirty days later than the receipt date which might otherwise be applied as the effective date.

(15) "Executed by an officer of the corporation," or words of similar import, means that any document signed by such person shall be and is signed by that person under penalties of perjury and in an official and authorized capacity on behalf of the corporation or person making the document submission with the secretary of state.

(16) "An officer of the corporation" means, in connection with the execution of documents submitted for filing with the secretary of state, the president, a vice president, the secretary, or the treasurer of the corporation. [1982 c 35 § 118; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 1.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35:
 See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.010 Application of chapter. The provisions of this chapter relating to domestic corporations shall apply to:

- (1) All corporations organized hereunder; and
- (2) All corporations which were heretofore organized under any act repealed by the Washington nonprofit corporation act and which are not organized for a purpose or in a manner provided for by said act.

The provisions of this chapter relating to foreign corporations shall apply to all foreign corporations conducting affairs in this state for a purpose or purposes for which a corporation might be organized under this chapter. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 2.]

24.06.015 Purposes. Corporations may be organized under this chapter for any lawful purpose including but not limited to mutual, social, cooperative, fraternal, beneficial, service, labor organization, and other purposes; but excluding purposes which by law are restricted to corporations organized under other statutes. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 3.]

Labor unions: Chapter 49.36 RCW.

24.06.020 Incorporators. One or more individuals, partnerships, corporations or governmental bodies or agencies may incorporate a corporation by signing and delivering articles of incorporation in duplicate to the secretary of state. [1982 c 35 § 119; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 4.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.025 Articles of incorporation. The articles of incorporation shall set forth:

(1) The name of the corporation.

(2) The period of duration, which may be perpetual or for a stated number of years.

(3) The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized.

(4) The qualifications and the rights and responsibilities of the members and the manner of their election, appointment or admission to membership and termination of membership; and, if there is more than one class of members or if the members of any one class are not equal, the relative rights and responsibilities of each class or each member.

(5) If the corporation is to have capital stock:

(a) The aggregate number of shares which the corporation shall have authority to issue; if such shares are to consist of one class only, the par value of each of such shares, or a statement that all of such shares are without par value; or, if such shares are to be divided into classes, the number of shares of each class, and a statement of the par value of the shares of each such class or that such shares are to be without par value;

(b) If the shares are to be divided into classes, the designation of each class and a statement of the preferences, limitations and relative rights in respect of the shares of each class;

(c) If the corporation is to issue the shares of any preferred or special class in series, then the designation of each series and a statement of the variations in the relative rights and preferences as between series insofar as the same are to be fixed in the articles of incorporation, and a statement of any authority to be vested in the board of directors to establish series and fix and determine the variations in the relative rights and preferences as between series;

(d) Any provision limiting or denying to shareholders the preemptive right to acquire additional shares of the corporation.

(6) If the corporation is to distribute surplus funds to its members, stockholders or other persons, provisions for determining the amount and time of the distribution.

(7) Provisions for distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation.

(8) Whether a dissenting shareholder or member shall be limited to a return of less than the fair value of his shares or membership.

(9) Any provisions, not inconsistent with law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in the articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation.

(10) The address of its initial registered office, including street and number, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address.

(11) The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors.

(12) The name and address of each incorporator.

(13) Any provision, not inconsistent with law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in the articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the association, including provisions regarding:

(a) Eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director to the association or its members for monetary damages for conduct as a director: **PROVIDED**, That such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct by a director or a knowing violation of law by a director, or for any transaction from which the director will personally receive a benefit in money, property, or services to which the director is not legally entitled. No such provision may eliminate or limit the liability of a director for any act or omission occurring before the date when such provision becomes effective; and

(b) Any provision which under this title is required or permitted to be set forth in the bylaws.

It shall not be necessary to set forth in the articles of incorporation any of the corporate powers enumerated in this chapter.

Unless the articles of incorporation provide that a change in the number of directors shall be made only by amendment to the articles of incorporation, a change in the number of directors made by amendment to the bylaws shall be controlling. In all other cases, whenever a provision of the articles of incorporation is inconsistent with a bylaw, the provision of the articles of incorporation shall be controlling. [1987 c 212 § 708; 1982 c 35 § 120; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 5.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.030 General powers. Each corporation shall have power:

(1) To have perpetual succession by its corporate name unless a limited period of duration is stated in its articles of incorporation.

(2) To sue and be sued, complain and defend, in its corporate name.

(3) To have a corporate seal which may be altered at pleasure, and to use the same by causing it, or a facsimile thereof, to be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced.

(4) To purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, be trustee of, improve, use and otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated.

(5) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer and otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property and assets.

(6) To lend money to its employees.

(7) To purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of, and otherwise use and deal in and with, shares or other interests in, or obligations of, other domestic or foreign corporations, whether for profit or not for profit, associations, partnerships or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United States, or of any other government, state, territory, governmental district or municipality or of any instrumentality thereof.

(8) To make contracts and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of all or any of its property, franchises and income.

(9) To lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.

(10) To conduct its affairs, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted by this chapter, in any state, territory, district, or possession of the United States, or in any foreign country.

(11) To elect or appoint officers and agents of the corporation, and define their duties and fix their compensation.

(12) To make and alter bylaws, not inconsistent with its articles of incorporation or with the laws of this state, for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the corporation.

(13) To establish and maintain reserve, equity, surplus or other funds, and to provide for the time, form and manner of distribution of such funds among members, shareholders or other persons with interests therein in accordance with the articles of incorporation.

(14) Unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation, to make donations for the public welfare or for charitable, scientific or educational purposes, and in time of war to make donations in aid of the United States and its war activities.

(15) To indemnify any director or officer or former director or officer of the corporation, or any person who may have served at its request as a director or officer of another corporation, against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding in which he is made a party by reason of being or having been such director or officer, except in relation to matters as to which he shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty: PROVIDED, That such indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such director or officer may be entitled, under any bylaw, agreement, vote of board of directors or members, or otherwise.

(16) To cease its corporate activities and surrender its corporate franchise.

(17) To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is organized and not inconsistent with the articles of incorporation or the provisions of this chapter. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 6.]

Indemnification of agents, insurance: RCW 23B.08.320, 23B.08.500 through 23B.08.580, 23B.08.600, and 23B.17.030.

24.06.035 Nonprofit status—Members', officers' immunity from liability. A corporation subject to the provisions of this chapter shall not engage in any business, trade, a vocation or profession for profit: PROVIDED, That nothing contained herein shall be construed to forbid such a corporation from accumulating reserve, equity, surplus or other funds through subscriptions, fees, dues or assessments, or from charges made its members or other persons for services rendered or supplies or benefits furnished, or from distributing its surplus funds to its members, stockholders or other persons in accordance with the provisions of the articles of incorporation. A member of the board of directors or an officer of such a corporation shall have the same immunity from liability as is granted in RCW 4.24.264. [1987 c 212 § 709; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 7.]

24.06.040 Defense of ultra vires. No act of a corporation and no conveyance or transfer of real or personal property to or by a corporation shall be invalid by reason of the fact that the corporation was without capacity or power to do such act or to make or receive such conveyance or transfer, but such lack of capacity or power may be asserted:

(1) In a proceeding by a member, shareholder or a director against the corporation to enjoin the doing or continuation of unauthorized acts or the transfer of real or personal property by or to the corporation. If the unauthorized acts or transfer sought to be enjoined are being, or are to be, performed pursuant to any contract to which the corporation is a party, the court may, if all of the parties to the contract are parties to the proceeding and if it deems the same to be equitable, set aside and enjoin the performance of such contract, and in so doing may allow to the corporation or the other parties to the contract, as the case may be, compensation for the loss or damage sustained by either of them which may result from the action of the court in setting aside and enjoining the performance of such contract: PROVIDED, That anticipated profits to be derived from the performance of the contract shall not be awarded by the court as a loss or damage sustained.

(2) In a proceeding by the corporation, whether acting directly or through a receiver, trustee, or other legal representative, or through members or shareholder in a representative suit, against the officers or directors of the corporation for exceeding their authority.

(3) In a proceeding by the attorney general, as provided in this chapter, to dissolve the corporation, or in a proceeding by the attorney general to enjoin the corporation from performing unauthorized acts, or in any other proceeding by the attorney general. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 8.]

24.06.043 Indemnification of agents of any corporation authorized. See RCW 23B.17.030.

24.06.045 Corporate name. (Effective until October 1, 1994.) The corporate name:

(1) Shall not contain any word or phrase which indicates or implies that it is organized for any purpose other than one or more of the purposes contained in its articles of incorporation.

(2) Shall not be the same as, or deceptively similar to, the name of any corporation existing under any act of this state, or any foreign corporation authorized to transact business or conduct affairs in this state under any act of this state, the name of a domestic or foreign limited partnership on file with the secretary, or a corporate name reserved or registered as permitted by the laws of this state. This subsection shall not apply if the applicant files with the secretary of state either of the following: (a) The written consent of the other corporation, limited partnership, or holder of a reserved name to use the same or deceptively similar name and one or more words are added or deleted to make the name distinguishable from the other name as determined by the secretary of state, or (b) a certified copy of a final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing the prior right of the applicant to the use of the name in this state.

(3) Shall be transliterated into letters of the English alphabet if it is not in English.

(4) The name of any corporation formed under this section shall not include nor end with "incorporated", "company", or "corporation" or any abbreviation thereof, but may use "club", "league", "association", "services", "committee", "fund", "society", "foundation", " , a nonprofit mutual corporation", or any name of like import. [1987 c 55 § 41; 1982 c 35 § 121; 1973 c 113 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 9.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Corporate name of foreign corporation: RCW 24.06.350.

24.06.045 Corporate name. (Effective October 1, 1994.) The corporate name:

(1) Shall not contain any word or phrase which indicates or implies that it is organized for any purpose other than one or more of the purposes contained in its articles of incorporation.

(2) Shall not be the same as, or deceptively similar to, the name of any corporation existing under any act of this state, or any foreign corporation authorized to transact business or conduct affairs in this state under any act of this state, or the name of any limited liability corporation organized or authorized to transact business under any act of this state, the name of a domestic or foreign limited partnership on file with the secretary, or a corporate name reserved or registered as permitted by the laws of this state. This subsection shall not apply if the applicant files with the secretary of state either of the following: (a) The written consent of the other corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership, or holder of a reserved name to use the same or deceptively similar name and one or more words are added or deleted to make the name distinguishable from the

other name as determined by the secretary of state, or (b) a certified copy of a final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing the prior right of the applicant to the use of the name in this state.

(3) Shall be transliterated into letters of the English alphabet if it is not in English.

(4) The name of any corporation formed under this section shall not include nor end with "incorporated", "company", or "corporation" or any abbreviation thereof, but may use "club", "league", "association", "services", "committee", "fund", "society", "foundation", " , a nonprofit mutual corporation", or any name of like import. [1994 c 211 § 1307; 1987 c 55 § 41; 1982 c 35 § 121; 1973 c 113 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 9.]

Effective date—Severability—1994 c 211: See RCW 25.15.900 and 25.15.902.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Corporate name of foreign corporation: RCW 24.06.350.

24.06.046 Reservation of exclusive right to use corporate name. The exclusive right to the use of a corporate name may be reserved by:

(1) Any person intending to organize a corporation under this title.

(2) Any domestic corporation intending to change its name.

(3) Any foreign corporation intending to make application for a certificate of authority to transact business in this state.

(4) Any foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state and intending to change its name.

(5) Any person intending to organize a foreign corporation and intending to have such corporation make application for a certificate of authority to transact business in this state.

The reservation shall be made by filing with the secretary of state an application to reserve a specified corporate name, executed by or on behalf of the applicant. If the secretary of state finds that the name is available for corporate use, the secretary of state shall reserve the same for the exclusive use of the applicant for a period of one hundred and eighty days. Such reservation shall be limited to one filing.

The right to the exclusive use of a specified corporate name so reserved may be transferred to any other person or corporation by filing in the office of the secretary of state, a notice of such transfer, executed by the applicant for whom the name was reserved, and specifying the name and address of the transferee. [1993 c 356 § 13; 1982 c 35 § 122.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.047 Registration of corporate name. (Effective until October 1, 1994.) Any corporation, organized and existing under the laws of any state or territory of the United States may register its corporate name under this title, provided its corporate name is not the same as, or deceptively similar to, the name of any domestic corporation existing under the laws of this state, or the name of any foreign

corporation authorized to transact business in this state, the name of any domestic or foreign limited partnership on file with the secretary, or any corporate name reserved or registered under this title.

Such registration shall be made by:

(1) Filing with the secretary of state: (a) An application for registration executed by the corporation by an officer thereof, setting forth the name of the corporation, the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated, and the date of its incorporation, and (b) a certificate setting forth that such corporation is in good standing under the laws of the state or country wherein it is organized, executed by the secretary of state of such state or territory or by such other official as may have custody of the records pertaining to corporations, and

(2) Paying to the secretary of state the applicable annual registration fee.

The registration shall be effective until the close of the calendar year in which the application for registration is filed. [1993 c 356 § 14; 1987 c 55 § 42; 1982 c 35 § 123.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.047 Registration of corporate name. (Effective October 1, 1994.) Any corporation, organized and existing under the laws of any state or territory of the United States may register its corporate name under this title, provided its corporate name is not the same as, or deceptively similar to, the name of any domestic corporation existing under the laws of this state, or the name of any foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state, the name of any domestic limited liability company organized under the laws of this state, or the name of any foreign limited liability company authorized to transact business in this state, the name of any domestic or foreign limited partnership on file with the secretary, or any corporate name reserved or registered under this title.

Such registration shall be made by:

(1) Filing with the secretary of state: (a) An application for registration executed by the corporation by an officer thereof, setting forth the name of the corporation, the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated, and the date of its incorporation, and (b) a certificate setting forth that such corporation is in good standing under the laws of the state or country wherein it is organized, executed by the secretary of state of such state or territory or by such other official as may have custody of the records pertaining to corporations, and

(2) Paying to the secretary of state the applicable annual registration fee.

The registration shall be effective until the close of the calendar year in which the application for registration is filed. [1994 c 211 § 1308; 1993 c 356 § 14; 1987 c 55 § 42; 1982 c 35 § 123.]

Effective date—Severability—1994 c 211: See RCW 25.15.900 and 25.15.902.

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.048 Renewal of registration of corporate name. A corporation which has in effect a registration of its corporate name, may renew such registration from year to year by annually filing an application for renewal setting forth the facts required to be set forth in an original application for registration and a certificate of good standing as required for the original registration and by paying a fee of ten dollars. A renewal application may be filed between the first day of October and the thirty-first day of December in each year, and shall extend the registration for the following calendar year. [1982 c 35 § 124.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.050 Registered office and registered agent. Each domestic corporation and foreign corporation authorized to do business in this state shall have and continuously maintain in this state:

(1) A registered office which may be, but need not be, the same as its principal office. The registered office shall be at a specific geographic location in this state, and be identified by number, if any, and street, or building address or rural route, or, if a commonly known street or rural route address does not exist, by legal description. A registered office may not be identified by post office box number or other nongeographic address. For purposes of communicating by mail, the secretary of state may permit the use of a post office address in conjunction with the registered office address if the corporation also maintains on file the specific geographic address of the registered office where personal service of process may be made.

(2) A registered agent, which agent may be either an individual resident in this state whose business office is identical with such registered office, or a domestic corporation existing under any act of this state or a foreign corporation authorized to transact business or conduct affairs in this state under any act of this state having an office identical with such registered office. The resident agent and registered office shall be designated by duly adopted resolution of the board of directors; and a statement of such designation, executed by an officer of the corporation, shall be filed with the secretary of state. A registered agent shall not be appointed without having given prior written consent to the appointment. The written consent shall be filed with the secretary of state in such form as the secretary may prescribe. The written consent shall be filed with or as a part of the document first appointing a registered agent. In the event any individual or corporation has been appointed agent without consent, that person or corporation may file a notarized statement attesting to that fact, and the name shall forthwith be removed from the records of the secretary of state.

No Washington corporation or foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state may be permitted to maintain any action in any court in this state until the corporation complies with the requirements of this section. [1993 c 356 § 15; 1982 c 35 § 125; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 10.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.055 Change of registered office or registered agent. A corporation may change its registered office or change its registered agent, or both, upon filing in the office of the secretary of state a statement in the form prescribed by the secretary of state setting forth:

(1) The name of the corporation.

(2) If the address of its registered office is to be changed, the address to which the registered office is to be changed, including street and number.

(3) If the current registered agent is to be changed, the name of its successor registered agent.

(4) That the address of its registered office and the address of the office of its registered agent, as changed, will be identical.

Such statement shall be executed by the corporation by an officer of the corporation, and delivered to the secretary of state, together with a written consent of the registered office to his or its appointment, if applicable. If the secretary of state finds that such statement conforms to the provisions of this chapter, the secretary of state shall file such statement, and upon such filing, the change of address of the registered office, or the appointment of a new registered agent, or both, as the case may be, shall become effective.

Any registered agent of a corporation may resign as such agent upon filing a written notice thereof, executed in duplicate, with the secretary of state, who shall forthwith mail a copy thereof to the corporation in care of an officer, who is not the resigning registered agent, at the address of such officer as shown by the most recent annual report of the corporation. The appointment of such agent shall terminate upon the expiration of thirty days after receipt of such notice by the secretary of state. [1993 c 356 § 16; 1982 c 35 § 126; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 11.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.060 Service of process on corporation. The registered agent so appointed by a corporation shall be an agent of such corporation upon whom any process, notice or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon the corporation may be served.

Whenever a corporation shall fail to appoint or maintain a registered agent in this state, or whenever its registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found at the registered office, then the secretary of state shall be an agent of such corporation upon whom any such process, notice, or demand may be served. Service on the secretary of state of any such process, notice, or demand shall be made by delivering to and leaving with the secretary of state, or with any duly authorized clerk of the corporation department of his or her office, duplicate copies of such process, notice or demand. In the event any such process, notice or demand is served on the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall immediately cause one of the copies thereof to be forwarded by certified mail, addressed to the corporation at its registered office. Any service so had on the secretary of state shall be returnable in not less than thirty days.

The secretary of state shall keep a record of all processes, notices and demands served upon the secretary of state

under this section, and shall record therein the time of such service and his action with reference thereto.

Nothing herein contained shall limit or affect the right to serve any process, notice or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon a corporation in any other manner now or hereafter permitted by law. [1982 c 35 § 127; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 12.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.065 Members. A corporation may have one or more classes of members. The designation of such class or classes, the manner of election, appointment or admission to membership, and the qualifications, responsibilities and rights of the members of each class shall be set forth in the articles of incorporation. A corporation may issue certificates evidencing membership therein. Certificates may be assigned by a member and reacquired by the corporation under such provisions, rules and regulations as may be prescribed in the articles of incorporation. Membership may be terminated under such provisions, rules and regulations as may be prescribed in the articles of incorporation or bylaws. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 13.]

24.06.070 Shares—Issuance—Payment—Subscription agreements. (1) Each corporation which is organized with capital stock shall have the power to create and issue the number of shares stated in its articles of incorporation. Such shares may be divided into one or more classes, any or all of which classes may consist of shares with par value or shares without par value, with such designations, preferences, limitations, and relative rights as shall be stated in the articles of incorporation. The articles of incorporation may limit or deny the voting rights of or provide special voting rights for the shares of any class to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter.

(2) Without limiting the authority herein contained, a corporation, when so provided in its articles of incorporation, may issue shares of preferred or special classes:

(a) Subject to the right of the corporation to redeem any of such shares at the price fixed by the articles of incorporation for the redemption thereof.

(b) Entitling the holders thereof to cumulative, noncumulative or partially cumulative dividends.

(c) Having preference over any other members or class or classes of shares as to the payment of dividends.

(d) Having preference in the assets of the corporation over any other members or class or classes of shares upon the voluntary or involuntary liquidation of the corporation.

(3) The consideration for the issuance of shares may be paid in whole or in part, in money, in other property, tangible or intangible, or in labor or services actually performed for the corporation. When payment of the consideration for which shares are to be issued shall have been received by the corporation, such shares shall be deemed to be fully paid and nonassessable.

Neither promissory notes nor future services shall constitute payment or part payment, for shares of a corporation.

In the absence of fraud in the transaction, the judgment of the board of directors or the shareholders, as the case may be, as to the value of the consideration received for shares shall be conclusive.

(4) A subscription for shares of a corporation to be organized shall be in writing and be irrevocable for a period of six months, unless otherwise provided by the terms of the subscription agreement or unless all of the subscribers consent to the revocation of such subscription.

Unless otherwise provided in the subscription agreement, subscriptions for shares, whether made before or after the organization of a corporation, shall be paid in full at such time, or in such installments and at such times, as shall be determined by the board of directors. Any call made by the board of directors for payment on subscriptions shall be uniform as to all shares of the same class or as to all shares of the same series, as the case may be. In case of default in the payment of any installment or call when such payment is due, the corporation may proceed to collect the amount due in the same manner as any debt due the corporation. The bylaws may prescribe other penalties for failure to pay installments or calls that may become due, but no penalty working a forfeiture of a subscription, or of the amounts paid thereon, shall be declared as against any subscriber unless the amount due thereon shall remain unpaid for a period of twenty days after written demand has been made therefor. If mailed, such written demand shall be deemed to be made when deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope addressed to the subscriber at his last post office address known to the corporation, with postage thereon prepaid. In the event of the sale of any shares by reason of any forfeiture, the excess of proceeds realized over the amount due and unpaid on such shares shall be paid to the delinquent subscriber or to his legal representative. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 14.]

24.06.075 Shares—Consideration, fixing. (1) Shares having a par value may be issued for such consideration expressed in dollars, not less than the par value thereof, as shall be fixed from time to time by the board of directors.

(2) Shares without par value shall be issued for such consideration expressed in dollars as may be fixed from time to time by the board of directors. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 15.]

24.06.080 Shares—Certificates. The shares of a corporation shall be represented by certificates signed by the president or vice president and the secretary or an assistant secretary of the corporation, and may be sealed with the seal of the corporation or a facsimile thereof. The signatures of the president or vice president and the secretary or assistant secretary upon a certificate may be facsimiles if the certificate is countersigned by a transfer agent, or registered by a registrar, other than the corporation itself or an employee of the corporation. In case any officer who has signed or whose facsimile signature has been placed upon such certificate shall have ceased to be such officer before such certificate is issued, it may be issued by the corporation with the same effect as if he were such officer at the date of its issue.

Every certificate representing shares issued by a corporation which is authorized to issue shares of more than

one class shall set forth upon the face or back of the certificate, or shall state that the corporation will furnish to any shareholder upon request and without charge, a full statement of the designations, preferences, limitations, and relative rights of the shares of each class authorized to be issued and, if the corporation is authorized to issue any preferred or special class in series, the variations in the relative rights and preferences between the shares of each such series so far as the same have been fixed and determined and the authority of the board of directors to fix and determine the relative rights and preferences of subsequent series.

Each certificate representing shares shall state upon the face thereof:

(1) That the corporation is organized under the laws of this state.

(2) The name of the person to whom issued.

(3) The number and class of shares, and the designation of the series, if any, which such certificate represents.

(4) The par value of each share represented by such certificate, or a statement that the shares are without par value.

No certificate shall be issued for any share until such share is fully paid. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 16.]

24.06.085 Liability of shareholders, subscribers, assignees, executors, trustees, etc. A holder of or subscriber to shares of a corporation shall be under no obligation to the corporation or its creditors with respect to such shares other than the obligation to pay to the corporation the full consideration for which such shares were issued or to be issued.

Any person becoming an assignee or transferee of shares or of a subscription for shares in good faith and without knowledge or notice that the full consideration therefor has not been paid shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its creditors for any unpaid portion of such consideration.

An executor, administrator, conservator, guardian, trustee, assignee for the benefit of creditors, or receiver shall not be personally liable to the corporation as a holder of or subscriber to shares of a corporation but the estate and funds in his hands shall be so liable.

No pledgee or other holder of shares as collateral security shall be personally liable as a shareholder. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 17.]

24.06.090 Preemptive share acquisition rights. The preemptive right of a shareholder to acquire unissued shares of a corporation may be limited or denied to the extent provided in the articles of incorporation. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 18.]

24.06.095 Bylaws. The initial bylaws of a corporation shall be adopted by its board of directors. The power to alter, amend or repeal the bylaws or adopt new bylaws shall be vested in the board of directors unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. The bylaws may contain any provisions for the regulation and management of the affairs of a corporation not inconsistent with law or the articles of incorporation: PROVIDED, That where the bylaws of an existing corporation prohibit voting by mail or

by proxy or attorney-in-fact, and the quorum required by its bylaws for election of directors or transaction of other business has not been obtained at a shareholders' or members' meeting, for a period which includes at least two consecutive annual meeting dates, the board of directors shall have power to amend such bylaws to thereafter authorize voting by mail or by proxy or attorney-in-fact. [1970 ex.s. c 78 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 19.]

24.06.100 Meetings of members and shareholders.

Meetings of members and/or shareholders may be held at such place, either within or without this state, as may be provided in the bylaws. In the absence of any such provision, all meetings shall be held at the registered office of the corporation in this state.

An annual meeting of the members and shareholders shall be held at such time as may be provided in the bylaws. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the corporation.

Special meetings of the members or shareholders may be called by the president or by the board of directors. Special meetings of the members or shareholders may also be called by such other officers or persons or number or proportion of members or shareholders as may be provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. In the absence of a provision fixing the number or proportion of members or shareholders entitled to call a meeting, a special meeting of members or shareholders may be called by persons having one-twentieth of the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 20.]

24.06.105 Notice of meetings. Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten nor more than fifty days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the president, or the secretary, or the officers or persons calling the meeting, to each member or shareholder entitled to vote at such meeting. If provided in the articles of incorporation, notice of regular meetings other than annual may be made by providing each member with the adopted schedule of regular meetings for the ensuing year at any time after the annual meeting and ten days prior to a regular meeting and at any time when requested by a member or by such other notice as may be prescribed by the bylaws. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member or shareholder at his address as it appears on the records of the corporation, with postage thereon prepaid. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 21.]

24.06.110 Voting. The right of a class or classes of members or shareholders to vote may be limited, enlarged or denied to the extent specified in the articles of incorporation. Unless so limited, enlarged or denied, each member and each outstanding share of each class shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of members or shareholders. No member of a class may acquire any interest which will entitle him to a greater vote than any other member of the same class.

A member or shareholder may vote in person or, unless the articles of incorporation or the bylaws otherwise provide, may vote by mail or by proxy executed in writing by the member or shareholder or by his duly authorized attorney-in-fact: PROVIDED, That no proxy shall be valid for more than eleven months from the date of its execution unless otherwise specified in the proxy.

The articles of incorporation may provide that whenever proposals or directors or officers are to be voted upon, such vote may be taken by mail if the name of each candidate and the text of each proposal to be so voted upon are set forth in a writing accompanying or contained in the notice of meeting. Persons voting by mail shall be deemed present for all purposes of quorum, count of votes and percentages of total voting power voting.

The articles of incorporation or the bylaws may provide that in all elections for directors every person entitled to vote shall have the right to cumulate his vote and to give one candidate a number of votes equal to his vote multiplied by the number of directors to be elected, or by distributing such votes on the same principle among any number of such candidates. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 22.]

24.06.115 Quorum. The articles of incorporation or the bylaws may provide the number or percentage of votes which members or shareholders are entitled to cast in person, by mail, or by proxy, which shall constitute a quorum at meetings of shareholders or members. However, in no event shall a quorum be less than one-fourth of the votes which members or shareholders are entitled to cast in person, by mail, or by proxy, at a meeting considering the adoption of a proposal which is required by the provisions of this chapter to be adopted by at least two-thirds of the votes which members or shareholders present at the meeting in person or by mail or represented by proxy are entitled to cast. In all other matters and in the absence of any provision in the articles of incorporation or bylaws, a quorum shall consist of one-fourth of the votes which members or shareholders are entitled to cast in person, by mail, or by proxy at the meeting. On any proposal on which a class of shareholders or members is entitled to vote as a class, a quorum of the class entitled to vote as such class must also be present in person, by mail, or represented by proxy. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 23.]

24.06.120 Class voting. A class of members or shareholders shall be entitled to vote as a class upon any proposition, whether or not entitled to vote thereon by the provisions of the articles of incorporation, if the proposition would increase or decrease the rights, qualifications, limitations, responsibilities or preferences of the class as related to any other class. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 24.]

24.06.125 Board of directors. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors. Directors need not be residents of this state or members or shareholders of the corporation unless the articles of incorporation or the bylaws so require. The articles of incorporation or the bylaws may prescribe other qualifications for directors. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 25.]

24.06.130 Number and election of directors. The number of directors of a corporation shall be not less than three and shall be fixed by the bylaws: PROVIDED, That the number of the first board of directors shall be fixed by the articles of incorporation. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment to the bylaws, unless the articles of incorporation provide that a change in the number of directors shall be made only by amendment of the articles of incorporation. No decrease in number shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent director. In the absence of a bylaw fixing the number of directors, the number shall be the same as that stated in the articles of incorporation.

The directors constituting the first board of directors shall be named in the articles of incorporation and shall hold office until the first annual election of directors or for such other period as may be specified in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. Thereafter, directors shall be elected or appointed in the manner and for the terms provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. In the absence of a provision fixing the term of office, the term of office of a director shall be one year.

Directors may be divided into classes and the terms of office of the several classes need not be uniform. Each director shall hold office for the term for which he is elected or appointed and until his successor shall have been elected or appointed and qualified.

A director may be removed from office pursuant to any procedure therefor provided in the articles of incorporation. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 26.]

24.06.135 Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the board of directors and any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of directors may be filled by the board of directors unless the articles of incorporation or the bylaws provide that a vacancy or directorship so created shall be filled in some other manner. A director elected or appointed, as the case may be, to fill a vacancy, shall be elected or appointed for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 27.]

24.06.140 Quorum of directors. A majority of the number of directors fixed by the bylaws, or in the absence of a bylaw fixing the number of directors, then of the number stated in the articles of incorporation, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws: PROVIDED, That a quorum shall never consist of less than one-third of the number of directors so fixed or stated. The act of the majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the board of directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by this chapter, the articles of incorporation, or the bylaws. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 28.]

24.06.145 Committees. If the articles of incorporation or the bylaws so provide, the board of directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the directors in office, may designate and appoint one or more committees each of which shall consist of two or more directors, which committees, to the extent provided in such resolution, in the articles of

incorporation, or in the bylaws of the corporation, shall have and exercise the authority of the board of directors in the management of the corporation: PROVIDED, That no such committee shall have the authority of the board of directors in reference to:

- (1) Amending, altering or repealing the bylaws;
- (2) Electing, appointing, or removing any member of any such committee or any director or officer of the corporation;
- (3) Amending the articles of incorporation;
- (4) Adopting a plan of merger or a plan of consolidation with another corporation;
- (5) Authorizing the sale, lease, exchange, or mortgage, of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the corporation;
- (6) Authorizing the voluntary dissolution of the corporation or revoking proceedings therefor; or
- (7) Amending, altering or repealing any resolution of the board of directors which by its terms provides that it shall not be amended, altered or repealed by such committee.

The designation and appointment of any such committee and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the board of directors, or any individual director of any responsibility imposed upon it or him by law. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 29.]

24.06.150 Directors' meetings. Meetings of the board of directors, regular or special, may be held either within or without this state, and upon such notice as the bylaws may prescribe. Attendance of a director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except where a director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the board of directors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 30.]

24.06.155 Officers. The officers of a corporation shall consist of a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer and such other officers and assistant officers as may be deemed necessary, each of whom shall be elected or appointed at such time and in such manner and for such terms not exceeding three years as may be prescribed in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. In the absence of any such provision, all officers shall be elected or appointed annually by the board of directors. If the bylaws so provide, any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of president and secretary.

The articles of incorporation or the bylaws may provide that any one or more officers of the corporation shall be ex officio members of the board of directors.

The officers of a corporation may be designated by such additional titles as may be provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 31.]

24.06.160 Books and records. Each corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, shareholders, board of directors, and committees having any

of the authority of the board of directors; and shall keep at its registered office or principal office in this state a record of the names and addresses of its members and shareholders entitled to vote. All books and records of a corporation may be inspected by any member or shareholder, or his agent or attorney, for any proper purpose at any reasonable time. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 32.]

24.06.165 Loans to directors or officers. No loans exceeding or more favorable than those which are customarily made to members or shareholders shall be made by a corporation to its directors or officers. The directors of a corporation who vote for or assent to the making of a loan in violation of this section to a director or officer of the corporation, and any officer or officers participating in the making of such loan, shall be jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of such loan until the repayment thereof. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 33.]

24.06.170 Filing of articles of incorporation. Duplicate originals of the articles of incorporation shall be delivered to the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that the articles of incorporation conform to law, he or she shall, when all fees have been paid as in this chapter prescribed:

- (1) Endorse on each of such originals the word "filed" and the effective date of the filing thereof.
- (2) File one of such originals in his or her office.
- (3) Issue a certificate of incorporation to which he or she shall affix one of such originals.

The certificate of incorporation together with the original of the articles of incorporation affixed thereto by the secretary of state shall be returned to the incorporators or their representatives and shall be retained by the corporation. [1982 c 35 § 128; 1981 c 302 § 5; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 34.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Severability—1981 c 302: See note following RCW 19.76.100.

24.06.175 Effect of filing of articles of incorporation. Upon the filing of the articles of incorporation, the corporate existence shall begin, and the certificate of incorporation shall, except as against the state in a proceeding to cancel or revoke the certificate of incorporation, be conclusive evidence that all conditions precedent required to be performed by the incorporators have been complied with and that the corporation has been incorporated under this chapter. [1982 c 35 § 129; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 35.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.180 Organization meeting. After the issuance of the certificate of incorporation an organization meeting of the board of directors named in the articles of incorporation shall be held, either within or without this state, at the call of a majority of the incorporators, for the purpose of adopting bylaws, electing officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The incorporators calling the meeting shall give at least three days' notice thereof by mail to each director so named, which notice shall state the time and place of the meeting.

A first meeting of the members and shareholders may be held at the call of the directors, or a majority of them, upon at least three days' notice, for such purposes as shall be stated in the notice of the meeting. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 36.]

24.06.185 Right to amend articles of incorporation. A corporation may amend its articles of incorporation from time to time in any and as many respects as may be desired, so long as its articles of incorporation as amended contain only such provisions as are lawful under this chapter. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 37.]

24.06.190 Procedure to amend articles of incorporation. Amendments to the articles of incorporation shall be made in the following manner:

The board of directors shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of members and shareholders, which may be either an annual or a special meeting. Written or printed notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each member and shareholder entitled to vote at such meeting within the time and in the manner provided in this chapter for the giving of notice of meetings of members and shareholders. The proposed amendment shall be adopted upon receiving at least two-thirds of the votes which members or shareholders present in person or by mail at such meeting or represented by proxy are entitled to cast: PROVIDED, That when any class of shares or members is entitled to vote thereon by class, the proposed amendment must receive at least two-thirds of the votes of the members or shareholders of each class entitled to vote thereon as a class, who are present in person, by mail, or represented by proxy at such meeting.

Any number of amendments may be submitted and voted upon at any one meeting. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 38.]

24.06.195 Articles of amendment. The articles of amendment shall be executed in duplicate originals by the corporation by an officer of the corporation, and shall set forth:

- (1) The name of the corporation.
- (2) Any amendment so adopted.
- (3) A statement setting forth the date of the meeting of members and shareholders at which the amendment was adopted, that a quorum was present at such meeting, and that such amendment received at least two-thirds of the votes which members or shareholders of the corporation, and of each class entitled to vote thereon as a class, present at such meeting in person, by mail, or represented by proxy were entitled to cast, or a statement that such amendment was adopted by a consent in writing signed by all members and shareholders entitled to vote with respect thereto. [1982 c 35 § 130; 1981 c 302 § 6; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 39.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Severability—1981 c 302: See note following RCW 19.76.100.

24.06.200 Filing of articles of amendment—Procedure. Duplicate originals of the articles of amendment

shall be delivered to the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that the articles of amendment conform to law, he or she shall, when all fees have been paid as prescribed in this chapter:

(1) Endorse on each of such originals the word "filed", and the effective date of the filing thereof.

(2) File one of such originals in his or her office.

(3) Issue a certificate of amendment to which he or she shall affix one of such originals.

The certificate of amendment, together with the other duplicate original of the articles of amendment affixed thereto by the secretary of state shall be returned to the corporation or its representative and shall be retained by the corporation. [1982 c 35 § 131; 1981 c 302 § 7; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 40.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Severability—1981 c 302: See note following RCW 19.76.100.

24.06.205 When amendment becomes effective—Existing actions and rights not affected. Upon the filing of the articles of amendment by the secretary of state, the amendment shall become effective and the articles of incorporation shall be deemed to be amended accordingly.

No amendment shall affect any existing cause of action in favor of or against such corporation, nor any pending action to which such corporation shall be a party, nor the existing rights of persons other than members; and, in the event the corporate name shall be changed by amendment, no action brought by or against such corporation under its former name shall abate for that reason. [1982 c 35 § 132; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 41.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.207 Restated articles of incorporation. A domestic corporation may at any time restate its articles of incorporation as theretofore amended, by a resolution adopted by the board of directors.

Upon the adoption of the resolution, restated articles of incorporation shall be executed in duplicate by the corporation by one of its officers and shall set forth all of the operative provisions of the articles of incorporation as theretofore amended together with a statement that the restated articles of incorporation correctly set forth without change the corresponding provisions of the articles of incorporation as theretofore amended and that the restated articles of incorporation supersede the original articles of incorporation and all amendments thereto.

Duplicate originals of the restated articles of incorporation shall be delivered to the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that the restated articles of incorporation conform to law, the secretary of state shall, when all fees required by this title have been paid:

(1) Endorse on each duplicate original the word "Filed" and the effective date of the filing thereof;

(2) File one duplicate original; and

(3) Issue a restated certificate of incorporation, to which the other duplicate original shall be affixed.

The restated certificate of incorporation, together with the duplicate original of the restated articles of incorporation

affixed thereto by the secretary of state, shall be returned to the corporation or its representative.

Upon the filing of the restated articles of incorporation by the secretary of state, the restated articles of incorporation shall become effective and shall supersede the original articles of incorporation and all amendments thereto. [1982 c 35 § 133.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.210 Procedure for merger. Any two or more domestic corporations may merge into one of such corporations pursuant to a plan of merger approved in the manner provided in this chapter.

Each corporation shall adopt a plan of merger setting forth:

(1) The names of the corporations proposing to merge, and the name of the corporation into which they propose to merge, which is hereinafter designated as the surviving corporation.

(2) The terms and conditions of the proposed merger.

(3) A statement of any changes in the articles of incorporation of the surviving corporation to be effected by such merger.

(4) Such other provisions with respect to the proposed merger as are deemed necessary or desirable. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 42.]

24.06.215 Procedure for consolidation. Any two or more domestic corporations may consolidate into a new corporation pursuant to a plan of consolidation approved in the manner provided in this chapter.

Each corporation shall adopt a plan of consolidation setting forth:

(1) The names of the corporations proposing to consolidate, and the name of the new corporation into which they propose to consolidate, which is hereinafter designated as the new corporation.

(2) The terms and conditions of the proposed consolidation.

(3) With respect to the new corporation, all of the statements required to be set forth in articles of incorporation for corporations organized under this chapter.

(4) Such other provisions with respect to the proposed consolidation as are deemed necessary or desirable. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 43.]

24.06.220 Approval of merger or consolidation. A plan of merger or consolidation shall be adopted in the following manner:

The board of directors of such corporation shall adopt a resolution approving the proposed plan and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of members or shareholders which may be either an annual or a special meeting. Written or printed notice setting forth the proposed plan or a summary thereof shall be given to each member and shareholder within the time and in the manner provided in this chapter for the giving of notice of meetings of members and shareholders. The proposed plan shall be adopted upon receiving at least two-thirds of the votes which members and shareholders present in person or by mail at

each such meeting or represented by proxy are entitled to cast: PROVIDED, That when any class of shares or members is entitled to vote thereon as a class, the proposed amendment must receive at least two-thirds of the votes of the members or shareholders of each class entitled to vote thereon as a class, who are present in person, by mail, or represented by proxy at such meeting.

After such approval, and at any time prior to the filing of the articles of merger or consolidation, the merger or consolidation may be abandoned pursuant to provisions therefor, if any, set forth in the plan of merger or consolidation. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 44.]

24.06.225 Articles of merger or consolidation. (1)

Upon approval, articles of merger or articles of consolidation shall be executed in duplicate originals by each corporation, by an officer of each corporation, and shall set forth:

(a) The plan of merger or the plan of consolidation;

(b) A statement setting forth the date of the meeting of members or shareholders at which the plan was adopted, that a quorum was present at such meeting, and that such plan received at least two-thirds of the votes which members and shareholders of the corporation and of each class entitled to vote thereon as a class, present at such meeting in person or by mail or represented by proxy were entitled to cast, or a statement that such amendment was adopted by a consent in writing signed by all members;

(2) Duplicate originals of the articles of merger or articles of consolidation shall be delivered to the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that such articles conform to law, he or she shall, when all fees have been paid as prescribed in this chapter:

(a) Endorse on each of such originals the word "filed", and the effective date of the filing thereof;

(b) File one of such originals in his or her office;

(c) Issue a certificate of merger or a certificate of consolidation to which he or she shall affix one of such originals.

The certificate of merger or certificate of consolidation, together with the original of the articles of merger or articles of consolidation affixed thereto by the secretary of state shall be returned to the surviving or new corporation, as the case may be, or its representative, and shall be retained by the corporation. [1982 c 35 § 134; 1981 c 302 § 8; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 45.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Severability—1981 c 302: See note following RCW 19.76.100.

24.06.230 Merger or consolidation—When effected.

Upon the filing of articles of merger, or the articles of consolidation by the secretary of state, the merger or consolidation shall be effected. [1982 c 35 § 135; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 46.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.233 Merger or consolidation of domestic and foreign corporation—Participation in an exchange. One or more foreign corporations and one or more domestic corporations may be merged or consolidated or participate in

an exchange in the following manner, if such merger, consolidation, or exchange is permitted by the laws of the state under which each such foreign corporation is organized:

(1) Each domestic corporation shall comply with the provisions of this title with respect to the merger, consolidation, or exchange, as the case may be, of domestic corporations and each foreign corporation shall comply with the applicable provisions of the laws of the state under which it is organized.

(2) If the surviving or new corporation in a merger or consolidation is to be governed by the laws of any state other than this state, it shall comply with the provisions of this title with respect to foreign corporations if it is to transact business in this state, and in every case it shall file with the secretary of state of this state:

(a) An agreement that it may be served with process in this state in any proceeding for the enforcement of any obligation of any domestic corporation which is a party to such merger or consolidation and in any proceeding for the enforcement of the rights, if any, of a dissenting shareholder of any such domestic corporation against the surviving or new corporation;

(b) An irrevocable appointment of the secretary of state of this state as its agent to accept service of process in any such proceeding; and

(c) An agreement that it will promptly pay to the dissenting shareholders of any such domestic corporation the amount, if any, to which they shall be entitled under the provisions of this title with respect to the rights of dissenting shareholders.

The effect of such merger or consolidation shall be the same as in the case of the merger or consolidation of domestic corporations, if the surviving or new corporation is to be governed by the laws of this state. If the surviving or new corporation is to be governed by the laws of any state other than this state, the effect of such merger or consolidation shall be the same as in the case of the merger or consolidation of domestic corporations except insofar as the laws of such other state provide otherwise.

(3) At any time prior to the effective date of the articles of merger, consolidation, or exchange, the merger, consolidation, or exchange, may be abandoned pursuant to provision therefor, if any, set forth in the plan of merger, consolidation or exchange. In the event the merger, consolidation, or exchange is abandoned, the parties thereto shall execute a notice of abandonment in triplicate signed by an officer for each corporation signing the notice. If the secretary of state finds the notice conforms to law, the secretary of state shall:

(a) Endorse on each of the originals the word "Filed" and the effective date of the filing thereof;

(b) File one of the triplicate originals in the secretary of state's office; and

(c) Issue the other triplicate originals to the respective parties or their representatives. [1982 c 35 § 136.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.235 Effect of merger or consolidation. When such merger or consolidation has been effected:

(1) The several corporations party to the plan of merger or consolidation shall be a single corporation, which, in the case of a merger, shall be that corporation designated in the

plan of merger as the surviving corporation, and, in the case of a consolidation, shall be the new corporation provided for in the plan of consolidation.

(2) The separate existence of all corporations party to the plan of merger or consolidation, except the surviving or new corporation, shall cease.

(3) The surviving or new corporation shall have all the rights, privileges, immunities and powers, and shall be subject to all the duties and liabilities of a corporation organized under this chapter.

(4) The surviving or new corporation shall thereupon and thereafter possess all the rights, privileges, immunities, and franchises, whether of a public or a private nature, of each of the merging or consolidating corporations; all property, real, personal and mixed, and all debts due on whatever account, and all other choses in action, and all and every other interest, of or belonging to or due to each of the corporations so merged or consolidated, shall be taken and deemed to be transferred to and vested in such single corporation without further act or deed; and no title to any real estate, or any interest therein, vested in any of such corporations shall not revert nor be in any way impaired by reason of such merger or consolidation.

(5) The surviving or new corporation shall thenceforth be responsible and liable for all the liabilities and obligations of each of the corporations so merged or consolidated; and any claim existing or action or proceeding pending by or against any of such corporations may be prosecuted as if such merger or consolidation had not taken place, or such surviving or new corporation may be substituted in its place. No rights of creditors nor any liens upon the property of any such corporation shall be impaired by such merger or consolidation.

(6) In the case of a merger, the articles of incorporation of the surviving corporation shall be deemed to be amended to the extent, if any, that changes in its articles of incorporation are stated in the plan of merger; and, in the case of a consolidation, the statements set forth in the articles of consolidation and which are required or permitted to be set forth in the articles of incorporation of corporations organized under this chapter shall be deemed to be the articles of incorporation of the new corporation. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 47.]

24.06.240 Sale, lease, exchange, etc., of property and assets. A sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the property and assets of a corporation may be made upon such terms and conditions and for such consideration, which may consist in whole or in part of money or property, real or personal, including shares of any corporation for profit, domestic or foreign, as may be authorized in the following manner:

(1) The board of directors shall adopt a resolution recommending a sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of members or shareholders which may be either an annual or a special meeting.

(2) Written or printed notice stating that the purpose or one of the purposes of such meeting is to consider the sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the corporation shall be given

to each member and shareholder within the time and in the manner provided by this chapter for the giving of notice of meetings of members and shareholders.

(3) At such meeting the members may authorize such sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition and may fix, or may authorize the board of directors to fix, any or all of the terms and conditions thereof and the consideration to be received by the corporation therefor.

(4) Such authorization shall require at least two-thirds of the votes which members and shareholders present at such meetings in person, by mail, or represented by proxy are entitled to cast: PROVIDED, That even after such authorization by a vote of members or shareholders, the board of directors may, in its discretion, without further action or approval by members, abandon such sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of assets, subject only to the rights of third parties under any contracts relating thereto. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 48.]

24.06.245 Right of member or shareholder to dissent. Any member or shareholder of a corporation shall have the right to dissent from any of the following corporate actions:

(1) Any plan of merger or consolidation to which the corporation is a party; or

(2) Any sale or exchange of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the corporation not made in the usual and regular course of its business, including a sale in dissolution, but not including a sale pursuant to an order of a court having jurisdiction in the premises or a sale for cash on terms requiring that all or substantially all of the net proceeds of sale be distributed to the shareholders in accordance with their respective interests within one year after the date of sale; or

(3) Any amendment to the articles of incorporation which changes voting or property rights of members or shareholders other than by changing the number of memberships or shares or classes of either thereof; or

(4) Any amendment to the articles of incorporation which reorganizes a corporation under the provisions of this chapter.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to the members or shareholders of the surviving corporation in a merger if such corporation is on the date of the filing of the articles of merger the owner of all the outstanding shares of the other corporations, domestic or foreign, which are parties to the merger, or if a vote of the members and shareholders of such corporation is not necessary to authorize such merger. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 49.]

24.06.250 Exercise of right of dissent—Rights and liabilities. Any member or shareholder electing to exercise such right of dissent shall file with the corporation, prior to or at the meeting of members and shareholders at which such proposed corporate action is submitted to a vote, a written objection to such proposed corporate action. If such proposed corporate action be approved by the required vote and such member or shareholder shall not have voted in favor thereof, such member or shareholder may, within ten days after the date on which the vote was taken, or if a corporation is to be merged without a vote of its members

and shareholders into another corporation, any other members or shareholders may, within fifteen days after the plan of such merger shall have been mailed to such members and shareholders, make written demand on the corporation, or, in the case of a merger or consolidation, on the surviving or new corporation, domestic or foreign, for payment of the fair value of such member's membership or of such shareholder's shares, and, if such proposed corporate action is effected, such corporation shall pay to such member, upon surrender of his membership certificate, if any, or to such shareholder, upon surrender of the certificate or certificates representing such shares, the fair value thereof as of the day prior to the date on which the vote was taken approving the proposed corporate action, excluding any appreciation or depreciation in anticipation of such corporate action. Any member or shareholder failing to make demand within the ten day period shall be bound by the terms of the proposed corporate action. Any member or shareholder making such demand shall thereafter be entitled only to payment as in this section provided and shall not be entitled to vote or to exercise any other rights of a member or shareholder.

No such demand shall be withdrawn unless the corporation shall consent thereto. The right of such member or shareholder to be paid the fair value of his shares shall cease and his status as a member or shareholder shall be restored, without prejudice to any corporate proceedings which may have been taken during the interim, if:

- (1) Such demand shall be withdrawn upon consent; or
- (2) The proposed corporate action shall be abandoned or rescinded or the members or shareholders shall revoke the authority to effect such action; or
- (3) In the case of a merger, on the date of the filing of the articles of merger the surviving corporation is the owner of all the outstanding shares of the other corporations, domestic and foreign, that are parties to the merger; or
- (4) No demand or petition for the determination of fair value by a court shall have been made or filed within the time provided by this section; or
- (5) A court of competent jurisdiction shall determine that such member or shareholder is not entitled to the relief provided by this section.

Within ten days after such corporate action is effected, the corporation, or, in the case of a merger or consolidation, the surviving or new corporation, domestic or foreign, shall give written notice thereof to each dissenting member or shareholder who has made demand as herein provided, and shall make a written offer to each such member or shareholder to pay for such shares or membership at a specified price deemed by such corporation to be the fair value thereof. Such notice and offer shall be accompanied by a balance sheet of the corporation in which the member has his membership or the shares of which the dissenting shareholder holds, as of the latest available date and not more than twelve months prior to the making of such offer, and a profit and loss statement of such corporation for the twelve months' period ended on the date of such balance sheet.

If within thirty days after the date on which such corporate action was effected the fair value of such shares or membership is agreed upon between any such dissenting member or shareholder and the corporation, payment therefor shall be made within ninety days after the date on which

such corporate action was effected, upon surrender of the membership certificate, if any, or upon surrender of the certificate or certificates representing such shares. Upon payment of the agreed value the dissenting member or shareholder shall cease to have any interest in such membership or shares.

If within such period of thirty days a dissenting member or shareholder and the corporation do not so agree, then the corporation, within thirty days after receipt of written demand from any dissenting member or shareholder given within sixty days after the date on which such corporate action was effected, shall, or at its election at any time within such period of sixty days may, file a petition in any court of competent jurisdiction in the county in this state where the registered office of the corporation is located praying that the fair value of such membership or shares be found and determined. If, in the case of a merger or consolidation, the surviving or new corporation is a foreign corporation without a registered office in this state, such petition shall be filed in the county where the registered office of the domestic corporation was last located. If the corporation shall fail to institute the proceeding as herein provided, any dissenting member or shareholder may do so in the name of the corporation. All dissenting members and shareholders, wherever residing, shall be made parties to the proceeding as an action against their memberships or shares quasi in rem. A copy of the petition shall be served on each dissenting member and shareholder who is a resident of this state and shall be served by registered or certified mail on each dissenting member or shareholder who is a nonresident. Service on nonresidents shall also be made by publication as provided by law. The jurisdiction of the court shall be plenary and exclusive. All members and shareholders who are parties to the proceeding shall be entitled to judgment against the corporation for the amount of the fair value of their shares. The court may, if it so elects, appoint one or more persons as appraisers to receive evidence and recommend a decision on the question of fair value. The appraisers shall have such power and authority as shall be specified in the order of their appointment or an amendment thereof. The judgment shall be payable only upon and concurrently with the surrender to the corporation of the membership certificate, if any, or of the certificate or certificates representing such shares. Upon payment of the judgment, the dissenting shareholder or member shall cease to have any interest in such shares or membership.

The judgment shall include an allowance for interest at such rate as the court may find to be fair and equitable in all the circumstances, from the date on which the vote was taken on the proposed corporate action to the date of payment.

The costs and expenses of any such proceeding shall be determined by the court and shall be assessed against the corporation, but all or any part of such costs and expenses may be apportioned and assessed as the court may deem equitable against any or all of the dissenting members and shareholders who are parties to the proceeding to whom the corporation shall have made an offer to pay for membership or shares if the court shall find that the action of such members or shareholders in failing to accept such offer was arbitrary or vexatious or not in good faith. Such expenses shall include reasonable compensation for and reasonable

expenses of the appraisers, but shall exclude the fees and expenses of counsel for and experts employed by any party; but if the fair value of the memberships or shares as determined materially exceeds the amount which the corporation offered to pay therefor, or if no offer was made, the court in its discretion may award to any member or shareholder who is a party to the proceeding such sum as the court may determine to be reasonable compensation to any expert or experts employed by the member or shareholder in the proceeding.

Within twenty days after demanding payment for his shares or membership, each member and shareholder demanding payment shall submit the certificate or certificates representing his membership or shares to the corporation for notation thereon that such demand has been made. His failure to do so shall, at the option of the corporation, terminate his rights under this section unless a court of competent jurisdiction, for good and sufficient cause shown, shall otherwise direct. If membership or shares represented by a certificate on which notation has been so made shall be transferred, each new certificate issued therefor shall bear a similar notation, together with the name of the original dissenting holder of such membership or shares, and a transferee of such membership or shares shall acquire by such transfer no rights in the corporation other than those which the original dissenting member or shareholder had after making demand for payment of the fair value thereof. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 50.]

24.06.255 Limitation upon payment of fair value to dissenting member or shareholder. Notwithstanding any provision in this chapter for the payment of fair value to a dissenting member or shareholder, the articles of incorporation may provide that a dissenting member or shareholder shall be limited to a return of a lesser amount, but in no event shall a dissenting shareholder be limited to a return of less than the consideration paid to the corporation for the membership or shares which he holds unless the fair value of the membership or shares is less than the consideration paid to the corporation. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 51.]

24.06.260 Voluntary dissolution. A corporation may dissolve and wind up its affairs in the following manner:

(1) The board of directors shall adopt a resolution recommending that the corporation be dissolved, and directing that the question of such dissolution be submitted to a vote at a meeting of members and shareholders which may be either an annual or a special meeting.

(2) Written or printed notice stating that the purpose or one of the purposes of such meeting is to consider the advisability of dissolving the corporation shall be given to each member and shareholder within the time and in the manner provided in this chapter for the giving of notice of meetings of members and shareholders.

(3) A resolution to dissolve the corporation shall be adopted upon receiving at least two-thirds of the votes which members and shareholders present in person or by mail at such meeting or represented by proxy are entitled to cast.

Upon the adoption of such resolution by the members and shareholders, the corporation shall cease to conduct its affairs and, except insofar as may be necessary for the

winding up thereof, shall immediately cause a notice of the proposed dissolution to be mailed to each known creditor of the corporation and to the department of revenue, and shall proceed to collect its assets and to apply and distribute them as provided in RCW 24.06.265. [1982 c 35 § 137; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 52.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35:
See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.265 Distribution of assets. The assets of a corporation in the process of dissolution shall be applied and distributed as follows:

(1) All liabilities and obligations of the corporation shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provision made therefor;

(2) Assets held by the corporation upon condition requiring return, transfer or conveyance, which condition occurs by reason of the dissolution, shall be returned, transferred, or conveyed in accordance with such requirements;

(3) Remaining assets, if any shall be distributed to the members, shareholders or others in accordance with the provisions of the articles of incorporation. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 53.]

24.06.270 Revocation of voluntary dissolution proceedings. A corporation may, at any time prior to the issuance of a certificate of dissolution by the secretary of state, revoke the action theretofore taken to dissolve the corporation, in the following manner:

(1) The board of directors shall adopt a resolution recommending that the voluntary dissolution proceedings be revoked, and directing that the question of such revocation be submitted to a vote at a meeting of members or shareholders which may be either an annual or a special meeting.

(2) Written or printed notice stating that the purpose or one of the purposes of the meeting is to consider the advisability of revoking the voluntary dissolution proceedings shall be given to each member and shareholder within the time and in the manner provided in this chapter for the giving of notice of meetings of members or shareholders.

(3) A resolution to revoke voluntary dissolution proceedings shall be adopted upon receiving at least two-thirds of the votes which members and shareholders present in person or by mail at such meeting or represented by proxy are entitled to cast. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 54.]

24.06.275 Articles of dissolution. If voluntary dissolution proceedings have not been revoked, then after all debts, liabilities and obligations of the corporation shall have been paid and discharged, or adequate provision shall have been made therefor, and all of the remaining property and assets of the corporation shall have been transferred, conveyed or distributed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, articles of dissolution shall be executed in duplicate by the corporation, by an officer of the corporation; and such statement shall set forth:

(1) The name of the corporation.

(2) The date of the meeting of members or shareholders at which the resolution to dissolve was adopted, certifying that:

(a) A quorum was present at such meeting;

(b) Such resolution received at least two-thirds of the votes which members and shareholders present in person or by mail at such meeting or represented by proxy were entitled to cast or was adopted by a consent in writing signed by all members and shareholders;

(c) All debts, obligations, and liabilities of the corporation have been paid and discharged or that adequate provision has been made therefor;

(d) All the remaining property and assets of the corporation have been transferred, conveyed or distributed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter;

(e) There are no suits pending against the corporation in any court or, if any suits are pending against it, that adequate provision has been made for the satisfaction of any judgment, order or decree which may be entered; and

(f) A copy of a revenue clearance certificate issued pursuant to chapter 82.32 RCW. [1993 c 356 § 17; 1982 c 35 § 138; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 55.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.280 Filing of articles of dissolution. Duplicate originals of articles of dissolution shall be delivered to the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that such articles of dissolution conform to law, he or she shall, when all requirements have been met as prescribed in this chapter:

(1) Endorse on each of such originals the word "filed", and the effective date of the filing thereof.

(2) File one of the originals in his or her office.

(3) Issue a certificate of dissolution which he or she shall affix to one of such originals.

The certificate of dissolution, together with the original of the articles of dissolution affixed thereto by the secretary of state, shall be returned to the representative of the dissolved corporation and shall be retained with the corporation minutes.

Upon the filing of the articles of dissolution, the corporate existence shall cease, except for the purpose of determining such suits, other proceedings and appropriate corporate action by members; directors and officers as are authorized in this chapter. [1982 c 35 § 139; 1981 c 302 § 9; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 56.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Severability—1981 c 302: See note following RCW 19.76.100.

24.06.285 Involuntary dissolution. A corporation may be dissolved by decree of the superior court in an action filed on petition of the attorney general upon a showing that:

(1) The corporation procured its articles of incorporation through fraud; or

(2) The corporation has continued to exceed or abuse the authority conferred upon it by law. [1982 c 35 § 140; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 57.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.290 Proceedings for involuntary dissolution—Rights, duties, and remedies—Penalties—Fee set by rule.

Failure of the corporation to file its annual report within the time required shall not derogate from the rights of its creditors, or prevent the corporation from being sued and from defending lawsuits, nor shall it release the corporation from any of the duties or liabilities of a corporation under law.

A corporation shall be dissolved by the secretary of state upon the conditions prescribed in this section when the corporation:

(1) Has failed to file or complete its annual report within the time required by law;

(2) Has failed for thirty days to appoint or maintain a registered agent in this state; or

(3) Has failed for thirty days, after change of its registered agent or registered office, to file in the office of the secretary of state a statement of such change.

A corporation shall not be dissolved under this section unless the secretary of state has given the corporation not less than sixty days' notice of its delinquency or omission, by first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the registered office, or, if there is no registered office, to the last known address of any officer or director as shown by the records of the secretary of state, and unless the corporation has failed to correct the omission or delinquency before expiration of the sixty-day period.

When a corporation has given cause for dissolution under this section, and has failed to correct the delinquency or omission as provided in this section, the secretary of state shall dissolve the corporation by issuing a certificate of involuntary dissolution containing a statement that the corporation has been dissolved and the date and reason for which it was dissolved. The original certificate of involuntary dissolution shall be filed in the records of the secretary of state, and a copy of the certificate shall forthwith be mailed to the corporation at its registered office or, if there is no registered office, to the last known address of the corporation or any officer, director, or incorporator of the corporation, as shown by the records of the secretary of state. Upon the filing of the certificate of involuntary dissolution, the existence of the corporation shall cease, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, and its name shall be available to and may be adopted by another corporation after the dissolution.

A corporation which has been dissolved by operation of this section may be reinstated within a period of three years following its dissolution if it completes and files a current annual report for the current reinstatement year or it appoints or maintains a registered agent, or files a required statement of change of registered agent or registered office and in addition pays the reinstatement fee as set by rule by the secretary of state, plus the full amount of all annual fees that would have been assessed for the years of administrative dissolution had the corporation been in active status, including the reinstatement year plus any penalties as established by rule by the secretary of state. If during the period of dissolution another person or corporation has reserved or adopted a corporate name which is identical or deceptively similar to the dissolved corporation's name, the dissolved corporation seeking reinstatement shall be required to adopt another name consistent with the requirements of this chapter and to amend its articles accordingly. When a corporation has been dissolved by operation of this section, remedies

available to or against it shall survive in the manner provided by RCW 24.06.335 and thereafter the directors of the corporation shall hold title to the property of the corporation as trustees for the benefit of its creditors and shareholders. [1994 c 287 § 10; 1993 c 356 § 18; 1982 c 35 § 141; 1973 c 70 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 58.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.295 Venue and process. Every action for the involuntary dissolution of a corporation shall be commenced by the attorney general either in the superior court of the county in which the registered office of the corporation is situated, or in the superior court of Thurston county. Summons shall issue and be served as in other civil actions. If process is returned not found, the attorney general shall cause publication to be made as in other civil cases in a newspaper published in the county where the registered office of the corporation is situated, notifying the corporation of the pendency of such action, the title of the court, the title of the action, the date on or after which default may be entered, giving the corporation thirty days within which to appear, answer, and defend. The attorney general may include in one notice the names of any number of corporations against which actions are then pending in the same court. The attorney general shall cause a copy of such notice to be mailed by certified mail to the corporation at its registered office within ten days after the first publication thereof. The certificate of the attorney general of the mailing of such notice shall be prima facie evidence thereof. Such notice shall be published at least once each week for two successive weeks, and the first publication thereof may begin at any time after the summons has been returned not found. Unless a corporation shall have been personally served with summons, no default shall be taken against it less than thirty days from the first publication of such notice. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 59.]

24.06.300 Jurisdiction of court to liquidate assets and dissolve corporation. The superior court shall have full power to liquidate the assets and to provide for the dissolution of a corporation when:

(1) In any action by a member, shareholder or director it is made to appear that:

(a) The directors are deadlocked in the management of the corporate affairs and that irreparable injury to the corporation is being suffered or is threatened by reason thereof, and that the members or shareholders are unable to break the deadlock; or

(b) The acts of the directors or those in control of the corporation are illegal, oppressive, or fraudulent; or

(c) The corporate assets are being misapplied or wasted;

or

(d) The corporation is unable to carry out its purposes;

or

(e) The shareholders have failed, for a period which includes at least two consecutive annual meeting dates, to elect successors to directors whose terms have expired or would have expired upon the election of their successors.

(2) In an action by a creditor:

(a) The claim of the creditor has been reduced to judgment and an execution thereon has been returned unsatisfied, and it is established that the corporation is insolvent; or

(b) The corporation has admitted in writing that the claim of the creditor is due and owing, and it is established that the corporation is insolvent.

(3) A corporation applies to have its dissolution continued under the supervision of the court.

(4) An action has been filed by the attorney general to dissolve the corporation and it is established that liquidation of its affairs should precede the entry of a decree of dissolution.

Proceedings under subsections (1), (2) or (3) of this section shall be brought in the county in which the registered office or the principal office of the corporation is situated.

It shall not be necessary to make directors, members or shareholders party to any such action or proceedings unless relief is sought against them personally. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 60.]

24.06.305 Procedure in liquidation of corporation in court. (1) In proceedings to liquidate the assets and affairs of a corporation the court shall have the power to:

(a) Issue injunctions;

(b) Appoint a receiver or receivers pendente lite, with such powers and duties as the court may, from time to time, direct;

(c) Take such other proceedings as may be requisite to preserve the corporate assets wherever situated; and

(d) Carry on the affairs of the corporation until a full hearing can be had.

After a hearing had upon such notice as the court may direct to be given to all parties to the proceedings, and to any other parties in interest designated by the court, the court may appoint a receiver with authority to collect the assets of the corporation. Such receiver shall have authority, subject to the order of the court, to sell, convey and dispose of all or any part of the assets of the corporation wherever situated, either at public or private sale. The order appointing such receiver shall state his powers and duties. Such powers and duties may be increased or diminished at any time during the proceedings.

(2) The assets of the corporation or the proceeds resulting from the sale, conveyance, or other disposition thereof shall be applied and distributed as follows:

(a) All costs and expenses of the court proceedings, and all liabilities and obligations of the corporation shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provision made therefor;

(b) Assets held by the corporation upon condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance, which condition occurs by reason of the dissolution or liquidation, shall be returned, transferred or conveyed in accordance with such requirements;

(c) Remaining assets, if any, shall be distributed to the members, shareholders or others in accordance with the provisions of the articles of incorporation.

(3) The court shall have power to make periodic allowances, as expenses of the liquidation and compensation to the receivers and attorneys in the proceeding accrue, and

to direct the payment thereof from the assets of the corporation or from the proceeds of any sale or disposition of such assets.

A receiver appointed under the provisions of this section shall have authority to sue and defend in all courts in his own name, as receiver of such corporation. The court appointing such receiver shall have exclusive jurisdiction of the corporation and its property, wherever situated. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 61.]

24.06.310 Qualifications of receivers—Bond. A receiver shall in all cases be a citizen of the United States or a corporation for profit authorized to act as receiver, which corporation may be a domestic corporation or a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state, and shall in all cases give such bond as the court may direct with such sureties as the court may require. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 62.]

24.06.315 Filing of claims in liquidation proceedings. In proceedings to liquidate the assets and affairs of a corporation the court may require all creditors of the corporation to file with the clerk of the court or with the receiver, in such form as the court may prescribe, proofs under oath of their respective claims. If the court requires the filing of claims it shall fix a date, which shall be not less than four months from the date of the order, as the last day for the filing of claims, and shall prescribe the notice that shall be given to creditors and claimants of the date so fixed. Prior to the date so fixed, the court may extend the time for the filing of claims. Creditors and claimants failing to file proofs of claim on or before the date so fixed may be barred, by order of court, from participating in the distribution of the assets of the corporation. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 63.]

24.06.320 Discontinuance of liquidation proceedings. The liquidation of the assets and affairs of a corporation may be discontinued at any time during the liquidation proceedings when it is established that cause for liquidation no longer exists. In such event the court shall dismiss the proceedings and direct the receiver to redeliver to the corporation all its remaining property and assets. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 64.]

24.06.325 Decree of involuntary dissolution. In proceedings to liquidate the assets and affairs of a corporation, when the costs and expenses of such proceedings and all debts, obligations, and liabilities of the corporation shall have been paid and discharged and all of its remaining property and assets distributed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, or in case its property and assets are not sufficient to satisfy and discharge such costs, expenses, debts, and obligations, and all the property and assets have been applied so far as they will go to their payment, the court shall enter a decree dissolving the corporation, whereupon the corporate existence shall cease. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 65.]

24.06.330 Filing of decree of dissolution. In case the court shall enter a decree dissolving a corporation, it shall be

the duty of the court clerk to cause a certified copy of the decree to be filed with the secretary of state. No fee shall be charged by the secretary of state for the filing thereof. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 66.]

24.06.335 Survival of remedies after dissolution. The dissolution of a corporation whether (1) by the filing and issuance of a certificate of dissolution, voluntary or involuntary, by the secretary of state, or (2) by a decree of court when the court has not liquidated the assets and affairs of the corporation as provided in this chapter, or (3) by expiration of its period of duration, shall not take away or impair any remedy available to or against such corporation, its directors, officers, members, or shareholders, for any right or claim existing, or any liability incurred, prior to such dissolution if action or other proceeding thereon is commenced within two years from the date of dissolution. Any such action or proceeding by or against the corporation may be prosecuted or defended by the corporation in its corporate name and capacity. The members, shareholders, directors, and officers shall have power to take such corporate or other action as shall be appropriate to protect any remedy, right, or claim. If the corporation was dissolved by the expiration of its period of duration, such corporation may amend its articles of incorporation at any time during the two years following dissolution, in order to extend its period of duration. If, during the period of dissolution, another person or corporation has reserved or adopted a corporate name which is identical to or deceptively similar to the dissolved corporation's name, the corporation extending its period of duration shall be required to adopt another name consistent with the requirements of this chapter and to amend its articles of incorporation accordingly. The corporation shall also pay to the state all fees and penalties which would otherwise have been due if the corporate charter had not expired, plus a reinstatement fee of twenty-five dollars. [1982 c 35 § 142; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 67.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.340 Admission of foreign corporation. (1) No foreign corporation shall have the right to conduct affairs in this state until it shall have procured a certificate of authority from the secretary of state to do so. No foreign corporation shall be entitled to procure a certificate of authority under this chapter to conduct in this state any affairs which a corporation organized under this chapter is not permitted to conduct: PROVIDED, That no foreign corporation shall be denied a certificate of authority by reason of the fact that the laws of the state or country under which such corporation is organized governing its organization and internal affairs differ from the laws of this state: PROVIDED FURTHER, That nothing in this chapter contained shall be construed to authorize this state to regulate the organization or the internal affairs of such corporation.

(2) Without excluding other activities not constituting the conduct of affairs in this state, a foreign corporation shall, for purposes of this chapter, not be considered to be conducting affairs in this state by reason of carrying on in this state any one or more of the following activities:

(a) Maintaining or defending any action or suit or any administrative or arbitration proceeding, or effecting the settlement thereof, or the settlement of claims or disputes.

(b) Holding meetings of its directors, members, or shareholders, or carrying on other activities concerning its internal affairs.

(c) Maintaining bank accounts.

(d) Creating evidences of debt, mortgages or liens on real or personal property.

(e) Securing or collecting debts due to it or enforcing any rights in property securing the same. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 68.]

24.06.345 Powers and duties, etc., of foreign corporation. A foreign corporation which shall have received a certificate of authority under this chapter shall, until a certificate of revocation or of withdrawal shall have been issued as provided in this chapter, enjoy the same but no greater rights and privileges as a domestic corporation organized for the purposes set forth in the application pursuant to which such certificate of authorization is issued, and shall be subject to the same duties, restrictions, penalties and liabilities now or hereafter imposed upon a domestic corporation of like character. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 69.]

24.06.350 Corporate name of foreign corporation. No certificate of authority shall be issued to a foreign corporation unless the corporate name of such corporation complies with the provisions of RCW 24.06.045. However, a foreign corporation applying for a certificate of authority may file with the secretary of state a resolution of its board of directors adopting a fictitious name for use in transacting business in this state, if the fictitious name complies with RCW 24.06.045. [1982 c 35 § 143; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 70.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Registration of corporate name: RCW 24.06.047.

Reservation of exclusive right to use corporate name: RCW 24.06.046.

24.06.355 Change of name by foreign corporation. Whenever a foreign corporation which is authorized to conduct affairs in this state shall change its name to one under which a certificate of authority would not be granted to it on application therefor, the certificate of authority of such corporation shall be suspended and it shall not thereafter conduct any affairs in this state until it has changed its name to a name which is available to it under the laws of this state. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 71.]

24.06.360 Certificate of authority—Application for, contents. A foreign corporation, in order to procure a certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state, shall make application therefor to the secretary of state, which application shall set forth:

(1) The name of the corporation and the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated.

(2) The date of incorporation and the period of duration of the corporation.

(3) The address of the principal office of the corporation in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated.

(4) The address of the proposed registered office of the corporation in this state, and the name of its proposed registered agent in this state at such address.

(5) For the purpose or purposes of the corporation which it proposes to pursue in conducting its affairs in this state.

(6) The names and respective addresses of the directors and officers of the corporation.

(7) Such additional information as may be necessary or appropriate in order to enable the secretary of state to determine whether such corporation is entitled to a certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state. [1989 c 307 § 38; 1982 c 45 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 72.]

Legislative finding—1989 c 307: See note following RCW 23.86.007.

Application—1989 c 307: See RCW 23.86.900.

24.06.365 Filing of application for certificate of authority—Issuance. Duplicate originals of the application of the corporation for a certificate of authority shall be delivered to the secretary of state together with a certificate of good standing which has been issued within the previous sixty days and certified to by the proper officer of the state or county under the laws of which it is incorporated.

If the secretary of state finds that such application conforms to law, he or she shall, when all fees have been paid as prescribed in this chapter:

(1) Endorse on each of such documents the word "filed", and the effective date thereof.

(2) File in his or her office one of such duplicate originals of the application and the copy of the articles of incorporation and amendments thereto.

(3) Issue a certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state to which the other duplicate original application shall be affixed.

The certificate of authority, together with the duplicate original of the application affixed thereto by the secretary of state, shall be returned to the corporation or its representative. [1982 c 35 § 144; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 73.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.370 Effect of filing application for certificate of authority. Upon the filing of the application for certificate of authority by the secretary of state, the corporation shall be authorized to conduct affairs in this state for those purposes set forth in its application: PROVIDED, That the state may suspend or revoke such authority as provided in this chapter for revocation and suspension of domestic corporation franchises. [1982 c 35 § 145; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 74.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.375 Registered office and registered agent of foreign corporation. Every foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state shall have and continuously maintain in this state:

(1) A registered office which may but need not be the same as its principal office.

(2) A registered agent, who may be:

(a) An individual resident of this state whose business office is identical with the registered office; or

(b) A domestic corporation organized under any law of this state; or

(c) A foreign corporation authorized under any law of this state to transact business or conduct affairs in this state, having an office identical with the registered office. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 75.]

24.06.380 Change of registered office or registered agent of foreign corporation. A foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state may change its registered office or change its registered agent, or both, upon filing in the office of the secretary of state in a form approved by the secretary of state a statement setting forth:

(1) The name of the corporation.

(2) If the address of the current registered office is to be changed, such new address.

(3) If the current registered agent is to be changed, the name of the new registered agent.

(4) That the address of its registered office and the address of the office of its registered agent, as changed, will be identical.

Such statement shall be executed by the corporation, by an officer of the corporation, and delivered to the secretary of state, together with a written consent of the registered agent to his or its appointment, if applicable. If the secretary of state finds that such statement conforms to the provisions of this chapter, he or she shall file such statement in his or her office, and upon such filing the change of address of the registered office, or the appointment of a new registered agent, or both, as the case may be, shall become effective.

If a registered agent changes his or her business address to another place within the state, the registered agent may change such address and the address of the registered office of any corporation of which the registered agent is registered agent by filing a statement as required by this section, except that it need be signed only by the registered agent, it need not be responsive to subsection (3) of this section, and it shall recite that a copy of the statement has been mailed to the corporation. [1993 c 356 § 19; 1982 c 35 § 146; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 76.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.385 Resignation of registered agent. Any registered agent in this state appointed by a foreign corporation may resign as such agent upon filing a written notice thereof, executed in duplicate, with the secretary of state, who shall forthwith mail a copy thereof to the foreign corporation at its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated as shown by its most recent annual report. The appointment of such agent shall terminate upon the expiration of thirty days after receipt of such notice by the secretary of state. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 77.]

24.06.390 Service of process upon registered agent. The registered agent so appointed by a foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state shall be an agent

of such corporation upon whom any process, notice or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon the corporation may be served. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 78.]

24.06.395 Service of process upon secretary of state. Whenever a foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state shall fail to appoint or maintain a registered agent in this state, or whenever any such registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found at the registered office, or whenever the certificate of authority of a foreign corporation shall be suspended or revoked, then the secretary of state shall be an agent of such corporation upon whom any such process, notice, or demand may be served. Service on the secretary of state of any such process, notice, or demand shall be made by delivering to and leaving with the secretary of state, or with any duly authorized clerk of the corporation department of the secretary of state's office, duplicate copies of such process, notice or demand. In the event any such process, notice or demand is served on the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall immediately cause one of such copies thereof to be forwarded by certified mail, addressed to the corporation at its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated. Any service so had on the secretary of state shall be returnable in not less than thirty days.

The secretary of state shall keep a record of all processes, notices and demands served upon the secretary of state under this action, and shall record therein the time of such service and his or her action with reference thereto: PROVIDED, That nothing contained in this section shall limit or affect the right to serve any process, notice or demand, required or permitted by law to be served upon a corporation in any other manner now or hereafter permitted by law. [1982 c 35 § 147; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 79.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.400 Amendment to articles of incorporation of foreign corporation. Whenever the articles of incorporation of a foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state are amended, such foreign corporation shall, within thirty days after such amendment becomes effective, file in the office of the secretary of state a copy of such amendment duly authenticated by the proper officer designated under the laws of the state or country in which it is incorporated: PROVIDED, That the filing thereof shall not of itself enlarge or alter the purpose or purposes for which such corporation is authorized to pursue in conducting its affairs in this state, nor authorize such corporation to conduct affairs in this state under any other name than the name set forth in its certificate of authority. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 80.]

24.06.405 Merger of foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state. Whenever a foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state shall be a party to a statutory merger permitted by the laws of the state or country under which it is incorporated, and such corporation shall be the surviving corporation, it shall, within thirty days after such merger becomes effective, file with the secretary of state a copy of the articles of merger duly authenticated by the proper officer designated under the laws

of the state or country in which such statutory merger was effected; and it shall not be necessary for such corporation to procure either a new or amended certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state unless the name of such corporation be changed thereby or unless the corporation desires to pursue in this state other or additional purposes than those which it is then authorized to pursue in this state. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 81.]

24.06.410 Amended certificate of authority. A foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state shall apply for an amended certificate of authority in the event that it wishes to change its corporate name, or desires to pursue in this state purposes other or additional to those set forth in its initial application for a certificate of authority.

The requirements with respect to the form and content of such application, the manner of its execution, the filing, the issuance of an amended certificate of authority, and the effect thereof shall be the same as in the case of an original application for a certificate of authority. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 82.]

24.06.415 Withdrawal of foreign corporation. A foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state may withdraw from this state upon procuring from the secretary of state a certificate of withdrawal. In order to procure such certificate of withdrawal, the foreign corporation shall deliver to the secretary of state an application for withdrawal, which shall set forth:

- (1) The name of the corporation and the state or country under whose laws it is incorporated.
- (2) A declaration that the corporation is not conducting affairs in this state.
- (3) A surrender of its authority to conduct affairs in this state.
- (4) A notice that the corporation revokes the authority of its registered agent in this state to accept service of process and consents that service of process in any action, suit or proceeding, based upon any cause of action arising in this state during the time the corporation was authorized to conduct affairs in this state, may thereafter be made upon such corporation by service thereof on the secretary of state.
- (5) A copy of the revenue clearance certificate issued pursuant to chapter 82.32 RCW.
- (6) A post office address to which the secretary of state may mail a copy of any process that may be served on the secretary of state as agent for the corporation.

The application for withdrawal shall be made on forms prescribed and furnished by the secretary of state and shall be executed by the corporation, by one of the officers of the corporation, or, if the corporation is in the hands of a receiver or trustee, shall be executed on behalf of the corporation by such receiver or trustee. [1993 c 356 § 20; 1982 c 35 § 148; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 83.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.420 Filing of application for withdrawal—Issuance of certificate of withdrawal. Duplicate originals of an application for withdrawal shall be delivered to the

secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that such application conforms to the provisions of this chapter, the secretary of state shall, when all requirements have been met as prescribed in this chapter:

- (1) Endorse on each of such duplicate originals the word "filed", and the effective date of the filing thereof.
- (2) File one of such duplicate originals.
- (3) Issue a certificate of withdrawal to which the other duplicate original shall be fixed.

The certificate of withdrawal, together with the duplicate original of the application for withdrawal affixed thereto by the secretary of state, shall be returned to the corporation or its representative. Upon the filing of such application of withdrawal, the authority of the corporation to conduct affairs in this state shall cease. [1982 c 35 § 149; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 84.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.425 Revocation of certificate of authority. (1) The certificate of authority of a foreign corporation to conduct affairs in this state may be revoked by the secretary of state upon the conditions prescribed in this section when:

- (a) The corporation has failed to file its annual report within the time required by this chapter or has failed to pay any fees or penalties prescribed by this chapter as they become due and payable; or
- (b) The corporation has failed for thirty days to appoint and maintain a registered agent in this state as required by this chapter; or
- (c) The corporation has failed, for thirty days after change of its registered agent or registered office, to file in the office of the secretary of state a statement of such change as required by this chapter; or
- (d) The corporation has failed to file in the office of the secretary of state any amendment to its articles of incorporation or any articles of merger within the time prescribed by this chapter; or

(e) The certificate of authority of the corporation was procured through fraud practiced upon the state; or

(f) The corporation has continued to exceed or abuse the authority conferred upon it by this chapter; or

(g) A misrepresentation has been made as to any material matter in any application, report, affidavit, or other document, submitted by such corporation pursuant to this chapter.

(2) No certificate of authority of a foreign corporation shall be revoked by the secretary of state unless the secretary of state shall have given the corporation not less than sixty days' notice thereof by first class mail addressed to its registered office in this state, or, if there is no registered office, to the last known address of any officer or director of the corporation as shown by the records of the secretary of state, and the corporation shall have failed prior to revocation to (a) file such annual report, (b) pay such fees or penalties, (c) file the required statement of change of registered agent or registered office, (d) file such articles of amendment or articles of merger, or (e) correct any delinquency, omission, or material misrepresentation in its application, report, affidavit, or other document. [1982 c 35 § 150; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 85.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.430 Issuance and filing of certificate of revocation—Effect. Upon revoking any certificate of authority under RCW 24.06.425, the secretary of state shall:

- (1) Issue a certificate of revocation in duplicate.
- (2) File one of such certificates.
- (3) Mail to such corporation at its registered office in this state a notice of such revocation accompanied by one of the two certificates of revocation.

Upon filing of the certificate of revocation, the corporate authority to conduct affairs in this state shall cease. [1982 c 35 § 151; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 86.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.433 Foreign corporations—Application for reinstatement. (1) A corporation revoked under RCW 24.06.425 may apply to the secretary of state for reinstatement within three years after the effective date of revocation. An application filed within such three-year period may be amended or supplemented and any such amendment or supplement shall be effective as of the date of original filing. The application filed under this section shall be filed under and by authority of an officer of the corporation.

(2) The application shall:

(a) State the name of the corporation and, if applicable, the name the corporation had elected to use in this state at the time of revocation, and the effective date of its revocation;

(b) Provide an explanation to show that the grounds for revocation either did not exist or have been eliminated;

(c) State the name of the corporation at the time of reinstatement and, if applicable, the name the corporation elects to use in this state at the time of reinstatement which may be reserved under RCW 24.06.046;

(d) Appoint a registered agent and state the registered office address under RCW 24.06.375; and

(e) Be accompanied by payment of applicable fees and penalties.

(3) If the secretary of state determines that the application conforms to law, and that all applicable fees have been paid, the secretary of state shall cancel the certificate of revocation, prepare and file a certificate of reinstatement, and mail a copy of the certificate of reinstatement to the corporation.

(4) Reinstatement under this section relates back to and takes effect as of the date of revocation. The corporate authority shall be deemed to have continued without interruption from that date.

(5) In the event the application for reinstatement states a corporate name that the secretary of state finds to be contrary to the requirements of RCW 24.06.046, the application, amended application, or supplemental application shall be amended to adopt another corporate name that is in compliance with RCW 24.06.046. In the event the reinstatement application so adopts a new corporate name for use in Washington, the application for authority shall be deemed to have been amended to change the corporation's name to the name so adopted for use in Washington, effective as of the

effective date of the certificate of reinstatement. [1993 c 356 § 21.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

24.06.435 Conducting affairs without certificate of authority. No foreign corporation conducting affairs in this state without a certificate of authority shall be permitted to maintain any action, suit, or proceeding in any court of this state until such corporation shall have obtained a certificate of authority. Nor shall any action, suit or proceeding be maintained in any court of this state by any successor or assignee of such corporation on any right, claim, or demand arising out of the conduct of affairs by such corporation in this state until a certificate of authority shall have been obtained by the corporation or by a valid corporation which has (1) acquired all or substantially all of its assets and (2) assumed all of its liabilities: PROVIDED, That the failure of a foreign corporation to obtain a certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state shall not impair the substantive validity of any contract or act of such corporation, and shall not prevent such corporation from defending any action, suit or proceeding in any court of this state under such terms and conditions as a court may find just. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 87.]

24.06.440 Annual or biennial report of domestic and foreign corporations. Each domestic corporation, and each foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state, shall file, within the time prescribed by this chapter, an annual or biennial report, established by the secretary of state by rule, in the form prescribed by the secretary of state setting forth:

(1) The name of the corporation and the state or country under whose laws it is incorporated.

(2) The address of the registered office of the corporation in this state, including street and number, the name of its registered agent in this state at such address, and, in the case of a foreign corporation, the address of its principal office in the state or country under whose laws it is incorporated.

(3) A brief statement of the character of the affairs in which the corporation is engaged, or, in the case of a foreign corporation, engaged in this state.

(4) The names and respective addresses of the directors and officers of the corporation.

(5) The corporation's unified business identifier number.

The information shall be given as of the date of the execution of the report. It shall be executed by the corporation by an officer of the corporation, or, if the corporation is in the hands of a receiver or trustee, it shall be executed on behalf of the corporation by such receiver or trustee.

The secretary of state may by rule adopted under chapter 34.05 RCW provide that correction or updating of information appearing on previous annual or biennial filings is sufficient to constitute the current filing. [1993 c 356 § 22; 1982 c 35 § 152; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 88.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.445 Filing of annual or biennial report of domestic and foreign corporations. An annual or biennial

report of each domestic or foreign corporation shall be delivered to the secretary of state between the first day of January and the first day of March of each year or on such annual or biennial renewal date as the secretary of state may establish. The secretary of state may adopt rules to establish biennial reporting dates and to stagger reporting dates. Proof to the satisfaction of the secretary of state that the report was deposited in the United States mails, in a sealed envelope, properly addressed to the secretary of state, with postage prepaid thereon, prior to the corporation's annual or biennial renewal date, shall be deemed compliance with this requirement.

If the secretary of state finds that a report substantially conforms to the requirements of this chapter, the secretary of state shall file the same.

Failure of the secretary of state to mail any such notice shall not relieve a corporation from its obligation to file the annual reports required by this chapter. [1993 c 356 § 23; 1982 c 35 § 153; 1973 c 146 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 89.]

Effective date—1993 c 356: See note following RCW 24.03.046.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.450 Fees for filing documents and issuing certificates. (1) The secretary of state shall charge and collect for:

(a) Filing articles of incorporation, thirty dollars.

(b) Filing an annual report, ten dollars.

(c) Filing an application of a foreign corporation for a certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state, thirty dollars.

(2) The secretary of state shall establish by rule, fees for the following:

(a) Filing articles of amendment or restatement.

(b) Filing articles of merger or consolidation.

(c) Filing a statement of change of address of registered office or change of registered agent, or revocation, resignation, or any combination of these. A separate fee for filing such statement shall not be charged if the statement appears in an amendment to the articles of incorporation or in conjunction with the annual report.

(d) Filing articles of dissolution, no fee.

(e) Filing an application of a foreign corporation for an amended certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state.

(f) Filing a copy of an amendment to the articles of incorporation of a foreign corporation holding a certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state.

(g) Filing a copy of articles of merger of a foreign corporation holding a certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state.

(h) Filing an application for withdrawal of a foreign corporation and issuing a certificate of withdrawal, no fee.

(i) Filing a certificate by a foreign corporation of the appointment of a registered agent. A separate fee for filing such certificate shall not be charged if the statement appears in an amendment to the articles of incorporation or in conjunction with the annual report.

(j) Filing a certificate by a foreign corporation of the revocation of the appointment of a registered agent. A separate fee for filing such certificate shall not be charged if

the statement appears in an amendment to the articles of incorporation or in conjunction with the annual report.

(k) Filing an application to reserve a corporate name.

(l) Filing a notice of transfer of a reserved corporate name.

(m) Filing any other statement or report of a domestic or foreign corporation.

(3) Fees shall be adjusted by rule in an amount that does not exceed the average biennial increase in the cost of providing service. This shall be determined in a biennial cost study performed by the secretary. [1993 c 269 § 7; 1991 c 223 § 2; 1982 c 35 § 154; 1981 c 230 § 6; 1973 c 70 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 90.]

Effective date—1993 c 269: See note following RCW 23.86.070.

Effective date—1991 c 223: See note following RCW 24.03.405.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.455 Miscellaneous fees. The secretary of state shall establish by rule, fees for the following:

(1) For furnishing a certified copy of any charter document or any other document, instrument, or paper relating to a corporation;

(2) For furnishing a certificate, under seal, attesting to the status of a corporation; or any other certificate;

(3) For furnishing copies of any document, instrument, or paper relating to a corporation; and

(4) At the time of any service of process on the secretary of state as resident agent of any corporation. This amount may be recovered as taxable costs by the party to the suit or action causing such service to be made if such party prevails in the suit or action. [1993 c 269 § 8; 1982 c 35 § 155; 1979 ex.s. c 133 § 3; 1973 c 70 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 91.]

Effective date—1993 c 269: See note following RCW 23.86.070.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Deposit of certain fees recovered under this section in secretary of state's revolving fund: RCW 43.07.130.

24.06.460 Disposition of fees. Any money received by the secretary of state under the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited forthwith into the state treasury as provided by law. [1982 c 35 § 156; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 92.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.462 Fees for services by secretary of state. See RCW 43.07.120.

24.06.465 Penalties imposed upon corporation—Penalty established by secretary of state. Each corporation, domestic or foreign, which fails or refuses to file its annual report for any year within the time prescribed by this chapter shall be subject to a penalty as established and assessed by the secretary of state.

Each corporation, domestic or foreign, which fails or refuses to answer truthfully and fully within the time prescribed by this chapter any interrogatories propounded by the secretary of state in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor

and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars on each count. [1994 c 287 § 11; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 93.]

24.06.470 Penalties imposed upon directors and officers. Each director and officer of a corporation, domestic or foreign, who fails or refuses within the time prescribed by this chapter, to answer truthfully and fully any interrogatories propounded to him by the secretary of state in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, or who signs any articles, statement, report, application, or other document filed with the secretary of state, which is known to such officer or director to be false in any material respect, shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars on each count. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 94.]

24.06.475 Interrogatories by secretary of state. The secretary of state may propound to any corporation, domestic or foreign, subject to the provisions of this chapter, and to any officer or director thereof such interrogatories as may be reasonably necessary and proper to enable the secretary of state to ascertain whether such corporation has complied with all of the provisions of this chapter applicable to such corporation. All such interrogatories shall be answered within thirty days after the mailing thereof, or within such additional time as shall be fixed by the secretary of state, and the answers thereto shall be full and complete, made in writing, and under oath. If such interrogatories are directed to an individual, they shall be answered personally by him, and if directed to the corporation they shall be answered by the president, a vice president, a secretary or any assistant secretary thereof. The secretary of state need not file any document to which such interrogatories relate until such interrogatories are answered as required by this section, and even not then if the answers thereto disclose that the document is not in conformity with the provisions of this chapter.

The secretary of state shall certify to the attorney general, for such action as the attorney general may deem appropriate, all interrogatories and answers thereto which disclose a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter. [1982 c 35 § 157; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 95.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.480 Confidential nature of information disclosed by interrogatories. Interrogatories propounded by the secretary of state and the answers thereto shall not be open to public inspection, nor shall the secretary of state disclose any facts or information obtained therefrom unless (1) his or her official duty may require that the same be made public, or (2) such interrogatories or the answers thereto are required for use in evidence in any criminal proceedings or other action by the state. [1982 c 35 § 158; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 96.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.485 Power and authority of secretary of state. The secretary of state shall have all power and authority

reasonably necessary for the efficient and effective administration of this chapter, including the adoption of rules under chapter 34.05 RCW. [1982 c 35 § 159; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 97.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Power and authority of secretary of state: RCW 23B.01.210 and 23B.01.300.

24.06.490 Appeal from secretary of state's actions. (1) If the secretary of state shall fail to approve any articles of incorporation, amendment, merger, consolidation, or dissolution, or any other document required by this chapter to be approved by the secretary of state before the same shall be filed in his or her office, the secretary of state shall, within ten days after the delivery of such document to him or her, give written notice of disapproval to the person or corporation, domestic or foreign, delivering the same, specifying the reasons therefor. The person or corporation may apply to the superior court of the county in which the registered office of such corporation is situated, or is proposed, in the document, by filing a petition with the clerk of such court setting forth a copy of the articles or other document tendered to the secretary of state, together with a copy of the written disapproval thereof by the secretary of state; whereupon the matter shall be tried to the court on all questions of fact and law; and the court shall either sustain or overrule the action of the secretary of state.

(2) If the secretary of state shall revoke the certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state of any foreign corporation, such foreign corporation may likewise apply to the superior court of the county where the registered office of such corporation in this state is situated, by filing with the clerk of such court a petition setting forth a copy of its certificate of authority to conduct affairs in this state and a copy of the notice of revocation given by the secretary of state; whereupon the matter shall be tried to the court on all questions of fact and law; and the court shall either sustain or overrule the action of the secretary of state.

(3) Appeals from all final orders and judgments entered by the superior court under this section, in the review of any ruling or decision of the secretary of state may be taken as in other civil actions. [1982 c 35 § 160; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 98.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.495 Certificates and certified copies to be received in evidence. All certificates issued by the secretary of state in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and all copies of documents filed in the office of the secretary of state in accordance with the provisions of this chapter when certified by the secretary of state under the seal of the state, shall be taken and received in all courts, public offices, and official bodies as prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated. A certificate by the secretary of state under the seal of this state, as to the existence or nonexistence of the facts relating to corporations which would not appear from a certified copy of any of the foregoing documents or certificates, shall be taken and received in all courts, public offices, and official bodies as prima facie evidence of the existence or nonexistence of the

facts therein stated. [1982 c 35 § 161; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 99.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35:
See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.500 Greater voting requirements. Whenever, with respect to any action to be taken by the members, shareholders or directors of a corporation, the articles of incorporation require the vote or concurrence of a greater proportion of the members, shareholders or directors, as the case may be, than required by this chapter with respect to such action, the provisions of the articles of incorporation shall control. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 100.]

24.06.505 Waiver of notice. Whenever any notice is required to be given to any member, shareholder or director of a corporation under the provisions of this chapter or under the provisions of the articles of incorporation or bylaws of the corporation, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether made before or given after the time stated therein, shall be equivalent to the giving of such notice. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 101.]

24.06.510 Action by members or directors without a meeting. Any action required by this chapter to be taken at a meeting of the members, shareholders or directors of a corporation, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the members, shareholders or directors, may be taken without a meeting, if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by all of the members and shareholders entitled to vote thereon, or by all of the directors, as the case may be, unless the articles or bylaws provide to the contrary.

Such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote, and may be stated as such in any articles or document filed with the secretary of state. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 102.]

24.06.515 Unauthorized assumption of corporate powers. All persons who assume to act as a corporation without authority so to do shall be jointly and severally liable for all debts and liabilities incurred or arising as a result thereof. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 103.]

24.06.520 Reinstatement and renewal of corporate existence—Fee. If the term of existence of a corporation which was organized under this chapter, or which has availed itself of the privileges thereby provided expires, such corporation shall have the right to renew within two years of the expiration of its term of existence. The corporation may renew the term of its existence for a definite period or perpetually and be reinstated under any name not then in use by or reserved for a domestic corporation organized under any act of this state or a foreign corporation authorized under any act of this state to transact business or conduct affairs in this state. To do so the directors, members and officers shall adopt amended articles of incorporation containing a certification that the purpose thereof is a reinstatement and renewal of the corporate existence. They shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this

chapter for the adoption and filing of amendments to articles of incorporation. Thereupon such corporation shall be reinstated and its corporate existence renewed as of the date on which its previous term of existence expired and all things done or omitted by it or by its officers, directors, agents and members before such reinstatement shall be as valid and have the same legal effect as if its previous term of existence had not expired.

A corporation reinstating under this section shall pay to the state all fees and penalties which would have been due if the corporate charter had not expired, plus a reinstatement fee established by the secretary of state by rule. [1993 c 269 § 9; 1982 c 35 § 162; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 106.]

Effective date—1993 c 269: See note following RCW 23.86.070.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35:
See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.525 Reorganization of corporations or associations in accordance with this chapter. Any corporation or association organized under any other statute may be reorganized under the provisions of this chapter by adopting and filing amendments to its articles of incorporation in accordance with the provisions of this chapter for amending articles of incorporation. The articles of incorporation as amended must conform to the requirements of this chapter, and shall state that the corporation accepts the benefits and will be bound by the provisions of this chapter. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 107.]

24.06.900 Short title. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Nonprofit Miscellaneous and Mutual Corporation Act". [1982 c 35 § 163; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 104.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35:
See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.06.905 Existing liabilities not terminated—Continuation of corporate existence—Application of chapter. The enactment of this chapter shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this chapter becomes effective; and any corporation existing under any prior law which expires on or before the date when this chapter takes effect shall continue its corporate existence: PROVIDED, That this chapter shall apply prospectively to all existing corporations which do not otherwise qualify under the provisions of Titles 23B and 24 RCW, to the extent permitted by the Constitution of this state and of the United States. [1991 c 72 § 44; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 105.]

24.06.910 Severability—1969 ex.s. c 120. If any provision of this chapter, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the chapter, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected, and the effect of such invalidity shall be confined to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this chapter so held to be invalid. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 108.]

24.06.915 Notice to existing corporations. (1) The secretary of state shall notify all existing miscellaneous and mutual corporations thirty days prior to the date this chapter becomes effective as to their requirements for filing an annual report.

(2) If the notification provided under subsection (1) of this section, from the secretary of state to any corporation was or has been returned unclaimed or undeliverable, the secretary of state shall proceed to dissolve the corporation by striking the name of such corporation from the records of active corporations.

(3) Corporations dissolved under subsection (2) of this section may be reinstated at any time within three years of the dissolution action by the secretary of state. The corporation shall be reinstated by filing a request for reinstatement, by appointment of a registered agent and designation of a registered office as required by this chapter, and by filing an annual report for the reinstatement year. No fees may be charged for reinstatements under this section. If, during the period of dissolution, another person or corporation has reserved or adopted a corporate name which is identical to or deceptively similar to the dissolved corporation's name, the corporation seeking reinstatement shall be required to adopt another name consistent with the requirements of this chapter and to amend its articles of incorporation accordingly. [1982 c 35 § 164; 1969 ex.s. c 120 § 109.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Effective date—1969 ex.s. c 120: See RCW 24.06.920.

24.06.920 Effective date—1969 ex.s. c 120. This chapter is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect July 1, 1969: PROVIDED, That no corporation existing on the effective date of this chapter shall be required to conform to the provisions of this chapter until July 1, 1971. [1969 ex.s. c 120 § 110.]

Chapter 24.12 CORPORATIONS SOLE

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Revolving fund of secretary of state, deposit of moneys for costs of carrying out secretary of state's functions under this chapter: RCW 43.07.130.

24.12.010 Corporations sole—Church and religious societies. Any person, being the bishop, overseer or presiding elder of any church or religious denomination in this state, may, in conformity with the constitution, canons, rules, regulations or discipline of such church or denomination, become a corporation sole, in the manner prescribed in this chapter, as nearly as may be; and, thereupon, said bishop, overseer or presiding elder, as the case may be, together with his successors in office or position, by his official designation, shall be held and deemed to be a body

corporate, with all the rights and powers prescribed in the case of corporations aggregate; and with all the privileges provided by law for religious corporations. [1915 c 79 § 1; RRS § 3884.]

24.12.020 Corporate powers. Every corporation sole shall, for the purpose of the trust, have power to contract in the same manner and to the same extent as a natural person, and may sue and be sued, and may defend in all courts and places, in all matters and proceedings whatever, and shall have authority to borrow money and give promissory notes therefor, and to secure the payment of the same by mortgage or other lien upon property, real and personal; to buy, sell, lease, mortgage and in every way deal in real and personal property in the same manner as a natural person may, and without the order of any court; to receive bequests and devises for its own use or upon trusts, to the same extent as natural persons may; and to appoint attorneys in fact. [1915 c 79 § 2; RRS § 3885.]

24.12.025 Indemnification of agents of any corporation authorized. See RCW 23B.17.030.

24.12.030 Filing articles—Property held in trust. Articles of incorporation shall be filed in like manner as provided by law for corporations aggregate, and therein shall be set forth the facts authorizing such incorporation, and declare the manner in which any vacancy occurring in the incumbency of such bishop, overseer or presiding elder, as the case may be, is required by the constitution, canons, rules, regulations or discipline of such church or denomination to be filled, which statement shall be verified by affidavit, and for proof of the appointment or election of such bishop, overseer or presiding elder, as the case may be, or any succeeding incumbent of such corporation, it shall be sufficient to file with the secretary of state the original or a copy of his commission, or certificate, or letters of election or appointment, duly attested: PROVIDED, All property held in such official capacity by such bishop, overseer or presiding elder, as the case may be, shall be in trust for the use, purpose, benefit and behoof of his religious denomination, society or church. [1981 c 302 § 10; 1915 c 79 § 3; RRS § 3886.]

Severability—1981 c 302: See note following RCW 19.76.100.

24.12.040 Existing corporations sole. Any corporation sole heretofore organized and existing under the laws of this state may elect to continue its existence under *this title [chapter] by filing a certificate to that effect, under its corporate seal and the hand of its incumbent, or by filing amended articles of incorporation, in the form, as near as may be, as provided for corporations aggregate, and from and after the filing of such certificate of amended articles, such corporation shall be entitled to the privileges and subject to the duties, liabilities and provisions in *this title [chapter] expressed. [1915 c 79 § 4; RRS § 3887.]

***Reviser's note:** The language "this title" appeared in chapter 79, Laws of 1915, an independent act, codified herein as chapter 24.12 RCW.

24.12.050 Fees for services by secretary of state. See RCW 43.07.120.

Chapter 24.20
FRATERNAL SOCIETIES

Sections

- 24.20.010 Incorporation—Articles.
 24.20.020 Filing fee.
 24.20.025 Fees for services by secretary of state.
 24.20.030 Powers—Not subject to license fees.
 24.20.035 Indemnification of agents of any corporation authorized.
 24.20.040 Reincorporation.

Revolving fund of secretary of state, deposit of moneys for costs of carrying out secretary of state's functions under this chapter: RCW 43.07.130.

24.20.010 Incorporation—Articles. Any grand lodge, encampment, chapter or any subordinate lodge or body of Free and Accepted Masons, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, or other fraternal society, desiring to incorporate, shall make articles of incorporation in duplicate, and file one of such articles in the office of the secretary of state; such articles shall be signed by the presiding officer and the secretary of such lodge, chapter or encampment, and attested by the seal thereof, and shall specify:

(1) The name of such lodge or other society, and the place of holding its meetings;

(2) the name of the grand body from which it derives its rights and powers as such lodge or society; or if it be a grand lodge, the manner in which its powers as such grand lodge are derived;

(3) the names of the presiding officer and the secretary having the custody of the seal of such lodge or society;

(4) what officers shall join in the execution of any contract by such lodge or society to give it force and effect in accordance with the usages of such lodges or society. [1981 c 302 § 11; 1925 ex.s. c 63 § 1; 1903 c 80 § 1; RRS § 3865. Cf. Code 1881 § 2452; 1873 p 410 § 3.]

Severability—1981 c 302: See note following RCW 19.76.100.

24.20.020 Filing fee. The secretary of state shall file such articles of incorporation in the secretary of state's office and issue a certificate of incorporation to any such lodge or other society upon the payment of the sum of twenty dollars. [1993 c 269 § 10; 1982 c 35 § 165; 1903 c 80 § 2; RRS § 3866.]

Effective date—1993 c 269: See note following RCW 23.86.070.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.20.025 Fees for services by secretary of state. See RCW 43.07.120.

24.20.030 Powers—Not subject to license fees. Such lodge or other society shall be a body politic and corporate with all the powers and incidents of a corporation upon its compliance with RCW 24.20.010 and 24.20.020: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That such fraternal corporation shall not be subject to any license fee or other corporate tax of commercial corporations. [1903 c 80 § 3; RRS § 3867.]

24.20.035 Indemnification of agents of any corporation authorized. See RCW 23B.17.030.

24.20.040 Reincorporation. Any lodge or society, or the members thereof, having heretofore attempted to incorporate as a body under the provisions of an act entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of associations for social, charitable and educational purposes," approved March 21st, 1895 [*chapter 24.16 RCW], such lodge or society may incorporate under its original corporate name by complying with the provisions of RCW 24.20.010 and 24.20.020: PROVIDED, That such lodge or society shall attach to and file with the articles of incorporation provided for in this chapter a certificate duly signed, executed and attested by the officers of the said corporation consenting to such reincorporation and waiving all rights of the original corporation to such corporate name. [1903 c 80 § 4; RRS § 3868.]

***Reviser's note:** "chapter 24.16 RCW" was repealed by the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act, 1967 c 235, (chapter 24.03 RCW).

Chapter 24.24
BUILDING CORPORATIONS COMPOSED OF
FRATERNAL SOCIETY MEMBERS

Sections

- 24.24.010 Who may incorporate—Filing fee.
 24.24.015 Fees for services by secretary of state.
 24.24.020 Articles—Contents.
 24.24.030 Powers.
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 24.24.050 Bylaws.
 24.24.060 Membership—Trustees—Elections.
 24.24.070 Control of business—Officers.
 24.24.080 Right of corporations under the statutes.
 24.24.090 Certificates of capital stock.
 24.24.100 Fees.
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 24.24.120 Indemnification of agents of any corporation authorized.

Revolving fund of secretary of state, deposit of moneys for costs of carrying out secretary of state's functions under this chapter: RCW 43.07.130.

24.24.010 Who may incorporate—Filing fee. Any ten or more residents of this state who are members of any chartered body or of different chartered bodies of any fraternal order or society who shall desire to incorporate for the purpose of owning real or personal property or both real and personal property for the purpose and for the benefit of such bodies, may make and execute articles of incorporation, which shall be executed in duplicate, and shall be subscribed by each of the persons so associating themselves together: PROVIDED, That no lodge shall be incorporated contrary to the provisions of the laws and regulations of the order or society of which it is a constituent part. Such articles, at the election of the incorporators, may either provide for the issuing of capital stock or for incorporation as a society of corporation without shares of stock. One of such articles shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state, accompanied by a filing fee of twenty dollars, and the other of such articles shall be preserved in the records of the corporation. [1982 c 35 § 166; 1981 c 302 § 12; 1927 c 190 § 1; RRS § 3887-1.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

Severability—1981 c 302: See note following RCW 19.76.100.

24.24.015 Fees for services by secretary of state. See RCW 43.07.120.

24.24.020 Articles—Contents. The articles of incorporation shall set forth;

(1) The names of the persons so associating themselves together, their places of residence and the name and location of the lodge, chapter, or society to which they severally belong;

(2) The corporate name assumed by the corporation and the duration of the same if limited;

(3) The purpose of the association, which shall be to provide, maintain and operate a building or buildings to be used for fraternal and social purposes, and for the benefit of the several bodies represented in such association;

(4) The place where the corporation proposes to have its principal place of business;

(5) The amount of capital stock and the par value thereof per share, if it shall be organized as a joint stock company. [1927 c 190 § 2; RRS § 3887-2.]

24.24.030 Powers. Upon making and filing such articles of incorporation the persons subscribing the same and their successors in office and associates, by the name assumed in such articles, shall thereafter be deemed a body corporate, and may acquire and possess real and personal property and may erect and own suitable building or buildings to be used, in whole or in part, for meetings of fraternal bodies, and for all social and fraternal purposes of the several bodies represented in the membership of the corporation, and may exercise all other powers that may lawfully be exercised by other corporations organized under the general incorporation laws of Washington, including the power to borrow money, and for that purpose may issue its bonds and mortgage its property to secure the payment of such bonds. [1927 c 190 § 3; RRS § 3887-3.]

24.24.040 Membership certificates. If the corporation shall not be a joint stock company, then it may provide by its bylaws for issuing to the several bodies represented in its membership certificates of participation, which shall evidence the respective equitable interests of such bodies in the properties held by such corporation. [1927 c 190 § 4; RRS § 3887-4.]

24.24.050 Bylaws. Every such corporation shall have full power and authority to provide by its bylaws for the manner in which such certificates of participation of its certificates or shares of stock shall be held and represented, and may also in like manner provide, that its shares of stock shall not be transferred to, or be held or owned by any person, or by any corporation other than a chartered body of the order or society represented in its membership. [1927 c 190 § 5; RRS § 3887-5.]

24.24.060 Membership—Trustees—Elections. Every such corporation shall have power to provide by its bylaws for succession to its original membership and for new membership, and also for the election from its members of a board of trustees, or a board of directors, and to fix the number and term of office of such trustees or directors;

PROVIDED, That there shall always be upon such board of trustees or board of directors at least one representative from each of the several bodies represented in the membership of the association, and the term of office of a trustee shall not exceed three years. [1927 c 190 § 6; RRS § 3887-6.]

24.24.070 Control of business—Officers. The management and control of the business and property of such corporation shall be fixed in said board of trustees or board of directors, as the case may be. Said trustees or directors shall elect from their own number at each annual meeting of the corporation a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, who shall perform the duties of their respective office in accordance with the bylaws of the corporation and the rules and regulations prescribed by the board of trustees or board of directors. [1927 c 190 § 7; RRS § 3887-7.]

24.24.080 Right of corporations under the statutes. Any corporation composed of fraternal organizations and/or members of fraternal organizations, heretofore incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington, may elect to subject [the] corporation and its capital stock and the rights of its stockholders therein to the provisions of this chapter by a majority vote of its trustees or directors and the unanimous assent or vote of the capital stock of such corporation.

If the unanimous written assent of the capital stock has not been obtained then the unanimous vote of all of the stockholders may be taken at any regular meeting of the stockholders or at any special meeting of the stockholders called for that purpose in the manner provided by the bylaws of such corporation for special meetings of the stockholders.

The president and secretary of such corporation shall certify said amendment in triplicate under the seal of such corporation as having been adopted by a majority vote of its trustees or directors and by the unanimous written assent or vote as the case may be of all of its stockholders, and file and keep the same as in the case of original articles; and from the time of filing said certificate such corporation and its capital stock and the rights of its stockholders therein shall be subject to all of the provisions of this chapter; PROVIDED, That nothing in this chapter shall affect the rights of the third person, pledgees of any shares of such capital stock, in such pledged stock, under pledges subsisting at the date of the filing of said amendment. [1927 c 190 § 8; RRS § 3887-8.]

24.24.090 Certificates of capital stock. All certificates of capital stock of corporations incorporated under or becoming subject to the provisions of this chapter shall have expressly stated on the face thereof that such corporation and its capital stock and the rights of stockholders therein are subject to the provisions of this chapter and that its capital stock is not assignable or transferable except as in this chapter provided. [1927 c 190 § 9; RRS § 3887-9.]

24.24.100 Fees. The secretary of state shall file such articles of incorporation or amendment thereto in the secretary of state's office and issue a certificate of incorporation or amendment, as the case may be, to such fraternal

association upon the payment of a fee in the sum of twenty dollars. [1993 c 269 § 11; 1982 c 35 § 167; 1927 c 190 § 10; RRS § 3887-10.]

Effective date—1993 c 269: See note following RCW 23.86.070.

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

24.24.110 Exemption from ordinary corporate taxes. Such fraternal association shall be a body politic and corporate with all powers and incidents of a corporation upon its compliance with the provisions of this chapter; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That such fraternal corporation shall not be subject to any license fee or other corporate tax of commercial corporations. [1927 c 190 § 11; RRS § 3887-11.]

24.24.120 Indemnification of agents of any corporation authorized. See RCW 23B.17.030.

**Chapter 24.28
GRANGES**

Sections

- 24.28.010 Manner of incorporating a grange.
- 24.28.020 In what pursuits such corporation may engage.
- 24.28.030 General rights and liabilities.
- 24.28.035 Indemnification of agents of any corporation authorized.
- 24.28.040 Use of term "grange"—"Person" defined.
- 24.28.050 Fees for services by secretary of state.

Revolving fund of secretary of state, deposit of moneys for costs of carrying out secretary of state's functions under this chapter: RCW 43.07.130.

24.28.010 Manner of incorporating a grange. Any grange of the patrons of husbandry, desiring hereafter to incorporate, may incorporate and become bodies politic in this state, by filing in the office of the secretary of state of Washington, a certificate or article subscribed and acknowledged by not less than five members of such grange and by the master of the Washington state grange embodying:

(1) The name of such grange and the place of holding its meetings.

(2) What elective officers the said grange will have, when such officers shall be elected; how, and by whom, the business of the grange shall be conducted or managed, and what officers shall join in the execution of any contract by such grange to give force and effect in accordance with the usages of the order of the patrons of husbandry; such articles shall be subscribed by the master of such grange attested by the secretary, with the seal of the grange.

(3) A copy of the bylaws of such grange shall also be filed in the said office of the secretary of state.

(4) The names of all such officers at the time of filing the application, and the time for which they may be respectively elected. When such articles shall be filed, such grange shall be a body politic and corporate, with all the incidents of a corporation, subject nevertheless to the laws and parts of laws now in force or hereafter to be passed regulating corporations. [1981 c 302 § 13; 1959 c 207 § 1; 1875 p 97 § 1; RRS § 3901. FORMER PART OF SECTION: 1875 c 97 § 2, part, now codified in RCW 24.28.020.]

Severability—1981 c 302: See note following RCW 19.76.100.

24.28.020 In what pursuits such corporation may engage. Said grange may engage in any industrial pursuit, manufacturing, mining, milling, wharfing, docking, commercial, mechanical, mercantile, building, farming, building, equipping or running railroads, or generally engage in any species of trade or industry; loan money on security, purchase and sell on real estate, but when desiring to engage in either or any of the above pursuits or industries, said grange shall be subject to all the conditions and liabilities imposed by the provisions of the general corporation laws, and in addition to the conditions to be performed as recited in RCW 24.28.010, shall file additional articles with said secretary of state stating the object, business or industry proposed to be pursued or engaged in; the amount of capital stock, the time of its existence, not to exceed fifty years; the number of shares of which the capital stock shall consist, and price per share, and the names of officers necessary to manage said business, and the places where said officers shall pursue the same.[1981 c 302 § 14; 1875 p 97 § 2; RRS § 3902. Formerly RCW 24.28.010, part and 24.28.020.]

Severability—1981 c 302: See note following RCW 19.76.100.

24.28.030 General rights and liabilities. As a business corporation said grange, after having complied with RCW 24.28.020, shall be to all intents and purposes a domestic corporation, with all the rights, privileges and immunities allowed, and all the liabilities imposed by chapter one of the act entitled "an act to provide for the formation of corporations," approved November 13, 1873. [1875 p 98 § 3; RRS § 3903.]

Reviser's note: The reference to chapter one of the 1873 act relates to the general corporation act in effect at the time the above section was enacted. Such general corporation laws were also compiled as Code 1881 §§ 2421-2449. See also table of prior laws following the Title 23 RCW digest.

24.28.035 Indemnification of agents of any corporation authorized. See RCW 23B.17.030.

24.28.040 Use of term "grange"—"Person" defined. No person, doing business in this state shall be entitled to use or to register the term "grange" as part or all of his business name or other name or in connection with his products or services, or otherwise, unless either (1) he has complied with the provisions of this chapter or (2) he has obtained written consent of the Washington state grange certified thereto by its master. Any person violating the provisions of this section may be enjoined from using or displaying such name and doing business under such name at the instance of the Washington state grange or any grange organized under this chapter, or any member thereof: PROVIDED, That nothing herein shall prevent the continued use of the term "grange" by any person using said name prior to the adoption of *this act.

For the purposes of this section "person" shall include any person, partnership, corporation, or association of individuals. [1959 c 207 § 2.]

***Reviser's note:** "this act" first appeared in chapter 207, Laws of 1959, section 1 of which amended RCW 24.28.010.

24.28.050 Fees for services by secretary of state. See RCW 43.07.120.

Chapter 24.34

AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING AND MARKETING ASSOCIATIONS

Sections

- 24.34.010 Who may organize—Purposes—Limitations.
 24.34.020 Monopoly or restraint of trade—Complaint—Procedure.

Agricultural marketing: Chapters 15.65, 15.66 RCW.

24.34.010 Who may organize—Purposes—Limitations. Persons engaged in the production of agricultural products as farmers, planters, ranchmen, dairymen, nut growers or fruit growers may act together in associations, corporate or otherwise, with or without capital stock, in collectively processing, preparing for market, handling, and marketing in intrastate commerce, such products of persons so engaged. Such associations may have marketing agencies in common; and such associations and their members may make the necessary contracts and agreements to effect such purposes: PROVIDED, That such associations are operated for the mutual benefit of the members thereof, as such producers, and conform to one or both of the following requirements:

First. That no member of the association is allowed more than one vote because of the amount of stock or membership capital he may own therein, or,

Second. That the association does not pay dividends on stock or membership capital in excess of eight percent per annum.

And in any case to the following:

Third. That the association shall not deal in the products of nonmembers to an amount greater in value than such as are handled by it for members.[1967 c 187 § 1.]

24.34.020 Monopoly or restraint of trade—Complaint—Procedure. If the attorney general has reason to believe that any such association as provided for in RCW 24.34.010 monopolizes or restrains trade to such an extent that the price of any agricultural product is unduly enhanced by reason thereof, he shall serve upon such association a complaint stating his charge in that respect, to which complaint shall be attached, or contained therein, a notice of hearing, specifying a day and place not less than thirty days after the service thereof, requiring the association to show cause why an order should not be made directing it to cease and desist from monopolization or restraint of trade.

Such hearing, and any appeal which may be made from such hearing, shall be conducted and held subject to and in conformance with the provisions for adjudicative proceedings and judicial review in chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act. [1989 c 175 § 75; 1967 c 187 § 2.]

Effective date—1989 c 175: See note following RCW 34.05.010.

Chapter 24.36

FISH MARKETING ACT

Sections

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 24.36.470 Enforcement by association to secure delivery by member.

Revolving fund of secretary of state, deposit of moneys for costs of carrying out secretary of state's functions under this chapter: RCW 43.07.130.

24.36.010 Short title. This chapter may be cited as "The Fish Marketing Act". [1959 c 312 § 1.]

24.36.020 Declaration of purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to promote, foster, and encourage the intelligent and orderly marketing of fish and fishery products through cooperation; to eliminate speculation and waste; to make the distribution of fish and fishery products between

producer and consumer as direct as can be efficiently done; and to stabilize the marketing of fish and fishery products. [1959 c 312 § 2.]

24.36.030 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Fishery products" includes fish, crustaceans, mollusks, and marine products for human consumption.

(2) "Member" includes members of associations without capital stock and holders of common stock in associations organized with shares of stock.

(3) "Association" means any corporation organized under this chapter. [1959 c 312 § 3.]

24.36.040 Associations deemed nonprofit. Associations shall be deemed "nonprofit", inasmuch as they are not organized to make profit for themselves, as such, or for their members, as such, but only for their members as producers of fishery products. [1959 c 312 § 4.]

24.36.050 General laws relating to corporations for profit applicable. The provisions of Title 23B RCW and all powers and rights thereunder, apply to associations, except where such provisions are in conflict with or inconsistent with the express provisions of this chapter. [1991 c 72 § 45; 1959 c 312 § 5.]

24.36.055 Fees for services by secretary of state. See RCW 43.07.120.

24.36.060 Securities act inapplicable. No association is subject in any manner to the terms of chapter 21.20 RCW and all associations may issue their membership certificates or stock or other securities as provided in this division without the necessity of any permit from the director of licenses. [1983 c 3 § 27; 1959 c 312 § 6.]

24.36.070 Associations deemed not a conspiracy, in restraint of trade, etc.—Contracts not illegal. An association shall be deemed not to be a conspiracy, nor a combination in restraint of trade nor an illegal monopoly; nor an attempt to lessen competition or to fix prices arbitrarily or to create a combination or pool in violation of any law of the state; and the marketing contracts and agreements between the association and its members and any agreements authorized in this chapter shall be considered not to be illegal nor in restraint of trade nor contrary to the provisions of any statute enacted against pooling or combinations. [1959 c 312 § 7.]

24.36.080 Conflicting laws not applicable—Exemptions apply. Any provisions of law which are in conflict with this chapter shall not be construed as applying to associations. Any exemptions under any laws applying to fishery products in the possession or under the control of the individual producer shall apply similarly and completely to such fishery products delivered by its members, in the possession or under the control of the association. [1959 c 312 § 8.]

24.36.090 Merger, consolidation of associations authorized—Procedure. Any two or more associations may be merged into one such constituent association or consolidated into a new association. Such merger or consolidation shall be made in the manner prescribed by RCW 23B.07.050 and chapter 23B.11 RCW for domestic corporations. [1991 c 72 § 46; 1983 c 3 § 28; 1959 c 312 § 9.]

24.36.100 Stock associations—Statement in articles. If the association is organized with shares of stock, the articles shall state the number of shares which may be issued and if the shares are to have a par value, the par value of each share, and the aggregate par value of all shares; and if the shares are to be without par value it shall be so stated. [1959 c 312 § 10.]

24.36.110 Stock associations—Classified shares—Statement in articles. If the shares are to be classified, the articles shall contain a description of the classes of shares and a statement of the number of shares of each kind or class and the nature and extent of the preferences, rights, privileges and restrictions granted to or imposed upon the holders of the respective classes of stock. [1959 c 312 § 11.]

24.36.120 Nonstock associations—Statement in articles. If the association is organized without shares of stock, the articles shall state whether the voting power and the property rights and interest of each member are equal or unequal; and if unequal the general rule or rules applicable to all members by which the voting power and the property rights and interests, respectively, of each member may be and are determined and fixed; and shall also provide for the admission of new members who shall be entitled to vote and to share in the property of the association with the old members, in accordance with such general rule or rules. [1959 c 312 § 12.]

24.36.130 Bylaws of association. Each association shall within thirty days after its incorporation, adopt for its government and management, a code of bylaws, not inconsistent with this chapter. A majority vote of the members or shares of stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote, or the written assent of a majority of the members or of stockholders representing a majority of all the shares of stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote, is necessary to adopt such bylaws and is effectual to repeal or amend any bylaws or to adopt additional bylaws. The power to repeal and amend the bylaws, and adopt new bylaws, may, by a similar vote, or similar written assent, be delegated to the board of directors, which authority may, by a similar vote, or similar written assent, be revoked. [1959 c 312 § 13.]

24.36.140 Bylaws of association—Transfer of stock, membership certificates limited. The bylaws shall prohibit the transfer of the common stock or membership certificates of the associations to persons not engaged in the production of the products handled by the association. [1959 c 312 § 14.]

24.36.150 Bylaws of association—Quorum, voting, directors, penalties. The bylaws may provide:

- (1) The number of members constituting a quorum.
- (2) The right of members to vote by proxy or by mail or both, and the conditions, manner, form and effects of such votes; the right of members to cumulate their votes and the prohibition, if desired, of cumulative voting.
- (3) The number of directors constituting a quorum.
- (4) The qualifications, compensation and duties and term of office of directors and officers and the time of their election.
- (5) Penalties for violations of the bylaws. [1959 c 312 § 15.]

24.36.160 Bylaws of association—Fees, charges, marketing contract, dividends. The bylaws may provide:

- (1) The amount of entrance, organization and membership fees, if any; the manner and method of collection of the same; and the purposes for which they may be used.
- (2) The amount which each member shall be required to pay annually, or from time to time, if at all, to carry on the business of the association; the charge, if any, to be paid by each member for services rendered by the association to him and the time of payment and the manner of collection; and the marketing contract between the association and its members which every member may be required to sign.
- (3) The amount of any dividends which may be declared on the stock or membership capital, which dividends shall not exceed eight percent per annum and which dividends shall be in the nature of interest and shall not affect the nonprofit character of any association organized hereunder. [1959 c 312 § 16.]

24.36.170 Bylaws of association—Membership. The bylaws may provide:

- (1) The number and qualification of members of the association and the conditions precedent to membership or ownership of common stock.
- (2) The method, time and manner of permitting members to withdraw or the holders of common stock to transfer their stock.
- (3) The manner of assignment and transfer of the interest of members and of the shares of common stock.
- (4) The conditions upon which and time when membership of any member shall cease.
- (5) For the automatic suspension of the rights of a member when he ceases to be eligible to membership in the association; and the mode, manner and effect of the expulsion of a member.
- (6) The manner of determining the value of a member's interest and provision for its purchase by the association upon the death or withdrawal of a member or upon the expulsion of a member or forfeiture of his membership, or at the option of the association, the purchase at a price fixed by conclusive appraisal by the board of directors; and the conditions and terms for the repurchase by the corporation from its stockholders of their stock upon their disqualification as stockholders. [1959 c 312 § 17.]

24.36.180 Bylaws of association—Meetings. The bylaws may provide for the time, place, and manner of

calling and conducting meetings of the association. [1959 c 312 § 18.]

24.36.190 Bylaws of association—Direct election of directors from districts of territory. The bylaws may provide that the territory in which the association has members shall be divided into districts and that directors shall be elected from the several districts. In such case, the bylaws shall specify the number of directors to be elected by each district, the manner and method of reapportioning the directors and of redistricting the territory covered by the association. [1959 c 312 § 19.]

24.36.200 Bylaws of association—Election of directors by representatives or advisers from districts of territory. The bylaws may provide that the territory in which the association has members shall be divided into districts, and that the directors shall be elected by representatives or advisers, who themselves have been elected by the members from the several territorial districts. In such case, the bylaws shall specify the number of representatives or advisers to be elected by each district, the manner and method of reapportioning the representatives or advisers and of redistricting the territory covered by the association. [1959 c 312 § 20.]

24.36.210 Bylaws of association—Primary elections to nominate directors. The bylaws may provide that primary elections shall be held to nominate directors. Where the bylaws provide that the territory in which the association has members shall be divided into districts, the bylaws may also provide that the results of the primary elections in the various districts shall be final and shall be ratified at the annual meeting of the association. [1959 c 312 § 21.]

24.36.220 Bylaws of association—Nomination of directors by public officials or other directors—Limitation. The bylaws may provide that one or more directors may be nominated by any public official or commission or by the other directors selected by the members. Such directors shall represent primarily the interest of the general public in such associations. The directors so nominated need not be members of the association, but shall have the same powers and rights as other directors. Such directors shall not number more than one-fifth of the entire number of directors. [1959 c 312 § 22.]

24.36.230 Bylaws of association—Terms of directors—Staggering. The bylaws may provide that directors shall be elected for terms of from one to five years: PROVIDED, That at each annual election the same fraction of the total number of directors shall be elected as one year bears to the number of years of the term of office. [1959 c 312 § 23.]

24.36.240 Bylaws of association—Executive committee. The bylaws may provide for an executive committee and may allot to such committee all the functions and powers of the board of directors, subject to the general direction and control of the board. [1959 c 312 § 24.]

24.36.250 Qualifications of members, stockholders.

(1) Under the terms and conditions prescribed in the bylaws, an association may admit as members, or issue common stock to, only such persons as are engaged in the production of fishery products to be handled by or through the association, including the lessees and tenants of boats and equipment used for the production of such fishery products and any lessors and landlords who receive as rent all or part of the fish produced by such leased equipment.

(2) If a member of a nonstock association is other than a natural person, such member may be represented by any individual duly authorized in writing.

(3) One association may become a member or stockholder of any other association. [1959 c 312 § 25.]

24.36.260 Certificate of membership in nonstock associations. When a member of an association established without shares of stock has paid his membership fee in full, he shall receive a certificate of membership. [1959 c 312 § 26.]

24.36.270 Liability of member for association's debts. No member shall be liable for the debts of the association to an amount exceeding the sum remaining unpaid on his membership fee or his subscription to the capital stock, including any unpaid balance on any promissory note given in payment thereof. [1959 c 312 § 27.]

24.36.280 Place of membership meetings. Meetings of members shall be held at the place as provided in the bylaws; and if no provision is made, in the city where the principal place of business is located at a place designated by the board of directors. [1959 c 312 § 28.]

24.36.290 Appraisal of expelled member's property—Payment. In case of the expulsion of a member, and where the bylaws do not provide any procedure or penalty, the board of directors shall equitably and conclusively appraise his property interest in the association and shall fix the amount thereof in money, which shall be paid to him within one year after such expulsion. [1959 c 312 § 29.]

24.36.300 Powers of association—General scope of activities. An association may:

Engage in any activity in connection with the marketing, selling, preserving, harvesting, drying, processing, manufacturing, canning, packing, grading, storing, handling, or utilization of any fishery products produced or delivered to it by its members; or the manufacturing or marketing of the byproducts thereof; or any activity in connection with the purchase, hiring, or use by its members of supplies, machinery, or equipment, or in the financing of any such activities. [1959 c 312 § 30.]

24.36.310 Powers of association—Incurring indebtedness—Advances to members. An association may borrow without limitation as to amount of corporate indebtedness or liability and may make advances to members. [1959 c 312 § 31.]

24.36.315 Indemnification of agents of any corporation authorized—Application of RCW 23A.08.025. See RCW 23B.17.030.

24.36.320 Association as agent for member. An association may act as the agent or representative of any member or members in any of the two next preceding sections. [1959 c 312 § 32.]

24.36.330 Reserves—Investments. An association may establish reserves and invest the funds thereof in bonds or in such other property as may be provided in the bylaws. [1959 c 312 § 33.]

24.36.340 Powers relating to capital stock or bonds of other corporations or associations. An association may purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, own, and exercise all rights of ownership in, sell, transfer, pledge, or guarantee the payment of dividends or interest on, or the retirement or redemption of, shares of the capital stock or bonds of any corporation or association engaged in any related activity or in the warehousing or handling or marketing or packing or manufacturing or processing or preparing for market of any of the fishery products handled by the association. [1959 c 312 § 34.]

24.36.350 Powers relating to real or personal property. An association may buy, hold and exercise all privileges or ownership, over such real or personal property as may be necessary or convenient for the conduct and operation of any of the business of the association, or incidental thereto. [1959 c 312 § 35.]

24.36.360 Levy of assessments. An association may levy assessments in the manner and in the amount provided in its bylaws. [1959 c 312 § 36.]

24.36.370 General powers, rights, privileges of association. An association may do each and every thing necessary, suitable or proper for the accomplishment of any one of the purposes or the attainment of any one or more of the objects enumerated in this chapter; or conducive to or expedient for the interest or benefit of the association; and contract accordingly; and in addition exercise and possess all powers, rights and privileges necessary or incidental to the purposes for which the association is organized or to the activities in which it is engaged; and, in addition, any other rights, powers and privileges granted by the laws of this state to ordinary corporations, except such as are inconsistent with the express provisions of this chapter; and do any such thing anywhere. [1959 c 312 § 37.]

24.36.380 Use of association's facilities—Disposition of proceeds. An association may use or employ any of its facilities for any purpose: PROVIDED, That the proceeds arising from such use and employment go to reduce the cost of operation for its members; but the fishery products of nonmembers shall not be dealt in to an amount greater in value than such as are handled by it for its members. [1959 c 312 § 38.]

24.36.390 Power of association to form, control, own stock in or be member of another corporation or association—Warehouse receipts. An association may organize, form, operate, own, control, have an interest in, own stock of, or be a member of any other corporation or corporations, with or without capital stock and engaged in preserving, drying, processing, canning, packing, storing, handling, shipping, utilizing, manufacturing, marketing, or selling of the fishery products handled by the association, or the byproducts thereof.

If such corporations are warehousing corporations, they may issue legal warehouse receipts to the association against the commodities delivered by it, or to any other person and such legal warehouse receipts shall be considered as adequate collateral to the extent of the usual and current value of the commodity represented thereby. In case such warehouse is licensed or licensed and bonded under the laws of this state or the United States, its warehouse receipt delivered to the association on commodities of the association or its members, or delivered by the association or its members, shall not be challenged or discriminated against because of ownership or control, wholly or in part, by the association. [1959 c 312 § 39.]

24.36.400 Contracts and agreements with other corporations or associations—Joint operations. Any association may, upon resolution adopted by its board of directors, enter into all necessary and proper contracts and agreements and make all necessary and proper stipulations, agreements and contracts and arrangements with any other cooperative or other corporation, association, or associations, formed in this or in any other state, for the cooperative and more economical carrying on of its business or any part or parts thereof. Any two or more associations may, by agreement between them, unite in employing and using or may separately employ and use the same personnel, methods, means, and agencies for carrying on and conducting their respective business. [1959 c 312 § 40.]

24.36.410 Marketing contracts with members. An association and its members may make and execute marketing contracts, requiring the members to sell, for any period of time, not over fifteen years, all or any specified part of their fishery products or specified commodities exclusively to or through the association or any facilities to be created by the association. [1959 c 312 § 41.]

24.36.420 When title passes on sale by member to association. If the members contract a sale to the association, it shall be conclusively held that title to the products passes absolutely and unreservedly, except for recorded liens, to the association upon delivery or at any other time expressly and definitely specified in the contract. [1959 c 312 § 42.]

24.36.430 Association may sell products without taking title—Powers and duties. The contract may provide that the association may sell or resell the fishery products delivered by its members, with or without taking title thereto; and pay over to its members the resale price, after deducting all necessary selling, overhead, and other costs and

expenses, including interest on preferred stock, not exceeding eight percent per annum, and reserves for retiring the stock, if any; and other proper reserves; and interest not exceeding eight percent per annum upon common stock. [1959 c 312 § 43.]

24.36.440 Liability of member for breach of marketing contract. The marketing contract may fix, as liquidated damages, specific sums to be paid by the member to the association upon the breach by him of any provision of the marketing contract regarding the sale or delivery or withholding of fishery products; and may further provide that the member will pay all costs, premiums for bonds, expenses and fees, in case any action is brought upon the contract by the association; and any such provisions shall be valid and enforceable in the courts of this state; and such clauses providing for liquidated damages shall be enforceable as such and shall not be regarded as penalties. [1959 c 312 § 44.]

24.36.450 Injunctions, specific performance if breach or threatened breach by member. In the event of any such breach or threatened breach of such marketing contract by a member the association shall be entitled to an injunction to prevent the further breach of the contract and to a decree of specific performance thereof. Pending the adjudication of such an action and upon filing a verified complaint showing the breach or threatened breach, and upon filing sufficient bond, the association shall be entitled to a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction against the member. [1959 c 312 § 45.]

24.36.460 Presumption that landlord or lessor can control delivery—Remedies for nondelivery or breach. In any action upon such marketing agreements, it shall be conclusively presumed that a landlord or lessor is able to control the delivery of fishery products produced by his equipment by tenants, or others, whose tenancy or possession or work on such equipment or the terms of whose tenancy or possession or labor thereon were created or changed after execution by the landlord or lessor, of such a marketing agreement; and in such actions, the foregoing remedies for nondelivery or breach shall lie and be enforceable against such landlord or lessor. [1959 c 312 § 46.]

24.36.470 Enforcement by association to secure delivery by member. A contract entered into by a member of an association, providing for the delivery to such association of products produced or acquired by the member, may be specifically enforced by the association to secure the delivery to it of such fishery products, any provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding. [1959 c 312 § 47.]

Chapter 24.40

TAX REFORM ACT OF 1969, STATE IMPLEMENTATION—NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATIONS

Sections

24.40.010 Application.

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- 24.40.080 Tax reform act of 1969, state implementation—Charitable trusts.

24.40.010 Application. This chapter shall apply to every not for profit corporation to which Title 24 RCW applies, and which is a "private foundation" as defined in section 509 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and which has been or shall be incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington after December 31, 1969. As to any such corporation so incorporated before January 1, 1970, this chapter shall apply only for its federal taxable years beginning after December 31, 1971. [1971 c 59 § 2.]

24.40.020 Articles of incorporation deemed to contain prohibiting provisions. The articles of incorporation of every corporation to which this chapter applies shall be deemed to contain provisions prohibiting the corporation from:

(1) Engaging in any act of "self-dealing" (as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954), which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by section 4941(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954;

(2) Retaining any "excess business holdings" (as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954), which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by section 4943(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954;

(3) Making any investment which would jeopardize the carrying out of any of its exempt purposes, within the meaning of section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by section 4944(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954; and

(4) Making any "taxable expenditures" (as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954) which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by section 4945(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. [1971 c 59 § 3.]

24.40.030 Articles of incorporation deemed to contain provisions for distribution. The articles of incorporation of every corporation to which this chapter applies shall be deemed to contain a provision requiring such corporation to distribute, for the purposes specified in its articles of incorporation, for each taxable year, amounts at least sufficient to avoid liability for the tax imposed by section 4942(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. [1971 c 59 § 4.]

24.40.040 Rights, powers, of courts, attorney general, not impaired. Nothing in this chapter shall impair the rights and powers of the courts or the attorney general of this state with respect to any corporation. [1971 c 59 § 5.]

24.40.050 Construction of references to federal code. All references to sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 shall include future amendments to such sections and corresponding provisions of future internal revenue laws. [1971 c 59 § 6.]

24.40.060 Present articles of incorporation may be amended—Application to new corporation. Nothing in this chapter shall limit the power of any corporation not for profit now or hereafter incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington

(1) to at any time amend its articles of incorporation or other instrument governing such corporation by any amendment process open to such corporation under the laws of the state of Washington to provide that some or all provisions of RCW 24.40.010 and 24.40.020 shall have no application to such corporation; or

(2) in the case of any such corporation formed after June 10, 1971, to provide in its articles of incorporation that some or all provisions of RCW 24.40.010 and 24.40.020 shall have no application to such corporation. [1971 c 59 § 7.]

24.40.070 Severability—1971 c 59. If any provision of RCW 24.40.010 through 24.40.070 or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of RCW 24.40.010 through 24.40.070 which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of RCW 24.40.010 through 24.40.070 are declared to be severable. [1971 c 59 § 8.]

24.40.080 Tax reform act of 1969, state implementation—Charitable trusts. See RCW 11.110.200 through 11.110.260.

Chapter 24.44

UNIFORM MANAGEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS ACT

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24.44.010 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Institution" means an incorporated or unincorporated organization organized and operated exclusively for educational, religious, charitable, or other eleemosynary purposes or a governmental organization to the extent that it holds funds exclusively for any of these purposes;

(2) "Institutional fund" means a fund held by an institution for its exclusive use, benefit or purposes, but does not include (a) a fund held for an institution by a trustee which is not an institution, or (b) a fund in which a benefi-

ciary which is not an institution has an interest other than possible rights which could arise upon violation or failure of the purposes of the fund;

(3) "Endowment fund" means an institutional fund, or any part thereof, which is not wholly expendable by the institution on a current basis under the terms of the applicable gift instrument;

(4) "Governing board" means the body responsible for the management of an institution or of an institutional fund;

(5) "Historic dollar value" means the fair value in dollars of an endowment fund at the time it first became an endowment fund, plus the fair value in dollars of each subsequent donation to the fund at the time it is made, plus the fair value in dollars of each accumulation made pursuant to a direction in the applicable gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The determination of historic dollar value made in good faith by the institution is conclusive;

(6) "Gift instrument" means a will, deed, grant, conveyance, agreement, memorandum, writing, or other governing document (including the terms of any institutional solicitations from which an institutional fund resulted) under which property is transferred to or held by an institution as an institutional fund. [1973 c 17 § 1.]

24.44.020 Appropriation of appreciation. The governing board may appropriate for expenditure for the uses and purposes for which an endowment fund is established so much of the net appreciation, realized and unrealized, in the fair value of the assets of an endowment fund over the historic dollar value of the fund as is prudent under the standard established by RCW 24.44.050. This section does not limit the authority of the governing board to expend funds as permitted under other law, the terms of the applicable gift instrument, or the character [charter] of an institution. [1973 c 17 § 2.]

24.44.030 Investment authority. In addition to an investment otherwise authorized by law or by the applicable gift instrument, and without restriction to investments a fiduciary is authorized to make, the governing board (subject to any specific limitations set forth in the applicable gift instrument or in applicable law other than law relating to investments a fiduciary is authorized to make) may:

(1) Invest and reinvest an institutional fund in any real or personal property deemed advisable by the governing board, whether or not it produces a current return, including mortgages, stocks and bonds, debentures, and other securities of profit or nonprofit corporations, shares in or obligations of associations, partnerships, or individuals, and obligations of any government or subdivision or instrumentality thereof;

(2) Retain property contributed by a donor to an institutional fund for as long as the governing board deems advisable;

(3) Include all or any part of an institutional fund in any pooled or common fund maintained by the institution; and

(4) Invest all or any part of an institutional fund in any other pooled or common fund available for investment, including shares or interests in regulated investment companies, mutual funds, common trust funds, investment partnerships, real estate investment trusts, or similar organizations

in which funds are commingled and investment determinations are made by persons other than the governing board. [1973 c 17 § 3.]

24.44.040 Delegation of investment management. Except as otherwise provided by the applicable gift instrument or by applicable law relating to governmental institutions or funds, the governing board may:

(1) Delegate to its committees, to officers or employees of the institution or the fund, or to agents (including investment counsel) the authority to act in place of the board in investment and reinvestment of institutional funds;

(2) Contract with independent investment advisors, investment counsel or managers, banks, or trust companies, so to act; and

(3) Authorize the payment of compensation for investment advisory or management services. [1973 c 17 § 4.]

24.44.050 Standard of conduct. In the administration of the powers to appropriate appreciation, to make and retain investments, and to delegate investment management of institutional funds, members of a governing board shall exercise ordinary business care and prudence under the facts and circumstances prevailing at the time of the action or decision, and in so doing they shall consider long and short term needs of the institution in carrying out its educational, religious, charitable, or other eleemosynary purposes, its present and anticipated financial requirements, expected total return on its investments, price level trends, and general economic conditions. [1973 c 17 § 5.]

24.44.060 Release of restrictions on use or investments. (1) A restriction on the use or investment of an institutional fund imposed by the applicable gift instrument may be released, entirely or in part, by the governing board with the written consent of the donor.

(2) If consent of the donor cannot be obtained by reason of the death, disability or unavailability, or impossibility of identification of the donor, upon application of the governing board, a restriction on the use or investment of an institutional fund imposed by the applicable gift instrument may be released, entirely or in part, by order of the superior court after reasonable notice to the attorney general and an opportunity for him to be heard, and upon a finding that the restriction on the use or investment of the fund is obsolete, inappropriate or impracticable. A release under this subsection may not change an endowment fund to a fund which is not an endowment fund.

(3) A release under this section may not allow a fund to be used for purposes other than the educational, religious, charitable, or other eleemosynary purposes of the institution affected.

(4) The provisions of this section do not limit the application of the doctrine of cy pres. [1973 c 17 § 6.]

24.44.070 Uniformity of application and construction. This chapter shall be applied and construed to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law with respect to the subject of this chapter among those states which enact it. [1973 c 17 § 8.]

24.44.080 Short title. This chapter may be cited as the "Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act". [1973 c 17 § 9.]

24.44.090 Section headings. Section headings as used in this chapter do not constitute any part of the law. [1973 c 17 § 10.]

24.44.900 Severability—1973 c 17. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable. [1973 c 17 § 7.]

Chapter 24.46 FOREIGN TRADE ZONES

Sections

24.46.010 Legislative finding—Intent.

24.46.020 Application for permission to establish, operate and maintain foreign trade zones authorized.

Operation of foreign trade zones by port districts: RCW 53.08.030.

24.46.010 Legislative finding—Intent. It is the finding of the legislature that foreign trade zones serve an important public purpose by the creation of employment opportunities within the state and that the establishment of zones designed to accomplish this purpose is to be encouraged. It is the further intent of the legislature that the *department of trade and economic development provide assistance to entities planning to apply to the United States for permission to establish such zones. [1985 c 466 § 39; 1977 ex.s. c 196 § 1.]

***Reviser's note:** Powers, duties, and functions of the department of community development and the department of trade and economic development were transferred to the department of community, trade, and economic development by 1993 c 280, effective July 1, 1994.

Effective date—Severability—1985 c 466: See notes following RCW 43.31.085.

Effective date—1977 ex.s. c 196: "This 1977 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect on July 1, 1977." [1977 ex.s. c 196 § 8.]

24.46.020 Application for permission to establish, operate and maintain foreign trade zones authorized. A nonprofit corporation or organization, as zone sponsor, may apply to the United States for permission to establish, operate, and maintain foreign trade zones: PROVIDED, That nothing herein shall be construed to prevent these zones from being operated and financed by a private corporation(s) on behalf of said nonprofit corporation acting as zone sponsor. [1977 ex.s. c 196 § 2.]

Effective date—1977 ex.s. c 196: See note following RCW 24.46.010.

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PART I PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

25.04.010 Name of chapter. This chapter may be cited as the uniform partnership act. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.010. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-40.]

25.04.020 Definition of terms. In this chapter: "Court" includes every court and judge having jurisdiction in the case;

"Business" includes every trade, occupation, or profession;

"Person" includes individuals, trustees and personal representatives, partnerships, corporations, and other associations;

"Bankrupt" includes bankrupt under the federal bankruptcy act or insolvent under any state insolvent act;

"Conveyance" includes every assignment, lease, mortgage, or encumbrance;

"Real property" includes land and any interest or estate in land. [1985 c 8 § 2. Prior: 1984 c 149 § 171; 1955 c 15 § 25.04.020; prior: 1945 c 137 § 2; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-41.]

Short title—Application—1985 c 30: See RCW 11.02.900 and 11.02.901.

Purpose—1985 c 8: "The purpose of this act is to make technical corrections to chapter 149, Laws of 1984, and to ensure that the changes made in that chapter meet the constitutional requirements of Article II, section 19 of the state Constitution." [1985 c 8 § 1.]

Severability—1985 c 8: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1985 c 8 § 4.]

Severability—Effective date—1984 c 149: See notes following RCW 11.02.005.

25.04.030 Interpretation of knowledge and notice.

(1) A person has knowledge of a fact within the meaning of this chapter not only when he has actual knowledge thereof, but also when he has knowledge of such other facts as in the circumstances shows bad faith.

(2) A person has notice of a fact within the meaning of this chapter when the person who claims the benefit of the notice:

- (a) States the fact to such person, or
- (b) Delivers through the mail, or by other means of communication, a written statement of the fact to such person or to a proper person at his place of business or residence. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.030. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 3; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-42.]

25.04.040 Rules of construction. (1) The rule that statutes in derogation of the common law are to be strictly construed shall have no application to this chapter.

(2) The law of estoppel shall apply under this chapter.

(3) The law of agency shall apply under this chapter.

(4) This chapter shall be so interpreted and construed as to effect its general purpose to make uniform the law of those states which enact it.

(5) This chapter shall not be construed so as to impair the obligations of any contract existing when the chapter goes into effect, nor to affect any action or proceedings begun or right accrued before this chapter takes effect. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.040. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 4; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-43.]

25.04.050 Rules for cases not provided for in this chapter. In any case not provided for in this chapter the rules of law and equity, including the law merchant, shall govern. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.050. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 5; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-44.]

PART II NATURE OF A PARTNERSHIP

25.04.060 Partnership defined. (1) A partnership is an association of two or more persons to carry on as co-owners a business for profit.

(2) Any association formed under any other statute of this state, or a statute adopted by any authority, other than the authority of this state, is not a partnership under this chapter, unless such association would have been a partnership in this state prior to the adoption of this chapter.

(3) This chapter shall apply to limited partnerships except insofar as the statutes relating to such partnerships are inconsistent herewith. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.060. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 6; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-45.]

25.04.070 Rules for determining the existence of a partnership. In determining whether a partnership exists, these rules shall apply:

(1) Except as provided by RCW 25.04.160 persons who are not partners as to each other, are not partners as to third persons.

(2) Joint tenancy, tenancy in common, tenancy by the entireties, joint property, common property, or part ownership does not of itself establish a partnership, whether such

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co-owners do or do not share any profits made by the use of the property.

(3) The sharing of gross returns does not of itself establish a partnership, whether or not the persons sharing them have a joint or common right or interest in any property from which the returns are derived.

(4) The receipt by a person of a share of the profits of a business is prima facie evidence that he is a partner in the business, but no such inference shall be drawn if such profits were received in payments:

- (a) As a debt by installments or otherwise,
- (b) As wages of an employee or rent to a landlord,
- (c) As an annuity to a surviving spouse or representative of a deceased partner,
- (d) As interest on a loan, though the amount of payment vary with the profits of the business,

(e) As the consideration for the sale of a good will of a business or other property by installments or otherwise. [1973 1st ex.s. c 154 § 24; 1955 c 15 § 25.04.070. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 7; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-46.]

Severability—1973 1st ex.s. c 154: See note following RCW 2.12.030.

25.04.080 Partnership property. (1) All property originally brought into the partnership stock or subsequently acquired by purchase or otherwise, on account of the partnership, is partnership property.

(2) Unless the contrary intention appears, property acquired with partnership funds is partnership property.

(3) Any estate in real property may be acquired in the partnership name. Title so acquired can be conveyed only in the partnership name.

(4) A conveyance to a partnership in the partnership name, though without words of inheritance, passes the entire estate of the grantor unless a contrary intent appears. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.080. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 8; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-47.]

PART III RELATIONS OF PARTNERS TO PERSONS DEALING WITH THE PARTNERSHIP

25.04.090 Partner agent of partnership as to partnership business. (1) Every partner is an agent of the partnership for the purpose of its business, and the act of every partner, including the execution in the partnership name of any instrument, for apparently carrying on in the usual way the business of the partnership of which he is a member binds the partnership, unless the partner so acting has in fact no authority to act for the partnership in the particular matter, and the person with whom he is dealing has knowledge of the fact that he has no such authority.

(2) An act of a partner which is not apparently for the carrying on of the business of the partnership in the usual way does not bind the partnership unless authorized by the other partners.

(3) Unless authorized by the other partners or unless they have abandoned the business, one or more but less than all partners have no authority to:

(a) Assign the partnership property in trust for creditors or on the assignee's promise to pay the debts of the partnership,

(b) Dispose of the good will of the business,

(c) Do any other act which would make it impossible to carry on the ordinary business of a partnership,

(d) Confess a judgment,

(e) Submit a partnership claim or liability to arbitration or reference.

(4) No act of a partner in contravention of a restriction on authority shall bind the partnership to persons having knowledge of the restriction. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.090. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 9; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-48.]

25.04.100 Conveyance of real property of the partnership. (1) Where title to real property is in the partnership name, any partner may convey title to such property by a conveyance executed in the partnership name; but the partnership may recover such property unless the partner's act binds the partnership under the provisions of subsection (1) of RCW 25.04.090, or unless such property has been conveyed by the grantee or a person claiming through such grantee to a holder for value without knowledge that the partner, in making the conveyance, has exceeded his authority.

(2) Where title to real property is in the name of the partnership, a conveyance executed by a partner, in his own name, passes the equitable interest of the partnership, provided the act is one within the authority of the partner under the provisions of subsection (1) of RCW 25.04.090.

(3) Where title to real property is in the name of one or more but not all the partners, and the record does not disclose the right of the partnership, the partners in whose name the title stands may convey title to such property, but the partnership may recover such property if the partners' act does not bind the partnership under the provisions of subsection (1) of RCW 25.04.090, unless the purchaser or his assignee, is a holder for value, without knowledge.

(4) Where the title to real property is in the name of one or more or all the partners, or in a third person in trust for the partnership, a conveyance executed by a partner in the partnership name, or in his own name, passes the equitable interest of the partnership, provided the act is one within the authority of the partner under the provisions of subsection (1) of RCW 25.04.090.

(5) Where the title to real property is in the names of all the partners a conveyance executed by all the partners passes all their rights in such property. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.100. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 10; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-49.]

25.04.110 Partnership bound by admission of partner. An admission or representation made by any partner concerning partnership affairs within the scope of his authority as conferred by this chapter is evidence against the partnership. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.110. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 11; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-50.]

25.04.120 Partnership charged with knowledge of or notice to partner. Notice to any partner of any matter relating to partnership affairs, and the knowledge of the partner acting in the particular matter, acquired while a part-

ner or then present to his mind, and the knowledge of any other partner who reasonably could and should have communicated it to the acting partner, operate as notice to or knowledge of the partnership, except in the case of a fraud on the partnership committed by or with the consent of that partner. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.120. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 12; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-51.]

25.04.130 Partnership bound by partner's wrongful act. Where, by any wrongful act or omission of any partner acting in the ordinary course of the business of the partnership or with the authority of his copartners, loss or injury is caused to any person, not being a partner in the partnership, or any penalty is incurred, the partnership is liable therefor to the same extent as the partner so acting or omitting to act. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.130. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 13; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-52.]

25.04.140 Partnership bound by partner's breach of trust. The partnership is bound to make good the loss:

(1) Where one partner acting within the scope of his apparent authority receives money or property of a third person and misapplies it; and

(2) Where the partnership in the course of its business receives money or property of a third person and the money or property so received is misapplied by any partner while it is in the custody of the partnership. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.140. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 14; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-53.]

25.04.150 Nature of partner's liability. All partners are liable:

(1) Jointly and severally for everything chargeable to the partnership under RCW 25.04.130 and 25.04.140; and

(2) Jointly for all other debts and obligations of the partnership; but any partner may enter into a separate obligation to perform a partnership contract;

(3) Except that:

(a) In no event shall a trustee or personal representative (a fiduciary) acting as a partner have personal liability except as provided in RCW 11.98.110 (2) and (4);

(b) Any such liability under these subsections shall be satisfied first from the partnership assets and second from the trust or estate; and

(c) If a fiduciary is liable, the fiduciary is entitled to indemnification first from the partnership assets and second from the trust or estate. [1985 c 8 § 3. Prior: 1984 c 149 § 172; 1955 c 15 § 25.04.150; prior: 1945 c 137 § 15; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-54.]

Short title—Application—1985 c 30: See RCW 11.02.900 and 11.02.901.

Purpose—Severability—1985 c 8: See notes following RCW 25.04.020.

Severability—Effective date—1984 c 149: See notes following RCW 11.02.005.

25.04.160 Partner by estoppel. (1) When a person, by words spoken or written or by conduct, represents himself, or consents to another representing him to any one, as a partner in an existing partnership or with one or more persons not actual partners, he is liable to any such person

to whom such representation has been made, who has, on the faith of such representation, given credit to the actual or apparent partnership, and if he has made such representation or consented to its being made in a public manner he is liable to such person, whether the representation has or has not been made or communicated to such person so giving credit by or with the knowledge of the apparent partner making the representation or consenting to its being made.

(a) When a partnership liability results, he is liable as though he were an actual member of the partnership.

(b) When no partnership liability results, he is liable jointly with the other persons, if any, so consenting to the contract or representation as to incur liability, otherwise separately.

(2) When a person has been thus represented to be a partner in an existing partnership, or with one or more persons not actual partners, he is an agent of the persons consenting to such representation to bind them to the same extent and in the same manner as though he were a partner in fact, with respect to persons who rely upon the representation. Where all the members of the existing partnership consent to the representation, a partnership act or obligation results; but in all other cases it is the joint act or obligation of the person acting and the persons consenting to the representation. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.160. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 16; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-55.]

25.04.170 Liability of incoming partner. A person admitted as a partner into an existing partnership is liable for all the obligations of the partnership arising before his admission as though he had been a partner when such obligations were incurred, except that this liability shall be satisfied only out of the partnership property. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.170. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 17; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-56.]

PART IV

RELATIONS OF PARTNERS TO ONE ANOTHER

25.04.180 Rules determining rights and duties of partners. The rights and duties of the partners in relation to the partnership shall be determined, subject to any agreement between them, by the following rules:

(1) Each partner shall be repaid his contributions, whether by way of capital or advances to the partnership property and share equally in the profits and surplus remaining after all liabilities, including those to partners, are satisfied; and must contribute toward the losses, whether of capital or otherwise, sustained by the partnership according to his share in the profits.

(2) The partnership must indemnify every partner in respect of payments made and personal liabilities reasonably incurred by him in the ordinary and proper conduct of its business, or for the preservation of its business or property.

(3) A partner, who in aid of the partnership makes any payment or advance beyond the amount of capital which he agreed to contribute, shall be paid interest from the date of the payment or advance.

(4) A partner shall receive interest on the capital contributed by him only from the date when repayment should be made.

(5) All partners have equal rights in the management and conduct of the partnership business.

(6) No partner is entitled to remuneration for acting in the partnership business, except that a surviving partner is entitled to reasonable compensation for his services in winding up the partnership affairs.

(7) No person can become a member of a partnership without the consent of all the partners.

(8) Any difference arising as to ordinary matters connected with the partnership business may be decided by a majority of the partners; but no act in contravention of any agreement between the partners may be done rightfully without the consent of all the partners. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.180. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 18; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-57.]

25.04.190 Partnership books. The partnership books shall be kept, subject to any agreement between the partners, at the principal place of business of the partnership, and every partner shall at all times have access to and may inspect and copy any of them. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.190. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 19; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-58.]

25.04.200 Duty of partners to render information. Partners shall render on demand true and full information of all things affecting the partnership to any partner or the legal representative of any deceased partner or partner under legal disability. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.200. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 20; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-59.]

25.04.210 Partner accountable as a fiduciary. (1) Every partner must account to the partnership for any benefit, and hold as trustee for it any profits derived by him without the consent of the other partners from any transaction connected with the formation, conduct, or liquidation of the partnership or from any use by him of its property.

(2) This section applies also to the representatives of a deceased partner engaged in the liquidation of the affairs of the partnership as the personal representatives of the last surviving partner. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.210. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 21; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-60.]

25.04.220 Right to an account. Any partner shall have the right to a formal account as to partnership affairs:

(1) If he is wrongfully excluded from the partnership business or possession of its property by his copartners,

(2) If the right exists under the terms of any agreement,

(3) As provided by RCW 25.04.210,

(4) Whenever other circumstances render it just and reasonable. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.220. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 22; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-61.]

25.04.230 Continuation of partnership beyond fixed term. (1) When a partnership for a fixed term or particular undertaking is continued after the termination of such term or particular undertaking without any express agreement, the rights and duties of the partners remain the same as they were at such termination, so far as is consistent with a partnership at will.

(2) A continuation of the business by the partners or such of them as habitually acted therein during the term,

without any settlement or liquidation of the partnership affairs, is prima facie evidence of a continuation of the partnership. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.230. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 23; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-62.]

PART V PROPERTY RIGHTS OF A PARTNER

25.04.240 Extent of property rights of partner. The property rights of a partner are (1) his rights in specific partnership property, (2) his interest in the partnership, and (3) his right to participate in the management. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.240. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 24; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-63.]

25.04.250 Nature of a partner's right in specific partnership property. (1) A partner is co-owner with his partners of specific partnership property holding as a tenant in partnership.

(2) The incidents of this tenancy are such that:

(a) A partner, subject to the provisions of this chapter and to any agreement between the partners, has an equal right with his partners to possess specific partnership property for partnership purposes; but he has no right to possess such property for any other purpose without the consent of his partners.

(b) A partner's right in specific partnership property is not assignable except in connection with the assignment of rights of all the partners in the same property.

(c) A partner's right in specific partnership property is not subject to attachment or execution, except on a claim against the partnership. When partnership property is attached for a partnership debt, the partners, or any of them, or the representatives of a deceased partner, cannot claim any right under the homestead or exemption laws.

(d) On the death of a partner, his right in specific partnership property vests in the surviving partner or partners, except where the deceased was the last surviving partner, when his right in such property vests in his legal representative. Such surviving partner or partners, or the legal representative of the last surviving partner, has no right to possess the partnership property for any but a partnership purpose.

(e) A partner's right in specific partnership property is not subject to dower, curtesy, or allowances to a surviving spouse, heirs, or next of kin. [1973 1st ex.s. c 154 § 25; 1955 c 15 § 25.04.250. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 25; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-64.]

Severability—1973 1st ex.s. c 154: See note following RCW 2.12.030.

25.04.260 Nature of partner's interest in the partnership. A partner's interest in the partnership is his share of the profits and surplus, and the same is personal property. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.260. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 26; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-65.]

25.04.270 Assignment of partner's interest. (1) A conveyance by a partner of his interest in the partnership does not of itself dissolve the partnership, nor, as against the other partners in the absence of agreement, entitle the

assignees, during the continuance of the partnership, to interfere in the management or administration of the partnership business or affairs, or to require any information or account of partnership transactions, or to inspect the partnership books; but it merely entitles the assignee to receive in accordance with his contract the profits to which the assigning partner would otherwise be entitled.

(2) In case of a dissolution of the partnership, the assignee is entitled to receive his assignor's interest and may require an account from the date only of the last account agreed to by all the partners. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.270. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 27; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-66.]

25.04.280 Partner's interest subject to charging order. (1) On due application to a competent court by any judgment creditor of a partner, the court which entered the judgment, order, or decree, or any other court, may charge the interest of the debtor partner with payment of the unsatisfied amount of such judgment debt with interest thereon; and may then or later appoint a receiver of his share of the profits, and of any other money due or to fall due to him in respect of the partnership, and make all other orders, directions, accounts and inquiries which the debtor partner might have made, or which the circumstances of the case may require.

(2) The interest charged may be redeemed at any time before foreclosure, or in case of a sale being directed by the court may be purchased without thereby causing a dissolution:

(a) With separate property, by any one or more of the partners, or

(b) With partnership property, by any one or more of the partners with the consent of all the partners whose interests are not so charged or sold.

(3) Nothing in this chapter shall be held to deprive a partner of his right, if any, under the exemption laws, as regards his interest in the partnership. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.280. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 28; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-67.]

PART VI DISSOLUTION AND WINDING UP

25.04.290 Dissolution defined. The dissolution of a partnership is the change in the relation of the partners caused by any partner ceasing to be associated in the carrying on as distinguished from winding up of the business. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.290. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 29; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-68.]

25.04.300 Partnership not terminated by dissolution. On dissolution the partnership is not terminated, but continues until the winding up of partnership affairs is completed. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.300. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 30; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-69.]

25.04.310 Causes of dissolution. Dissolution is caused:

(1) Without violation of the agreement between the partners,

(a) By the termination of the definite term or particular undertaking specified in the agreement,

(b) By the express will of any partner when no definite term or particular undertaking is specified,

(c) By the express will of all the partners who have not assigned their interests or suffered them to be charged for their separate debts, either before or after the termination of any specified term or particular undertaking,

(d) By the expulsion of any partner from the business bona fide in accordance with such a power conferred by the agreement between the partners;

(2) In contravention of the agreement between the partners, where the circumstances do not permit a dissolution under any other provision of this section, by the express will of any partner at any time;

(3) By any event which makes it unlawful for the business of the partnership to be carried on or for the members to carry it on in partnership;

(4) By the death of any partner;

(5) By the bankruptcy of any partner of the partnership;

(6) By decree of court under RCW 25.04.320. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.310. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 31; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-70.]

25.04.320 Dissolution by decree of court. (1) On application by or for a partner the court shall decree a dissolution whenever:

(a) A partner has been declared a lunatic in any judicial proceeding or is shown to be of unsound mind,

(b) A partner becomes in any other way incapable of performing his part of the partnership contract,

(c) A partner has been guilty of such conduct as tends to affect prejudicially the carrying on of the business,

(d) A partner wilfully or persistently commits a breach of the partnership agreement, or otherwise so conducts himself in matters relating to the partnership business that it is not reasonably practicable to carry on the business in partnership with him,

(e) The business of the partnership can only be carried on at a loss,

(f) Other circumstances render dissolution equitable.

(2) On the application of the purchaser of a partner's interest under RCW 25.04.270 and 25.04.280:

(a) After the termination of the specified term or particular undertaking,

(b) At any time if the partnership was a partnership at will when the interest was assigned or when the charging order was issued. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.320. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 32; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-71.]

25.04.330 General effect of dissolution on authority of partner. Except so far as may be necessary to wind up partnership affairs or to complete transactions begun but not then finished, dissolution terminates all authority of any partner to act for the partnership,

(1) With respect to the partners,

(a) When the dissolution is not by the act, bankruptcy or death of a partner; or

(b) When the dissolution is by such act, bankruptcy or death of a partner, in cases where RCW 25.04.340 so requires.

(2) With respect to persons not partners, as declared in RCW 25.04.350. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.330. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 33; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-72.]

25.04.340 Right of partner to contribution from copartners after dissolution. Where the dissolution is caused by the act, death or bankruptcy of a partner, each partner is liable to his copartners for his share of any liability created by any partner acting for the partnership as if the partnership had not been dissolved unless:

(1) The dissolution being by act of any partner, the partner acting for the partnership had knowledge of the dissolution, or

(2) The dissolution being by the death or bankruptcy of a partner, the partner acting for the partnership had knowledge or notice of the death or bankruptcy. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.340. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 34; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-73.]

25.04.350 Power of partner to bind partnership to third persons after dissolution. (1) After dissolution a partner can bind the partnership except as provided in subsection (3) of this section:

(a) By any act appropriate for winding up partnership affairs or completing transactions unfinished at dissolution;

(b) By any transaction which would bind the partnership if dissolution had not taken place, provided the other party to the transaction:

(i) Had extended credit to the partnership prior to dissolution and had no knowledge or notice of the dissolution; or

(ii) Though he had not so extended credit, had nevertheless known of the partnership prior to dissolution, and, having no knowledge or notice of dissolution, the fact of dissolution had not been advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in the place (or in each place if more than one) at which the partnership business was regularly carried on.

(2) The liability of a partner under subsection (1)(b) shall be satisfied out of partnership assets alone when such partner had been prior to dissolution:

(a) Unknown as a partner to the person with whom the contract is made; and

(b) So far unknown and inactive in partnership affairs that the business reputation of the partnership could not be said to have been in any degree due to his connection with it.

(3) The partnership is in no case bound by any act of a partner after dissolution:

(a) Where the partnership is dissolved because it is unlawful to carry on the business, unless the act is appropriate for winding up partnership affairs; or

(b) Where the partner has become bankrupt; or

(c) Where the partner has no authority to wind up partnership affairs; except by a transaction with one who:

(i) Had extended credit to the partnership prior to dissolution and had no knowledge or notice of his want of authority; or

(ii) Had not extended credit to the partnership prior to dissolution, and, having no knowledge or notice of his want of authority, the fact of his want of authority has not been

advertised in the manner provided for advertising the fact of dissolution in subsection (1)(b)(ii).

(4) Nothing in this section shall affect the liability under RCW 25.04.160 of any person who after dissolution represents himself or consents to another representing him as a partner in a partnership engaged in carrying on business. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.350. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 35; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-74.]

25.04.360 Effect of dissolution on partner's existing liability. (1) The dissolution of the partnership does not of itself discharge the existing liability of any partner.

(2) A partner is discharged from any existing liability upon dissolution of the partnership by an agreement to that effect between himself, the partnership creditor and the person or partnership continuing the business; and such agreement may be inferred from the course of dealing between the creditor having knowledge of the dissolution and the person or partnership continuing the business.

(3) Where a person agrees to assume the existing obligations of a dissolved partnership, the partners whose obligations have been assumed shall be discharged from any liability to any creditor of the partnership who, knowing of the agreement, consents to a material alteration in the nature or time of payment of such obligations.

(4) The individual property of a deceased partner shall be liable for all obligations of the partnership incurred while he was a partner but subject to the prior payment of his separate debts. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.360. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 36; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-75.]

25.04.370 Right to wind up. Unless otherwise agreed, the partners who have not wrongfully dissolved the partnership or the legal representative of the last surviving partner, not bankrupt, have the right to wind up the partnership affairs: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That any partner, his legal representative, or his assignee, upon cause shown, may obtain winding up by the court. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.370. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 37; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-76.]

25.04.380 Rights of partners to application of partnership property. (1) When dissolution is caused in any way, except in contravention of the partnership agreement, each partner, as against his copartners and all persons claiming through them in respect of their interests in the partnership, unless otherwise agreed, may have the partnership property applied to discharge its liabilities, and the surplus applied to pay in cash the net amount owing to the respective partners. But if dissolution is caused by expulsion of a partner, bona fide under the partnership agreement and if the expelled partner is discharged from all partnership liabilities, either by payment or agreement under RCW 25.04.360(2), he shall receive in cash only the net amount due him from the partnership.

(2) When dissolution is caused in contravention of the partnership agreement the rights of the partners shall be as follows:

(a) Each partner who has not caused dissolution wrongfully shall have,

(i) All the rights specified in subsection (1) of this section, and

(ii) The right, as against each partner who has caused the dissolution wrongfully, to damages for breach of the agreement.

(b) The partners who have not caused the dissolution wrongfully, if they all desire to continue the business in the same name, either by themselves or jointly with others, may do so, during the agreed term for the partnership and for that purpose may possess the partnership property provided they secure the payment by bond approved by the court, or pay to any partner who has caused the dissolution wrongfully, the value of his interest in the partnership at the dissolution, less any damages recoverable under subsection (2)(a)(ii) of this section, and in like manner indemnify him against all present or future partnership liabilities.

(c) A partner who has caused the dissolution wrongfully shall have:

(i) If the business is not continued under the provisions of subsection (2)(b) all the rights of a partner under subsection (1), subject to subsection (2)(a)(ii), of this section,

(ii) If the business is continued under subsection (2)(b) of this section the right as against his copartners and all claiming through them in respect of their interests in the partnership, to have the value of his interests in the partnership, less any damages caused to his copartners by the dissolution, ascertained and paid to him in cash, or the payment secured by bond approved by the court, and to be released from all existing liabilities of the partnership; but in ascertaining the value of the partner's interest the value of the good will of the business shall not be considered. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.380. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 38; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-77.]

25.04.390 Rights where partnership is dissolved for fraud or misrepresentation. Where a partnership contract is rescinded on the ground of the fraud or misrepresentation of one of the parties thereto, the party entitled to rescind is, without prejudice to any other right, entitled,

(1) To a lien on, or right of retention of, the surplus of the partnership property after satisfying the partnership liabilities to third persons for any sum of money paid by him for the purchase of an interest in the partnership and for any capital or advances contributed by him; and

(2) To stand, after all liabilities to third persons have been satisfied, in the place of the creditors of the partnership for any payments made by him in respect of the partnership liabilities; and

(3) To be indemnified by the person guilty of the fraud or making the representation against all debts and liabilities of the partnership. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.390. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 39; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-78.]

25.04.400 Rules for distribution. In settling accounts between the partners after dissolution, the following rules shall be observed, subject to any agreement to the contrary:

(1) The assets of the partnership are:

(a) The partnership property,

(b) The contributions of the partners necessary for the payment of all the liabilities specified in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The liabilities of the partnership shall rank in order of payment, as follows:

(a) Those owing to creditors other than partners,
 (b) Those owing to partners other than for capital and profits,

(c) Those owing to partners in respect of capital,
 (d) Those owing to partners in respect of profits.

(3) The assets shall be applied in the order of their declaration in subdivision (1) of this section to the satisfaction of the liabilities.

(4) The partners shall contribute, as provided by RCW 25.04.180(1) the amount necessary to satisfy the liabilities; but if any, but not all, of the partners are insolvent, or, not being subject to process, refuse to contribute, the other partners shall contribute their share of the liabilities, and, in the relative proportions in which they share the profits, the additional amount necessary to pay the liabilities.

(5) An assignee for the benefit of creditors or any person appointed by the court shall have the right to enforce the contribution specified in subdivision (4) of this section.

(6) Any partner or his legal representative shall have the right to enforce the contributions specified in subdivision (4) of this section, to the extent of the amount which he has paid in excess of his share of the liability.

(7) The individual property of a deceased partner shall be liable for the contributions specified in subdivision (4) of this section.

(8) When partnership property and the individual properties of the partners are in possession of a court for distribution, partnership creditors shall have priority on partnership property and separate creditors on individual property, saving the rights of lien or secured creditors as heretofore.

(9) Where a partner has become bankrupt or his estate is insolvent the claims against his separate property shall rank in the following order:

(a) Those owing to separate creditors,
 (b) Those owing to partnership creditors,
 (c) Those owing to partners by way of contribution.

[1955 c 15 § 25.04.400. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 40; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-79.]

25.04.410 Liability of persons continuing the business in certain cases. (1) When any new partner is admitted into an existing partnership, or when any partner retires and assigns (or the representative of the deceased partner assigns) his rights in partnership property to two or more of the partners, or to one or more of the partners and one or more third persons, if the business is continued without liquidation of the partnership affairs, creditors of the first or dissolved partnership are also creditors of the partnership so continuing the business.

(2) When all but one partner retire and assign (or the representative of a deceased partner assigns) their rights in partnership property to the remaining partner, who continues the business without liquidation of partnership affairs, either alone or with others, creditors of the dissolved partnership are also creditors of the person or partnership so continuing the business.

(3) When any partner retires or dies and the business of the dissolved partnership is continued as set forth in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, with the consent of the retired partners or the representative of the deceased partner,

but without any assignment of his right in partnership property, rights of creditors of the dissolved partnership and of the creditors of the person or partnership continuing the business shall be as if such assignment had been made.

(4) When all the partners or their representatives assign their rights in partnership property to one or more third persons who promise to pay the debts and who continue the business of the dissolved partnership, creditors of the dissolved partnership are also creditors of the person or partnership continuing the business.

(5) When any partner wrongfully causes a dissolution and the remaining partners continue the business under the provisions of RCW 25.04.380(2)(b), either alone or with others, and without liquidation of the partnership affairs, creditors of the dissolved partnership are also creditors of the person or partnership continuing the business.

(6) When a partner is expelled and the remaining partners continue the business either alone or with others, without liquidation of the partnership affairs, creditors of the dissolved partnership are also creditors of the person or partnership continuing the business.

(7) The liability of a third person becoming a partner in the partnership continuing the business, under this section, to the creditors of the dissolved partnership shall be satisfied out of partnership property only.

(8) When the business of a partnership after dissolution is continued under any conditions set forth in this section the creditors of the dissolved partnership, as against the separate creditors of the retiring or deceased partner or the representative of the deceased partner, have a prior right to any claim of the retired partner or the representative of the deceased partner against the person or partnership continuing the business, on account of the retired or deceased partner's interest in the dissolved partnership or on account of any consideration promised for such interest or for his right in partnership property.

(9) Nothing in this section shall be held to modify any right of creditors to set aside any assignment on the ground of fraud.

(10) The use by the person or partnership continuing the business of the partnership name, or the name of a deceased partner as part thereof, shall not of itself make the individual property of the deceased partner liable for any debts contracted by such person or partnership. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.410. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 41; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-80.]

25.04.420 Rights of retiring or estate of deceased partner when business is continued. When any partner retires or dies, and the business is continued under any of the conditions set forth in RCW 25.04.410(1), (2), (3), (5), (6), or RCW 25.04.380(2)(b), without any settlement of accounts as between him or his estate and the person or partnership continuing the business, unless otherwise agreed, he or his legal representative as against such persons or partnerships may have the value of his interest at the date of dissolution ascertained, and shall receive as an ordinary creditor an amount equal to the value of his interest in the dissolved partnership with interest, or, at his option or at the option of his legal representative, in lieu of interest, the profits attributable to the use of his right in the property of

the dissolved partnership: PROVIDED, That the creditors of the dissolved partnership as against the separate creditors, or the representative of the retired or deceased partner, shall have priority on any claim arising under this section as provided by RCW 25.04.410(8). [1955 c 15 § 25.04.420. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 42; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-81.]

25.04.430 Accrual of actions. The right to an account of his interest shall accrue to any partner, or his legal representative, as against the winding up partners or the surviving partners or the person or partnership continuing the business, at the date of dissolution, in the absence of any agreement to the contrary. [1955 c 15 § 25.04.430. Prior: 1945 c 137 § 43; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 9975-82.]

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ARTICLE 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS

25.10.010 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Certificate of limited partnership" means the certificate referred to in RCW 25.10.080, and the certificate as amended or restated.

(2) "Contribution" means any cash, property, services rendered, or a promissory note or other binding obligation to contribute cash or property or to perform services, which a partner contributes to a limited partnership in his capacity as a partner.

(3) "Event of withdrawal of a general partner" means an event that causes a person to cease to be a general partner as provided in RCW 25.10.230.

(4) "Foreign limited partnership" means a partnership formed under laws other than the laws of this state and having as partners one or more general partners and one or more limited partners.

(5) "General partner" means a person who has been admitted to a limited partnership as a general partner in accordance with the partnership agreement and named in the certificate of limited partnership as a general partner.

(6) "Limited partner" means a person who has been admitted to a limited partnership as a limited partner in accordance with the partnership agreement.

(7) "Limited partnership" and "domestic limited partnership" means a partnership formed by two or more persons under the laws of this state and having one or more general partners and one or more limited partners.

(8) "Partner" means a limited or general partner.

(9) "Partnership agreement" means any valid agreement, written or oral, of the partners as to the affairs of a limited partnership and the conduct of its business.

(10) "Partnership interest" means a partner's share of the profits and losses of a limited partnership and the right to receive distributions of partnership assets.

(11) "Person" means a natural person, partnership, limited partnership (domestic or foreign), trust, estate, association, or corporation.

(12) "State" means a state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(13) "Conforms to law" as used in connection with duties of the secretary of state in reviewing documents for filing under this chapter, means the secretary of state has determined the document complies as to form with the applicable requirements of this chapter.

(14) "Effective date" means, in connection with a document filing made by the secretary of state, the date which is shown by affixing a "filed" stamp on the documents. When a document is received for filing by the secretary of state in a form which complies with the requirements of this chapter and which would entitle the document to be filed immediately upon receipt, but the secretary of state's approval action occurs subsequent to the date of receipt, the secretary of state's filing date shall relate back to the date on which the secretary of state first received the document in acceptable form. An applicant may request a specific effective date no more than thirty days later than the receipt date which might otherwise be applied as the effective date. [1987 c 55 § 1; 1982 c 35 § 177; 1981 c 51 § 1.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35:
See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

25.10.020 Name. (Effective until October 1, 1994.)

(1) The name of each limited partnership formed pursuant to this chapter as set forth in its certificate of limited partnership:

(a) Shall contain the words "limited partnership" or the abbreviation "L.P.";

(b) May not contain the name of a limited partner unless (i) it is also the name of a general partner, or the corporate name of a corporate general partner, or (ii) the business of the limited partnership had been carried on under that name before the admission of that limited partner;

(c) May not contain any of the following words or phrases: "Bank", "banking", "banker", "trust", "cooperative"; or any combination of the words "industrial" and "loan"; or any combination of any two or more of the words "building", "savings", "loan", "home", "association" and "society"; or any other words or phrases prohibited by any statute of this state;

(d) Except as authorized by subsections (2) and (3) of this section, must be distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state from:

(i) The name or reserved name of a foreign or domestic limited partnership;

(ii) The corporate name of a corporation incorporated or authorized to transact business in this state;

(iii) A corporate name reserved or registered under RCW 23B.04.020 or 23B.04.030;

(iv) The fictitious name adopted pursuant to RCW 23B.15.060 by a foreign corporation authorized to transact

business in this state because its real name is unavailable; and

(v) The corporate name of a not-for-profit corporation incorporated or authorized to conduct affairs in this state.

(2) A limited partnership may apply to the secretary of state for authorization to use a name that is not distinguishable upon the records from one or more of the names described in subsection (1) of this section. The secretary of state shall authorize use of the name applied for if:

(a) The other limited partnership, corporation, or holder consents to the use in writing and files with the secretary of state documents necessary to change its name or the name reserved or registered to a name that is distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state from the name of the applying limited partnership; or

(b) The applicant delivers to the secretary of state a certified copy of the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing the applicant's right to use the name applied for in this state.

(3) A limited partnership may use the name, including the fictitious name, of another domestic or foreign limited partnership or corporation that is used in this state if the other limited partnership or corporation is organized, incorporated, or authorized to transact business in this state and the proposed user limited partnership:

(a) Has merged with the other limited partnership or corporation; or

(b) Results from reorganization with the other limited partnership or corporation.

(4) A name shall not be considered distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state by virtue of:

(a) A variation in the designation, under subsection (1)(a) of this section, used for the same name;

(b) The addition or deletion of an article or conjunction such as "the" or "and" from the same name;

(c) Punctuation, capitalization, or special characters or symbols in the same name; or

(d) Use of abbreviation or the plural form of a word in the same name.

(5) This title does not control the use of assumed business names or "trade names." [1991 c 269 § 1; (1991 c 72 § 47 repealed by 1991 sp.s. c 11 § 2); 1987 c 55 § 2; 1981 c 51 § 2.]

Name of foreign limited partnership: RCW 25.10.510.

25.10.020 Name. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) The name of each limited partnership formed pursuant to this chapter as set forth in its certificate of limited partnership:

(a) Shall contain the words "limited partnership" or the abbreviation "L.P.";

(b) May not contain the name of a limited partner unless (i) it is also the name of a general partner, or the corporate name of a corporate general partner, or (ii) the business of the limited partnership had been carried on under that name before the admission of that limited partner;

(c) May not contain any of the following words or phrases: "Bank", "banking", "banker", "trust", "cooperative"; or any combination of the words "industrial" and "loan"; or any combination of any two or more of the words "building", "savings", "loan", "home", "association" and "society";

or any other words or phrases prohibited by any statute of this state;

(d) Except as authorized by subsections (2) and (3) of this section, must be distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state from:

(i) The name or reserved name of a foreign or domestic limited partnership;

(ii) The corporate name of a corporation incorporated or authorized to transact business in this state;

(iii) A corporate name reserved or registered under RCW 23B.04.020 or 23B.04.030;

(iv) The fictitious name adopted pursuant to RCW 23B.15.060 by a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state because its real name is unavailable;

(v) The corporate name of a not-for-profit corporation incorporated or authorized to conduct affairs in this state; and

(vi) The name of a limited liability company organized or authorized to transact business in this state.

(2) A limited partnership may apply to the secretary of state for authorization to use a name that is not distinguishable upon the records from one or more of the names described in subsection (1) of this section. The secretary of state shall authorize use of the name applied for if:

(a) The other limited partnership, corporation, or holder consents to the use in writing and files with the secretary of state documents necessary to change its name or the name reserved or registered to a name that is distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state from the name of the applying limited partnership; or

(b) The applicant delivers to the secretary of state a certified copy of the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing the applicant's right to use the name applied for in this state.

(3) A limited partnership may use the name, including the fictitious name, of another domestic or foreign limited partnership, limited liability company, or corporation that is used in this state if the other limited partnership, limited liability company, or corporation is organized, incorporated, or authorized to transact business in this state and the proposed user limited partnership:

(a) Has merged with the other limited partnership, limited liability company, or corporation; or

(b) Results from reorganization with the other limited partnership, limited liability company, or corporation.

(4) A name shall not be considered distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state by virtue of:

(a) A variation in the designation, under subsection (1)(a) of this section, used for the same name;

(b) The addition or deletion of an article or conjunction such as "the" or "and" from the same name;

(c) Punctuation, capitalization, or special characters or symbols in the same name; or

(d) Use of abbreviation or the plural form of a word in the same name.

(5) This title does not control the use of assumed business names or "trade names." [1994 c 211 § 1309; 1991 c 269 § 1; (1991 c 72 § 47 repealed by 1991 sp.s. c 11 § 2); 1987 c 55 § 2; 1981 c 51 § 2.]

Effective date—Severability—1994 c 211: See RCW 25.15.900 and 25.15.902.

Name of foreign limited partnership: RCW 25.10.510.

25.10.030 Reservation of name. (1) The exclusive right to the use of a name may be reserved by:

(a) Any person intending to organize a limited partnership under this chapter and to adopt that name;

(b) Any domestic limited partnership or any foreign limited partnership registered in this state which, in either case, intends to adopt that name;

(c) Any foreign limited partnership intending to register in this state and to adopt that name; and

(d) Any person intending to organize a foreign limited partnership and intending to have it registered in this state and adopt that name.

(2) The reservation shall be made by filing with the secretary of state an application, executed by the applicant, to reserve a specified name. If the secretary of state finds that the name is available for use by a domestic or foreign limited partnership, he or she shall reserve the name for the exclusive use of the applicant for a period of one hundred and eighty days. Such reservation shall be limited to one filing and shall be nonrenewable.

The right to the exclusive use of a reserved name may be transferred to any other person by filing in the office of the secretary of state a notice of the transfer, executed by the applicant for whom the name was reserved and specifying the name and address of the transferee. [1991 c 269 § 2; 1981 c 51 § 3.]

25.10.040 Registered office and agent. (1) Each limited partnership shall continuously maintain in this state an office which may but need not be a place of its business in this state, at which shall be kept the records required by RCW 25.10.050 to be maintained. The office shall be at a specific geographical location in this state and be identified by number, if any, and street or building address or rural route or other geographical address. The office shall not be identified only by post office box number or other nongeographic address. For purposes of communicating by mail, the secretary of state may permit the use of a post office address in conjunction with the office address.

(2) Each limited partnership shall continuously maintain in this state an agent for service of process on the limited partnership, which agent must be an individual resident of this state, a domestic corporation, or a foreign corporation authorized to do business in this state. The agent may, but need not, be located at the office identified in RCW 25.10.040(1). The agent's address shall be at a specific geographical location in this state and be identified by number, if any, and street or building address or rural route or other geographical address. The agent's address shall not be identified only by post office box number or other nongeographic address. For purposes of communicating by mail, the secretary of state may permit the use of a post office address in conjunction with the agent's geographic address.

(3) A registered agent shall not be appointed without having given prior written consent to the appointment. The written consent shall be filed with the secretary of state in such form as the secretary may prescribe. The written consent shall be filed with or as a part of the document first appointing a registered agent. In the event any individual or corporation has been appointed agent without consent, that

person or corporation may file a notarized statement attesting to that fact, and the name shall forthwith be removed from the records of the secretary of state. The registered agent so appointed by a limited partnership shall be an agent of such limited partnership upon whom any process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon the limited partnership may be served. If a limited partnership fails to appoint or maintain a registered agent in this state, or if its registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found, then the secretary of state shall be an agent of such limited partnership upon whom any such process, notice, or demand may be served. Service on the secretary of state of any such process, notice, or demand shall be made by delivering to and leaving with the secretary of state, or with any authorized clerk of the corporation department of the secretary of state's office, duplicate copies of such process, notice, or demand. In the event any such process, notice, or demand is served on the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall immediately cause one of the copies thereof to be forwarded by certified mail, addressed to the limited partnership at the office referred to in RCW 25.10.040(1). Any service so had on the secretary of state shall be returnable in no fewer than thirty days.

The secretary of state shall keep a record of all processes, notices, and demands served upon the secretary of state under this section, and shall record therein the time of such service and the secretary of state's action with reference thereto.

Nothing in this section limits or affects the right to serve any process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon a limited partnership in any other manner now or hereafter permitted by law.

Any registered agent may resign as such agent upon filing a written notice thereof, executed in duplicate, with the secretary of state, who shall forthwith mail one copy thereof to the limited partnership. The appointment of such agent shall terminate upon the expiration of thirty days after receipt of such notice by the secretary of state. [1987 c 55 § 3; 1981 c 51 § 4.]

25.10.050 Records to be kept. Each limited partnership shall keep at the office referred to in RCW 25.10.040(1) the following:

(1) A current list of the full name and last known address of each partner, specifying separately the general and limited partners;

(2) A copy of the certificate of limited partnership and all certificates of amendment thereto, together with executed copies of any powers of attorney pursuant to which any certificate has been executed;

(3) Copies of the limited partnership's federal, state, and local tax returns and reports, if any, for the three most recent years;

(4) Copies of any then effective written partnership agreements and of any financial statements of the limited partnership for the three most recent years; and

(5) Unless contained in a written partnership agreement, a written statement of:

(a) The amount of cash and a description and statement of the agreed value of the other property or services contrib-

uted by each partner and which each partner has agreed to contribute;

(b) The times at which or events on the happening of which any additional contributions agreed to be made by each partner are to be made;

(c) Any right of a partner to receive, or of a general partner to make, distributions to a partner which include a return of all or any part of the partner's contribution; and

(d) Any events upon the happening of which the limited partnership is to be dissolved and its affairs wound up.

The books and records are subject to inspection and copying at the reasonable request, and at the expense, of any partner during ordinary business hours. [1987 c 55 § 4; 1981 c 51 § 5.]

25.10.060 Nature of business. A limited partnership may carry on any business that a partnership without limited partners may carry on. [1981 c 51 § 6.]

25.10.070 Business transactions of partner with the partnership. Except as provided in the partnership agreement, a partner may lend money to and transact other business with the limited partnership and, subject to other applicable law, has the same rights and obligations with respect thereto as a person who is not a partner. [1981 c 51 § 7.]

25.10.075 Indemnification of agents of any corporation authorized. See RCW 23B.17.030.

ARTICLE 2
FORMATION; CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP

25.10.080 Certificate of limited partnership. (1) In order to form a limited partnership a certificate of limited partnership must be executed and duplicate originals filed in the office of the secretary of state. The certificate shall set forth:

(a) The name of the limited partnership;

(b) The address of the office for records and the name and address of the agent for service of process appointed pursuant to RCW 25.10.040;

(c) The name and the geographical and mailing addresses of each general partner;

(d) The latest date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve; and

(e) Any other matters the general partners determine to include therein.

(2) A limited partnership is formed at the time of the filing of the certificate of limited partnership in the office of the secretary of state or at any later time specified in the certificate of limited partnership if, in either case, there has been substantial compliance with the requirements of this section. [1987 c 55 § 5; 1981 c 51 § 8.]

25.10.090 Amendment to certificate—Restatement of certificate. (1) A certificate of limited partnership is amended by filing duplicate originals of a certificate of

amendment thereto in the office of the secretary of state. The certificate shall set forth:

(a) The name of the limited partnership;

(b) The date and place of filing of the original certificate of limited partnership; and

(c) The amendment to the certificate of limited partnership.

(2) Within thirty days after the happening of any of the following events an amendment to a certificate of limited partnership reflecting the occurrence of the event or events shall be filed:

(a) The admission of a new general partner;

(b) The withdrawal of a general partner;

(c) The continuation of the business under RCW 25.10.440 after an event of withdrawal of a general partner; or

(d) A change in the name of the limited partnership, a change in the office described in RCW 25.10.040(1), a change in the name or address of the agent for service of process, a change in the name or address of any general partner, or a change in the date upon which the limited partnership is to dissolve.

(3) A general partner who becomes aware that any statement in a certificate of limited partnership was false when made or that any arrangements or other facts described have changed, making the certificate inaccurate in any respect, shall promptly amend the certificate, but an amendment to show a change of address of a general partner need be filed only once every twelve months.

(4) A certificate of limited partnership may be amended at any time for any other proper purpose the general partners may determine.

(5) No person has any liability because an amendment to a certificate of limited partnership has not been filed to reflect the occurrence of any event referred to in subsection (2) of this section if the amendment is filed within the thirty-day period specified in subsection (2) of this section.

(6) A certificate of limited partnership is restated by filing duplicate originals of a certificate of restatement in the office of the secretary of state. The certificate shall set forth:

(a) The name of the limited partnership;

(b) The date and place of filing of the original certificate; and

(c) A statement setting forth all operative provisions of the certificate of limited partnership as theretofore amended together with a statement that the restated articles correctly set forth without change the provisions of the certificate of limited partnership as theretofore amended and that the restated certificate supersedes the original certificate and all amendments thereto. [1987 c 55 § 6; 1981 c 51 § 9.]

25.10.100 Cancellation of certificate. (1) Upon the dissolution and completion of winding up of a limited partnership or at any time there are no limited partners, duplicate originals of a certificate of cancellation shall be filed with the secretary of state and set forth:

(a) The name of the limited partnership;

(b) The date and place of filing of its original certificate of limited partnership;

(c) The reason for dissolution;

(d) The effective date, which shall be a later date certain, of cancellation if it is not to be effective upon the filing of the certificate; and

(e) Any other information the person filing the certificate determines.

(2) A certificate of limited partnership shall be canceled upon the effective date of a certificate of cancellation.

(3) A certificate of limited partnership for a domestic limited partnership which is not the surviving entity in a merger shall be canceled upon the effective date of the merger. [1991 c 269 § 3; 1987 c 55 § 7; 1981 c 51 § 10.]

25.10.110 Execution of documents. (1) Each document required by this article to be filed in the office of the secretary of state shall be executed in the following manner:

(a) Each original certificate of limited partnership must be signed by all general partners named therein;

(b) A certificate of amendment or restatement must be signed by at least one general partner and by each other general partner designated in the certificate as a new general partner;

(c) A certificate of cancellation must be signed by all general partners or the limited partners winding up the partnership pursuant to RCW 25.10.460;

(d) If a surviving domestic limited partnership is filing articles of merger, the articles of merger must be signed by at least one general partner of the domestic limited partnership, or if the articles of merger are being filed by a surviving foreign limited partnership or by a corporation, the articles of merger must be signed by a person authorized by such foreign limited partnership or corporation; and

(e) A foreign limited partnership's application for a certificate of authority must be signed by one of its general partners.

(2) Any person may sign a certificate, articles of merger, or partnership agreement by an attorney-in-fact: PROVIDED, That each document signed in such manner identifies the capacity in which the signator signed.

(3) The person executing the document shall sign it and state beneath or opposite the signature the name of the person and capacity in which the person signs. The document must be typewritten or printed, and must meet such legibility or other standards as may be prescribed by the secretary of state.

(4) The execution of a certificate or articles of merger by a partner constitutes an affirmation under the penalties of perjury that the facts stated therein are true. [1991 c 269 § 4; 1987 c 55 § 8; 1981 c 51 § 11.]

25.10.120 Execution of certificate by judicial act. If a person required by RCW 25.10.110 to execute a certificate fails or refuses to do so, any other person who is adversely affected by the failure or refusal, may petition any court of competent jurisdiction to direct the execution. If the court finds that it is proper for the certificate to be executed and that any person so designated has failed or refused to execute the certificate, the court shall order the secretary of state to record an appropriate certificate. [1987 c 55 § 9; 1981 c 51 § 12.]

25.10.130 Filing in office of secretary of state. (1) Two signed copies of the certificate of limited partnership and of any certificates of amendment, restatement, or cancellation (or of any judicial decree of amendment or cancellation) shall be delivered to the secretary of state. A person who executes a certificate as an agent or fiduciary need not exhibit evidence of his authority as a prerequisite to filing. Unless the secretary of state finds that any certificate does not conform to law, upon receipt of all filing fees required by law the secretary of state shall:

(a) Endorse on each duplicate original the word "Filed" and the effective date of the filing;

(b) File one duplicate original; and

(c) Return the other duplicate original to the person who filed it or the person's representative.

(2) Upon the filing of a certificate of amendment or restatement, or judicial decree of amendment, in the office of the secretary of state, the certificate of limited partnership shall be amended or restated as set forth therein, and upon the effective date of a certificate of cancellation or a judicial decree thereof, the certificate of limited partnership is canceled. [1991 c 269 § 5; 1987 c 55 § 10; 1982 c 35 § 178; 1981 c 51 § 13.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35:
See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

25.10.140 Liability for false statement in certificate. If any certificate of limited partnership or certificate of amendment, restatement, or cancellation contains a false statement, one who suffers loss by reliance on the statement may recover damages for the loss from:

(1) Any person who executes the certificate, or causes another to execute it on his behalf, and knew, and any general partner who knew or should have known, the statement to be false at the time the certificate was executed; and

(2) Any general partner who thereafter knows or should have known that any arrangement or other fact described in the certificate has changed, making the statement inaccurate in any respect within a sufficient time before the statement was relied upon reasonably to have enabled that general partner to cancel or amend the certificate, or to file a petition for its cancellation or amendment under RCW 25.10.120. [1991 c 269 § 6; 1987 c 55 § 11; 1981 c 51 § 14.]

25.10.150 Notice. (1) The fact that a certificate of limited partnership is on file in the office of the secretary of state is notice that the partnership is a limited partnership and the persons designated therein as general partners are general partners, but is not notice of any other fact.

(2) A restated certificate of limited partnership shall be notice that the prior certificate of limited partnership and all amendments thereto are superseded. [1987 c 55 § 12; 1981 c 51 § 15.]

25.10.160 Delivery of certificates to limited partners. Upon the return by the secretary of state pursuant to RCW 25.10.130 of a certificate marked "Filed", the general partners shall promptly deliver or mail a copy of the certificate of limited partnership and each certificate of amendment, restatement, or cancellation to each limited partner

unless the partnership agreement provides otherwise. [1991 c 269 § 7; 1987 c 55 § 13; 1981 c 51 § 16.]

ARTICLE 3
LIMITED PARTNERS

25.10.170 Admission of limited partners. (1) A person becomes a limited partner on the later of:

(a) The date the original certificate of limited partnership is filed; or

(b) The date stated in the records of the limited partnership as the date that person becomes a limited partner.

(2) After the filing of a limited partnership's original certificate of limited partnership, a person may be admitted as an additional limited partner:

(a) In the case of a person acquiring a partnership interest directly from the limited partnership, upon the compliance with the partnership agreement or, if the partnership agreement does not so provide, upon the written consent of all partners; and

(b) In the case of an assignee of a partnership interest of a partner who has the power, as provided in RCW 25.10.420, to grant the assignee the right to become a limited partner, upon the exercise of that power and compliance with any conditions limiting the grant or exercise of the power. [1987 c 55 § 14; 1981 c 51 § 17.]

25.10.180 Voting. Subject to RCW 25.10.190, the partnership agreement may grant to all or a specified group of the limited partners the right to vote on a per capita or other basis upon any matter. [1981 c 51 § 18.]

25.10.190 Liability to third parties. (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a limited partner is not liable for the obligations of a limited partnership unless the limited partner is also a general partner or, in addition to the exercise of rights and powers as a limited partner, the limited partner participates in the control of the business. However, if the limited partner participates in the control of the business, the limited partner is liable only to persons who transact business with the limited partnership reasonably believing, based upon the limited partner's conduct, that the limited partner is a general partner.

(2) A limited partner does not participate in the control of the business within the meaning of subsection (1) of this section solely by doing one or more of the following:

(a) Being a contractor for or an agent or employee of the limited partnership or of a general partner, or being an officer, director, or shareholder of a general partner that is a corporation;

(b) Consulting with and advising a general partner with respect to the business of the limited partnership;

(c) Acting as surety for the limited partnership or guaranteeing or assuming one or more specific obligations of the limited partnership or providing collateral for partnership obligations;

(d) Taking any action required or permitted by law to bring or pursue a derivative action in the right of the limited partnership;

(e) Requesting or attending a meeting of partners;

(f) Proposing, approving, or disapproving, by voting or otherwise, on one or more of the following matters:

(i) The dissolution and winding up of the limited partnership;

(ii) The sale, exchange, lease, mortgage, pledge, or other transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the limited partnership;

(iii) The incurrence of indebtedness by the limited partnership other than in the ordinary course of its business;

(iv) A change in the nature of its business;

(v) The admission or removal of a limited partner;

(vi) The admission or removal of a general partner;

(vii) A transaction involving an actual or potential conflict of interest between a general partner and the limited partnership or the limited partners;

(viii) An amendment to the partnership agreement or certificate of limited partnership; or

(ix) Matters related to the business of the limited partnership not otherwise enumerated in this subsection (2), that the partnership agreement states in writing may be subject to the approval or disapproval of limited partners or a committee of limited partners;

(g) Winding up the limited partnership pursuant to RCW 25.10.460 or conducting the affairs of the limited partnership during any portion of the ninety days referred to in RCW 25.10.440; or

(h) Exercising any right or power permitted to limited partners under this chapter and not specifically enumerated in this subsection (2).

(3) The enumeration in subsection (2) of this section does not mean that the possession or exercise of any other powers by a limited partner constitutes participation by him in the control of the business of the limited partnership.

(4) A limited partner who knowingly permits his name to be used in the name of the limited partnership, except under circumstances permitted by *RCW 25.10.020(2), is liable to creditors who extend credit to the limited partnership without actual knowledge that the limited partner is not a general partner. [1987 c 55 § 15; 1981 c 51 § 19.]

*Reviser's note: RCW 25.10.020 was amended by 1991 c 269 § 1, changing subsection (2) to subsection (1)(b).

25.10.200 Person erroneously believing that he or she is limited partner. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a person who makes a contribution to a business enterprise and erroneously but in good faith believes that he or she has become a limited partner in the enterprise is not a general partner in the enterprise and is not bound by its obligations by reason of making the contribution, receiving distributions from the enterprise, or exercising any rights of a limited partner, if, within a reasonable time after ascertaining the mistake, the person:

(a) Causes an appropriate certificate of limited partnership or a certificate of amendment to be executed and filed; or

(b) Withdraws from future equity participation in the enterprise by executing and filing in the office of the secretary of state a certificate or statement declaring withdrawal under this section.

(2) A person who makes a contribution of the kind described in subsection (1) of this section is liable as a general partner to any third party who transacts business

with the enterprise (a) before the person withdraws and an appropriate certificate is filed to show withdrawal, or (b) before an appropriate certificate is filed to show that the person is not a general partner, but in either case only if the third party actually believed in good faith that the person was a general partner at the time of the transaction. [1987 c 55 § 16; 1983 c 302 § 1; 1981 c 51 § 20.]

25.10.210 Information. Each limited partner or limited partner's agent or attorney has the right to:

(1) Inspect and copy any of the partnership records required to be maintained by RCW 25.10.050; and

(2) Obtain from the general partners from time to time upon reasonable demand (a) true and full information regarding the state of the business and financial condition of the limited partnership, (b) promptly after becoming available, a copy of the limited partnership's federal income tax returns and state business and occupation tax return for each year, and (c) other information regarding the affairs of the limited partnership as is just and reasonable. [1991 c 269 § 10; 1987 c 55 § 17; 1981 c 51 § 21.]

ARTICLE 4 GENERAL PARTNERS

25.10.220 Admission of additional general partners. Unless otherwise provided in the partnership agreement, after the filing of a limited partnership's original certificate of limited partnership, additional general partners may be admitted only with the specific written consent of each partner. [1981 c 51 § 22.]

25.10.230 Events of withdrawal of general partner. Except as approved by the specific written consent of all partners at the time, a person ceases to be a general partner of a limited partnership upon the happening of any of the following events:

(1) The general partner withdraws from the limited partnership as provided in RCW 25.10.320;

(2) The general partner ceases to be a member of the limited partnership as provided in RCW 25.10.400;

(3) The general partner is removed as a general partner in accordance with the partnership agreement;

(4) Unless otherwise provided in writing in the partnership agreement, the general partner:

(a) Makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors;

(b) Files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy;

(c) Is adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent;

(d) Files a petition or answer seeking for himself or herself any reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution, or similar relief under any statute, law, or regulation;

(e) Files an answer or other pleading admitting or failing to contest the material allegations of a petition filed against him or her in any proceeding of this nature; or

(f) Seeks, consents to, or acquiesces in the appointment of a trustee, receiver, or liquidator of the general partner or of all or any substantial part of his or her properties;

(5) Unless otherwise provided in the certificate of limited partnership, ninety days after the commencement of any proceeding against the general partner seeking reorgani-

zation, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution, or similar relief under any statute, law, or regulation, the proceeding has not been dismissed, or if within sixty days after the appointment without the general partner's consent or acquiescence of a trustee, receiver, or liquidator of the general partner of all or any substantial part of his or her properties, the appointment is not vacated or stayed, or within sixty days after the expiration of any such stay, the appointment is not vacated;

(6) In the case of a general partner who is a natural person:

(a) His or her death; or

(b) The entry by a court of competent jurisdiction adjudicating the general partner incompetent to manage his or her person or estate;

(7) In the case of a general partner who is acting as a general partner by virtue of being a trustee of a trust, the termination of the trust (but not merely the substitution of a new trustee);

(8) In the case of a general partner that is a separate partnership, the dissolution and commencement of winding up of the separate partnership;

(9) In the case of a general partner that is a corporation, the filing of a certificate of dissolution, or its equivalent, for the corporation or the revocation of its charter; or

(10) In the case of an estate, the distribution by the fiduciary of the estate's entire interest in the partnership. [1987 c 55 § 18; 1981 c 51 § 23.]

25.10.240 General powers and liabilities of general partner. (1) Except as provided in this chapter or in the partnership agreement, a general partner of a limited partnership has the rights and powers and is subject to the restrictions of a partner in a partnership without limited partners.

(2) Except as provided in this chapter, a general partner of a limited partnership has the liabilities of a partner in a partnership without limited partners to persons other than the limited partnership and the other partners. Except as provided in this chapter or in the partnership agreement, a general partner of a limited partnership has the liabilities of a partner in a partnership without limited partners to the limited partnership and to the other partners. [1987 c 55 § 19; 1983 c 302 § 2; 1981 c 51 § 24.]

25.10.250 Contributions by a general partner. A general partner of a limited partnership may make contributions to the limited partnership and share in the profits and losses of, and in distributions from, the limited partnership as a general partner. A general partner also may make contributions to and share in profits, losses, and distributions as a limited partner. A person who is both a general partner and a limited partner has the rights and powers, and is subject to the restrictions and liabilities, of a general partner and, except as provided in the partnership agreement, also has the powers, and is subject to the restrictions, of a limited partner to the extent of his or her participation in the partnership as a limited partner. [1987 c 55 § 20; 1981 c 51 § 25.]

25.10.260 Voting. The partnership agreement may grant to all or certain identified general partners the right to

vote on a per capita or any other basis, separately or with all or any class of the limited partners, on any matter. [1981 c 51 § 26.]

ARTICLE 5
FINANCE

25.10.270 Form of contribution. The contribution of a partner may be in cash, property, or services rendered, or a promissory note or other obligation to contribute cash or property or to perform services. [1981 c 51 § 27.]

Prospective application: RCW 25.10.650.

25.10.280 Liability for contributions. (1) Except as provided in the partnership agreement, a partner is obligated to the limited partnership to perform any promise to contribute cash or property or to perform services, even if the partner is unable to perform because of death, disability, or any other reason. If a partner does not make the required contribution of property or services, the partner is obligated at the option of the limited partnership to contribute cash equal to that portion of the value, as stated in the partnership agreement or, if not stated in the agreement, in the limited partnership records required to be kept pursuant to RCW 25.10.050(5), of the stated contribution that has not been made.

(2) Unless otherwise provided in the partnership agreement, the obligation of a partner to make a contribution or return money or other property paid or distributed in violation of this chapter may be compromised only by consent of all the partners. Notwithstanding the compromise, a creditor of a limited partnership who extends credit, or whose claim arises, after the entering into of a partnership agreement or an amendment thereto which, in either case, reflects the obligation, and before the amendment or cancellation thereof to reflect the compromise, may enforce the original obligation to the extent that, in extending credit, the creditor reasonably relied on the obligation of a partner to make a contribution. [1987 c 55 § 21; 1981 c 51 § 28.]

Prospective application: RCW 25.10.650.

25.10.290 Sharing of profits and losses. The profits and losses of a limited partnership shall be allocated among the partners, and among classes of partners, in the manner provided in the partnership agreement. If the partnership agreement does not so provide, profits and losses shall be allocated on the basis of the value, as stated in the partnership agreement or, if not stated therein, in the limited partnership records required to be kept pursuant to RCW 25.10.050(5), of the contributions made by each partner to the extent they have been received by the limited partnership and have not been returned. [1987 c 55 § 22; 1981 c 51 § 29.]

25.10.300 Sharing of distributions. Distributions of cash or other assets of a limited partnership shall be allocated among the partners, and among classes of partners, in the manner provided in the partnership agreement. If the partnership agreement does not so provide, distributions shall be made on the basis of the value, as stated in the partner-

ship agreement or, if not stated therein, in the limited partnership records required to be kept pursuant to RCW 25.10.050(5), of the contributions made by each partner to the extent they have been received by the limited partnership and have not been returned. [1987 c 55 § 23; 1981 c 51 § 30.]

ARTICLE 6
DISTRIBUTIONS AND WITHDRAWAL

25.10.310 Interim distributions. Except as provided in this article, a partner is entitled to receive distributions from a limited partnership before the partner's withdrawal from the limited partnership and before the dissolution and winding up thereof to the extent and at the times or upon the happening of the events specified in the partnership agreement. [1987 c 55 § 24; 1982 c 35 § 179; 1981 c 51 § 31.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

25.10.320 Withdrawal of general partner. A general partner may withdraw from a limited partnership at any time by giving written notice to the other partners, but if the withdrawal violates the partnership agreement, the limited partnership may recover from the withdrawing general partner damages for breach of the partnership agreement and offset the damages against the amount otherwise distributable to him. [1981 c 51 § 32.]

25.10.330 Withdrawal of limited partner. A limited partner may withdraw from a limited partnership at the time or upon the happening of events specified in and in accordance with the partnership agreement. If the partnership agreement does not specify the time or the events upon the happening of which a limited partner may withdraw or a definite time for the dissolution and winding up of the limited partnership, a limited partner may withdraw upon not less than six months' prior written notice to each general partner at that partner's address on the books of the limited partnership at its office in this state. [1987 c 55 § 25; 1981 c 51 § 33.]

25.10.340 Distribution upon withdrawal. Except as provided in this article, upon withdrawal any withdrawing partner is entitled to receive any distribution to which he or she is entitled under the partnership agreement and, if not otherwise provided in the partnership agreement, the partner is entitled to receive, within a reasonable time after withdrawal, the fair value of his or her interest in the limited partnership as of the date of withdrawal based upon his or her right to share in distributions from the limited partnership. [1987 c 55 § 26; 1981 c 51 § 34.]

25.10.350 Distribution in kind. Except as provided in the partnership agreement, a partner, regardless of the nature of his or her contribution, has no right to demand and receive any distribution from a limited partnership in any form other than cash. Except as provided in the partnership agreement, a partner may not be compelled to accept a distribution of any asset in kind from a limited partnership

to the extent that the percentage of the asset distributed to the partner exceeds a percentage of that asset which is equal to the percentage in which he or she shares in distributions from the limited partnership. [1987 c 55 § 27; 1981 c 51 § 35.]

25.10.360 Right to distribution. At the time a partner becomes entitled to receive a distribution, he has the status of and is entitled to all remedies available to a creditor of the limited partnership with respect to the distribution. [1981 c 51 § 36.]

25.10.370 Limitations on distributions. (1) A limited partnership shall not make a distribution to a partner to the extent that at the time of the distribution, after giving effect to the distribution, (a) the limited partnership would not be able to pay its debts as they become due in the usual course of business, or (b) all liabilities of the limited partnership, other than liabilities to partners on account of their partnership interests and liabilities for which the recourse of creditors is limited to specified property of the limited partnership, exceed the fair value of the assets of the limited partnership, except that the fair value of property that is subject to a liability for which the recourse of creditors is limited shall be included in the assets of the limited partnership only to the extent that the fair value of that property exceeds that liability.

(2)(a) A limited partner who receives a distribution in violation of subsection (1) of this section, and who knew at the time of the distribution that the distribution violated subsection (1) of this section, shall be liable to the limited partnership for the amount of the distribution.

(b) A limited partner who receives a distribution in violation of subsection (1) of this section, and who did not know at the time of the distribution that the distribution violated subsection (1) of this section, shall not be liable for the amount of the distribution. This subsection (2)(b) shall not affect any obligation or liability of a limited partner under a partnership agreement or other applicable law for the amount of a distribution.

(3) A limited partner who receives a distribution from a limited partnership shall have no liability under this chapter for the amount of the distribution after the expiration of three years from the date of the distribution, except to the extent such limited partner shall have agreed in writing to extend liability beyond the expiration of the three-year period. [1991 c 269 § 29; 1987 c 55 § 28; 1981 c 51 § 37.]

ARTICLE 7

ASSIGNMENT OF PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS

25.10.390 Nature of partnership interest. A partnership interest is personal property. [1981 c 51 § 39.]

25.10.400 Assignment of partnership interest—Certificate of partnership interest. (1) Unless otherwise provided in the partnership agreement:

(a) A partnership interest is assignable in whole or in part;

(b) An assignment of a partnership interest does not dissolve a limited partnership or entitle the assignee to become or to exercise any rights or powers of a partner;

(c) An assignment entitles the assignee to share in such profits and losses, to receive such distribution or distributions, and to receive such allocation of income, gain, loss, deduction, or credit or similar item to which the assignor was entitled, to the extent assigned; and

(d) A partner ceases to be a partner and to have the power to exercise any rights or powers of a partner upon assignment of all of his or her partnership interest.

(2) The partnership agreement may provide that a partner's interest in a limited partnership may be evidenced by a certificate of partnership interest issued by the limited partnership and may also provide for the assignment or transfer of any partnership interest represented by such a certificate and make other provisions with respect to such certificates. [1987 c 55 § 30; 1981 c 51 § 40.]

25.10.410 Rights of creditor. On application to a court of competent jurisdiction by any judgment creditor of a partner, the court may charge the partnership interest of the partner with payment of the unsatisfied amount of the judgment with interest. To the extent so charged, the judgment creditor has only the rights of an assignee of the partnership interest. This chapter does not deprive any partner of the benefit of any exemption laws applicable to his partnership interest. [1981 c 51 § 41.]

25.10.420 Right of assignee to become limited partner. (1) An assignee of a partnership interest, including an assignee of a general partner, may become a limited partner if and to the extent that (a) the assignor gives the assignee that right in accordance with authority described in the partnership agreement, or (b) all other partners consent.

(2) An assignee who has become a limited partner has, to the extent assigned, the rights and powers, and is subject to the restrictions and liabilities, of a limited partner under the partnership agreement and this chapter. An assignee who becomes a limited partner also is liable for the obligations of his or her assignor to make and return contributions as provided in Articles 5 and 6 of this chapter. However, the assignee is not obligated for liabilities unknown to the assignee at the time he or she became a limited partner.

(3) If an assignee of a partnership interest becomes a limited partner, the assignor is not released from his or her liability to the limited partnership under RCW 25.10.140 and 25.10.280. [1987 c 55 § 31; 1981 c 51 § 42.]

Prospective application: RCW 25.10.650.

25.10.430 Power of estate of deceased or incompetent partner. If a partner who is an individual dies or a court of competent jurisdiction adjudges him to be incompetent to manage his person or his property, the partner's executor, administrator, guardian, conservator, or other legal representative may exercise all of the partner's rights for the purpose of settling the partner's estate or administering the partner's property, including any power the partner had to give an assignee the right to become a limited partner. If a partner is a corporation, trust, or other entity and is dissolved

or terminated, the powers of that partner may be exercised by its legal representative or successor. [1981 c 51 § 43.]

ARTICLE 8
DISSOLUTION

25.10.440 Nonjudicial dissolution. A limited partnership is dissolved and its affairs shall be wound up upon the happening of the first to occur of the following:

(1) At the time specified in the certificate of limited partnership;

(2) Upon the happening of events specified in the partnership agreement;

(3) Written consent of all partners;

(4) An event of withdrawal of a general partner unless at the time there is at least one other general partner and the partnership agreement permits the business of the limited partnership to be carried on by the remaining general partner and that partner does so, but the limited partnership is not dissolved and is not required to be wound up by reason of any event of withdrawal if, within ninety days after the withdrawal, all partners agree in writing to continue the business of the limited partnership and to the appointment of one or more additional general partners if necessary or desired;

(5) Entry of a decree of judicial dissolution under RCW 25.10.450; or

(6) Administrative dissolution under RCW 25.10.455. [1991 c 269 § 30; 1987 c 55 § 32; 1981 c 51 § 44.]

25.10.450 Judicial dissolution. On application by or for a partner, the superior courts may decree dissolution of a limited partnership whenever: (1) It is not reasonably practicable to carry on the business in conformity with the partnership agreement; or (2) when other circumstances render dissolution equitable. [1981 c 51 § 45.]

25.10.453 Administrative dissolution—Commencement of proceeding. The secretary of state may commence a proceeding under RCW 25.10.455 to administratively dissolve a limited partnership if:

(1) An amendment to the certificate of limited partnership required by RCW 25.10.090(2)(c) is not filed when specified by that provision;

(2) The limited partnership is without a registered agent or registered office in this state for sixty days or more; or

(3) The limited partnership does not notify the secretary of state within sixty days that its registered agent or registered office has been changed, that its registered agent has resigned, or that its registered office has been discontinued. [1991 c 269 § 31.]

25.10.455 Administrative dissolution—Notice—Opportunity to correct deficiencies. (1) If the secretary of state determines that one or more grounds exist under RCW 25.10.453 for dissolving a limited partnership, the secretary of state shall give the limited partnership written notice of the determination by first class mail, postage prepaid reciting the grounds therefor. Notice shall be sent to the address of the office for records and address of the agent for service of

process contained in the certificate having this information which is most recently filed with the secretary of state.

(2) If the limited partnership does not correct each ground for dissolution or demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the secretary of state that each ground determined by the secretary of state does not exist within sixty days after notice is sent, the limited partnership is thereupon dissolved, the secretary of state shall give the limited partnership written notice of the dissolution that recites the ground or grounds therefor and its effective date.

(3) A limited partnership administratively dissolved continues its limited partnership existence but may not carry on any business except that necessary to wind up and liquidate its business and affairs.

(4) The administrative dissolution of a limited partnership does not terminate the authority of its registered agent. [1991 c 269 § 32.]

25.10.457 Administrative dissolution—Reinstatement—Application—When effective. (1) A limited partnership administratively dissolved under RCW 25.10.455 may apply to the secretary of state for reinstatement within two years after the effective date of dissolution. The application must:

(a) Recite the name of the limited partnership and the effective date of its administrative dissolution;

(b) State that the ground or grounds for dissolution either did not exist or have been eliminated; and

(c) State that the limited partnership's name satisfies the requirements of RCW 25.10.020.

(2) If the secretary of state determines that the application contains the information required by subsection (1) of this section and that the name is available, the secretary of state shall reinstate the limited partnership and give the limited partnership written notice, as provided in RCW 25.10.455(1) of the reinstatement that recites the effective date of reinstatement. If the name is not available, the limited partnership must file with its application for reinstatement an amendment to its certificate of limited partnership reflecting a change of name.

(3) When the reinstatement is effective, it relates back to and takes effect as of the effective date of the administrative dissolution and the limited partnership may resume carrying on its business as if the administrative dissolution had never occurred.

(4) If an application for reinstatement is not made within the two-year period set forth in subsection (1) of this section, or if the application made within this period is not granted, the secretary of state shall cancel the limited partnership's certificate of limited partnership. [1991 c 269 § 33.]

25.10.460 Winding up. Except as provided in the partnership agreement, the general partners who have not wrongfully dissolved a limited partnership or, if none, the limited partners, may wind up the limited partnership's affairs. The superior courts may wind up the limited partnership's affairs upon application of any partner, that partner's legal representative, or assignee. [1981 c 51 § 46.]

25.10.470 Distribution of assets. Upon the winding up of a limited partnership, the assets shall be distributed as follows:

(1) To creditors, including partners who are creditors, to the extent otherwise permitted by law, in satisfaction of liabilities of the limited partnership other than liabilities for distribution to partners under RCW 25.10.310 or 25.10.340;

(2) Except as provided in the partnership agreement, to partners and former partners in satisfaction of liabilities for distributions under RCW 25.10.310 or 25.10.340; and

(3) Except as provided in the partnership agreement, to partners first for the return of their contributions and secondly respecting their partnership interests, in the proportions in which the partners share in distributions. [1981 c 51 § 47.]

ARTICLE 9 FOREIGN LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS

25.10.480 Law governing. Subject to the Constitution of the state of Washington, (1) the laws of the state, province, or other jurisdiction under which a foreign limited partnership is organized govern its organization and internal affairs and the liability of its limited partners, and (2) a foreign limited partnership may not be denied registration by reason of any difference between those laws and the laws of this state. [1981 c 51 § 48.]

25.10.490 Registration. Before transacting business in this state, a foreign limited partnership shall register with the secretary of state. In order to register, a foreign limited partnership shall submit to the secretary of state, in duplicate, an application for registration as a foreign limited partnership, signed and sworn to by a general partner and setting forth:

(1) The name of the foreign limited partnership as set forth in its certificate of limited partnership and, if different, the name under which it proposes to register and transact business in this state;

(2) The state, province, or other jurisdiction under which the foreign limited partnership was organized and the date of its formation;

(3) The name and address of any agent for service of process on the foreign limited partnership whom the foreign limited partnership appoints pursuant to RCW 25.10.040(2) and (3). The agent must be an individual resident of this state, a domestic corporation, or a foreign corporation having a place of business in, and authorized to do business in this state;

(4) A statement that the secretary of state is appointed the agent of the foreign limited partnership for service of process if the agent's authority has been revoked or if the agent cannot be found or served with the exercise of reasonable diligence;

(5) The address of the office required to be maintained in the state or other jurisdiction of its organization by the laws of that state or other jurisdiction or, if not so required, of the principal office of the foreign limited partnership;

(6) The name and business address of each general partner;

(7) The addresses of the office at which a list is kept of the names and addresses of the limited partners and their capital contributions, together with an undertaking by the foreign limited partnership to keep those records until the foreign limited partnership's registration in this state is canceled; and

(8) If the foreign limited partnership was organized under laws of a jurisdiction other than another state, a copy of a written partnership agreement, in English language. [1987 c 55 § 33; 1981 c 51 § 49.]

25.10.500 Issuance of registration. (1) If the secretary of state finds that an application for registration conforms to law and all requisite fees have been paid, the secretary shall:

(a) Endorse on the application the word "Filed", and the month, day, and year of the filing thereof;

(b) File in his or her office a duplicate original of the application; and

(c) Issue a certificate of registration to transact business in this state.

(2) The certificate of registration, together with a duplicate original of the application, shall be returned to the person who filed the application or his representative. [1981 c 51 § 50.]

25.10.510 Name—Foreign limited partnership. A foreign limited partnership may register with the secretary of state under any name, whether or not it is the name under which it is registered in its place of organization, that includes the words "limited partnership" or the abbreviation "L.P." and that could be registered by a domestic limited partnership. [1987 c 55 § 34; 1981 c 51 § 51.]

Name of limited partnership: RCW 25.10.020, 25.10.030.

25.10.520 Changes and amendments. If any statement in the application for registration of a foreign limited partnership was false when made or any arrangements or other facts described have changed, making the application inaccurate in any respect, the general partner of the foreign limited partnership shall promptly file in the office of the secretary of state a certificate, signed and sworn to by a general partner, correcting such statement. [1981 c 51 § 52.]

25.10.530 Cancellation of registration. A foreign limited partnership may cancel its registration by filing with the secretary of state a certificate of cancellation signed and sworn to by a general partner. A cancellation does not terminate the authority of the secretary of state to accept service of process on the foreign limited partnership with respect to causes of action arising out of the transactions of business in this state. [1981 c 51 § 53.]

25.10.540 Transaction of business without registration. (1) A foreign limited partnership transacting business in this state may not maintain any action, suit, or proceeding in any court of this state until it has registered in this state.

(2) The failure of a foreign limited partnership to register in this state does not impair the validity of any

contract or act of the foreign limited partnership or prevent the foreign limited partnership from defending any action, suit, or proceeding in any court of this state.

(3) A limited partner of a foreign limited partnership is not liable as a general partner of the foreign limited partnership solely by reason of having transacted business in this state without registration.

(4) Without excluding other activities which may not constitute transacting business in this state, a foreign limited partnership shall not be considered to be transacting business in this state, for the purposes of this title, by reason of carrying on in this state any one or more of the following activities:

(a) Defending any action or suit or any administrative or arbitration proceeding, or effecting the settlement thereof or the settlement of claims or disputes.

(b) Holding meetings of its partners or carrying on other activities concerning its internal affairs.

(c) Maintaining bank accounts.

(d) Maintaining offices or agencies for the transfer, exchange, and registration of its interests, or appointing and maintaining trustees or depositaries with relation to its interests.

(e) Effecting sales through independent contractors.

(f) Soliciting or procuring orders, whether by mail or through employees or agents or otherwise, where such orders require acceptance without this state before becoming binding contracts.

(g) Creating evidences of debt, mortgages, or liens on real or personal property.

(h) Securing or collecting debts or enforcing any rights in property securing the same.

(i) Transacting any business in interstate commerce.

(j) Conducting an isolated transaction completed within a period of thirty days and not in the course of a number of repeated transactions of like nature.

(5) A foreign limited partnership, by transacting business in this state without registration, appoints the secretary of state as its agent for service of process with respect to causes of action arising out of the transaction of business in this state. [1981 c 51 § 54.]

25.10.550 Action by secretary of state. The secretary of state may bring an action to restrain a foreign limited partnership from transacting business in this state in violation of this article. [1981 c 51 § 55.]

25.10.553 Revocation of registration—Commencement of proceeding. The secretary of state may commence a proceeding under *section 45 of this act to revoke registration of a foreign limited partnership authorized to transact business in this state if:

(1) The foreign limited partnership is without a registered agent or registered office in this state for sixty days or more;

(2) The foreign limited partnership does not inform the secretary of state under RCW 25.10.520 that its registered agent or registered office has changed, that its registered agent has resigned, or that its registered office has been discontinued within sixty days of the change, resignation, or discontinuance;

(3) A general partner or other agent of the foreign limited partnership signed a document knowing it was false in any material respect with intent that the document be delivered to the secretary of state for filing; or

(4) The secretary of state receives a duly authenticated certificate from the secretary of state or other official having custody of partnership records in the jurisdiction under which the foreign limited partnership was organized stating that the foreign limited partnership has been dissolved or its limited partnership certificate canceled. [1991 c 269 § 43.]

*Reviser's note: The reference to section 45 of this act is incorrect. Section 44 of the act, codified as RCW 25.10.555, was apparently intended.

25.10.555 Revocation of registration—Notice—Opportunity to correct deficiencies. (1) If the secretary of state determines that one or more grounds exist under RCW 25.10.553 for revocation of a foreign limited partnership's registration, the secretary of state shall give the foreign limited partnership written notice of the determination by first class mail, postage prepaid, stating in the notice the ground or grounds for and effective date of the secretary of state's determination, which date shall not be earlier than the date on which the notice is mailed.

(2) If the foreign limited partnership does not correct each ground for revocation or demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the secretary of state that each ground determined by the secretary of state does not exist within sixty days after notice is effective, the secretary of state shall revoke the foreign limited partnership's registration by signing a certificate of revocation that recites the ground or grounds for revocation and its effective date. The secretary of state shall file the original of the certificate and mail a copy to the foreign limited partnership.

(3) Documents to be mailed by the secretary of state to a foreign limited partnership for which provision is made in this section shall be sent to the foreign limited partnership at the address of the agent for service of process contained in the application or certificate of this partnership which is most recently filed with the secretary of state.

(4) The authority of a foreign limited partnership to transact business in this state ceases on the date shown on the certificate revoking its registration.

(5) The secretary of state's revocation of a foreign limited partnership's registration appoints the secretary of state the foreign limited partnership's agent for service of process in any proceeding based on a cause of action which arose during the time the foreign limited partnership was authorized to transact business in this state.

(6) Revocation of a foreign limited partnership's registration does not terminate the authority of the registered agent of the foreign limited partnership. [1991 c 269 § 44.]

ARTICLE 10 DERIVATIVE ACTIONS

25.10.560 Right of action. A limited partner may bring an action in the right of a limited partnership to recover a judgment in its favor if general partners with authority to do so have refused to bring the action or if an effort to cause those general partners to bring the action is not likely to succeed. [1981 c 51 § 56.]

25.10.570 Proper plaintiff. In a derivative action, the plaintiff must be a partner at the time of bringing the action and (1) at the time of the transaction of which he complains or (2) his status as a partner had devolved upon him by operation of law or pursuant to the terms of the partnership agreement from a person who was a partner at the time of the transaction. [1981 c 51 § 57.]

25.10.580 Pleading. In a derivative action, the complaint shall set forth with particularity the effort of the plaintiff to secure initiation of the action by a general partner or the reasons for not making the effort. [1981 c 51 § 58.]

25.10.590 Expenses. If a derivative action is successful, in whole or in part, or if anything is received by the plaintiff as a result of a judgment, compromise, or settlement of an action or claim, the court may award the plaintiff reasonable expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, and shall direct the plaintiff to remit to the limited partnership the remainder of those proceeds received by him. [1981 c 51 § 59.]

ARTICLE 11 FEES AND CHARGES

25.10.600 Establishment of filing fees and miscellaneous charges. The secretary of state shall adopt rules establishing fees which shall be charged and collected for:

- (1) Filing of a certificate of limited partnership for a domestic or foreign limited partnership;
- (2) Filing of a certificate of cancellation for a domestic or foreign limited partnership;
- (3) Filing of a certificate of amendment or restatement for a domestic or foreign limited partnership;
- (4) Filing an application to reserve or transfer a limited partnership name;
- (5) Filing any other statement or report authorized or permitted to be filed;
- (6) Copies, certified copies, certificates, service of process filings, and expedited filings or other special services.

In the establishment of a fee schedule, the secretary of state shall, insofar as is possible and reasonable, be guided by the fee schedule provided for corporations registering pursuant to Title 23B RCW. Fees for copies, certified copies, certificates of record, and service of process filings shall be as provided for in RCW 23B.01.220.

All fees collected by the secretary of state shall be deposited with the state treasurer pursuant to law. [1991 c 269 § 12; 1991 c 72 § 48; 1987 c 55 § 35; 1981 c 51 § 60.]

Reviser's note: This section was amended by 1991 c 72 § 48 and by 1991 c 269 § 12, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

25.10.605 Fees for services by secretary of state. See RCW 43.07.120.

ARTICLE 12 MISCELLANEOUS

25.10.610 Authority to adopt rules. The secretary of state shall adopt such rules as are necessary to implement the transfer of duties and records required by this chapter including rules providing for the transfer of existing certificates from the counties to the secretary. [1981 c 51 § 61.]

25.10.620 Construction and application. This chapter shall be so applied and construed to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law with respect to the subject of this chapter among states enacting it. [1981 c 51 § 62.]

25.10.630 Short title. This chapter may be cited as the Washington uniform limited partnership act. [1981 c 51 § 63.]

25.10.640 Severability. If any provision of *this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of the act are severable. [1981 c 51 § 64.]

*Reviser's note: "this act," see note following chapter digest.

25.10.650 Effective date and extended effective date. Except as set forth below, the effective date of this act is January 1, 1982:

(1) The existing provisions for execution and filing of certificates of limited partnerships and amendments thereunder and cancellations thereof continue in effect until October 1, 1982, the extended effective date, and sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13 of this act are not effective until the extended effective dates.

(2) Section 23 of this act, specifying the conditions under which a general partner ceases to be a member of a limited partnership, is not effective until the extended effective date, and the applicable provisions of existing law continue to govern until the extended effective date.

(3) Sections 27, 28, and 38 of this act apply only to contributions and distributions made after the effective date of this act.

(4) Section 42 of this act applies only to assignment made after the effective date of this act.

(5) Article 9 of this act, dealing with registration of foreign limited partnerships, is not effective until the extended effective date. [1981 c 51 § 65.]

Reviser's note: (1) "sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13 of this act" are codified as RCW 25.10.020, 25.10.030, 25.10.040, 25.10.050, 25.10.080, 25.10.090, 25.10.100, 25.10.110, and 25.10.130.

(2) "Section 23 of this act" is codified as RCW 25.10.230.

(3) "Sections 27, 28, and 38 of this act" are codified as RCW 25.10.270, 25.10.280, and 25.10.380.

(4) "Section 42 of this act" is codified as RCW 25.10.420.

(5) "Article 9 of this act" is codified as RCW 25.10.480, 25.10.490, 25.10.500, 25.10.510, 25.10.520, 25.10.530, 25.10.540, and 25.10.550.

25.10.660 Rules for class not provided for in this chapter. In any case not provided for in this chapter, the

provisions of the uniform partnership act govern. [1981 c 51 § 66.]

Uniform partnership act: Chapter 25.04 RCW.

25.10.670 Application to existing partnerships. (1) Except as provided in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the provisions of this title shall apply to all existing limited partnerships formed after June 6, 1945, under any prior statute of this state providing for the formation of limited partnerships, except to the extent provisions of this title are inconsistent with provisions of the certificate or partnership agreement of such existing limited partnerships, which partnership provisions were applicable to such limited partnerships as of January 1, 1982, and which partnership provisions would have been valid under any such applicable prior statutes. Insofar as the provisions of this title are substantially the same as statutory provisions repealed by this title and relate to the same subject matter, such provisions shall be construed as restatements and continuations, and not as new enactments. Neither the enactment of this title nor the amendment of this title nor the repeal of the prior title shall take away or impair any liability or cause of action existing or accrued by or against any limited partnership or its partners.

(2) On or before September 30, 1982, each county clerk shall transmit all files, records, indexes, and other documents maintained in the county clerk's office, pursuant to prior statutes requiring limited partnership filings at the office of county clerk, to the office of the secretary of state.

(3) Upon receipt of the limited partnership records from the county clerks, the secretary of state shall thereafter treat such county filings as a filing with the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall establish by September 30, 1982, a filing and record system for integration of the records received from the county clerks and to accomplish the purposes of this chapter relating to centralized filing. [1981 c 51 § 67.]

25.10.680 Effect of invalidity of part of this title. If a court of competent jurisdiction shall adjudge to be invalid or unconstitutional any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this title, such judgment or decree shall not affect, impair, invalidate, or nullify the remainder of this title, but the effect thereof shall be confined to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this title so adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional. [1981 c 51 § 68.]

25.10.690 Section captions. Section captions as used in this chapter do not constitute any part of the law. [1981 c 51 § 71.]

ARTICLE 13
MERGERS

25.10.800 Merger—Plan—Effective date. (1) One or more domestic limited partnerships may merge with one or more domestic limited partnerships or domestic corporations pursuant to a plan of merger approved or adopted as provided in RCW 25.10.810.

(2) The plan of merger must set forth:

(a) The name of each limited partnership and corporation planning to merge and the name of the surviving limited partnership or corporation into which the other limited partnership or corporation plans to merge;

(b) The terms and conditions of the merger; and

(c) The manner and basis of converting the partnership interests of each limited partnership and the shares of each corporation party to the merger into the partnership interests, shares, obligations, or other securities of the surviving or any other limited partnership or corporation or into cash or other property in whole or part.

(3) The plan of merger may set forth:

(a) Amendments to the certificate of limited partnership of the surviving limited partnership;

(b) Amendments to the articles of incorporation of the surviving corporation; and

(c) Other provisions relating to the merger.

(4) If the plan of merger does not specify a delayed effective date, it shall become effective upon the filing of articles of merger. If the plan of merger specifies a delayed effective time and date, the plan of merger becomes effective at the time and date specified. If the plan of merger specifies a delayed effective date but no time is specified, the plan of merger is effective at the close of business on that date. A delayed effective date for a plan of merger may not be later than the ninetieth day after the date it is filed. [1991 c 269 § 11.]

25.10.810 Merger—Plan—Approval. (1) Unless otherwise provided in its partnership agreement, approval of a plan of merger by a domestic limited partnership party to a merger shall occur when the plan is approved (a) by all general partners of such limited partnership, and (b) by the limited partners or, if there is more than one class of limited partners, then by each class or group of limited partners of such limited partnership, in either case, by limited partners who own more than fifty percent of the then current percentage or other interest in the profits of such limited partnership owned by all limited partners or by the limited partners in each class or group, as appropriate.

(2) If a domestic corporation is a party to the merger, the plan of merger shall be adopted and approved as provided in chapter 23B.11 RCW. [1991 c 269 § 13.]

25.10.820 Articles of merger—Filing. After a plan of merger is approved or adopted, the surviving limited partnership or corporation shall deliver to the secretary of state for filing articles of merger setting forth:

(1) The plan of merger;

(2) If the approval of any partners or shareholders of one or more limited partnerships or corporations party to the merger was not required, a statement to that effect; or

(3) If the approval of any partners or shareholders of one or more of the limited partnerships or corporations party to the merger was required, a statement that the merger was duly approved by such partners and shareholders pursuant to RCW 25.10.810 or chapter 23B.11 RCW. [1991 c 269 § 14.]

25.10.830 Effect of merger. (1) When a merger takes effect:

(a) Every other limited partnership or corporation that is party to the merger merges into the surviving limited partnership or corporation and the separate existence of every limited partnership and corporation except the surviving limited partnership or corporation ceases;

(b) The title to all real estate and other property owned by each limited partnership and corporation party to the merger is vested in the surviving limited partnership or corporation without reversion or impairment;

(c) The surviving limited partnership or corporation has all liabilities of each limited partnership and corporation that is party to the merger;

(d) A proceeding pending against any limited partnership or corporation that is party to the merger may be continued as if the merger did not occur or the surviving limited partnership or corporation may be substituted in the proceeding for the limited partnership or corporation whose existence ceased;

(e) The partnership agreement of the surviving limited partnership is amended to the extent provided in the plan of merger;

(f) The articles of incorporation of the surviving corporation are amended to the extent provided in the plan of merger; and

(g) The former holders of the partnership interests of every domestic limited partnership that is party to the merger and the former holders of the shares of every domestic corporation that is party to the merger are entitled only to the rights provided in the articles of merger or to their rights under RCW 25.10.900 through 25.10.955 or to the rights under chapter 23B.13 RCW.

(2) Unless otherwise agreed, a merger of a domestic limited partnership, including a domestic limited partnership which is not the surviving entity in the merger, shall not require the domestic limited partnership to wind up its affairs under RCW 25.10.460 or pay its liabilities and distribute its assets under RCW 25.10.470. [1991 c 269 § 15.]

25.10.840 Merger—Foreign and domestic. (1) One or more foreign limited partnerships and one or more foreign corporations may merge with one or more domestic limited partnerships or domestic corporations if:

(a) The merger is permitted by the law of the jurisdiction under which each foreign limited partnership was organized, and each foreign corporation was incorporated, and each foreign limited partnership and foreign corporation complies with that law in effecting the merger;

(b) The surviving entity complies with RCW 25.10.820;

(c) Each domestic limited partnership complies with RCW 25.10.810; and

(d) Each domestic corporation complies with RCW 23B.11.080.

(2) Upon the merger taking effect, a surviving foreign limited partnership or corporation is deemed to appoint the secretary of state as its agent for service of process in a proceeding to enforce any obligation or the rights of dissenting partners or shareholders of each domestic limited partnership or domestic corporation party to the merger. [1991 c 269 § 16.]

ARTICLE 14 DISSENTERS' RIGHTS

25.10.900 Definitions. As used in this article:

(1) "Limited partnership" means the domestic limited partnership in which the dissenter holds or held a partnership interest, or the surviving limited partnership or corporation by merger, whether foreign or domestic, of that limited partnership.

(2) "Dissenter" means a partner who is entitled to dissent from a plan of merger and who exercises that right when and in the manner required by this article.

(3) "Fair value," with respect to a dissenter's partnership interest, means the value of the partnership interest immediately before the effectuation of the merger to which the dissenter objects, excluding any appreciation or depreciation in anticipation of the merger unless exclusion would be inequitable.

(4) "Interest" means interest from the effective date of the merger until the date of payment, at the average rate currently paid by the limited partnership on its principal bank loans or, if none, at a rate that is fair and equitable under all the circumstances. [1991 c 269 § 17.]

25.10.905 Partner—Dissent—Payment of fair value.

(1) Except as provided in RCW 25.10.915 or 25.10.925(2), a partner of a domestic limited partnership is entitled to dissent from, and obtain payment of, the fair value of the partner's partnership interest in the event of consummation of a plan of merger to which the limited partnership is a party as permitted by RCW 25.10.800 or 25.10.840.

(2) A partner entitled to dissent and obtain payment for the partner's partnership interest under this article may not challenge the merger creating the partner's entitlement unless the merger fails to comply with the procedural requirements imposed by this title, Title 23B RCW, the partnership agreement, or is fraudulent with respect to the partner or the limited partnership.

(3) The right of a dissenting partner to obtain payment of the fair value of the partner's partnership interest shall terminate upon the occurrence of any one of the following events:

(a) The proposed merger is abandoned or rescinded;

(b) A court having jurisdiction permanently enjoins or sets aside the merger; or

(c) The partner's demand for payment is withdrawn with the written consent of the limited partnership. [1991 c 269 § 18.]

25.10.910 Dissenters' rights—Notice—Timing. (1) Not less than ten days prior to the approval of a plan of merger, the limited partnership must send a written notice to all partners who are entitled to vote on or approve the plan of merger that they may be entitled to assert dissenters' rights under this article. Such notice shall be accompanied by a copy of this article.

(2) The limited partnership shall notify in writing all partners not entitled to vote on or approve the plan of merger that the plan of merger was approved, and send them the dissenters' notice as required by RCW 25.10.920. [1991 c 269 § 19.]

25.10.915 Partner—Dissent—Voting restriction. A partner who is entitled to vote on or approve the plan of merger and who wishes to assert dissenters' rights must not vote in favor of or approve the plan of merger. A partner who does not satisfy the requirements of this section is not entitled to payment for the partner's interest under this article. [1991 c 269 § 20.]

25.10.920 Partners—Dissenters' notice—Requirements. (1) If the plan of merger is approved, the limited partnership shall deliver a written dissenters' notice to all partners who satisfied the requirements of RCW 25.10.915.

(2) The dissenters' notice required by RCW 25.10.910(2) or by subsection (1) of this section must be sent within ten days after the approval of the plan of merger, and must:

(a) State where the payment demand must be sent;
 (b) Inform holders of the partnership interest as to the extent transfer of the partnership interest will be restricted as permitted by RCW 25.10.930 after the payment demand is received;

(c) Supply a form for demanding payment;
 (d) Set a date by which the limited partnership must receive the payment demand, which date may not be fewer than thirty nor more than sixty days after the date the notice under this section is delivered; and

(e) Be accompanied by a copy of this article. [1991 c 269 § 21.]

25.10.925 Partner—Payment demand—Entitlement. (1) A partner who demands payment retains all other rights of a partner until the proposed merger becomes effective.

(2) A partner sent a dissenters' notice who does not demand payment by the date set in the dissenters' notice is not entitled to payment for the partner's partnership interest under this article. [1991 c 269 § 22.]

25.10.930 Partnership interests—Transfer restrictions. The limited partnership may restrict the transfer of partnership interests from the date the demand for their payment is received until the proposed merger becomes effective or the restriction is released under this article. [1991 c 269 § 23.]

25.10.935 Payment of fair value—Requirements for compliance. (1) Within thirty days of the later of the date the proposed merger becomes effective, or the payment demand is received, the limited partnership shall pay each dissenter who complied with RCW 25.10.925 the amount the limited partnership estimates to be the fair value of the partnership interest, plus accrued interest.

(2) The payment must be accompanied by:

(a) Copies of the financial statements for the most recent fiscal year maintained as required by RCW 25.10.050;

(b) An explanation of how the limited partnership estimated the fair value of the partnership interest;

(c) An explanation of how the accrued interest was calculated;

(d) A statement of the dissenter's right to demand payment; and

(e) A copy of this article. [1991 c 269 § 24.]

25.10.940 Merger—Not effective within sixty days—Transfer restrictions. (1) If the proposed merger does not become effective within sixty days after the date set for demanding payment, the limited partnership shall release any transfer restrictions imposed as permitted by RCW 25.10.930.

(2) If, after releasing transfer restrictions, the proposed merger becomes effective, the limited partnership must send a new dissenters' notice as provided in RCW 25.10.910(2) and 25.10.920 and repeat the payment demand procedure. [1991 c 269 § 25.]

25.10.945 Dissenter's estimate of fair value—Notice. (1) A dissenter may notify the limited partnership in writing of the dissenter's own estimate of the fair value of the dissenter's partnership interest and amount of interest due, and demand payment of the dissenter's estimate, less any payment under RCW 25.10.935, if:

(a) The dissenter believes that the amount paid is less than the fair value of the dissenter's partnership interest or that the interest due is incorrectly calculated;

(b) The limited partnership fails to make payment within sixty days after the date set for demanding payment; or

(c) The limited partnership, having failed to effectuate the proposed merger, does not release the transfer restrictions imposed on partnership interests as permitted by RCW 25.10.930 within sixty days after the date set for demanding payment.

(2) A dissenter waives the right to demand payment under this section unless the dissenter notifies the limited partnership of the dissenter's demand in writing under subsection (1) of this section within thirty days after the limited partnership made payment for the dissenter's partnership interest. [1991 c 269 § 26.]

25.10.950 Unsettled demand for payment—Proceeding—Parties—Appraisers. (1) If a demand for payment under RCW 25.10.945 remains unsettled, the limited partnership shall commence a proceeding within sixty days after receiving the payment demand and petition the court to determine the fair value of the partnership interest and accrued interest. If the limited partnership does not commence the proceeding within the sixty-day period, it shall pay each dissenter whose demand remains unsettled the amount demanded.

(2) The limited partnership shall commence the proceeding in the superior court. If the limited partnership is a domestic limited partnership, it shall commence the proceeding in the county where its office is maintained as required by RCW 25.10.040(1). If the limited partnership is a domestic corporation, it shall commence the proceeding in the county where its principal office, as defined in *RCW 23B.01.400(17), is located, or if none is in this state, its registered office under RCW 23B.05.010. If the limited partnership is a foreign limited partnership or corporation without a registered office in this state, it shall commence the proceeding in the county in this state where the office of the domestic limited partnership maintained pursuant to

RCW 25.10.040(1) merged with the foreign limited partnership or foreign corporation was located.

(3) The limited partnership shall make all dissenters (whether or not residents of this state) whose demands remain unsettled parties to the proceeding as in an action against their partnership interests and all parties must be served with a copy of the petition. Nonresidents may be served by registered or certified mail or by publication as provided by law.

(4) The limited partnership may join as a party to the proceeding any partner who claims to be a dissenter but who has not, in the opinion of the limited partnership, complied with the provisions of this chapter. If the court determines that such partner has not complied with the provisions of this article, the partner shall be dismissed as a party.

(5) The jurisdiction of the court in which the proceeding is commenced is plenary and exclusive. The court may appoint one or more persons as appraisers to receive evidence and recommend decisions on the question of fair value. The appraisers have the powers described in the order appointing them or in any amendment to it. The dissenters are entitled to the same discovery rights as parties in other civil proceedings.

(6) Each dissenter made a party to the proceeding is entitled to judgment for the amount, if any, by which the court finds the fair value of the dissenter's partnership interest, plus interest, exceeds the amount paid by the limited partnership. [1991 c 269 § 27.]

*Reviser's note: RCW 23B.01.400(17) was renumbered as RCW 23B.01.400(19) by 1991 c 269 § 35.

25.10.955 Unsettled demand for payment—Costs—Fees and expenses of counsel. (1) The court in a proceeding commenced under RCW 25.10.950 shall determine all costs of the proceeding, including the reasonable compensation and expenses of appraisers appointed by the court. The court shall assess the costs against the limited partnership, except that the court may assess the costs against all or some of the dissenters, in amounts the court finds equitable, to the extent the court finds the dissenters acted arbitrarily, vexatiously, or not in good faith in demanding payment.

(2) The court may also assess the fees and expenses of counsel and experts for the respective parties, in amounts the court finds equitable:

(a) Against the limited partnership and in favor of any or all dissenters if the court finds the limited partnership did not substantially comply with the requirements of this article; or

(b) Against either the limited partnership or a dissenter, in favor of any other party, if the court finds that the party against whom the fees and expenses are assessed acted arbitrarily, vexatiously, or not in good faith with respect to the rights provided by this article.

(3) If the court finds that the services of counsel for any dissenter were of substantial benefit to other dissenters similarly situated, and that the fees for those services should not be assessed against the limited partnership, the court may award to these counsel reasonable fees to be paid out of the amounts awarded the dissenters who were benefited. [1991 c 269 § 28.]

Chapter 25.12

LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS EXISTING PRIOR TO JUNE 6, 1945

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25.12.005 Application of chapter. The provisions of this chapter shall apply only to those limited partnerships which were in existence on or prior to June 6, 1945 and which have not become a limited partnership under *chapter 25.08 RCW. [1955 c 15 § 25.12.005.]

*Reviser's note: Chapter 25.08 RCW was repealed in its entirety by 1981 c 51 § 72; later enactment, see chapter 25.10 RCW.

25.12.010 Limited partnership may be formed. Limited partnerships for the transaction of mercantile, mechanical, or manufacturing business may be formed within this state, by two or more persons, upon the terms and subject to the conditions contained in this chapter. [1955 c 15 § 25.12.010. Prior: 1869 p 380 § 1; RRS § 9966.]

25.12.020 Of whom composed—Liability of members. A limited partnership may consist of two or more persons, who are known and called general partners, and are jointly liable as general partners now are by law, and of two or more persons who shall contribute to the common stock a specific sum in actual money as capital, and are known and called special partners, and are not personally liable for any of the debts of the partnership, except as in this chapter specially provided. [1955 c 15 § 25.12.020. Prior: 1927 c 106 § 1; 1869 p 380 § 2; RRS § 9967.]

25.12.030 Certificate to be made, acknowledged and filed. The persons forming such partnership shall make and severally subscribe a certificate, in duplicate, and file one of such certificates with the county auditor of the county in which the principal place of business of the partnership is to be. Before being filed, the execution of such certificate shall be acknowledged by each partner subscribing it before some officer authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds; and such certificate shall contain the name assumed by the partnership and under which its business is to be conducted, the names and respective places of residence of all the general and special partners, the amount of capital which each special partner has contributed to the common stock, the general nature of the business to be transacted, and the time when the partnership is to commence, and when it is to terminate. [1955 c 15 § 25.12.030. Prior: 1869 p 380 § 3; RRS § 9968.]

25.12.040 Certificate of partnership—Publication.

The partnership cannot commence before the filing of the certificate of partnership, and if a false statement is made in the certificate, all the persons subscribing thereto are liable as general partners for all the debts of the partnership. The partners shall, for four consecutive weeks immediately after the filing of the certificate of partnership, publish a copy of it in some newspaper of general circulation in the county where the principal place of business of the partnership is, and until the publication is made and completed, the partnership is to be deemed general. [1985 c 469 § 12; 1955 c 15 § 25.12.040. Prior: 1869 p 380 § 4; RRS § 9969.]

25.12.050 Renewal of limited partnership.

A limited partnership may be continued or renewed by making, acknowledging, filing, and publishing a certificate thereof, in the manner provided in this chapter for the formation of such partnership originally, and every such partnership, not renewed or continued as herein provided, from and after the expiration thereof according to the original certificate, shall be a general partnership. [1955 c 15 § 25.12.050. Prior: 1869 p 381 § 5; RRS § 9970.]

25.12.060 Name of firm—When special partner

liable as general partner. The business of the partnership may be conducted under a name in which the names of the general partners only shall be inserted, without the addition of the word "company" or any other general term. If the name of any special partner is used in such firm with his consent or privity, he shall be deemed and treated as a general partner, or if he personally makes any contract respecting the concerns of the partnership with any person except the general partners, he shall be deemed and treated as a general partner in relation to such contract, unless he makes it appear that in making such contract he acted and was recognized as a special partner only. [1955 c 15 § 25.12.060. Prior: 1869 p 381 § 6; RRS § 9971.]

25.12.070 Withdrawal of stock and profits—Effect.

During the continuance of any partnership formed under this chapter no part of the capital stock thereof shall be withdrawn, nor any division of interests or profits be made, so as to reduce such capital stock below the sum stated in the certificate of partnership before mentioned; and if at any time during the continuance or at the termination of such partnership, the property or assets thereof are not sufficient to satisfy the partnership debts then the special partners shall be severally liable for all sums or amounts by them in any way received or withdrawn from such capital stock, with interest thereon from the time they were so received or withdrawn respectively. [1955 c 15 § 25.12.070. Prior: 1869 p 381 § 7; RRS § 9972.]

25.12.080 Suits by and against limited partnership—Parties.

All actions, suits or proceedings respecting the business of such partnership shall be prosecuted by and against the general partners only, except in those cases where special partners or partnerships are to be deemed general partners or partnerships, in which case all the partners deemed general partners may join therein; and excepting also those cases where special partners are severally liable on

account of sums or amounts received or withdrawn from the capital stock as provided in RCW 25.12.070. [1955 c 15 § 25.12.080. Prior: 1869 p 381 § 8; RRS § 9973.]

25.12.090 Dissolution, how accomplished.

No dissolution of a limited partnership shall take place except by operation of law, before the time specified in the certificate of partnership, unless a notice of such dissolution, subscribed by the general and special partners is filed with the original certificate of partnership or the certificate, if any, renewing or continuing such partnership nor unless a copy of such notice be published for the time and in the manner prescribed for the publication of the certificate of partnership. [1955 c 15 § 25.12.090. Prior: 1869 p 382 § 9; RRS § 9974.]

25.12.100 Liabilities and rights of members of firm.

In all cases not otherwise provided for in this chapter, all the members of limited partnerships shall be subject to all the liabilities and entitled to all the rights of general partners. [1955 c 15 § 25.12.100. Prior: 1869 p 382 § 10; RRS § 9975.]

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LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES

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ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

25.15.005 Definitions. (Effective October 1, 1994.)

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Certificate of formation" means the certificate referred to in RCW 25.15.070, and the certificate as amended.

(2) "Event of dissociation" means an event that causes a person to cease to be a member as provided in RCW 25.15.130.

(3) "Foreign limited liability company" means an entity that is:

(a) An unincorporated enterprise;

(b) Organized under the laws of a state other than the laws of this state, or under the laws of any foreign country;

(c) Organized under a statute pursuant to which an enterprise may be formed that affords to each of its members limited liability with respect to the liabilities of the entity; and

(d) Is not required, in order to transact business or conduct affairs in this state, to be registered or organized under any statute of this state other than this chapter.

(4) "Limited liability company" and "domestic limited liability company" means a limited liability company organized and existing under this chapter.

(5) "Limited liability company agreement" means any written agreement as to the affairs of a limited liability company and the conduct of its business which is binding upon all of the members.

(6) "Limited liability company interest" means a member's share of the profits and losses of a limited liability company and a member's right to receive distributions of the limited liability company's assets.

(7) "Manager" or "managers" means, with respect to a limited liability company that has set forth in its certificate of formation that it is to be managed by managers, the person, or persons designated in accordance with RCW 25.15.150(2).

(8) "Member" means a person who has been admitted to a limited liability company as a member as provided in RCW 25.15.115 and who has not been dissociated from the limited liability company.

(9) "Person" means a natural person, partnership (whether general or limited and whether domestic or foreign), limited liability company, foreign limited liability company, trust, estate, association, corporation, custodian,

nominee, or any other individual or entity in its own or any representative capacity.

(10) "Professional limited liability company" means a limited liability company which is organized for the purpose of rendering professional service and whose certificate of formation sets forth that it is a professional limited liability company subject to RCW 25.15.045.

(11) "Professional service" means any type of personal service to the public which requires as a condition precedent to the rendering of such service the obtaining of a license or other legal authorization, including, but not by way of limitation, certified public accountants, architects, veterinarians, attorneys at law, and health professions regulated under chapter 18.130 RCW.

(12) "State" means the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or any state, territory, possession, or other jurisdiction of the United States other than the state of Washington. [1994 c 211 § 101.]

25.15.010 Name set forth in certificate of formation. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) The name of each limited liability company as set forth in its certificate of formation:

(a) Must contain either the words "Limited Liability Company," the words "Limited Liability" and abbreviation "Co.," or the abbreviation "L.L.C.";

(b) Except as provided in subsection (1)(d) of this section, may contain the name of a member or manager;

(c) Must not contain language stating or implying that the limited liability company is organized for a purpose other than those permitted by RCW 25.15.030;

(d) Must not contain any of the words or phrases: "Bank," "banking," "banker," "trust," "cooperative," "partnership," "corporation," "incorporated," or the abbreviations "corp.," "ltd.," or "inc.," or "L.P.," or any combination of the words "industrial" and "loan," or any combination of any two or more of the words "building," "savings," "loan," "home," "association," and "society," or any other words or phrases prohibited by any statute of this state; and

(e) Must be distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state from the names described in RCW 23B.04.010(1)(d), and the names of any limited liability company reserved, registered, or formed under the laws of this state or qualified to do business as a foreign limited liability company in this state.

(2) A limited liability company may apply to the secretary of state for authorization to use any name which is not distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state from one or more of the names described in subsection (1)(e) of this section. The secretary of state shall authorize use of the name applied for if the other corporation, limited partnership, or limited liability company consents in writing to the use and files with the secretary of state documents necessary to change its name or the name reserved or registered to a name that is distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state from the name of the applying limited liability company.

(3) A name shall not be considered distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state by virtue of:

(a) A variation in the designation, under subsection (1)(a) of this section, used for the same name;

(b) The addition or deletion of an article or conjunction such as "the" or "and" from the same name;

(c) Punctuation, capitalization, or special characters or symbols in the same name; or

(d) Use of abbreviation or the plural form of a word in the same name.

(4) This chapter does not control the use of assumed business names or "trade names." [1994 c 211 § 102.]

25.15.015 Reserved name—Registered name. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) Reserved Name.

(a) A person may reserve the exclusive use of a limited liability company name by delivering an application to the secretary of state for filing. The application must set forth the name and address of the applicant and the name proposed to be reserved. If the secretary of state finds that the limited liability company name applied for is available, the secretary of state shall reserve the name for the applicant's exclusive use for a nonrenewable one hundred eighty-day period.

(b) The owner of a reserved limited liability company name may transfer the reservation to another person by delivering to the secretary of state a signed notice of the transfer that states the name and address of the transferee.

(2) Registered Name.

(a) A foreign limited liability company may register its name if the name is distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state from the names specified in RCW 25.15.010(1)(e).

(b) A foreign limited liability company registers its name by delivering to the secretary of state for filing an application that:

(i) Sets forth its name and the state or country and date of its organization; and

(ii) Is accompanied by a certificate of existence, or a document of similar import, from the state or country of organization.

(c) The name is registered for the applicant's exclusive use upon the effective date of the application and until the close of the calendar year in which the application for registration is filed.

(d) A foreign limited liability company whose registration is effective may renew it for successive years by delivering to the secretary of state for filing a renewal application, which complies with the requirements of (b) of this subsection, between October 1st and December 31st of the preceding year. The renewal application when filed renews the registration for the following calendar year.

(e) A foreign limited liability company whose registration is effective may thereafter qualify as a foreign limited liability company under the registered name, or consent in writing to the use of that name by a limited liability company thereafter organized under this chapter, by a corporation thereafter formed under Title 23B RCW, by a limited partnership thereafter formed under chapter 25.10 RCW, or by another foreign limited liability company, foreign corporation, or foreign limited partnership thereafter authorized to transact business in this state. The registration terminates when the domestic limited liability company is organized, the domestic corporation is incorporated, or the domestic limited partnership is formed, or the foreign limited liability

company qualifies or consents to the qualification of another foreign limited liability company, corporation, or limited partnership under the registered name. [1994 c 211 § 103.]

25.15.020 Registered office—Registered agent. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) Each limited liability company shall continuously maintain in this state:

(a) A registered office, which may but need not be a place of its business in this state. The registered office shall be at a specific geographic location in this state, and be identified by number, if any, and street, or building address or rural route, or, if a commonly known street or rural route address does not exist, by legal description. A registered office may not be identified by post office box number or other nongeographic address. For purposes of communicating by mail, the secretary of state may permit the use of a post office address in the same city as the registered office in conjunction with the registered office address if the limited liability company also maintains on file the specific geographic address of the registered office where personal service of process may be made;

(b) A registered agent for service of process on the limited liability company, which agent may be either an individual resident of this state whose business office is identical with the limited liability company's registered office, or a domestic corporation, limited partnership, or limited liability company, or a foreign corporation, limited partnership, or limited liability company authorized to do business in this state having a business office identical with such registered office; and

(c) A registered agent who shall not be appointed without having given prior written consent to the appointment. The written consent shall be filed with the secretary of state in such form as the secretary may prescribe. The written consent shall be filed with or as a part of the document first appointing a registered agent.

(2) A registered agent may change the address of the registered office of the limited liability company or companies for which such registered agent is registered agent to another address in this state by filing with the secretary of state a certificate, executed by such registered agent, setting forth the names of all the limited liability companies represented by such registered agent, and the address at which such registered agent has maintained the registered office for each of such limited liability companies, and further certifying to the new address to which each such registered office will be changed on a given day, and at which new address such registered agent will thereafter maintain the registered office for each of the limited liability companies recited in the certificate. Upon the filing of such certificate, the secretary of state shall furnish to the registered agent a certified copy of the same, and thereafter, or until further change of address, as authorized by law, the registered office in this state of each of the limited liability companies recited in the certificate shall be located at the new address of the registered agent thereof as given in the certificate. In the event of a change of name of any person acting as a registered agent of a limited liability company, such registered agent shall file with the secretary of state a certificate, executed by such registered agent, setting forth the new name of such registered agent, the name of such

registered agent before it was changed, the names of all the limited liability companies represented by such registered agent, and the address at which such registered agent has maintained the registered office for each of such limited liability companies. Upon the filing of such certificate, the secretary of state shall furnish to the registered agent a certified copy of the certificate. Filing a certificate under this section shall be deemed to be an amendment of the certificate of formation of each limited liability company affected thereby and each such limited liability company shall not be required to take any further action with respect thereto, to amend its certificate of formation under RCW 25.15.075. Any registered agent filing a certificate under this section shall promptly, upon such filing, deliver a copy of any such certificate to each limited liability company affected thereby.

(3) The registered agent of one or more limited liability companies may resign and appoint a successor registered agent by filing a certificate with the secretary of state, stating that it resigns and the name and address of the successor registered agent. There shall be attached to such certificate a statement executed by each affected limited liability company ratifying and approving such change of registered agent. Upon such filing, the successor registered agent shall become the registered agent of such limited liability companies as have ratified and approved such substitution and the successor registered agent's address, as stated in such certificate, shall become the address of each such limited liability company's registered office in this state. The secretary of state shall furnish to the successor registered agent a certified copy of the certificate of resignation. Filing of such certificate of resignation shall be deemed to be an amendment of the certificate of formation of each limited liability company affected thereby and each such limited liability company shall not be required to take any further action with respect thereto, to amend its certificate of formation under RCW 25.15.075.

(4) The registered agent of a limited liability company may resign without appointing a successor registered agent by filing a certificate with the secretary of state stating that it resigns as registered agent for the limited liability company identified in the certificate, but such resignation shall not become effective until one hundred twenty days after the certificate is filed. There shall be attached to such certificate an affidavit of such registered agent, that at least thirty days prior to and on or about the date of the filing of said certificate, notices were sent by certified or registered mail to the limited liability company for which such registered agent is resigning as registered agent, at the principal office thereof within or outside this state, if known to such registered agent or, if not, to the last known address of the attorney or other individual at whose request such registered agent was appointed for such limited liability company, of the resignation of such registered agent. After receipt of the notice of the resignation of its registered agent, the limited liability company for which such registered agent was acting shall obtain and designate a new registered agent, to take the place of the registered agent so resigning. [1994 c 211 § 104.]

25.15.025 Service of process on domestic limited liability companies. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) A limited liability company's registered agent is its agent for service of process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served on the limited liability company.

(2) The secretary of state shall be an agent of a limited liability company upon whom any such process, notice, or demand may be served if:

(a) The limited liability company fails to appoint or maintain a registered agent in this state; or

(b) The registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found at the registered office.

(3) Service on the secretary of state of any such process, notice, or demand shall be made by delivering to and leaving with the secretary of state, or with any duly authorized clerk of the secretary of state's office, the process, notice, or demand. In the event any such process, notice, or demand is served on the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall immediately cause a copy thereof to be forwarded by certified mail, addressed to the limited liability company at its principal place of business as it appears on the records of the secretary of state. Any service so had on the secretary of state shall be returnable in not less than thirty days.

(4) The secretary of state shall keep a record of all processes, notices, and demands served upon the secretary of state under this section, and shall record therein the time of such service and the secretary of state's action with reference thereto.

(5) This section does not limit or affect the right to serve any process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon a limited liability company in any other manner now or hereafter permitted by law. [1994 c 211 § 105.]

25.15.030 Nature of business permitted—Powers. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) Every limited liability company formed under this chapter may carry on any lawful business or activity unless a more limited purpose is set forth in the certificate of formation. A limited liability company may not be formed under this chapter for the purposes of banking or engaging in business as an insurer.

(2) Unless this chapter, its certificate of formation, or its limited liability company agreement provides otherwise, a limited liability company has the same powers as an individual to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its business and affairs. [1994 c 211 § 106.]

25.15.035 Business transactions of member or manager with the limited liability company. (Effective October 1, 1994.) Except as provided in a limited liability company agreement, a member or manager may lend money to, act as a surety, guarantor, or endorser for, guarantee or assume one or more specific obligations of, provide collateral for, and transact other business with a limited liability company and, subject to other applicable law, has the same rights and obligations with respect to any such matter as a person who is not a member or manager. [1994 c 211 § 107.]

25.15.040 Limitation of liability and indemnification. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) The limited liability

company agreement may contain provisions not inconsistent with law that:

(a) Eliminate or limit the personal liability of a member or manager to the limited liability company or its members for monetary damages for conduct as a member or manager, provided that such provisions shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a member or manager for acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law by a member or manager, for conduct of the member or manager, violating RCW 25.15.235, or for any transaction from which the member or manager will personally receive a benefit in money, property, or services to which the member or manager is not legally entitled; or

(b) Indemnify any member or manager from and against any judgments, settlements, penalties, fines, or expenses incurred in a proceeding to which an individual is a party because he or she is, or was, a member or a manager, provided that no such indemnity shall indemnify a member or a manager from or on account of acts or omissions of the member or manager finally adjudged to be intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law by the member or manager, conduct of the member or manager adjudged to be in violation of RCW 25.15.235, or any transaction with respect to which it was finally adjudged that such member or manager received a benefit in money, property, or services to which such member or manager was not legally entitled.

(2) To the extent that, at law or in equity, a member or manager has duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating thereto to a limited liability company or to another member or manager (a) any such member or manager acting under a limited liability company agreement shall not be liable to the limited liability company or to any such other member or manager for the member's or manager's good faith reliance on the provisions of the limited liability company agreement, and (b) the member's or manager's duties and liabilities may be expanded or restricted by provisions in a limited liability company agreement. [1994 c 211 § 108.]

25.15.045 Professional limited liability companies. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) A person or group of persons licensed or otherwise legally authorized to render professional services within this state may organize and become a member or members of a professional limited liability company under the provisions of this chapter for the purposes of rendering professional service. A "professional limited liability company" is subject to all the provisions of chapter 18.100 RCW that apply to a professional corporation, and its managers, members, agents, and employees shall be subject to all the provisions of chapter 18.100 RCW that apply to the directors, officers, shareholders, agents, or employees of a professional corporation, except as provided otherwise in this section. Nothing in this section prohibits a person duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized to render professional services in any jurisdiction other than this state from becoming a member of a professional limited liability company organized for the purpose of rendering the same professional services. Nothing in this section prohibits a professional limited liability company from rendering professional services outside this state through individuals

who are not duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized to render such professional services within this state. Notwithstanding RCW 18.100.065, persons engaged in a profession and otherwise meeting the requirements of this chapter may operate under this chapter as a professional limited liability company so long as:

(a) At least one manager of the company is duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized to practice the profession in this state; and

(b) Each resident manager or member in charge of an office of the company in this state and each resident manager or member personally engaged in this state in the practice of the profession is duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized to practice the profession in this state.

(2) If the company's members are required to be licensed to practice such profession, and the company fails to maintain for itself and for its members practicing in this state a policy of professional liability insurance, bond, or other evidence of financial responsibility of a kind designated by rule by the state insurance commissioner and in the amount of at least one million dollars or such greater amount as the state insurance commissioner may establish by rule for a licensed profession or for any specialty within a profession, taking into account the nature and size of the business, then the company's members shall be personally liable to the extent that, had such insurance, bond, or other evidence of responsibility been maintained, it would have covered the liability in question.

(3) For purposes of applying the provisions of chapter 18.100 RCW to a professional limited liability company, the terms "director" or "officer" shall mean manager, "shareholder" shall mean member, "corporation" shall mean professional limited liability company, "articles of incorporation" shall mean certificate of formation, "shares" or "capital stock" shall mean a limited liability company interest, "incorporator" shall mean the person who executes the certificate of formation, and "bylaws" shall mean the limited liability company agreement.

(4) The name of a professional limited liability company must contain either the words "Professional Limited Liability Company," or the words "Professional Limited Liability" and the abbreviation "Co.," or the abbreviation "P.L.L.C." provided that the name of a professional limited liability company organized to render dental services shall contain the full names or surnames of all members and no other word than "chartered" or the words "professional services" or the abbreviation "P.L.L.C."

(5) Subject to the provisions in article VII of this chapter, the following may be a member of a professional limited liability company and may be the transferee of the interest of an ineligible person or deceased member of the professional limited liability company:

(a) A professional corporation, if its shareholders, directors, and its officers other than the secretary and the treasurer, are licensed or otherwise legally authorized to render the same specific professional services as the professional limited liability company; and

(b) Another professional limited liability company, if the managers and members of both professional limited liability companies are licensed or otherwise legally authorized to render the same specific professional services. [1994 c 211 § 109.]

25.15.050 Member agreements. (Effective October 1, 1994.) In addition to agreeing among themselves with respect to the provisions of this chapter, the members of a limited liability company or professional limited liability company may agree among themselves to any otherwise lawful provision governing the company which is not in conflict with this chapter. Such agreements include, but are not limited to, buy-sell agreements among the members and agreements relating to expulsion of members. [1994 c 211 § 110.]

25.15.055 Membership residency. (Effective October 1, 1994.) Nothing in this chapter requires a limited liability company or a professional limited liability company to restrict membership to persons residing in or engaging in business in this state. [1994 c 211 § 111.]

25.15.060 Piercing the veil. (Effective October 1, 1994.) Members of a limited liability company shall be personally liable for any act, debt, obligation, or liability of the limited liability company to the extent that shareholders of a Washington business corporation would be liable in analogous circumstances. In this regard, the court may consider the factors and policies set forth in established case law with regard to piercing the corporate veil. [1994 c 211 § 112.]

ARTICLE II. FORMATION: CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION, AMENDMENT, FILING AND EXECUTION

25.15.070 Certificate of formation. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) In order to form a limited liability company, one or more persons must execute a certificate of formation. The certificate of formation shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state and set forth:

- (a) The name of the limited liability company;
- (b) The address of the registered office and the name and address of the registered agent for service of process required to be maintained by RCW 25.15.020;
- (c) The address of the principal place of business of the limited liability company;
- (d) If the limited liability company is to have a specific date of dissolution, the latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve;
- (e) If management of the limited liability company is vested in a manager or managers, a statement to that effect;
- (f) Any other matters the members decide to include therein; and
- (g) The name and address of each person executing the certificate of formation.

(2) Effect of filing:

(a) Unless a delayed effective date is specified, a limited liability company is formed when its certificate of formation is filed by the secretary of state. A delayed effective date for a certificate of formation may be no later than the ninetieth day after the date it is filed.

(b) The secretary of state's filing of the certificate of formation is conclusive proof that the persons executing the certificate satisfied all conditions precedent to the formation except in a proceeding by the state to cancel the certificate.

(c) A limited liability company formed under this chapter shall be a separate legal entity, the existence of which as a separate legal entity shall continue until cancellation of the limited liability company's certificate of formation. [1994 c 211 § 201.]

25.15.075 Amendment to certificate of formation. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) A certificate of formation is amended by filing a certificate of amendment thereto with the secretary of state. The certificate of amendment shall set forth:

- (a) The name of the limited liability company; and
- (b) The amendment to the certificate of formation.

(2) A manager or, if there is no manager, then any member who becomes aware that any statement in a certificate of formation was false when made, or that any matter described has changed making the certificate of formation false in any material respect, shall promptly amend the certificate of formation.

(3) A certificate of formation may be amended at any time for any other proper purpose.

(4) Unless otherwise provided in this chapter or unless a later effective date (which shall be a date not later than the ninetieth day after the date it is filed) is provided for in the certificate of amendment, a certificate of amendment shall be effective when filed by the secretary of state. [1994 c 211 § 202.]

25.15.080 Cancellation of certificate. (Effective October 1, 1994.) A certificate of formation shall be canceled upon the effective date of the certificate of cancellation, or as provided in RCW 25.15.290, or upon the filing of articles of merger if the limited liability company is not the surviving or resulting entity in a merger. A certificate of cancellation shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state to accomplish the cancellation of a certificate of formation upon the dissolution and the completion of winding up of a limited liability company and shall set forth:

- (1) The name of the limited liability company;
- (2) The date of filing of its certificate of formation;
- (3) The reason for filing the certificate of cancellation;
- (4) The future effective date (which shall be a date not later than the ninetieth day after the date it is filed) of cancellation if it is not to be effective upon the filing of the certificate; and

(5) Any other information the person filing the certificate of cancellation determines. [1994 c 211 § 203.]

25.15.085 Execution. (Effective October 1, 1994.)

(1) Each document required by this chapter to be filed in the office of the secretary of state shall be executed in the following manner:

(a) Each original certificate of formation must be signed by the person or persons forming the limited liability company;

(b) A reservation of name may be signed by any person;

(c) A transfer of reservation of name must be signed by the applicant for the reserved name;

(d) A registration of name must be signed by any member or manager of the foreign limited liability company;

(e) A certificate of amendment or restatement must be signed by at least one manager, or by a member if management of the limited liability company is reserved to the members;

(f) A certificate of cancellation must be signed by the person or persons authorized to wind up the limited liability company's affairs pursuant to RCW 25.15.295(1);

(g) If a surviving domestic limited liability company is filing articles of merger, the articles of merger must be signed by at least one manager, or by a member if management of the limited liability company is reserved to the members, or if the articles of merger are being filed by a surviving foreign limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation, the articles of merger must be signed by a person authorized by such foreign limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation; and

(h) A foreign limited liability company's application for registration as a foreign limited liability company doing business within the state must be signed by any member or manager of the foreign limited liability company.

(2) Any person may sign a certificate, articles of merger, or limited liability company agreement by an attorney-in-fact, so long as each document signed in such manner identifies the capacity in which the signator signed.

(3) The person executing the document shall sign it and state beneath or opposite the signature the name of the person and capacity in which the person signs. The document must be typewritten or printed, and must meet such legibility or other standards as may be prescribed by the secretary of state.

(4) The execution of a certificate or articles of merger by any person constitutes an affirmation under the penalties of perjury that the facts stated therein are true. [1994 c 211 § 204.]

25.15.090 Execution, amendment, or cancellation by judicial order. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) If a person required to execute a certificate required by this chapter fails or refuses to do so, any other person who is adversely affected by the failure or refusal may petition the superior courts to direct the execution of the certificate. If the court finds that the execution of the certificate is proper and that any person so designated has failed or refused to execute the certificate, it shall order the secretary of state to record an appropriate certificate.

(2) If a person required to execute a limited liability company agreement or amendment thereof fails or refuses to do so, any other person who is adversely affected by the failure or refusal may petition the superior courts to direct the execution of the limited liability company agreement or amendment thereof. If the court finds that the limited liability company agreement or amendment thereof should be executed and that any person required to execute the limited liability company agreement or amendment thereof has failed or refused to do so, it shall enter an order granting appropriate relief. [1994 c 211 § 205.]

25.15.095 Filing. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) The original signed copy, together with a duplicate copy that may be either a signed, photocopied, or conformed copy, of the certificate of formation or any other document required

to be filed pursuant to this chapter shall be delivered to the secretary of state. If the secretary of state determines that the documents conform to the filing provisions of this chapter, he or she shall, when all required filing fees have been paid:

(a) Endorse on each signed original and duplicate copy the word "filed" and the date of its acceptance for filing;

(b) Retain the signed original in the secretary of state's files; and

(c) Return the duplicate copy to the person who filed it or the person's representative.

(2) If the secretary of state is unable to make the determination required for filing by subsection (1) of this section at the time any documents are delivered for filing, the documents are deemed to have been filed at the time of delivery if the secretary of state subsequently determines that:

(a) The documents as delivered conform to the filing provisions of this chapter; or

(b) Within twenty days after notification of nonconformance is given by the secretary of state to the person who delivered the documents for filing or the person's representative, the documents are brought into conformance.

(3) If the filing and determination requirements of this chapter are not satisfied completely within the time prescribed in subsection (2)(b) of this section, the documents shall not be filed.

(4) Upon the filing of a certificate of amendment (or judicial decree of amendment) or restated certificate in the office of the secretary of state, or upon the future effective date or time of a certificate of amendment (or judicial decree thereof) or restated certificate, as provided for therein, the certificate of formation shall be amended or restated as set forth therein. Upon the filing of a certificate of cancellation (or a judicial decree thereof), or articles of merger which act as a certificate of cancellation, or upon the future effective date or time of a certificate of cancellation (or a judicial decree thereof) or of articles of merger which act as a certificate of cancellation, as provided for therein, or as specified in RCW 25.15.290, the certificate of formation is canceled. [1994 c 211 § 206.]

25.15.100 Restated certificate. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) A limited liability company may, whenever desired, integrate into a single instrument all of the provisions of its certificate of formation which are then in effect and operative as a result of there having theretofore been filed with the secretary of state one or more certificates or other instruments pursuant to any of the sections referred to in this chapter and it may at the same time also further amend its certificate of formation by adopting a restated certificate of formation.

(2) If a restated certificate of formation merely restates and integrates but does not amend the initial certificate of formation, as theretofore amended or supplemented by any instrument that was executed and filed pursuant to any of the sections in this chapter, it shall be specifically designated in its heading as a "Restated Certificate of Formation" together with such other words as the limited liability company may deem appropriate and shall be executed by at least one

manager, or by a member if management of the limited liability company is reserved to its members, and filed as provided in RCW 25.15.095 in the office of the secretary of state. If a restated certificate restates and integrates and also amends in any respect the certificate of formation, as theretofore amended or supplemented, it shall be specifically designated in its heading as an "Amended and Restated Certificate of Formation" together with such other words as the limited liability company may deem appropriate and shall be executed by at least one manager, or by a member if management of the limited liability company is reserved to its members, and filed as provided in RCW 25.15.095 in the office of the secretary of state.

(3) A restated certificate of formation shall state, either in its heading or in an introductory paragraph, the limited liability company's present name, and, if it has been changed, the name under which it was originally filed, and the date of filing of its original certificate of formation with the secretary of state, and the future effective date (which shall be a date not later than the ninetieth day after the date it is filed) of the restated certificate if it is not to be effective upon the filing of the restated certificate. A restated certificate shall also state that it was duly executed and is being filed in accordance with this section. If a restated certificate only restates and integrates and does not further amend a limited liability company's certificate of formation as theretofore amended or supplemented and there is no discrepancy between those provisions and the restated certificate, it shall state that fact as well.

(4) Upon the filing of a restated certificate of formation with the secretary of state, or upon the future effective date or time of a restated certificate of formation as provided for therein, the initial certificate of formation, as theretofore amended or supplemented, shall be superseded; thenceforth, the restated certificate of formation, including any further amendment or changes made thereby, shall be the certificate of formation of the limited liability company, but the original effective date of formation shall remain unchanged.

(5) Any amendment or change effected in connection with the restatement and integration of the certificate of formation shall be subject to any other provision of this chapter, not inconsistent with this section, which would apply if a separate certificate of amendment were filed to effect such amendment or change. [1994 c 211 § 207.]

25.15.105 Initial and annual reports. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) Each domestic limited liability company, and each foreign limited liability company authorized to transact business in this state, shall deliver to the secretary of state for filing, both initial and annual reports that set forth:

(a) The name of the company and the state or country under whose law it is organized;

(b) The street address of its registered office and the name of its registered agent at that office in this state;

(c) In the case of a foreign company, the address of its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is organized;

(d) The address of the principal place of business of the company in this state;

(e) The names and addresses of the company's members, or if the management of the company is vested in a manager or managers, then the name and address of its manager or managers; and

(f) A brief description of the nature of its business.

(2) Information in an initial report or an annual report must be current as of the date the report is executed on behalf of the company.

(3) A company's initial report must be delivered to the secretary of state within one hundred twenty days of the date on which a domestic company's certificate of formation was filed, or on which a foreign company's application for registration was submitted. Subsequent annual reports must be delivered to the secretary of state on a date determined by the secretary of state, and at such additional times as the company elects. [1994 c 211 § 208.]

ARTICLE III. MEMBERS

25.15.115 Admission of members. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) In connection with the formation of a limited liability company, a person acquiring a limited liability company interest is admitted as a member of the limited liability company upon the later to occur of:

(a) The formation of the limited liability company; or

(b) The time provided in and upon compliance with the limited liability company agreement or, if the limited liability company agreement does not so provide or does not exist, when the person's admission is reflected in the records of the limited liability company.

(2) After the formation of a limited liability company, a person acquiring a limited liability company interest is admitted as a member of the limited liability company:

(a) In the case of a person acquiring a limited liability company interest directly from the limited liability company, at the time provided in and upon compliance with the limited liability company agreement or, if the limited liability company agreement does not so provide or does not exist, upon the consent of all members and when the person's admission is reflected in the records of the limited liability company; or

(b) In the case of an assignee of a limited liability company interest who meets the conditions for membership set forth in RCW 25.15.260(1), at the time provided in and upon compliance with the limited liability company agreement or, if the limited liability company agreement does not so provide or does not exist, when any such assignee's admission as a member is reflected in the records of the limited liability company. [1994 c 211 § 301.]

25.15.120 Voting and classes of membership. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) Except as provided in this chapter, or in the limited liability company agreement, and subject to subsection (2) of this section, the affirmative vote, approval, or consent of members contributing, or required to contribute, more than fifty percent of the agreed value (as stated in the records of the limited liability company required to be kept pursuant to RCW 25.15.135) of the contributions made, or required to be made, by all members shall be necessary for actions requiring member approval.

(2) Except as provided in the limited liability company agreement, the affirmative vote, approval, or consent of all members shall be required to:

(a) Amend the limited liability company agreement; or

(b) Authorize a manager, member, or other person to do any act on behalf of the limited liability company that contravenes the limited liability company agreement, including any provision thereof which expressly limits the purpose, business, or affairs of the limited liability company or the conduct thereof.

(3) A limited liability company agreement may provide for classes or groups of members having such relative rights, powers, and duties as the limited liability company agreement may provide, and may make provision for the future creation in the manner provided in the limited liability company agreement of additional classes or groups of members having such relative rights, powers, and duties as may from time to time be established, including rights, powers, and duties senior to existing classes and groups of members. A limited liability company agreement may provide for the taking of an action, including the amendment of the limited liability company agreement, without the vote or approval of any member or class or group of members, including an action to create under the provisions of the limited liability company agreement a class or group of limited liability company interests that was not previously outstanding.

(4) A limited liability company agreement may grant to all or certain identified members or a specified class or group of the members the right to vote separately or with all or any class or group of the members or managers, on any matter. If the limited liability company agreement so provides, voting by members may be on a per capita, number, profit share, class, group, or any other basis.

(5) A limited liability company agreement which contains provisions related to voting rights of members may set forth provisions relating to notice of the time, place, or purpose of any meeting at which any matter is to be voted on by any members, waiver of any such notice, action by consent without a meeting, the establishment of a record date, quorum requirements, voting in person or by proxy, or any other matter with respect to the exercise of any such right to vote. [1994 c 211 § 302.]

25.15.125 Liability of members and managers to third parties. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, the debts, obligations, and liabilities of a limited liability company, whether arising in contract, tort or otherwise, shall be solely the debts, obligations, and liabilities of the limited liability company; and no member or manager of a limited liability company shall be obligated personally for any such debt, obligation, or liability of the limited liability company solely by reason of being a member or acting as a manager of the limited liability company.

(2) A member or manager of a limited liability company is personally liable for his or her own torts. [1994 c 211 § 303.]

25.15.130 Events of dissociation. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) A person ceases to be a member of a limited

liability company upon the occurrence of one or more of the following events:

(a) The member withdraws by voluntary act from the limited liability company as provided in subsection (3) of this section;

(b) The member ceases to be a member as provided in RCW 25.15.250(2)(b) following an assignment of all the member's limited liability company interest;

(c) The member is removed as a member in accordance with the limited liability company agreement;

(d) Unless otherwise provided in the limited liability company agreement, or with the written consent of all other members at the time, the member (i) makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (ii) files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy; (iii) becomes the subject of an order for relief in bankruptcy proceedings; (iv) files a petition or answer seeking for himself or herself any reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution, or similar relief under any statute, law, or regulation; (v) files an answer or other pleading admitting or failing to contest the material allegations of a petition filed against him or her in any proceeding of the nature described in (d) (i) through (iv) of this subsection; or (vi) seeks, consents to, or acquiesces in the appointment of a trustee, receiver, or liquidator of the member or of all or any substantial part of the member's properties;

(e) Unless otherwise provided in the limited liability company agreement, or with the consent of all other members at the time, one hundred twenty days after the commencement of any proceeding against the member seeking reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution, or similar relief under any statute, law, or regulation, the proceeding has not been dismissed, or if within ninety days after the appointment without his or her consent or acquiescence of a trustee, receiver, or liquidator of the member or of all or any substantial part of the member's properties, the appointment is not vacated or stayed, or within ninety days after the expiration of any stay, the appointment is not vacated;

(f) Unless otherwise provided in the limited liability company agreement, or with written consent of all other members at the time, in the case of a member who is an individual, the entry of an order by a court of competent jurisdiction adjudicating the member incompetent to manage his or her person or estate;

(g) Unless otherwise provided in the limited liability company agreement, or with written consent of all other members at the time, in the case of a member that is another limited liability company, the dissolution and commencement of winding up of such limited liability company;

(h) Unless otherwise provided in the limited liability company agreement, or with written consent of all other members at the time, in the case of a member that is a corporation, the filing of articles of dissolution or the equivalent for the corporation or the administrative dissolution of the corporation and the lapse of any period authorized for application for reinstatement; or

(i) Unless otherwise provided in the limited liability company agreement, or with written consent of all other members at the time, in the case of a member that is a limited partnership, the dissolution and commencement of winding up of such limited partnership.

(2) The limited liability company agreement may provide for other events the occurrence of which result in a person ceasing to be a member of the limited liability company.

(3) Unless otherwise provided in the limited liability company agreement, a member may withdraw from a limited liability company at any time by giving thirty days' written notice to the other members. [1994 c 211 § 304.]

25.15.135 Records and information. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) A limited liability company shall keep at its principal place of business the following:

(a) A current and a past list, setting forth the full name and last known mailing address of each member and manager, if any;

(b) A copy of its certificate of formation and all amendments thereto;

(c) A copy of its current limited liability company agreement and all amendments thereto, and a copy of any prior agreements no longer in effect;

(d) Unless contained in its certificate of formation or limited liability company agreement, a written statement of:

(i) The amount of cash and a description of the agreed value of the other property or services contributed by each member (including that member's predecessors in interest), and which each member has agreed to contribute;

(ii) The times at which or events on the happening of which any additional contributions agreed to be made by each member are to be made; and

(iii) Any right of any member to receive distributions which include a return of all or any part of the member's contribution.

(e) A copy of the limited liability company's federal, state, and local tax returns and reports, if any, for the three most recent years; and

(f) A copy of any financial statements of the limited liability company for the three most recent years.

(2) The records required by subsection (1) of this section to be kept by a limited liability company are subject to inspection and copying at the reasonable request, and at the expense, of any member during ordinary business hours. A member's agent or attorney has the same inspection and copying rights as the member.

(3) Each manager shall have the right to examine all of the information described in subsection (1) of this section for a purpose reasonably related to his or her position as a manager.

(4) A limited liability company may maintain its records in other than a written form if such form is capable of conversion into written form within a reasonable time.

(5) Any action to enforce any right arising under this section shall be brought in the superior courts. [1994 c 211 § 305.]

25.15.140 Remedies for breach of limited liability company agreement by member. (Effective October 1, 1994.) A limited liability company agreement may provide that (1) a member who fails to perform in accordance with, or to comply with the terms and conditions of, the limited liability company agreement shall be subject to specified penalties or specified consequences, and (2) at the time or

upon the happening of events specified in the limited liability company agreement, a member shall be subject to specified penalties or specified consequences. [1994 c 211 § 306.]

ARTICLE IV. MANAGEMENT AND MANAGERS

25.15.150 Management. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) Unless the certificate of formation vests management of the limited liability company in a manager or managers, management of the business or affairs of the limited liability company shall be vested in the members. Subject to any provisions in the limited liability company agreement or this chapter restricting or enlarging the management rights and duties of any person or group or class of persons, the members shall have the right and authority to manage the affairs of the limited liability company and to make all decisions with respect thereto.

(2) If the certificate of formation vests management of the limited liability company in one or more managers, then such persons shall have such power to manage the business or affairs of the limited liability company as is provided in the limited liability company agreement. Unless otherwise provided in the limited liability company agreement, such persons:

(a) Shall be designated, appointed, elected, removed, or replaced by a vote, approval, or consent of members contributing, or required to contribute, more than fifty percent of the agreed value (as stated in the records of the limited liability company required to be kept pursuant to RCW 25.15.135) of the contributions made, or required to be made, by all members at the time of such action;

(b) Need not be members of the limited liability company or natural persons; and

(c) Unless they have been earlier removed or have earlier resigned, shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

(3) If the certificate of formation vests management of the limited liability company in a manager or managers, no member, acting solely in the capacity as a member, is an agent of the limited liability company. [1994 c 211 § 401.]

25.15.155 Liability of managers and members. (Effective October 1, 1994.) Unless otherwise provided in the limited liability company agreement:

(1) A member or manager shall not be liable, responsible, or accountable in damages or otherwise to the limited liability company or to the members of the limited liability company for any action taken or failure to act on behalf of the limited liability company unless such act or omission constitutes gross negligence, intentional misconduct, or a knowing violation of law.

(2) Every member and manager must account to the limited liability company and hold as trustee for it any profit or benefit derived by him or her without the consent of a majority of the disinterested managers or members, or other persons participating in the management of the business or affairs of the limited liability company from (a) any transaction connected with the conduct or winding up of the limited liability company or (b) any use by him or her of its property, including, but not limited to, confidential or proprietary

information of the limited liability company or other matters entrusted to him or her as a result of his or her status as manager or member. [1994 c 211 § 402.]

25.15.160 Manager—Members' rights and duties. (Effective October 1, 1994.) A person who is both a manager and a member has the rights and powers, and is subject to the restrictions and liabilities, of a manager and, except as provided in a limited liability company agreement, also has the rights and powers, and is subject to the restrictions and liabilities, of a member to the extent of his or her participation in the limited liability company as a member. [1994 c 211 § 403.]

25.15.165 Voting and classes of managers. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) Unless the limited liability company agreement provides otherwise, the affirmative vote, approval, or consent of more than one-half by number of the managers shall be required to decide any matter connected with the business and affairs of the limited liability company.

(2) A limited liability company agreement may provide for classes or groups of managers having such relative rights, powers, and duties as the limited liability company agreement may provide, and may make provision for the future creation in the manner provided in the limited liability company agreement of additional classes or groups of managers having such relative rights, powers, and duties as may from time to time be established, including rights, powers, and duties senior to existing classes and groups of managers. A limited liability company agreement may provide for the taking of an action, including the amendment of the limited liability company agreement, without the vote or approval of any manager or class or group of managers, including an action to create under the provisions of the limited liability company agreement a class or group of limited liability company interests that was not previously outstanding.

(3) A limited liability company agreement may grant to all or certain identified managers or a specified class or group of the managers the right to vote, separately or with all or any class or group of managers or members, on any matter. If the limited liability company agreement so provides, voting by managers may be on a financial interest, class, group, or any other basis.

(4) A limited liability company agreement which contains provisions related to voting rights of managers may set forth provisions relating to notice of the time, place, or purpose of any meeting at which any matter is to be voted on by any manager or class or group of managers, waiver of any such notice, action by consent without a meeting, the establishment of a record date, quorum requirements, voting in person or by proxy, or any other matter with respect to the exercise of any such right to vote. [1994 c 211 § 404.]

25.15.170 Remedies for breach of limited liability company agreement by manager. (Effective October 1, 1994.) A limited liability company agreement may provide that (1) a manager who fails to perform in accordance with, or to comply with the terms and conditions of, the limited liability company agreement shall be subject to specified penalties or specified consequences, and (2) at the time or

upon the happening of events specified in the limited liability company agreement, a manager shall be subject to specified penalties or specified consequences. [1994 c 211 § 405.]

25.15.175 Reliance on reports and information by member or manager. (Effective October 1, 1994.) In discharging the duties of a manager or a member, a member or manager of a limited liability company is entitled to rely in good faith upon the records of the limited liability company and upon such information, opinions, reports, or statements presented to the limited liability company by any of its other managers, members, officers, employees, or committees of the limited liability company, or by any other person, as to matters the member or manager reasonably believes are within such other person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the limited liability company, including information, opinions, reports, or statements as to the value and amount of the assets, liabilities, profits, or losses of the limited liability company or any other facts pertinent to the existence and amount of assets from which distributions to members might properly be paid. [1994 c 211 § 406.]

25.15.180 Resignation of manager. (Effective October 1, 1994.) A manager may resign as a manager of a limited liability company at the time or upon the happening of events specified in a limited liability company agreement and in accordance with the limited liability company agreement. A limited liability company agreement may provide that a manager shall not have the right to resign as a manager of a limited liability company. Notwithstanding that a limited liability company agreement provides that a manager does not have the right to resign as a manager of a limited liability company, a manager may resign as a manager of a limited liability company at any time by giving written notice to the members and other managers. If the resignation of a manager violates a limited liability company agreement, in addition to any remedies otherwise available under applicable law, a limited liability company may recover from the resigning manager damages for breach of the limited liability company agreement and offset the damages against the amount otherwise distributable to the resigning manager. [1994 c 211 § 407.]

ARTICLE V. FINANCE

25.15.190 Form of contribution. (Effective October 1, 1994.) The contribution of a member to a limited liability company may be made in cash, property or services rendered, or a promissory note or other obligation to contribute cash or property or to perform services. [1994 c 211 § 501.]

25.15.195 Liability for contribution. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) Except as provided in a limited liability company agreement, a member is obligated to a limited liability company to perform any promise to contribute cash or property or to perform services, even if the member is unable to perform because of death, disability, or any other reason. If a member does not make the required contribution of property or services, the member is obligated

at the option of the limited liability company to contribute cash equal to that portion of the agreed value (as stated in the records of the limited liability company required to be kept pursuant to RCW 25.15.135) of the contribution that has not been made. This option shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other rights, including the right to specific performance, that the limited liability company may have against such member under the limited liability company agreement or applicable law.

(2) Unless otherwise provided in a limited liability company agreement, the obligation of a member to make a contribution or return money or other property paid or distributed in violation of this chapter may be compromised only by consent of all the members. Notwithstanding the compromise, a creditor of a limited liability company who extends credit, after either the certificate of formation, limited liability company agreement or an amendment thereto, or records required to be kept under RCW 25.15.135 reflect the obligation, and before the amendment of any thereof to reflect the compromise, may enforce the original obligation to the extent that, in extending credit, the creditor reasonably relied on the obligation of a member to make a contribution or return. A conditional obligation of a member to make a contribution or return money or other property to a limited liability company may not be enforced unless the conditions of the obligation have been satisfied or waived as to or by such member. Conditional obligations include contributions payable upon a discretionary call of a limited liability company prior to the time the call occurs.

(3) A limited liability company agreement may provide that the interest of any member who fails to make any contribution that the member is obligated to make shall be subject to specified penalties for, or specified consequences of, such failure. Such penalty or consequence may take the form of reducing or eliminating the defaulting member's proportionate interest in a limited liability company, subordinating the member's limited liability company interest to that of nondefaulting members, a forced sale of the member's limited liability company interest, forfeiture of the member's limited liability company interest, the lending by other members of the amount necessary to meet the member's commitment, a fixing of the value of the member's limited liability company interest by appraisal or by formula and redemption or sale of the member's limited liability company interest at such value, or other penalty or consequence. [1994 c 211 § 502.]

25.15.200 Allocation of profits and losses. (Effective October 1, 1994.) The profits and losses of a limited liability company shall be allocated among the members, and among classes or groups of members, in the manner provided in a limited liability company agreement. If the limited liability company agreement does not so provide, profits and losses shall be allocated in proportion to the agreed value (as stated in the records of the limited liability company required to be kept pursuant to RCW 25.15.135) of the contributions made, or required to be made, by each member. [1994 c 211 § 503.]

25.15.205 Allocation of distributions. (Effective October 1, 1994.) Distributions of cash or other assets of

a limited liability company shall be allocated among the members, and among classes or groups of members, in the manner provided in a limited liability company agreement. If the limited liability company agreement does not so provide, distributions shall be made in proportion to the agreed value (as stated in the records of the limited liability company required to be kept pursuant to RCW 25.15.135) of the contributions made, or required to be made, by each member. [1994 c 211 § 504.]

ARTICLE VI. DISTRIBUTIONS AND RESIGNATION

25.15.215 Interim distributions. (Effective October 1, 1994.) Except as provided in this article, to the extent and at the times or upon the happening of the events specified in a limited liability company agreement, a member is entitled to receive from a limited liability company distributions before the member's dissociation from the limited liability company and before the dissolution and winding up thereof. [1994 c 211 § 601.]

25.15.220 Distribution on event of dissociation. (Effective October 1, 1994.) Upon the occurrence of an event of dissociation under RCW 25.15.130 which does not cause dissolution (other than an event of dissociation specified in RCW 25.15.130(2) where the dissociating member's assignee is admitted as a member), a dissociating member (or the member's assignee) is entitled to receive any distribution to which the member (or assignee) is entitled under the limited liability company agreement and, if not otherwise provided in a limited liability company agreement, the member (or the member's assignee) is entitled to receive, within a reasonable time after dissociation, the fair value of the member's limited liability company interest as of the date of the dissociation based upon the member's right to share in distributions from the limited liability company. [1994 c 211 § 602.]

25.15.225 Distribution in-kind. (Effective October 1, 1994.) Except as provided in a limited liability company agreement, a member, regardless of the nature of the member's contribution, has no right to demand and receive any distribution from a limited liability company in any form other than cash. Except as provided in a limited liability company agreement, a member may not be compelled to accept a distribution of any asset in-kind from a limited liability company to the extent that the percentage of the asset distributed to the member exceeds a percentage of that asset which is equal to the percentage in which he or she shares in distributions from the limited liability company. [1994 c 211 § 603.]

25.15.230 Right to distribution. (Effective October 1, 1994.) Subject to RCW 25.15.235 and 25.15.300, and unless otherwise provided in a limited liability company agreement, at the time a member becomes entitled to receive a distribution, he or she has the status of, and is entitled to all remedies available to, a creditor of a limited liability company with respect to the distribution. A limited liability company agreement may provide for the establishment of a

record date with respect to allocations and distributions by a limited liability company. [1994 c 211 § 604.]

25.15.235 Limitations on distribution. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) A limited liability company shall not make a distribution to a member to the extent that at the time of the distribution, after giving effect to the distribution (a) the limited liability company would not be able to pay its debts as they became due in the usual course of business, or (b) all liabilities of the limited liability company, other than liabilities to members on account of their limited liability company interests and liabilities for which the recourse of creditors is limited to specified property of the limited liability company, exceed the fair value of the assets of the limited liability company, except that the fair value of property that is subject to a liability for which the recourse of creditors is limited shall be included in the assets of the limited liability company only to the extent that the fair value of that property exceeds that liability.

(2) A member who receives a distribution in violation of subsection (1) of this section, and who knew at the time of the distribution that the distribution violated subsection (1) of this section, shall be liable to a limited liability company for the amount of the distribution. A member who receives a distribution in violation of subsection (1) of this section, and who did not know at the time of the distribution that the distribution violated subsection (1) of this section, shall not be liable for the amount of the distribution. Subject to subsection (3) of this section, this subsection (2) shall not affect any obligation or liability of a member under a limited liability company agreement or other applicable law for the amount of a distribution.

(3) Unless otherwise agreed, a member who receives a distribution from a limited liability company shall have no liability under this chapter or other applicable law for the amount of the distribution after the expiration of three years from the date of the distribution unless an action to recover the distribution from such member is commenced prior to the expiration of the said three-year period and an adjudication of liability against such member is made in the said action. [1994 c 211 § 605.]

ARTICLE VII. ASSIGNMENT OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY INTERESTS

25.15.245 Nature of limited liability company interest—Certificate of interest. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) A limited liability company interest is personal property. A member has no interest in specific limited liability company property.

(2) A limited liability company agreement may provide that a member's interest in a limited liability company may be evidenced by a certificate of limited liability company interest issued by the limited liability company. [1994 c 211 § 701.]

25.15.250 Assignment of limited liability company interest. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) A limited liability company interest is assignable in whole or in part except as provided in a limited liability company agreement. The assignee of a member's limited liability company

interest shall have no right to participate in the management of the business and affairs of a limited liability company except:

(a) Upon the approval of all of the members of the limited liability company other than the member assigning his or her limited liability company interest; or

(b) As provided in a limited liability company agreement.

(2) Unless otherwise provided in a limited liability company agreement:

(a) An assignment entitles the assignee to share in such profits and losses, to receive such distributions, and to receive such allocation of income, gain, loss, deduction, or credit or similar item to which the assignor was entitled, to the extent assigned; and

(b) A member ceases to be a member and to have the power to exercise any rights or powers of a member upon assignment of all of his or her limited liability company interest.

(3) For the purposes of this chapter, unless otherwise provided in a limited liability company agreement:

(a) The pledge of, or granting of a security interest, lien, or other encumbrance in or against, any or all of the limited liability company interest of a member shall not be deemed to be an assignment of the member's limited liability company interest, but a foreclosure or execution sale or exercise of similar rights with respect to all of a member's limited liability company interest shall be deemed to be an assignment of the member's limited liability company interest to the transferee pursuant to such foreclosure or execution sale or exercise of similar rights;

(b) The death of a member who is an individual shall be deemed to be an assignment of that member's entire limited liability company interest to his or her personal representative;

(c) Where a limited liability company interest is held in a trust or estate, or is held by a trustee, personal representative, or other fiduciary, the transfer of the limited liability company interest, whether to a beneficiary of the trust or estate or otherwise, shall be deemed to be an assignment of such limited liability company interest, but the mere substitution or replacement of the trustee, personal representative, or other fiduciary shall not constitute an assignment of any portion of such limited liability company interest.

(4) Unless otherwise provided in a limited liability company agreement and except to the extent assumed by agreement, until an assignee of a limited liability company interest becomes a member, the assignee shall have no liability as a member solely as a result of the assignment. [1994 c 211 § 702.]

25.15.255 Rights of judgment creditor. (Effective October 1, 1994.) On application to a court of competent jurisdiction by any judgment creditor of a member, the court may charge the limited liability company interest of the member with payment of the unsatisfied amount of the judgment with interest. To the extent so charged, the judgment creditor has only the rights of an assignee of the limited liability company interest. This chapter does not deprive any member of the benefit of any exemption laws

applicable to the member's limited liability company interest. [1994 c 211 § 703.]

25.15.260 Right of assignee to become member. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) An assignee of a limited liability company interest may become a member upon:

(a) The approval of all of the members of the limited liability company other than the member assigning his or her limited liability company interest; or

(b) Compliance with any procedure provided for in the limited liability company agreement.

(2) An assignee who has become a member has, to the extent assigned, the rights and powers, and is subject to the restrictions and liabilities, of a member under a limited liability company agreement and this chapter. An assignee who becomes a member is liable for the obligations of his or her assignor to make contributions as provided in RCW 25.15.195, and for the obligations of his or her assignor under article VI of this chapter.

(3) Whether or not an assignee of a limited liability company interest becomes a member, the assignor is not released from his or her liability to a limited liability company under articles V and VI of this chapter. [1994 c 211 § 704.]

ARTICLE VIII. DISSOLUTION

25.15.270 Dissolution. (Effective October 1, 1994.) A limited liability company is dissolved and its affairs shall be wound up upon the first to occur of the following:

(1) The date specified in a limited liability company agreement, or thirty years from the date of the formation of the limited liability company if no such date is set forth in the limited liability company agreement;

(2) The happening of events specified in a limited liability company agreement;

(3) The written consent of all members;

(4) An event of dissociation of a member, unless the business of the limited liability company is continued either by the consent of all the remaining members within ninety days following the occurrence of any such event or pursuant to a right to continue stated in the limited liability company agreement;

(5) The entry of a decree of judicial dissolution under RCW 25.15.275;

(6) At any time there are fewer than two members unless, within ninety days following the event of dissociation upon which the number of members is reduced below two, one or more additional members are admitted so that there are at least two members; or

(7) The expiration of two years after the effective date of dissolution under RCW 25.15.285 without the reinstatement of the limited liability company. [1994 c 211 § 801.]

25.15.275 Judicial dissolution. (Effective October 1, 1994.) On application by or for a member or manager the superior courts may decree dissolution of a limited liability company whenever: (1) It is not reasonably practicable to carry on the business in conformity with a limited liability company agreement; or (2) other circumstances render dissolution equitable. [1994 c 211 § 802.]

25.15.280 Administrative dissolution—Commencement of proceeding. (Effective October 1, 1994.) The secretary of state may commence a proceeding under RCW 25.15.285 to administratively dissolve a limited liability company if:

(1) The limited liability company is without a registered agent or registered office in this state for sixty days or more; or

(2) The limited liability company does not notify the secretary of state within sixty days that its registered agent or registered office has been changed, that its registered agent has resigned, or that its registered office has been discontinued. [1994 c 211 § 803.]

25.15.285 Administrative dissolution—Notice—Opportunity to correct deficiencies. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) If the secretary of state determines that one or more grounds exist under RCW 25.15.280 for dissolving a limited liability company, the secretary of state shall give the limited liability company written notice of the determination by first class mail, postage prepaid, reciting the grounds therefor. Notice shall be sent to the address of the principal place of business of the limited liability company as it appears in the records of the secretary of state.

(2) If the limited liability company does not correct each ground for dissolution or demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the secretary of state that each ground determined by the secretary of state does not exist within sixty days after notice is sent, the limited liability company is thereupon dissolved. The secretary of state shall give the limited liability company written notice of the dissolution that recites the ground or grounds therefor and its effective date.

(3) A limited liability company administratively dissolved continues its existence but may not carry on any business except as necessary to wind up and liquidate its business and affairs.

(4) The administrative dissolution of a limited liability company does not terminate the authority of its registered agent. [1994 c 211 § 804.]

25.15.290 Administrative dissolution—Reinstatement—Application—When effective. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) A limited liability company administratively dissolved under RCW 25.15.285 may apply to the secretary of state for reinstatement within two years after the effective date of dissolution. The application must:

(a) Recite the name of the limited liability company and the effective date of its administrative dissolution;

(b) State that the ground or grounds for dissolution either did not exist or have been eliminated; and

(c) State that the limited liability company's name satisfies the requirements of RCW 25.15.010.

(2) If the secretary of state determines that the application contains the information required by subsection (1) of this section and that the name is available, the secretary of state shall reinstate the limited liability company and give the limited liability company written notice, as provided in RCW 25.15.285(1), of the reinstatement that recites the effective date of reinstatement. If the name is not available, the limited liability company must file with its application

for reinstatement an amendment to its certificate of formation reflecting a change of name.

(3) When the reinstatement is effective, it relates back to and takes effect as of the effective date of the administrative dissolution and the limited liability company may resume carrying on its business as if the administrative dissolution had never occurred.

(4) If an application for reinstatement is not made within the two-year period set forth in subsection (1) of this section, or if the application made within this period is not granted, the secretary of state shall cancel the limited liability company's certificate of formation. [1994 c 211 § 805.]

25.15.295 Winding up. (Effective October 1, 1994.)

(1) Unless otherwise provided in a limited liability company agreement, a manager who has not wrongfully dissolved a limited liability company or, if none, the members or a person approved by the members or, if there is more than one class or group of members, then by each class or group of members, in either case, by members contributing, or required to contribute, more than fifty percent of the agreed value (as stated in the records of the limited liability company required to be kept pursuant to RCW 25.15.135) of the contributions made, or required to be made, by all members, or by the members in each class or group, as appropriate, may wind up the limited liability company's affairs. The superior courts, upon cause shown, may wind up the limited liability company's affairs upon application of any member or manager, his or her legal representative or assignee, and in connection therewith, may appoint a receiver.

(2) Upon dissolution of a limited liability company and until the filing of a certificate of cancellation as provided in RCW 25.15.080, the persons winding up the limited liability company's affairs may, in the name of, and for and on behalf of, the limited liability company, prosecute and defend suits, whether civil, criminal, or administrative, gradually settle and close the limited liability company's business, dispose of and convey the limited liability company's property, discharge or make reasonable provision for the limited liability company's liabilities, and distribute to the members any remaining assets of the limited liability company. [1994 c 211 § 806.]

25.15.300 Distribution of assets. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) Upon the winding up of a limited liability company, the assets shall be distributed as follows:

(a) To creditors, including members and managers who are creditors, to the extent otherwise permitted by law, in satisfaction of liabilities of the limited liability company (whether by payment or the making of reasonable provision for payment thereof) other than liabilities for which reasonable provision for payment has been made and liabilities for distributions to members under RCW 25.15.215 or 25.15.230;

(b) Unless otherwise provided in a limited liability company agreement, to members and former members in satisfaction of liabilities for distributions under RCW 25.15.215 or 25.15.230; and

(c) Unless otherwise provided in a limited liability company agreement, to members first for the return of their

contributions and second respecting their limited liability company interests, in the proportions in which the members share in distributions.

(2) A limited liability company which has dissolved shall pay or make reasonable provision to pay all claims and obligations, including all contingent, conditional, or unmat-ured claims and obligations, known to the limited liability company and all claims and obligations which are known to the limited liability company but for which the identity of the claimant is unknown. If there are sufficient assets, such claims and obligations shall be paid in full and any such provision for payment made shall be made in full. If there are insufficient assets, such claims and obligations shall be paid or provided for according to their priority and, among claims and obligations of equal priority, ratably to the extent of assets available therefor. Unless otherwise provided in a limited liability company agreement, any remaining assets shall be distributed as provided in this chapter. Any person winding up a limited liability company's affairs who has complied with this section is not personally liable to the claimants of the dissolved limited liability company by reason of such person's actions in winding up the limited liability company. [1994 c 211 § 807.]

ARTICLE IX. FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES

25.15.310 Law governing. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) Subject to the Constitution of the state of Washington:

(a) The laws of the state, territory, possession, or other jurisdiction or country under which a foreign limited liability company is organized govern its organization and internal affairs and the liability of its members and managers; and

(b) A foreign limited liability company may not be denied registration by reason of any difference between those laws and the laws of this state.

(2) A foreign limited liability company is subject to RCW 25.15.030.

(3) A foreign limited liability company and its members and managers doing business in this state thereby submit to personal jurisdiction of the courts of this state and are subject to RCW 25.15.125. [1994 c 211 § 901.]

25.15.315 Registration required—Application. (Effective October 1, 1994.) Before doing business in this state, a foreign limited liability company shall register with the secretary of state. In order to register, a foreign limited liability company shall submit to the secretary of state, an application for registration as a foreign limited liability company executed by any member or manager of the foreign limited liability company, setting forth:

(1) The name of the foreign limited liability company and, if different, the name under which it proposes to register and do business in this state;

(2) The state, territory, possession, or other jurisdiction or country where formed, the date of its formation and a duly authenticated statement from the secretary of state or other official having custody of limited liability company records in the jurisdiction under whose law it was formed, that as of the date of filing the foreign limited liability

company validly exists as a limited liability company under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation;

(3) The nature of the business or purposes to be conducted or promoted in this state;

(4) The address of the registered office and the name and address of the registered agent for service of process required to be maintained by RCW 25.15.325(2);

(5) The address of the principal place of business of the foreign limited liability company;

(6) A statement that the secretary of state is appointed the agent of the foreign limited liability company for service of process under the circumstances set forth in RCW 25.15.355(2); and

(7) The date on which the foreign limited liability company first did, or intends to do, business in this state. [1994 c 211 § 902.]

25.15.320 Issuance of registration. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) If the secretary of state finds that an application for registration conforms to law and all requisite fees have been paid, the secretary shall:

(a) Certify that the application has been filed in his or her office by endorsing upon the original application the word "Filed," and the date of the filing. This endorsement is conclusive of the date of its filing in the absence of actual fraud;

(b) File the endorsed application.

(2) The duplicate of the application, similarly endorsed, shall be returned to the person who filed the application or that person's representative. [1994 c 211 § 903.]

25.15.325 Name—Registered office—Registered agent. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) A foreign limited liability company may register with the secretary of state under any name (whether or not it is the name under which it is registered in the jurisdiction of its formation) that includes the words "Limited Liability Company," the words "Limited Liability" and the abbreviation "Co.," or the abbreviation "L.L.C." and that could be registered by a domestic limited liability company. A foreign limited liability company may apply to the secretary of state for authorization to use a name which is not distinguishable upon the records of the office of the secretary of state from the names described in RCW 23B.04.010(1)(d), and the names of any domestic or foreign limited liability company reserved, registered, or formed under the laws of this state. The secretary of state shall authorize use of the name applied for if the other corporation, limited liability company, or limited partnership consents in writing to the use and files with the secretary of state documents necessary to change its name, or the name reserved or registered to a name that is distinguishable upon the records of the secretary of state from the name of the applying foreign limited liability company.

(2) Each foreign limited liability company shall continuously maintain in this state:

(a) A registered office, which may but need not be a place of its business in this state. The registered office shall be at a specific geographic location in this state, and be identified by number, if any, and street, or building address or rural route, or, if a commonly known street or rural route

address does not exist, by legal description. A registered office may not be identified by post office box number or other nongeographic address. For purposes of communicating by mail, the secretary of state may permit the use of a post office address in the same city as the registered office in conjunction with the registered office address if the foreign limited liability company also maintains on file the specific geographic address of the registered office where personal service of process may be made;

(b) A registered agent for service of process on the foreign limited liability company, which agent may be either an individual resident of this state whose business office is identical with the foreign limited liability company's registered office, or a domestic corporation, a limited partnership or limited liability company, or a foreign corporation authorized to do business in this state having a business office identical with such registered office; and

(c) A registered agent who shall not be appointed without having given prior written consent to the appointment. The written consent shall be filed with the secretary of state in such form as the secretary may prescribe. The written consent shall be filled with or as a part of the document first appointing a registered agent. In the event any individual, limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation has been appointed agent without consent, that person or corporation may file a notarized statement attesting to that fact, and the name shall forthwith be removed from the records of the secretary of state.

(3) A registered agent may change the address of the registered office of the foreign limited liability company or companies for which the registered agent is registered agent to another address in this state by filing with the secretary of state a certificate, executed by such registered agent, setting forth the names of all the foreign limited liability companies represented by such registered agent, and the address at which such registered agent has maintained the registered office for each of such foreign limited liability companies, and further certifying to the new address to which each such registered office will be changed on a given day, and at which new address such registered agent will thereafter maintain the registered office for each of the foreign limited liability companies recited in the certificate. Upon the filing of such certificate, the secretary of state shall furnish to the registered agent a certified copy of the same, and thereafter, or until further change of address, as authorized by law, the registered office in this state of each of the foreign limited liability companies recited in the certificate shall be located at the new address of the registered agent thereof as given in the certificate. In the event of a change of name of any person acting as a registered agent of a foreign limited liability company, such registered agent shall file with the secretary of state a certificate, executed by such registered agent, setting forth the new name of such registered agent, the name of such registered agent before it was changed, the names of all the foreign limited liability companies represented by such registered agent, and the address at which such registered agent has maintained the registered office for each of such foreign limited liability companies. Upon the filing of such certificate, the secretary of state shall furnish to the registered agent a certified copy of the same. Filing a certificate under this section shall be deemed to be an amendment of the application for registration of each foreign

limited liability company affected thereby and each foreign limited liability company shall not be required to take any further action with respect thereto, to amend its application under RCW 25.15.330. Any registered agent filing a certificate under this section shall promptly, upon such filing, deliver a copy of any such certificate to each foreign limited liability company affected thereby.

(4) The registered agent of one or more foreign limited liability companies may resign and appoint a successor registered agent by filing a certificate with the secretary of state, stating that it resigns and the name and address of the successor registered agent. There shall be attached to such certificate a statement executed by each affected foreign limited liability company ratifying and approving such change of registered agent. Upon such filing, the successor registered agent shall become the registered agent of such foreign limited liability company as has ratified and approved such substitution and the successor registered agent's address, as stated in such certificate, shall become the address of each such foreign limited liability company's registered office in this state. The secretary of state shall furnish to the successor registered agent a certified copy of the certificate of resignation. Filing of such certificate of resignation shall be deemed to be an amendment of the application for registration of each foreign limited liability company affected thereby and each such foreign limited liability company shall not be required to take any further action with respect thereto, to amend its application under RCW 25.15.330.

(5) The registered agent of a foreign limited liability company may resign without appointing a successor registered agent by filing a certificate with the secretary of state stating that it resigns as registered agent for the foreign limited liability company identified in the certificate, but such resignation shall not become effective until one hundred twenty days after the certificate is filed. There shall be attached to such certificate an affidavit of such registered agent, if an individual, or of the president, a vice-president, or the secretary thereof if a corporation, that at least thirty days prior to and on or about the date of the filing of said certificate, notices were sent by certified or registered mail to the foreign limited liability companies for which such registered agent is resigning as registered agent, at the principal office thereof within or outside this state, if known to such registered agent or, if not, to the last known address of the attorney or other individual at whose request such registered agent was appointed for such foreign limited liability company, of the resignation of such registered agent. After receipt of the notice of the resignation of its registered agent, the foreign limited liability company for which such registered agent was acting shall obtain and designate a new registered agent, to take the place of the registered agent so resigning. If such foreign limited liability company fails to obtain and designate a new registered agent as aforesaid prior to the expiration of the period of one hundred twenty days after the filing by the registered agent of the certificate of resignation, such foreign limited liability company shall not be permitted to do business in this state and its registration shall be deemed to be canceled. After the resignation of the registered agent shall have become effective as provided in this section and if no new registered agent shall have been obtained and designated in the time and manner

aforesaid, service of legal process against the foreign limited liability company for which the resigned registered agent had been acting shall thereafter be upon the secretary of state in accordance with RCW 25.15.360. [1994 c 211 § 904.]

25.15.330 Amendments to application. (Effective October 1, 1994.) If any statement in the application for registration of a foreign limited liability company was false when made or any arrangements or other facts described have changed, making the application false in any respect, the foreign limited liability company shall promptly file in the office of the secretary of state a certificate, executed by any member or manager, correcting such statement. [1994 c 211 § 905.]

25.15.335 Cancellation of registration. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) A foreign limited liability company may cancel its registration by filing with the secretary of state a certificate of cancellation, executed by any member or manager. A cancellation does not terminate the authority of the secretary of state to accept service of process on the foreign limited liability company with respect to causes of action arising out of the doing of business in this state.

(2) The certificate of cancellation shall set forth:

- (a) The name of the foreign limited liability company;
- (b) The date of filing of its certificate of registration;
- (c) The reason for filing the certificate of cancellation;
- (d) The future effective date (not later than the ninetieth day after the date it is filed) of cancellation if it is not to be effective upon filing of the certificate;
- (e) The address to which service of process may be forwarded; and
- (f) Any other information the person filing the certificate of cancellation desires. [1994 c 211 § 906.]

25.15.340 Doing business without registration. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) A foreign limited liability company doing business in this state may not maintain any action, suit, or proceeding in this state until it has registered in this state, and has paid to this state all fees and penalties for the years or parts thereof, during which it did business in this state without having registered.

(2) The failure of a foreign limited liability company to register in this state does not impair:

- (a) The validity of any contract or act of the foreign limited liability company;
- (b) The right of any other party to the contract to maintain any action, suit, or proceeding on the contract; or
- (c) Prevent the foreign limited liability company from defending any action, suit, or proceeding in any court of this state.

(3) A member or a manager of a foreign limited liability company is not liable for the obligations of the foreign limited liability company solely by reason of the limited liability company's having done business in this state without registration. [1994 c 211 § 907.]

25.15.345 Foreign limited liability companies doing business without having qualified—Injunctions. (Effective October 1, 1994.) The superior courts shall have jurisdiction to enjoin any foreign limited liability company,

or any agent thereof, from doing any business in this state if such foreign limited liability company has failed to register under this article or if such foreign limited liability company has secured a certificate of registration from the secretary of state under RCW 25.15.320 on the basis of false or misleading representations. The secretary of state shall, upon the secretary's own motion or upon the relation of proper parties, proceed for this purpose by complaint in any county in which such foreign limited liability company is doing or has done business. [1994 c 211 § 908.]

25.15.350 Transactions not constituting transacting business. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) The following activities, among others, do not constitute transacting business within the meaning of this article:

(a) Maintaining or defending any action or suit or any administrative or arbitration proceeding, or effecting the settlement thereof or the settlement of claims or disputes;

(b) Holding meetings of the members, or managers if any, or carrying on other activities concerning internal limited liability company affairs;

(c) Maintaining bank accounts, share accounts in savings and loan associations, custodian or agency arrangements with a bank or trust company, or stock or bond brokerage accounts;

(d) Maintaining offices or agencies for the transfer, exchange, and registration of the foreign limited liability company's own securities or interests or maintaining trustees or depositaries with respect to those securities or interests;

(e) Selling through independent contractors;

(f) Soliciting or procuring orders, whether by mail or through employees or agents or otherwise, where the orders require acceptance outside this state before becoming binding contracts and where the contracts do not involve any local performance other than delivery and installation;

(g) Making loans or creating or acquiring evidences of debt, mortgages, or liens on real or personal property, or recording same;

(h) Securing or collecting debts or enforcing mortgages and security interests in property securing the debts;

(i) Owning, without more, real or personal property;

(j) Conducting an isolated transaction that is completed within thirty days and that is not one in the course of repeated transactions of a like nature;

(k) Transacting business in interstate commerce;

(l) Owning a controlling interest in a corporation or a foreign corporation that transacts business within this state;

(m) Participating as a limited partner of a domestic or foreign limited partnership that transacts business within this state; or

(n) Participating as a member or a manager of a domestic or foreign limited liability company that transacts business within this state.

(2) The list of activities in subsection (1) of this section is not exhaustive. [1994 c 211 § 909.]

25.15.355 Service of process on registered foreign limited liability companies. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) A foreign limited liability company's registered agent is its agent for service of process, notice, or demand required

or permitted by law to be served on the foreign limited liability company.

(2) The secretary of state shall be an agent of a foreign limited liability company upon whom any such process, notice, or demand may be served if:

(a) The foreign limited liability company fails to appoint or maintain a registered agent in this state; or

(b) The registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found at the registered office.

(3) Service on the secretary of state of any such process, notice, or demand shall be made by delivering to and leaving with the secretary of state, or with any duly authorized clerk of the secretary of state's office, the process, notice, or demand. In the event any such process, notice, or demand is served on the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall immediately cause a copy thereof to be forwarded by certified mail, addressed to the foreign limited liability company at the address of its principal place of business as it appears on the records of the secretary of state. Any service so had on the secretary of state shall be returnable in not less than thirty days.

(4) The secretary of state shall keep a record of all processes, notices, and demands served upon the secretary of state under this section, and shall record therein the time of such service and the secretary of state's action with reference thereto.

(5) This section does not limit or affect the right to serve any process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon a foreign limited liability company in any other manner now or hereafter permitted by law. [1994 c 211 § 910.]

25.15.360 Service of process on unregistered foreign limited liability companies. (Effective October 1, 1994.)

(1) Any foreign limited liability company which shall do business in this state without having registered under RCW 25.15.315 shall be deemed to have thereby appointed and constituted the secretary of state its agent for the acceptance of legal process in any civil action, suit, or proceeding against it in any state or federal court in this state arising or growing out of any business done by it within this state. The doing of business in this state by such foreign limited liability company shall be a signification of the agreement of such foreign limited liability company that any such process when so served shall be of the same legal force and validity as if served upon a registered agent personally within this state.

(2) In the event of service upon the secretary of state in accordance with subsection (1) of this section, the secretary of state shall forthwith notify the foreign limited liability company thereof by letter, certified mail, return receipt requested, directed to the foreign limited liability company at the address furnished to the secretary of state by the plaintiff in such action, suit, or proceeding. Such letter shall enclose a copy of the process and any other papers served upon the secretary of state. It shall be the duty of the plaintiff in the event of such service to serve process and any other papers in duplicate, to notify the secretary of state that service is being made pursuant to this subsection. [1994 c 211 § 911.]

ARTICLE X. DERIVATIVE ACTIONS

25.15.370 Right to bring action. (Effective October 1, 1994.) A member may bring an action in the superior courts in the right of a limited liability company to recover a judgment in its favor if managers or members with authority to do so have refused to bring the action or if an effort to cause those managers or members to bring the action is not likely to succeed. [1994 c 211 § 1001.]

25.15.375 Proper plaintiff. (Effective October 1, 1994.) In a derivative action, the plaintiff must be a member at the time of bringing the action and:

(1) At the time of the transaction of which the plaintiff complains; or

(2) The plaintiff's status as a member had devolved upon him or her by operation of law or pursuant to the terms of a limited liability company agreement from a person who was a member at the time of the transaction. [1994 c 211 § 1002.]

25.15.380 Complaint. (Effective October 1, 1994.) In a derivative action, the complaint shall set forth with particularity the effort, if any, of the plaintiff to secure initiation of the action by a manager or member or the reasons for not making the effort. [1994 c 211 § 1003.]

25.15.385 Expenses. (Effective October 1, 1994.) If a derivative action is successful, in whole or in part, as a result of a judgment, compromise, or settlement of any such action, the court may award the plaintiff reasonable expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, from any recovery in any such action or from a limited liability company. [1994 c 211 § 1004.]

ARTICLE XI. MERGERS

25.15.395 Merger—Plan—Effective date. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) One or more domestic limited liability companies may merge with one or more domestic limited partnerships, domestic limited liability companies, or domestic corporations pursuant to a plan of merger approved or adopted as provided in RCW 25.15.400.

(2) The plan of merger must set forth:

(a) The name of each limited liability company, limited partnership, and corporation planning to merge and the name of the surviving limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation into which the other limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation plans to merge;

(b) The terms and conditions of the merger; and

(c) The manner and basis of converting the interests of each member of each limited liability company, the partnership interests in each limited partnership, and the shares of each corporation party to the merger into the interests, shares, obligations, or other securities of the surviving or any other limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation or into cash or other property in whole or part.

(3) The plan of merger may set forth:

(a) Amendments to the certificate of formation of the surviving limited liability company;

(b) Amendments to the certificate of limited partnership of the surviving limited partnership;

(c) Amendments to the articles of incorporation of the surviving corporation; and

(d) Other provisions relating to the merger.

(4) If the plan of merger does not specify a delayed effective date, it shall become effective upon the filing of articles of merger. If the plan of merger specifies a delayed effective time and date, the plan of merger becomes effective at the time and date specified. If the plan of merger specifies a delayed effective date but no time is specified, the plan of merger is effective at the close of business on that date. A delayed effective date for a plan of merger may not be later than the ninetieth day after the date it is filed. [1994 c 211 § 1101.]

25.15.400 Merger—Plan—Approval. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) Unless otherwise provided in the limited liability company agreement, approval of a plan of merger by a domestic limited liability company party to the merger shall occur when the plan is approved by the members, or if there is more than one class or group of members, then by each class or group of members, in either case, by members contributing more than fifty percent of the agreed value (as stated in the records of the limited liability company required to be kept pursuant to RCW 25.15.135) of the contributions made, or obligated to be made, by all members or by the members in each class or group, as appropriate.

(2) If a domestic limited partnership is a party to the merger, the plan of merger shall be adopted and approved as provided in RCW 25.10.810.

(3) If a domestic corporation is a party to the merger, the plan of merger shall be adopted and approved as provided in chapter 23B.11 RCW. [1994 c 211 § 1102.]

25.15.405 Articles of merger—Filing. (Effective October 1, 1994.) After a plan of merger is approved or adopted, the surviving limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation shall deliver to the secretary of state for filing articles of merger setting forth:

(1) The plan of merger;

(2) If the approval of any members, partners, or shareholders of one or more limited liability companies, limited partnerships, or corporations party to the merger was not required, a statement to that effect; or

(3) If the approval of any members, partners, or shareholders of one or more of the limited liability companies, limited partnerships, or corporations party to the merger was required, a statement that the merger was duly approved by such members, partners, and shareholders pursuant to RCW 25.15.400, 25.10.810, or chapter 23B.11 RCW. [1994 c 211 § 1103.]

25.15.410 Effect of merger. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) When a merger takes effect:

(a) Every other limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation that is party to the merger merges into the surviving limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation and the separate existence of every limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation

except the surviving limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation ceases;

(b) The title to all real estate and other property owned by each limited liability company, limited partnership, and corporation party to the merger is vested in the surviving limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation without reversion or impairment;

(c) The surviving limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation has all liabilities of each limited liability company, limited partnership, and corporation that is party to the merger;

(d) A proceeding pending against any limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation that is party to the merger may be continued as if the merger did not occur or the surviving limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation may be substituted in the proceeding for the limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation whose existence ceased;

(e) The certificate of formation of the surviving limited liability company is amended to the extent provided in the plan of merger;

(f) The partnership agreement of the surviving limited partnership is amended to the extent provided in the plan of merger;

(g) The articles of incorporation of the surviving corporation are amended to the extent provided in the plan of merger; and

(h) The former members of every limited liability company party to the merger, holders of the partnership interests of every domestic limited partnership that is party to the merger, and the former holders of the shares of every domestic corporation that is party to the merger are entitled only to the rights provided in the plan of merger, or to their rights under this article, to their rights under RCW 25.10.900 through 25.10.955, or to their rights under chapter 23B.13 RCW.

(2) Unless otherwise agreed, a merger of a domestic limited liability company, including a domestic limited liability company which is not the surviving entity in the merger, shall not require the domestic limited liability company to wind up its affairs under RCW 25.15.295 or pay its liabilities and distribute its assets under RCW 25.15.300.

(3) Unless otherwise agreed, a merger of a domestic limited partnership, including a domestic limited partnership which is not the surviving entity in the merger, shall not require the domestic limited partnership to wind up its affairs under RCW 25.10.460 or pay its liabilities and distribute its assets under RCW 25.10.470. [1994 c 211 § 1104.]

25.15.415 Merger—Foreign and domestic. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) One or more foreign limited liability companies, one or more foreign limited partnerships, and one or more foreign corporations may merge with one or more domestic limited liability companies, domestic limited partnerships, or domestic corporations if:

(a) The merger is permitted by the law of the jurisdiction under which each foreign limited liability company was formed, each foreign limited partnership was organized, and each foreign corporation was incorporated, and each foreign limited liability company, foreign limited partnership, and

foreign corporation complies with that law in effecting the merger;

(b) The surviving entity complies with RCW 25.15.405;

(c) Each domestic limited liability company complies with RCW 25.15.400;

(d) Each domestic limited partnership complies with RCW 25.10.810; and

(e) Each domestic corporation complies with RCW 23B.11.080.

(2) Upon the merger taking effect, a surviving foreign limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation is deemed to appoint the secretary of state as its agent for service of process in a proceeding to enforce any obligation or the rights of dissenting partners or shareholders of each domestic limited liability company, domestic limited partnership, or domestic corporation party to the merger. [1994 c 211 § 1105.]

ARTICLE XII. DISSENTERS' RIGHTS

25.15.425 Definitions. (Effective October 1, 1994.)

As used in this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Limited liability company" means the domestic limited liability company in which the dissenter holds or held a membership interest, or the surviving limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation by merger, whether foreign or domestic, of that limited liability company.

(2) "Dissenter" means a member who is entitled to dissent from a plan of merger and who exercises that right when and in the manner required by this article.

(3) "Fair value," with respect to a dissenter's limited liability company interest, means the value of the member's limited liability company interest immediately before the effectuation of the merger to which the dissenter objects, excluding any appreciation or depreciation in anticipation of the merger unless exclusion would be inequitable.

(4) "Interest" means interest from the effective date of the merger until the date of payment, at the average rate currently paid by the limited liability company on its principal bank loans or, if none, at a rate that is fair and equitable under all the circumstances. [1994 c 211 § 1201.]

25.15.430 Member—Dissent—Payment of fair value. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) Except as provided in RCW 25.15.440 or 25.15.450(2), a member of a domestic limited liability company is entitled to dissent from, and obtain payment of, the fair value of the member's interest in a limited liability company in the event of consummation of a plan of merger to which the limited liability company is a party as permitted by RCW 25.15.395 or 25.15.415.

(2) A member entitled to dissent and obtain payment for the member's interest in a limited liability company under this article may not challenge the merger creating the member's entitlement unless the merger fails to comply with the procedural requirements imposed by this title, Title 23B RCW, RCW 25.10.800 through 25.10.840, or the limited liability company agreement, or is fraudulent with respect to the member or the limited liability company.

(3) The right of a dissenting member in a limited liability company to obtain payment of the fair value of the

member's interest in the limited liability company shall terminate upon the occurrence of any one of the following events:

(a) The proposed merger is abandoned or rescinded;

(b) A court having jurisdiction permanently enjoins or sets aside the merger; or

(c) The member's demand for payment is withdrawn with the written consent of the limited liability company. [1994 c 211 § 1202.]

25.15.435 Dissenters' rights—Notice—Timing. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) Not less than ten days prior to the approval of a plan of merger, the limited liability company must send a written notice to all members who are entitled to vote on or approve the plan of merger that they may be entitled to assert dissenters' rights under this article. Such notice shall be accompanied by a copy of this article.

(2) The limited liability company shall notify in writing all members not entitled to vote on or approve the plan of merger that the plan of merger was approved, and send them the dissenters' notice as required by RCW 25.15.445. [1994 c 211 § 1203.]

25.15.440 Member—Dissent—Voting restriction. (Effective October 1, 1994.) A member of a limited liability company who is entitled to vote on or approve the plan of merger and who wishes to assert dissenters' rights must not vote in favor of or approve the plan of merger. A member who does not satisfy the requirements of this section is not entitled to payment for the member's interest in the limited liability company under this article. [1994 c 211 § 1204.]

25.15.445 Members—Dissenters' notice—Requirements. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) If the plan of merger is approved, the limited liability company shall deliver a written dissenters' notice to all members who satisfied the requirements of RCW 25.15.440.

(2) The dissenters' notice required by RCW 25.15.435(2) or by subsection (1) of this section must be sent within ten days after the approval of the plan of merger, and must:

(a) State where the payment demand must be sent;

(b) Inform members as to the extent transfer of the member's interest in the limited liability company will be restricted as permitted by RCW 25.15.455 after the payment demand is received;

(c) Supply a form for demanding payment;

(d) Set a date by which the limited liability company must receive the payment demand, which date may not be fewer than thirty nor more than sixty days after the date the notice under this section is delivered; and

(e) Be accompanied by a copy of this article. [1994 c 211 § 1205.]

25.15.450 Member—Payment demand—Entitlement. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) A member of a limited liability company who demands payment retains all other rights of a member of such company until the proposed merger becomes effective.

(2) A member of a limited liability company sent a dissenters' notice who does not demand payment by the date set in the dissenters' notice is not entitled to payment for the member's interest in the limited liability company under this article. [1994 c 211 § 1206.]

25.15.455 Member's interests—Transfer restriction. (Effective October 1, 1994.) The limited liability company agreement may restrict the transfer of members' interests in the limited liability company from the date the demand for their payment is received until the proposed merger becomes effective or the restriction is released under this article. [1994 c 211 § 1207.]

25.15.460 Payment of fair value—Requirements for compliance. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) Within thirty days of the later of the date the proposed merger becomes effective, or the payment demand is received, the limited liability company shall pay each dissenter who complied with RCW 25.15.450 the amount the limited liability company estimates to be the fair value of the dissenting member's interest in the limited liability company, plus accrued interest.

(2) The payment must be accompanied by:

(a) Copies of the financial statements for the limited liability company for its most recent fiscal year;

(b) An explanation of how the limited liability company estimated the fair value of the member's interest in the limited liability company;

(c) An explanation of how the accrued interest was calculated;

(d) A statement of the dissenter's right to demand payment; and

(e) A copy of this article. [1994 c 211 § 1208.]

25.15.465 Merger—Not effective within sixty days—Transfer restrictions. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) If the proposed merger does not become effective within sixty days after the date set for demanding payment, the limited liability company shall release any transfer restrictions imposed as permitted by RCW 25.15.455.

(2) If, after releasing transfer restrictions, the proposed merger becomes effective, the limited liability company must send a new dissenters' notice as provided in RCW 25.15.435(2) and 25.15.445 and repeat the payment demand procedure. [1994 c 211 § 1209.]

25.15.470 Dissenter's estimate of fair value—Notice. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) A dissenting member may notify the limited liability company in writing of the dissenter's own estimate of the fair value of the dissenter's interest in the limited liability company, and amount of interest due, and demand payment of the dissenter's estimate, less any payment under RCW 25.15.460, if:

(a) The dissenter believes that the amount paid is less than the fair value of the dissenter's interest in the limited liability company, or that the interest due is incorrectly calculated;

(b) The limited liability company fails to make payment within sixty days after the date set for demanding payment; or

(c) The limited liability company, having failed to effectuate the proposed merger, does not release the transfer restrictions imposed on members' interests as permitted by RCW 25.15.455 within sixty days after the date set for demanding payment.

(2) A dissenter waives the right to demand payment under this section unless the dissenter notifies the limited liability company of the dissenter's demand in writing under subsection (1) of this section within thirty days after the limited liability company made payment for the dissenter's interest in the limited liability company. [1994 c 211 § 1210.]

25.15.475 Unsettled demand for payment—Proceeding—Parties—Appraisers. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) If a demand for payment under RCW 25.15.450 remains unsettled, the limited liability company shall commence a proceeding within sixty days after receiving the payment demand and petition the court to determine the fair value of the dissenting member's interest in the limited liability company, and accrued interest. If the limited liability company does not commence the proceeding within the sixty-day period, it shall pay each dissenter whose demand remains unsettled the amount demanded.

(2) The limited liability company shall commence the proceeding in the superior court. If the limited liability company is a domestic limited liability company, it shall commence the proceeding in the county where its registered office is maintained.

(3) The limited liability company shall make all dissenters (whether or not residents of this state) whose demands remain unsettled parties to the proceeding as in an action against their membership interests in the limited liability company and all parties must be served with a copy of the petition. Nonresidents may be served by registered or certified mail or by publication as provided by law.

(4) The limited liability company may join as a party to the proceeding any member who claims to be a dissenter but who has not, in the opinion of the limited liability company, complied with the provisions of this article. If the court determines that such member has not complied with the provisions of this article, the member shall be dismissed as a party.

(5) The jurisdiction of the court in which the proceeding is commenced is plenary and exclusive. The court may appoint one or more persons as appraisers to receive evidence and recommend decisions on the question of fair value. The appraisers have the powers described in the order appointing them or in any amendment to it. The dissenters are entitled to the same discovery rights as parties in other civil proceedings.

(6) Each dissenter made a party to the proceeding is entitled to judgment for the amount, if any, by which the court finds the fair value of the dissenter's membership interest in the limited liability company, plus interest, exceeds the amount paid by the limited liability company. [1994 c 211 § 1211.]

25.15.480 Unsettled demand for payment—Costs—Fees and expenses of counsel. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) The court in a proceeding commenced under

RCW 25.15.475 shall determine all costs of the proceeding, including the reasonable compensation and expenses of appraisers appointed by the court. The court shall assess the costs against the limited liability company, except that the court may assess the costs against all or some of the dissenters, in amounts the court finds equitable, to the extent the court finds the dissenters acted arbitrarily, vexatiously, or not in good faith in demanding payment.

(2) The court may also assess the fees and expenses of counsel and experts for the respective parties, in amounts the court finds equitable:

(a) Against the limited liability company and in favor of any or all dissenters if the court finds the limited liability company did not substantially comply with the requirements of this article; or

(b) Against either the limited liability company or a dissenter, in favor of any other party, if the court finds that the party against whom the fees and expenses are assessed acted arbitrarily, vexatiously, or not in good faith with respect to the rights provided by this article.

(3) If the court finds that the services of counsel for any dissenter were of substantial benefit to other dissenters similarly situated, and that the fees for those services should not be assessed against the limited liability company, the court may award to these counsel reasonable fees to be paid out of the amounts awarded to the dissenters who were benefited. [1994 c 211 § 1212.]

ARTICLE XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

25.15.800 Construction and application of chapter and limited liability company agreement. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) The rule that statutes in derogation of the common law are to be strictly construed shall have no application to this chapter.

(2) It is the policy of this chapter to give the maximum effect to the principle of freedom of contract and to the enforceability of limited liability company agreements.

(3) Unless the context otherwise requires, as used in this chapter, the singular shall include the plural and the plural may refer to only the singular. The captions contained herein are for purposes of convenience only and shall not control or affect the construction of this chapter and do not constitute part of the law. [1994 c 211 § 1301.]

25.15.805 Establishment of filing fees and miscellaneous charges. (Effective October 1, 1994.) (1) The secretary of state shall adopt rules establishing fees which shall be charged and collected for:

(a) Filing of a certificate of formation for a domestic limited liability company or an application for registration of a foreign limited liability company;

(b) Filing of a certificate of cancellation for a domestic or foreign limited liability company;

(c) Filing of a certificate of amendment or restatement for a domestic or foreign limited liability company;

(d) Filing an application to reserve, register, or transfer a limited liability company name;

(e) Filing any other certificate, statement, or report authorized or permitted to be filed;

(f) Copies, certified copies, certificates, service of process filings, and expedited filings or other special services.

(2) In the establishment of a fee schedule, the secretary of state shall, insofar as is possible and reasonable, be guided by the fee schedule provided for corporations governed by Title 23B RCW. Fees for copies, certified copies, certificates of record, and service of process filings shall be as provided for in RCW 23B.01.220.

(3) All fees collected by the secretary of state shall be deposited with the state treasurer pursuant to law. [1994 c 211 § 1302.]

25.15.810 Authority to adopt rules. (Effective October 1, 1994.) The secretary of state shall adopt such rules as are necessary to implement the transfer of duties and records required by this chapter. [1994 c 211 § 1303.]

25.15.900 Effective date—1994 c 211. This act shall take effect October 1, 1994. [1994 c 211 § 1312.]

25.15.901 Short title. This chapter may be cited as the "Washington Limited Liability Company Act." [1994 c 211 § 1313.]

25.15.902 Severability—1994 c 211. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1994 c 211 § 1314.]

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otherwise capable: PROVIDED, That every marriage entered into in which either party shall not have attained the age of seventeen years shall be void except where this section has been waived by a superior court judge of the county in which one of the parties resides on a showing of necessity. [1973 1st ex.s. c 154 § 26; 1970 ex.s. c 17 § 2; 1963 c 230 § 1; Code 1881 § 2380; 1866 p 81 § 1; 1854 p 404 §§ 1, 5; RRS § 8437.]

Severability—1973 1st ex.s. c 154: See note following RCW 2.12.030.

26.04.020 Prohibited marriages—Spouse living—Consanguinity. Marriages in the following cases are prohibited:

(1) When either party thereto has a wife or husband living at the time of such marriage.

(2) When the parties thereto are nearer of kin to each other than second cousins, whether of the whole or half blood computing by the rules of the civil law.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any man to marry his father's sister, mother's sister, daughter, sister, son's daughter, daughter's daughter, brother's daughter or sister's daughter; it shall be unlawful for any woman to marry her father's brother, mother's brother, son, brother, son's son, daughter's son, brother's son or sister's son. [1927 c 189 § 1; Code 1881 § 949; 1866 p 81 § 2; 1854 p 96 § 115; RRS § 8438.]

Bigamy: RCW 9A.64.010.

Incest—Penalties: RCW 9A.64.020.

26.04.050 Who may solemnize. The following named officers and persons, active or retired, are hereby authorized to solemnize marriages, to wit: Justices of the supreme court, judges of the court of appeals, judges of the superior courts, superior court commissioners, any regularly licensed or ordained minister or any priest of any church or religious denomination, and judges of courts of limited jurisdiction as defined in RCW 3.02.010. [1987 c 291 § 1; 1984 c 258 § 95; 1983 c 186 § 1; 1971 c 81 § 69; 1913 c 35 § 1; 1890 p 98 § 1; 1883 p 43 § 1; Code 1881 § 2382; 1866 p 82 § 4; 1854 p 404 § 4; RRS § 8441.]

Court Improvement Act of 1984—Effective dates—Severability—Short title—1984 c 258: See notes following RCW 3.30.010.

26.04.060 Marriage before unauthorized cleric—Effect. A marriage solemnized before any person professing to be a minister or a priest of any religious denomination in this state or professing to be an authorized officer thereof, is not void, nor shall the validity thereof be in any way affected on account of any want of power or authority in such person, if such marriage be consummated with a belief on the part of the persons so married, or either of them, that they have been lawfully joined in marriage. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 25; Code 1881 § 2388; 1866 p 83 §§ 10 and 11; 1854 p 405 § 6; RRS § 8442. Formerly RCW 26.04.060 and 26.24.200.]

Severability—Savings—Construction—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42: See RCW 26.26.900 through 26.26.905.

26.04.070 Form of solemnization. In the solemnization of marriage no particular form is required, except that

the parties thereto shall assent or declare in the presence of the minister, priest, or judicial officer solemnizing the same, and in the presence of at least two attending witnesses, that they take each other to be husband and wife. [Code 1881 § 2383; 1866 p 82 § 5; RRS § 8443.]

26.04.080 Marriage certificate—Contents. The person solemnizing a marriage shall give to each of the parties thereto, if required, a certificate thereof, specifying therein the names and residence of the parties, and of at least two witnesses present, the time and place of such marriage, and the date of the license thereof, and by whom issued. [Code 1881 § 2384; 1866 p 82 § 6; RRS § 8444.]

26.04.090 Certificate for files of county auditor and state registrar of vital statistics—Forms. A person solemnizing a marriage shall, within thirty days thereafter, make and deliver to the county auditor of the county wherein the license was issued a certificate for the files of the county auditor, and a certificate for the files of the state registrar of vital statistics. The certificate for the files of the county auditor shall be substantially as follows:

STATE OF WASHINGTON

COUNTY OF }

This is to certify that the undersigned, a, by authority of a license bearing date the day of A.D., 19. . . ., and issued by the County auditor of the county of, did, on the day of A.D., 19. . . ., at in this county and state, join in lawful wedlock A.B. of the county of, state of and C.D. of the county of, state of, with their mutual assent, in the presence of F H and E G, witnesses.

In Testimony Whereof, witness the signatures of the parties to said ceremony, the witnesses and myself, this day of, A.D., 19. . . .

The certificate for the files of the state registrar of vital statistics shall be in accordance with *RCW 70.58.200. The certificate forms for the files of the county auditor and for the files of the state registrar of vital statistics shall be provided by the state registrar of vital statistics. [1967 c 26 § 4; 1947 c 59 § 1; 1927 c 172 § 1; Code 1881 § 2385; 1866 p 82 § 7; 1854 p 405 § 7; RRS § 8445.]

*Reviser's note: RCW 70.58.200 was repealed by 1991 c 96 § 6.

Effective date—1967 c 26: See note following RCW 43.70.150.

26.04.100 Filing and recording—County auditor. The county auditor shall file said certificates and record them or bind them into numbered volumes, and note on the original index to the license issued the volume and page wherein such certificate is recorded or bound. He shall enter the date of filing and his name on the certificates for the files of the state registrar of vital statistics, and transmit, by the tenth day of each month, all such certificates filed with him during the preceding month. [1967 c 26 § 5; 1947 c 59 § 2; 1886 p 66 § 1; Code 1881 § 2386; 1867 p 105 § 2; 1866 p 82 § 8; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 8446.]

Effective date—1967 c 26: See note following RCW 43.70.150.

26.04.105 Preservation of copies of applications and licenses—County auditor. The county auditor may preserve copies of marriage license applications submitted and marriage licenses issued under this chapter in the same manner as authorized for the recording of instruments under RCW 65.04.040. [1985 c 44 § 1.]

26.04.110 Penalty for failure to deliver certificates. Any person solemnizing a marriage, who shall wilfully refuse or neglect to make and deliver to the county auditor for record, the certificates mentioned in RCW 26.04.090, within the time in such section specified, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall pay for such refusal, or neglect, a fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than three hundred dollars. [1967 c 26 § 6; 1947 c 59 § 3; 1886 p 66 § 2; Code 1881 § 2387; 1866 p 83 § 9; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 8447.]

Effective date—1967 c 26: See note following RCW 43.70.150.

26.04.120 Marriage according to religious ritual. All marriages to which there are no legal impediments, solemnized before or in any religious organization or congregation, according to the established ritual or form commonly practiced therein, are valid, and a certificate containing the particulars specified in RCW 26.04.080 and 26.04.090, shall be made and filed for record by the person or persons presiding or officiating in or recording the proceedings of such religious organization or congregation, in the manner and with like effect as in ordinary cases. [Code 1881 § 2389; RRS § 8448.]

26.04.130 Voidable marriages. When either party to a marriage shall be incapable of consenting thereto, for want of legal age or a sufficient understanding, or when the consent of either party shall be obtained by force or fraud, such marriage is voidable, but only at the suit of the party laboring under the disability, or upon whom the force or fraud is imposed. [Code 1881 § 2381; 1866 p 81 § 3; RRS § 8449.]

26.04.140 Marriage license. Before any persons can be joined in marriage, they shall procure a license from a county auditor, as provided in RCW 26.04.150 through 26.04.190. [1985 c 82 § 1; 1939 c 204 § 2; RRS § 8450-1. Prior: Code 1881 § 2390; 1866 p 83 § 12.]

26.04.150 Application for license—May be secured by mail—Execution and acknowledgment. Any person may secure by mail from the county auditor of the county in the state of Washington where he intends to be married, an application, and execute and acknowledge said application before a notary public. [1963 c 230 § 2; 1939 c 204 § 3; RRS § 8450-2.]

26.04.160 Application for license—Contents—Oath. (1) Application for a marriage license must be made and filed with the appropriate county auditor upon blanks to be provided by the county auditor for that purpose, which application shall be under the oath of each of the applicants, and each application shall state the name, address at the time of

execution of application, age, birthplace, whether single, widowed or divorced, and whether under control of a guardian, residence during the past six months: PROVIDED, That each county may require such other and further information on said application as it shall deem necessary.

(2) The county legislative authority may impose an additional fee up to fifteen dollars on a marriage license for the purpose of funding family services such as family support centers. [1993 c 451 § 1; 1985 c 82 § 2; 1967 c 26 § 7; 1939 c 204 § 4; RRS § 8450-3.]

Effective date—1967 c 26: See note following RCW 43.70.150.

26.04.165 Additional marriage certificate form. In addition to the application provided for in RCW 26.04.160, the county auditor for the county wherein the license is issued shall submit to each applicant at the time for application for a license the Washington state department of health marriage certificate form prescribed by *RCW 70.58.200 to be completed by the applicants and returned to the county auditor for the files of the state registrar of vital statistics. After the execution of the application for, and the issuance of a license, no county shall require the persons authorized to solemnize marriages to obtain any further information from the persons to be married except the names and county of residence of the persons to be married. [1989 1st ex.s. c 9 § 203; 1979 c 141 § 34; 1969 ex.s. c 279 § 1.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 70.58.200 was repealed by 1991 c 96 § 6.

Effective date—Severability—1989 1st ex.s. c 9: See RCW 43.70.910 and 43.70.920.

26.04.170 Inspection of applications. Any such application shall be open to public inspection as a part of the records of the office of such county auditor. [1985 c 82 § 3; 1939 c 204 § 5; RRS § 8450-4.]

26.04.175 When disclosure of marriage applications and records prohibited. If a program participant under chapter 40.24 RCW notifies the appropriate county auditor as required under rules adopted by the secretary of state, the county auditor shall not make available for inspection or copying the name and address of a program participant contained in marriage applications and records filed under chapter 26.04 RCW, except under the following circumstances:

- (1) If requested by a law enforcement agency, to the law enforcement agency; and
- (2) If directed by a court order, to a person identified in the order. [1991 c 23 § 12.]

Effective dates—1991 c 23: See RCW 40.24.900.

26.04.180 License—Time limitations as to issuance and use—Notification. The county auditor may issue the marriage license at the time of application, but shall issue such license no later than the third full day following the date of the application. A marriage license issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter may not be used until three days after the date of application and shall become void if the marriage is not solemnized within sixty days of the date of the issuance of the license, and the county auditor shall notify the applicant in writing of this requirement at the time of issuance of the license. [1985 c 82 § 4; 1979 ex.s. c 128

§ 1; 1963 c 230 § 3; 1953 c 107 § 1. Prior: 1943 c 250 § 1; 1939 c 204 § 6; Rem. Supp. 1943 § 8450-5.]

26.04.190 Refusal of license—Appeal. Any county auditor is hereby authorized to refuse to issue a license to marry if, in his discretion, the applications executed by the parties or information coming to his knowledge as a result of the execution of said applications, justifies said refusal: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, The denied parties may appeal to the superior court of said county for an order to show cause, directed to said county auditor to appear before said court to show why said court should not grant an order to issue a license to said denied parties and, after due hearing, or if the auditor fails to appear, said court may in its discretion, issue an order to said auditor directing him to issue said license; any hearings held by a superior court under RCW 26.04.140 through 26.04.200 may, in the discretion of said court, be held in chambers. [1939 c 204 § 7; RRS § 8450-6.]

26.04.200 Penalty for violations—1939 c 204. Any person intentionally violating any provision of RCW 26.04.140 through 26.04.190 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. [1939 c 204 § 8; RRS § 8450-7.]

Punishment of misdemeanor when not fixed by statute: RCW 9.92.030.

26.04.210 Affidavits required for issuance of license. The county auditor, before a marriage license is issued, upon the payment of a license fee as fixed in RCW 36.18.010 shall require each applicant therefor to make and file in his office upon blanks to be provided by the county for that purpose, an affidavit showing that they are not afflicted with any contagious *venereal disease and that the applicants are the age of eighteen years or over: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That if the consent in writing is obtained of the father, mother, or legal guardian of the person for whom the license is required, the license may be granted in cases where the female has attained the age of seventeen years or the male has attained the age of seventeen years. Such affidavit may be subscribed and sworn to before any person authorized to administer oaths. Anyone knowingly swearing falsely to any of the statements contained in the affidavits mentioned in this section shall be deemed guilty of perjury and punished as provided by the laws of the state of Washington. [1985 c 82 § 5; 1979 ex.s. c 128 § 2; 1973 1st ex.s. c 154 § 29; 1970 ex.s. c 17 § 5; 1963 c 230 § 4; 1959 c 149 § 3; 1909 ex.s. c 16 § 3; 1909 c 174 § 3; Code 1881 §§ 2391, 2392; 1867 p 104 § 1; 1866 p 83 §§ 13, 14; RRS § 8451.]

*Reviser's note: The term "venereal diseases" was changed to "sexually transmitted diseases" by 1988 c 206.

Severability—1973 1st ex.s. c 154: See note following RCW 2.12.030.

Penalty for violation of marriage requirements: RCW 26.04.230.

26.04.220 Retention of license by person solemnizing—Auditor's record. The person solemnizing the marriage is authorized to retain in his possession the license, but the county auditor who issues the same, before delivering it, shall enter in his marriage record a memorandum of the names of the parties, the consent of the parents or guardian, if any, and the name of the affiant and the substance of the

affidavit upon which said license issued, and the date of such license. [Code 1881 § 2393; 1866 p 84 § 15; RRS § 8453.]

26.04.230 Penalty for violation of marriage requirements. Any person knowingly violating any of the provisions of RCW 26.04.210 shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in a state correctional facility for a period of not more than three years, or by both such fine and imprisonment. [1992 c 7 § 30; 1909 ex.s. c 16 § 4; 1909 c 174 § 4; Code 1881 § 2394; 1866 p 84 § 16; RRS § 8452.]

26.04.240 Penalty for unlawful solemnization—Code 1881. Any person who shall undertake to join others in marriage knowing that he is not lawfully authorized so to do, or any person authorized to solemnize marriage, who shall join persons in marriage contrary to the provisions of *this chapter, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred, nor less than one hundred dollars. [Code 1881 § 2395; 1866 p 84 § 17; RRS § 8454. FORMER PART OF SECTION: 1909 c 249 § 419; RRS § 2671 now codified as RCW 26.04.250.]

*Reviser's note: "This chapter" (chapter 182, Code 1881) is codified as RCW 26.04.010, 26.04.050 through 26.04.140 and 26.04.220 through 26.04.240. Code 1881 §§ 2391 and 2392, being part of chapter 182, Code 1881, appear to be superseded by 1909 ex.s. c 16 § 3 (RCW 26.04.210) which is subject to the penalties of RCW 26.04.230.

26.04.250 Penalty for unlawful solemnization—1909 c 249. Every person who shall solemnize a marriage when either party thereto is known to him to be under the age of legal consent or a marriage to which, within his knowledge, any legal impediment exists, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor. [1979 ex.s. c 128 § 3; 1909 c 249 § 419; RRS § 2671. Formerly RCW 26.04.240, part.]

Punishment of gross misdemeanor when not fixed by statute: RCW 9.92.020.

Chapter 26.09

DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE—LEGAL SEPARATION—DECLARATIONS CONCERNING VALIDITY OF MARRIAGE

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26.09.002 Policy. Parents have the responsibility to make decisions and perform other parental functions necessary for the care and growth of their minor children. In any proceeding between parents under this chapter, the best interests of the child shall be the standard by which the court determines and allocates the parties' parental responsibilities. The state recognizes the fundamental importance of the parent-child relationship to the welfare of the child, and that the relationship between the child and each parent should be fostered unless inconsistent with the child's best interests. The best interests of the child are served by a parenting arrangement that best maintains a child's emotional growth, health and stability, and physical care. Further, the best interest of the child is ordinarily served when the existing pattern of interaction between a parent and child is altered only to the extent necessitated by the changed relationship of the parents or as required to protect the child from physical, mental, or emotional harm. [1987 c 460 § 2.]

26.09.004 Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Temporary parenting plan" means a plan for parenting of the child pending final resolution of any action for dissolution of marriage, declaration of invalidity, or legal separation which is incorporated in a temporary order.

(2) "Permanent parenting plan" means a plan for parenting the child, including allocation of parenting functions, which plan is incorporated in any final decree or decree of modification in an action for dissolution of marriage, declaration of invalidity, or legal separation.

(3) "Parenting functions" means those aspects of the parent-child relationship in which the parent makes decisions and performs functions necessary for the care and growth of the child. Parenting functions include:

(a) Maintaining a loving, stable, consistent, and nurturing relationship with the child;

(b) Attending to the daily needs of the child, such as feeding, clothing, physical care and grooming, supervision, health care, and day care, and engaging in other activities which are appropriate to the developmental level of the child and that are within the social and economic circumstances of the particular family;

(c) Attending to adequate education for the child, including remedial or other education essential to the best interests of the child;

(d) Assisting the child in developing and maintaining appropriate interpersonal relationships;

(e) Exercising appropriate judgment regarding the child's welfare, consistent with the child's developmental level and the family's social and economic circumstances; and

(f) Providing for the financial support of the child. [1987 c 460 § 3.]

26.09.006 Mandatory use of approved forms. (1) Effective January 1, 1992, a party shall not file any pleading with the clerk of the court in an action commenced under

this chapter unless on forms approved by the administrator for the courts.

(2) The parties shall comply with requirements for submission to the court of forms as provided in RCW 26.18.220. [1992 c 229 § 1; 1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 26.]

Effective dates—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

26.09.010 Civil practice to govern—Designation of proceedings—Decrees. (1) Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the practice in civil action shall govern all proceedings under this chapter, except that trial by jury is dispensed with.

(2) A proceeding for dissolution of marriage, legal separation or a declaration concerning the validity of a marriage shall be entitled "In re the marriage of and" Such proceeding may be filed in the superior court of the county where the petitioner resides.

(3) In cases where there has been no prior proceeding in this state involving the marital status of the parties or support obligations for a minor child, a separate parenting and support proceeding between the parents shall be entitled "In re the parenting and support of"

(4) The initial pleading in all proceedings under this chapter shall be denominated a petition. A responsive pleading shall be denominated a response. Other pleadings, and all pleadings in other matters under this chapter shall be denominated as provided in the civil rules for superior court.

(5) In this chapter, "decree" includes "judgment".

(6) A decree of dissolution, of legal separation, or a declaration concerning the validity of a marriage shall not be awarded to one of the parties, but shall provide that it affects the status previously existing between the parties in the manner decreed. [1989 c 375 § 1; 1987 c 460 § 1; 1975 c 32 § 1; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 1.]

26.09.015 Mediation—Confidentiality—Report to court. (1) In any proceeding under this chapter, the matter may be set for mediation of the contested issues before or concurrent with the setting of the matter for hearing. The purpose of the mediation proceeding shall be to reduce acrimony which may exist between the parties and to develop an agreement assuring the child's close and continuing contact with both parents after the marriage is dissolved. The mediator shall use his or her best efforts to effect a settlement of the dispute.

(2) Each superior court may make available a mediator. The mediator may be a member of the professional staff of a family court or mental health services agency, or may be any other person or agency designated by the court. In order to provide mediation services, the court is not required to institute a family court.

(3) Mediation proceedings shall be held in private and shall be confidential. The mediator shall not testify as to any aspect of the mediation proceedings. This subsection shall not apply to postdecree mediation required pursuant to a parenting plan.

(4) The mediator shall assess the needs and interests of the child or children involved in the controversy and may interview the child or children if the mediator deems such interview appropriate or necessary.

(5) Any agreement reached by the parties as a result of mediation shall be reported to the court and to counsel for the parties by the mediator on the day set for mediation or any time thereafter designated by the court. [1991 c 367 § 2; 1989 c 375 § 2; 1986 c 95 § 4.]

Severability—1991 c 367: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1991 c 367 § 54.]

Effective date—1991 c 367: "This act shall take effect September 1, 1991." [1991 c 367 § 55.]

Captions not law—1991 c 367: "Captions as used in this act do not constitute any part of the law." [1991 c 367 § 57.]

Mediation testimony competency: RCW 5.60.070 and 5.60.072.

26.09.020 Petition in proceeding for dissolution of marriage, legal separation, or for a declaration concerning validity of marriage—Contents—Parties—Certificate.

(1) A petition in a proceeding for dissolution of marriage, legal separation, or for a declaration concerning the validity of a marriage, shall allege the following:

(a) The last known residence of each party;

(b) The date and place of the marriage;

(c) If the parties are separated the date on which the separation occurred;

(d) The names, ages, and addresses of any child dependent upon either or both spouses and whether the wife is pregnant;

(e) Any arrangements as to the residential schedule of, decision making for, dispute resolution for, and support of the children and the maintenance of a spouse;

(f) A statement specifying whether there is community or separate property owned by the parties to be disposed of;

(g) The relief sought.

(2) Either or both parties to the marriage may initiate the proceeding.

(3) The petitioner shall complete and file with the petition a certificate under *RCW 70.58.200 on the form provided by the department of health. [1989 1st ex.s. c 9 § 204; 1989 c 375 § 3; 1983 1st ex.s. c 45 § 2; 1973 2nd ex.s. c 23 § 1; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 2.]

Reviser's note: (1) This section was amended by 1989 c 375 § 3 and by 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 § 204, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

* (2) RCW 70.58.200 was repealed by 1991 c 96 § 6.

Effective date—Severability—1989 1st ex.s. c 9: See RCW 43.70.910 and 43.70.920.

26.09.030 Petition for dissolution of marriage—Court proceedings, findings—Transfer to family court—Legal separation in lieu of dissolution. When a party who is a resident of this state or who is a member of the armed

forces and is stationed in this state, petitions for a dissolution of marriage, and alleges that the marriage is irretrievably broken and when ninety days have elapsed since the petition was filed and from the date when service of summons was made upon the respondent or the first publication of summons was made, the court shall proceed as follows:

(1) If the other party joins in the petition or does not deny that the marriage is irretrievably broken, the court shall enter a decree of dissolution.

(2) If the other party alleges that the petitioner was induced to file the petition by fraud, or coercion, the court shall make a finding as to that allegation and, if it so finds shall dismiss the petition.

(3) If the other party denies that the marriage is irretrievably broken the court shall consider all relevant factors, including the circumstances that gave rise to the filing of the petition and the prospects for reconciliation and shall:

(a) Make a finding that the marriage is irretrievably broken and enter a decree of dissolution of the marriage; or

(b) At the request of either party or on its own motion, transfer the cause to the family court, refer them to another counseling service of their choice, and request a report back from the counseling service within sixty days, or continue the matter for not more than sixty days for hearing. If the cause is returned from the family court or at the adjourned hearing, the court shall:

(i) Find that the parties have agreed to reconciliation and dismiss the petition; or

(ii) Find that the parties have not been reconciled, and that either party continues to allege that the marriage is irretrievably broken. When such facts are found, the court shall enter a decree of dissolution of the marriage.

(4) If the petitioner requests the court to decree legal separation in lieu of dissolution, the court shall enter the decree in that form unless the other party objects and petitions for a decree of dissolution or declaration of invalidity. [1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 3.]

26.09.040 Petition to have marriage declared invalid or judicial determination of validity—Procedure—Findings—Grounds—Legitimacy of children. (1) While both parties to an alleged marriage are living, and at least one party is resident in this state or a member of the armed service and stationed in the state, a petition to have the marriage declared invalid may be sought by:

(a) Either or both parties, or the guardian of an incompetent spouse, for any cause specified in subsection (4) of this section; or

(b) Either or both parties, the legal spouse, or a child of either party when it is alleged that the marriage is bigamous.

(2) If the validity of a marriage is denied or questioned at any time, either or both parties to the marriage may petition the court for a judicial determination of the validity of such marriage.

(3) In a proceeding to declare the invalidity of a marriage, the court shall proceed in the manner and shall have the jurisdiction, including the authority to provide for maintenance, a parenting plan for minor children, and division of the property of the parties, provided by this chapter.

(4) After hearing the evidence concerning the validity of a marriage, if both parties to the alleged marriage are still living, the court:

(a) If it finds the marriage to be valid, shall enter a decree of validity;

(b) If it finds that:

(i) The marriage should not have been contracted because of age of one or both of the parties, lack of required parental or court approval, a prior undissolved marriage of one or both of the parties, reasons of consanguinity, or

because a party lacked capacity to consent to the marriage, either because of mental incapacity or because of the influence of alcohol or other incapacitating substances, or because a party was induced to enter into the marriage by force or duress, or by fraud involving the essentials of marriage, and that the parties have not ratified their marriage by voluntarily cohabiting after attaining the age of consent, or after attaining capacity to consent, or after cessation of the force or duress or discovery of the fraud, shall declare the marriage invalid as of the date it was purportedly contracted;

(ii) The marriage should not have been contracted because of any reason other than those above, shall upon motion of a party, order any action which may be appropriate to complete or to correct the record and enter a decree declaring such marriage to be valid for all purposes from the date upon which it was purportedly contracted;

(c) If it finds that a marriage contracted in a jurisdiction other than this state, was void or voidable under the law of the place where the marriage was contracted, and in the absence of proof that such marriage was subsequently validated by the laws of the place of contract or of a subsequent domicile of the parties, shall declare the marriage invalid as of the date of the marriage.

(5) Any child of the parties born or conceived during the existence of a marriage of record is legitimate and remains legitimate notwithstanding the entry of a declaration of invalidity of the marriage. [1987 c 460 § 4; 1975 c 32 § 2; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 4.]

26.09.050 Decrees—Provisions for parenting plan—Maintenance—Disposition of property and liabilities—Tax exemptions—Continuing restraining orders—Name changes. In entering a decree of dissolution of marriage, legal separation, or declaration of invalidity, the court shall determine the marital status of the parties, make provision for a parenting plan for any minor child of the marriage, make provision for the support of any child of the marriage entitled to support, consider or approve provision for the maintenance of either spouse, make provision for the disposition of property and liabilities of the parties, make provision for the allocation of the children as federal tax exemptions, make provision for any necessary continuing restraining orders including the provisions contained in RCW 9.41.800, and make provision for the change of name of any party. [1994 1st sp.s. c 7 § 451; 1989 c 375 § 29; 1987 c 460 § 5; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 5.]

Finding—Intent—Severability—1994 1st sp.s. c 7: See notes following RCW 43.70.540.

Effective date—1994 1st sp.s. c 7 §§ 401-410, 413-416, 418-437, and 439-460: See note following RCW 9.41.010.

26.09.060 Temporary maintenance or child support—Temporary restraining order—Preliminary injunction—Support debts, notice. (1) In a proceeding for:

(a) Dissolution of marriage, legal separation, or a declaration of invalidity; or

(b) Disposition of property or liabilities, maintenance, or support following dissolution of the marriage by a court which lacked personal jurisdiction over the absent spouse; either party may move for temporary maintenance or for

temporary support of children entitled to support. The motion shall be accompanied by an affidavit setting forth the factual basis for the motion and the amounts requested.

(2) As a part of a motion for temporary maintenance or support or by independent motion accompanied by affidavit, either party may request the court to issue a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction, providing relief proper in the circumstances, and restraining or enjoining any person from:

(a) Transferring, removing, encumbering, concealing, or in any way disposing of any property except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life, and, if so restrained or enjoined, requiring him or her to notify the moving party of any proposed extraordinary expenditures made after the order is issued;

(b) Molesting or disturbing the peace of the other party or of any child;

(c) Entering the family home or the home of the other party upon a showing of the necessity therefor;

(d) Removing a child from the jurisdiction of the court.

(3) In issuing the order, the court shall consider the provisions of RCW 9.41.800.

(4) The court may issue a temporary restraining order without requiring notice to the other party only if it finds on the basis of the moving affidavit or other evidence that irreparable injury could result if an order is not issued until the time for responding has elapsed.

(5) The court may issue a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction and an order for temporary maintenance or support in such amounts and on such terms as are just and proper in the circumstances. The court may in its discretion waive the filing of the bond or the posting of security.

(6) Restraining orders issued under this section restraining the person from molesting or disturbing another party or from entering a party's home shall bear the legend: VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER WITH ACTUAL NOTICE OF ITS TERMS IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE UNDER CHAPTER 26.09 RCW AND WILL SUBJECT A VIOLATOR TO ARREST.

(7) The court may order that any temporary restraining order granted under this section be forwarded by the clerk of the court on or before the next judicial day to the appropriate law enforcement agency specified in the order. Upon receipt of the order, the law enforcement agency shall forthwith enter the order for one year into any computer-based criminal intelligence information system available in this state used by law enforcement agencies to list outstanding warrants. Entry into the law enforcement information system constitutes notice to all law enforcement agencies of the existence of the order. The order is fully enforceable in any county in the state.

(8) A temporary order, temporary restraining order, or preliminary injunction:

(a) Does not prejudice the rights of a party or any child which are to be adjudicated at subsequent hearings in the proceeding;

(b) May be revoked or modified;

(c) Terminates when the final decree is entered, except as provided under subsection (9) of this section, or when the petition for dissolution, legal separation, or declaration of invalidity is dismissed;

(d) May be entered in a proceeding for the modification of an existing decree.

(9) Delinquent support payments accrued under an order for temporary support remain collectible and are not extinguished when a final decree is entered unless the decree contains specific language to the contrary. A support debt under a temporary order owed to the state for public assistance expenditures shall not be extinguished by the final decree if:

(a) The obligor was given notice of the state's interest under chapter 74.20A RCW; or

(b) The temporary order directs the obligor to make support payments to the office of support enforcement or the Washington state support registry. [1994 1st sp.s. c 7 § 452; 1992 c 229 § 9; 1989 c 360 § 37; 1984 c 263 § 26; 1983 1st ex.s. c 41 § 1; 1983 c 232 § 10; 1975 c 32 § 3; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 6.]

Finding—Intent—Severability—1994 1st sp.s. c 7: See notes following RCW 43.70.540.

Effective date—1994 1st sp.s. c 7 §§ 401-410, 413-416, 418-437, and 439-460: See note following RCW 9.41.010.

Effective date—Severability—1984 c 263: See RCW 26.50.901 and 26.50.902.

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 41: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1983 1st ex.s. c 41 § 46.]

Severability—1983 c 232: See note following RCW 9.41.010.

Arrest without warrant in domestic violence cases: RCW 10.31.100(2).

Child abuse, temporary restraining order: RCW 26.44.063.

Ex parte temporary order for protection: RCW 26.50.070.

Orders for protection in cases of domestic violence: RCW 26.50.030.

Orders prohibiting contact: RCW 10.99.040.

26.09.070 Separation contracts. (1) The parties to a marriage, in order to promote the amicable settlement of disputes attendant upon their separation or upon the filing of a petition for dissolution of their marriage, a decree of legal separation, or declaration of invalidity of their marriage, may enter into a written separation contract providing for the maintenance of either of them, the disposition of any property owned by both or either of them, the parenting plan and support for their children and for the release of each other from all obligation except that expressed in the contract.

(2) If the parties to such contract elect to live separate and apart without any court decree, they may record such contract and cause notice thereof to be published in a legal newspaper of the county wherein the parties resided prior to their separation. Recording such contract and publishing notice of the making thereof shall constitute notice to all persons of such separation and of the facts contained in the recorded document.

(3) If either or both of the parties to a separation contract shall at the time of the execution thereof, or at a subsequent time, petition the court for dissolution of their marriage, for a decree of legal separation, or for a declaration of invalidity of their marriage, the contract, except for those terms providing for a parenting plan for their children, shall be binding upon the court unless it finds, after considering the economic circumstances of the parties and any other relevant evidence produced by the parties on their own

motion or on request of the court, that the separation contract was unfair at the time of its execution. Child support may be included in the separation contract and shall be reviewed in the subsequent proceeding for compliance with RCW 26.19.020.

(4) If the court in an action for dissolution of marriage, legal separation, or declaration of invalidity finds that the separation contract was unfair at the time of its execution, it may make orders for the maintenance of either party, the disposition of their property and the discharge of their obligations.

(5) Unless the separation contract provides to the contrary, the agreement shall be set forth in the decree of dissolution, legal separation, or declaration of invalidity, or filed in the action or made an exhibit and incorporated by reference, except that in all cases the terms of the parenting plan shall be set out in the decree, and the parties shall be ordered to comply with its terms.

(6) Terms of the contract set forth or incorporated by reference in the decree may be enforced by all remedies available for the enforcement of a judgment, including contempt, and are enforceable as contract terms.

(7) When the separation contract so provides, the decree may expressly preclude or limit modification of any provision for maintenance set forth in the decree. Terms of a separation contract pertaining to a parenting plan for the children and, in the absence of express provision to the contrary, terms providing for maintenance set forth or incorporated by reference in the decree are automatically modified by modification of the decree.

(8) If at any time the parties to the separation contract by mutual agreement elect to terminate the separation contract they may do so without formality unless the contract was recorded as in subsection (2) of this section, in which case a statement should be filed terminating the contract. [1989 c 375 § 4; 1987 c 460 § 6; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 7.]

26.09.080 Disposition of property and liabilities—

Factors. In a proceeding for dissolution of the marriage, legal separation, declaration of invalidity, or in a proceeding for disposition of property following dissolution of the marriage by a court which lacked personal jurisdiction over the absent spouse or lacked jurisdiction to dispose of the property, the court shall, without regard to marital misconduct, make such disposition of the property and the liabilities of the parties, either community or separate, as shall appear just and equitable after considering all relevant factors including, but not limited to:

- (1) The nature and extent of the community property;
- (2) The nature and extent of the separate property;
- (3) The duration of the marriage; and
- (4) The economic circumstances of each spouse at the time the division of property is to become effective, including the desirability of awarding the family home or the right to live therein for reasonable periods to a spouse with whom the children reside the majority of the time. [1989 c 375 § 5; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 8.]

26.09.090 Maintenance orders for either spouse—

Factors. (1) In a proceeding for dissolution of marriage, legal separation, declaration of invalidity, or in a proceeding

for maintenance following dissolution of the marriage by a court which lacked personal jurisdiction over the absent spouse, the court may grant a maintenance order for either spouse. The maintenance order shall be in such amounts and for such periods of time as the court deems just, without regard to marital misconduct, after considering all relevant factors including but not limited to:

(a) The financial resources of the party seeking maintenance, including separate or community property apportioned to him, and his ability to meet his needs independently, including the extent to which a provision for support of a child living with the party includes a sum for that party;

(b) The time necessary to acquire sufficient education or training to enable the party seeking maintenance to find employment appropriate to his skill, interests, style of life, and other attendant circumstances;

(c) The standard of living established during the marriage;

(d) The duration of the marriage;

(e) The age, physical and emotional condition, and financial obligations of the spouse seeking maintenance; and

(f) The ability of the spouse from whom maintenance is sought to meet his needs and financial obligations while meeting those of the spouse seeking maintenance. [1989 c 375 § 6; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 9.]

26.09.100 Child support—Apportionment of expense—Periodic adjustments or modifications.

(1) In a proceeding for dissolution of marriage, legal separation, declaration of invalidity, maintenance, or child support, after considering all relevant factors but without regard to marital misconduct, the court shall order either or both parents owing a duty of support to any child of the marriage dependent upon either or both spouses to pay an amount determined under chapter 26.19 RCW.

(2) The court may require automatic periodic adjustments or modifications of child support. That portion of any decree that requires periodic adjustments or modifications of child support shall use the provisions in chapter 26.19 RCW as the basis for the adjustment or modification. Provisions in the decree for periodic adjustment or modification shall not conflict with RCW 26.09.170 except that the decree may require periodic adjustments or modifications of support more frequently than the time periods established pursuant to RCW 26.09.170.

(3) Upon motion of a party and without a substantial change of circumstances, the court shall modify the decree to comply with subsection (2) of this section as to installments accruing subsequent to entry of the court's order on the motion for modification.

(4) The adjustment or modification provision may be modified by the court due to economic hardship consistent with the provisions of RCW 26.09.170(4)(a). [1991 sp.s. c 28 § 1; 1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 1; 1989 c 375 § 7; 1988 c 275 § 9; 1987 c 430 § 3; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 10.]

Severability—1991 sp.s. c 28: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1991 sp.s. c 28 § 9.]

Effective date—1991 sp.s. c 28: "Sections 1 through 9 of this act are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or

safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect September 1, 1991." [1991 sp.s. c 28 § 10.]

Captions not law—1991 sp.s. c 28: "Captions as used in this act do not constitute any part of the law." [1991 sp.s. c 28 § 11.]

Effective dates—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: "(1) Sections 5 and 22 of this act are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [March 26, 1990].

(2) The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 1990." [1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 30.]

Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 31.]

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

Severability—1987 c 430: See note following RCW 26.09.170.

26.09.105 Child support—Health insurance coverage—Conditions. (1) In entering or modifying a support order under this chapter, the court shall require either or both parents to maintain or provide health insurance coverage except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, for any child named in the order if:

(a) Coverage that can be extended to cover the child is or becomes available to that parent through employment or is union-related; and

(b) The cost of such coverage does not exceed twenty-five percent of the obligated parent's basic child support obligation.

(2) The court shall consider the best interests of the child and have discretion to order health insurance coverage when entering or modifying a support order under this chapter if the cost of such coverage exceeds twenty-five percent of the obligated parent's basic support obligation.

(3) The parents shall maintain such coverage required under this section until:

(a) Further order of the court;

(b) The child is emancipated, if there is no express language to the contrary in the order; or

(c) Health insurance is no longer available through the parents' employer or union and no conversion privileges exist to continue coverage following termination of employment.

(4) A parent who is required to extend health insurance coverage to a child under this section is liable for any covered health care costs for which the parent receives direct payment from an insurer.

(5) This section shall not be construed to limit the authority of the court to enter or modify support orders containing provisions for payment of uninsured health expenses, health care costs, or insurance premiums which are in addition to and not inconsistent with this section.

(6) A parent ordered to provide health insurance coverage shall provide proof of such coverage or proof that such coverage is unavailable within twenty days of the entry of the order to:

(a) The physical custodian; or

(b) The department of social and health services if the parent has been notified or ordered to make support payments to the Washington state support registry.

(7) Every order requiring a parent to provide health care or insurance coverage shall be entered in compliance with

*RCW 26.23.050 and be subject to direct enforcement as provided under chapter 26.18 RCW.

(8) "Health insurance coverage" as used in this section does not include medical assistance provided under chapter 74.09 RCW. [1994 c 230 § 1; 1989 c 416 § 1; 1985 c 108 § 1; 1984 c 201 § 1.]

*Reviser's note: The reference to RCW 26.23.050 appears to refer to the amendments made by 1989 c 416 § 8, which was vetoed by the governor.

26.09.110 Minor or dependent child—Court appointed attorney to represent—Payment of costs, fees, and disbursements. The court may appoint an attorney to represent the interests of a minor or dependent child with respect to provision for the parenting plan in an action for dissolution of marriage, legal separation, or declaration concerning the validity of a marriage. The court shall enter an order for costs, fees, and disbursements in favor of the child's attorney. The order shall be made against either or both parents, except that, if both parties are indigent, the costs, fees, and disbursements shall be borne by the county. [1987 c 460 § 11; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 11.]

Process—Domestic relations actions: Rules of court: CR 4.1.

26.09.120 Support or maintenance payments—To whom paid. (1) The court shall order support payments, including spousal maintenance if child support is ordered, to be made to the Washington state support registry, or the person entitled to receive the payments under an order approved by the court as provided in RCW 26.23.050.

(2) Maintenance payments, when ordered in an action where there is no dependent child, may be ordered to be paid to the person entitled to receive the payments, or the clerk of the court as trustee for remittance to the persons entitled to receive the payments.

(3) If support or maintenance payments are made to the clerk of court, the clerk:

(a) Shall maintain records listing the amount of payments, the date when payments are required to be made, and the names and addresses of the parties affected by the order;

(b) May by local court rule accept only certified funds or cash as payment; and

(c) Shall accept only certified funds or cash for five years in all cases after one check has been returned for nonsufficient funds or account closure.

(4) The parties affected by the order shall inform the registry through which the payments are ordered to be paid of any change of address or of other conditions that may affect the administration of the order. [1994 c 230 § 2; 1989 c 360 § 11. Prior: 1987 c 435 § 15; 1987 c 363 § 5; 1983 1st ex.s. c 45 § 3; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 12.]

Effective date—1987 c 435: See RCW 26.23.900.

26.09.135 Order or decree for child support—Compliance with RCW 26.23.050. Every court order or decree establishing a child support obligation shall be entered in compliance with the provisions of RCW 26.23.050. [1987 c 435 § 16; 1986 c 138 § 1; 1984 c 260 § 21.]

Effective date—1987 c 435: See RCW 26.23.900.

Severability—1984 c 260: See RCW 26.18.900.

26.09.138 Mandatory assignment of public retirement benefits—Remedies exclusive. (1) Any obligee of a court order or decree establishing a spousal maintenance obligation may seek a mandatory benefits assignment order under chapter 41.50 RCW if any spousal maintenance payment is more than fifteen days past due and the total of such past due payments is equal to or greater than one hundred dollars, or if the obligor requests a withdrawal of accumulated contributions from the department of retirement systems.

(2) Any court order or decree establishing a spousal maintenance obligation may state that, if any spousal maintenance payment is more than fifteen days past due and the total of such past due payments is equal to or greater than one hundred dollars, or if the obligor requests a withdrawal of accumulated contributions from the department of retirement systems, the obligee may seek a mandatory benefits assignment order under chapter 41.50 RCW without prior notice to the obligor. Any such court order or decree may also, or in the alternative, contain a provision that would allow the department to make a direct payment of all or part of a withdrawal of accumulated contributions pursuant to RCW 41.50.550(3). Failure to include this provision does not affect the validity of the court order or decree establishing the spousal maintenance, nor does such failure affect the general applicability of RCW 41.50.500 through 41.50.650 to such obligations.

(3) The remedies in RCW 41.50.530 through 41.50.630 are the exclusive provisions of law enforceable against the department of retirement systems in connection with any action for enforcement of a spousal maintenance obligation ordered pursuant to a divorce, dissolution, or legal separation, and no other remedy ordered by a court under this chapter shall be enforceable against the department of retirement systems for collection of spousal maintenance.

(4)(a) Nothing in this section regarding mandatory assignment of benefits to enforce a spousal maintenance obligation shall abridge the right of an ex spouse to receive direct payment of retirement benefits payable pursuant to: (i) A court decree of dissolution or legal separation; or (ii) any court order or court-approved property settlement agreement; or (iii) incident to any court decree of dissolution or legal separation, if such dissolution orders fully comply with RCW 41.50.670 and 41.50.700, or as applicable, RCW 2.10.180, 2.12.090, 41.04.310, 41.04.320, 41.04.330, *41.26.180, 41.32.052, 41.40.052, or 43.43.310 as those statutes existed before July 1, 1987, and as those statutes exist on and after July 28, 1991.

(b) Persons whose dissolution orders as defined in RCW 41.50.500(3) were entered between July 1, 1987, and July 28, 1991, shall be entitled to receive direct payments of retirement benefits to satisfy court-ordered property divisions if the dissolution orders filed with the department comply or are amended to comply with RCW 41.50.670 through 41.50.720 and, as applicable, RCW 2.10.180, 2.12.090, *41.26.180, 41.32.052, 41.40.052, or 43.43.310. [1991 c 365 § 24; 1987 c 326 § 26.]

*Reviser's note: RCW 41.26.180 was recodified as RCW 41.26.053 pursuant to 1994 c 298 § 5.

Severability—1991 c 365: See note following RCW 41.50.500.

Effective date—1987 c 326: See RCW 41.50.901.

26.09.140 Payment of costs, attorney's fees, etc. The court from time to time after considering the financial resources of both parties may order a party to pay a reasonable amount for the cost to the other party of maintaining or defending any proceeding under this chapter and for reasonable attorney's fees or other professional fees in connection therewith, including sums for legal services rendered and costs incurred prior to the commencement of the proceeding or enforcement or modification proceedings after entry of judgment.

Upon any appeal, the appellate court may, in its discretion, order a party to pay for the cost to the other party of maintaining the appeal and attorney's fees in addition to statutory costs.

The court may order that the attorney's fees be paid directly to the attorney who may enforce the order in his name. [1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 14.]

26.09.150 Decree of dissolution of marriage, legal separation, or declaration of invalidity—Finality—Appeal—Conversion of decree of legal separation to decree of dissolution—Name of party. A decree of dissolution of marriage, legal separation, or declaration of invalidity is final when entered, subject to the right of appeal. An appeal which does not challenge the finding that the marriage is irretrievably broken or was invalid, does not delay the finality of the dissolution or declaration of invalidity and either party may remarry pending such an appeal.

No earlier than six months after entry of a decree of legal separation, on motion of either party, the court shall convert the decree of legal separation to a decree of dissolution of marriage. The clerk of court shall complete the certificate as provided for in *RCW 70.58.200 on the form provided by the department of health. On or before the tenth day of each month, the clerk of the court shall forward to the state registrar of vital statistics the certificate of each decree of divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or separate maintenance granted during the preceding month.

Upon request of a party whose marriage is dissolved or declared invalid, the court shall order a former name restored or the court may, in its discretion, order a change to another name. [1989 1st ex.s. c 9 § 205; 1989 c 375 § 30; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 15.]

Reviser's note: (1) This section was amended by 1989 c 375 § 30 and by 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 § 205, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

*(2) RCW 70.58.200 was repealed by 1991 c 96 § 6.

Effective date—Severability—1989 1st ex.s. c 9: See RCW 43.70.910 and 43.70.920.

Effect of entry of a decree of dissolution of marriage or a declaration of invalidity on nonprobate assets: RCW 11.07.010.

26.09.160 Failure to comply with decree or temporary injunction—Obligation to make support or maintenance payments or permit contact with children not suspended—Penalties. (1) The performance of parental functions and the duty to provide child support are distinct responsibilities in the care of a child. If a party fails to comply with a provision of a decree or temporary order of injunction, the obligation of the other party to make pay-

ments for support or maintenance or to permit contact with children is not suspended. An attempt by a parent, in either the negotiation or the performance of a parenting plan, to condition one aspect of the parenting plan upon another, to condition payment of child support upon an aspect of the parenting plan, to refuse to pay ordered child support, to refuse to perform the duties provided in the parenting plan, or to hinder the performance by the other parent of duties provided in the parenting plan, shall be deemed bad faith and shall be punished by the court by holding the party in contempt of court and by awarding to the aggrieved party reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incidental in bringing a motion for contempt of court.

(2)(a) A motion may be filed to initiate a contempt action to coerce a parent to comply with an order establishing residential provisions for a child. If the court finds there is reasonable cause to believe the parent has not complied with the order, the court may issue an order to show cause why the relief requested should not be granted.

(b) If, based on all the facts and circumstances, the court finds after hearing that the parent, in bad faith, has not complied with the order establishing residential provisions for the child, the court shall find the parent in contempt of court. Upon a finding of contempt, the court shall order:

(i) The noncomplying parent to provide the moving party additional time with the child. The additional time shall be equal to the time missed with the child, due to the parent's noncompliance;

(ii) The parent to pay, to the moving party, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred as a result of the noncompliance, and any reasonable expenses incurred in locating or returning a child; and

(iii) The parent to pay, to the moving party, a civil penalty, not less than the sum of one hundred dollars.

The court may also order the parent to be imprisoned in the county jail, if the parent is presently able to comply with the provisions of the court-ordered parenting plan and is presently unwilling to comply. The parent may be imprisoned until he or she agrees to comply with the order, but in no event for more than one hundred eighty days.

(3) On a second failure within three years to comply with a residential provision of a court-ordered parenting plan, a motion may be filed to initiate contempt of court proceedings according to the procedure set forth in subsection (2) (a) and (b) of this section. On a finding of contempt under this subsection, the court shall order:

(a) The noncomplying parent to provide the other parent or party additional time with the child. The additional time shall be twice the amount of the time missed with the child, due to the parent's noncompliance;

(b) The noncomplying parent to pay, to the other parent or party, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred as a result of the noncompliance, and any reasonable expenses incurred in locating or returning a child; and

(c) The noncomplying parent to pay, to the moving party, a civil penalty of not less than two hundred fifty dollars.

The court may also order the parent to be imprisoned in the county jail, if the parent is presently able to comply with the provisions of the court-ordered parenting plan and is presently unwilling to comply. The parent may be imprisoned

until he or she agrees to comply with the order but in no event for more than one hundred eighty days.

(4) For purposes of subsections (1), (2), and (3) of this section, the parent shall be deemed to have the present ability to comply with the order establishing residential provisions unless he or she establishes otherwise by a preponderance of the evidence. The parent shall establish a reasonable excuse for failure to comply with the residential provision of a court-ordered parenting plan by a preponderance of the evidence.

(5) Any monetary award ordered under subsections (1), (2), and (3) of this section may be enforced, by the party to whom it is awarded, in the same manner as a civil judgment.

(6) Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of this section authorize the exercise of the court's power to impose remedial sanctions for contempt of court and is in addition to any other contempt power the court may possess.

(7) Upon motion for contempt of court under subsections (1) through (3) of this section, if the court finds the motion was brought without reasonable basis, the court shall order the moving party to pay to the nonmoving party, all costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and a civil penalty of not less than one hundred dollars. [1991 c 367 § 4; 1989 c 318 § 1; 1987 c 460 § 12; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 16.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

Severability—1989 c 318: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1989 c 318 § 6.]

26.09.165 Court orders—Required language. All court orders containing parenting plan provisions or orders of contempt, entered pursuant to RCW 26.09.160, shall include the following language:

WARNING: VIOLATION OF THE RESIDENTIAL PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER WITH ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS TERMS IS PUNISHABLE BY CONTEMPT OF COURT, AND MAY BE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE UNDER RCW 9A.40.060(2) or 9A.40.070(2). VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER MAY SUBJECT A VIOLATOR TO ARREST.

[1994 c 162 § 2; 1989 c 318 § 4.]

Severability—1989 c 318: See note following RCW 26.09.160.

26.09.170 Modification of decree for maintenance or support, property disposition—Termination of maintenance obligation and child support—Grounds. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (7) of RCW 26.09.070, the provisions of any decree respecting maintenance or support may be modified: (a) Only as to installments accruing subsequent to the petition for modification or motion for adjustment except motions to compel court-ordered adjustments, which shall be effective as of the first date specified in the decree for implementing the adjustment; and, (b) except as otherwise provided in subsections (4), (5), (8), and (9) of this section, only upon a showing of a substantial change of circumstances. The provisions as to property disposition may not be revoked or modified, unless

the court finds the existence of conditions that justify the reopening of a judgment under the laws of this state.

(2) Unless otherwise agreed in writing or expressly provided in the decree the obligation to pay future maintenance is terminated upon the death of either party or the remarriage of the party receiving maintenance.

(3) Unless otherwise agreed in writing or expressly provided in the decree, provisions for the support of a child are terminated by emancipation of the child or by the death of the parent obligated to support the child.

(4) An order of child support may be modified one year or more after it has been entered without showing a substantial change of circumstances:

(a) If the order in practice works a severe economic hardship on either party or the child;

(b) If a party requests an adjustment in an order for child support which was based on guidelines which determined the amount of support according to the child's age, and the child is no longer in the age category on which the current support amount was based;

(c) If a child is still in high school, upon a finding that there is a need to extend support beyond the eighteenth birthday to complete high school; or

(d) To add an automatic adjustment of support provision consistent with RCW 26.09.100.

(5) An order or decree entered prior to June 7, 1984, may be modified without showing a substantial change of circumstances if the requested modification is to:

(a) Require health insurance coverage for a child named therein; or

(b) Modify an existing order for health insurance coverage.

(6) An obligor's voluntary unemployment or voluntary underemployment, by itself, is not a substantial change of circumstances.

(7) The department of social and health services may file an action to modify an order of child support if public assistance money is being paid to or for the benefit of the child and the child support order is twenty-five percent or more below the appropriate child support amount set forth in the standard calculation as defined in RCW 26.19.011 and reasons for the deviation are not set forth in the findings of fact or order. The determination of twenty-five percent or more shall be based on the current income of the parties and the department shall not be required to show a substantial change of circumstances if the reasons for the deviations were not set forth in the findings of fact or order.

(8)(a) All child support decrees may be adjusted once every twenty-four months based upon changes in the income of the parents without a showing of substantially changed circumstances. Either party may initiate the adjustment by filing a motion and child support worksheets.

(b) A party may petition for modification in cases of substantially changed circumstances under subsection (1) of this section at any time. However, if relief is granted under subsection (1) of this section, twenty-four months must pass before a motion for an adjustment under (a) of this subsection may be filed.

(c) If, pursuant to (a) of this subsection or subsection (9) of this section, the court adjusts or modifies a child support obligation by more than thirty percent and the change would cause significant hardship, the court may

implement the change in two equal increments, one at the time of the entry of the order and the second six months from the entry of the order. Twenty-four months must pass following the second change before a motion for an adjustment under (a) of this subsection may be filed.

(d) A parent who is receiving transfer payments who receives a wage or salary increase may not bring a modification action pursuant to subsection (1) of this section alleging that increase constitutes a substantial change of circumstances.

(9) An order of child support may be adjusted twenty-four months from the date of the entry of the decree or the last adjustment or modification, whichever is later, based upon changes in the economic table or standards in chapter 26.19 RCW. [1992 c 229 § 2; 1991 sp.s. c 28 § 2; 1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 2; 1989 c 416 § 3; 1988 c 275 § 17; 1987 c 430 § 1; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 17.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 sp.s. c 28: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

Effective dates—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

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

Severability—1987 c 430: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1987 c 430 § 4.]

26.09.173 Modification of child support order—Child support order summary report. The party seeking the establishment or modification of a child support order shall file with the clerk of the court the child support order summary report. The summary report shall be on the form developed by the administrator for the courts pursuant to RCW 26.18.210. The party must complete the form and file the form with the court order. The clerk of the court must forward the form to the administrator for the courts on at least a monthly basis. [1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 23.]

Effective dates—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

26.09.175 Modification of order of child support. (1) A proceeding for the modification of an order of child support shall commence with the filing of a petition and worksheets. The petition shall be in the form prescribed by the administrator for the courts. There shall be a fee of twenty dollars for the filing of a petition for modification of dissolution.

(2) The petitioner shall serve upon the other party the summons, a copy of the petition, and the worksheets in the form prescribed by the administrator for the courts. If the modification proceeding is the first action filed in this state, service shall be made by personal service. If the decree to be modified was entered in this state, service shall be by personal service or by any form of mail requiring a return receipt. If the support obligation has been assigned to the state pursuant to RCW 74.20.330 or the state has a subrogated interest under RCW 74.20A.030, the summons, petition, and worksheets shall also be served on the attorney general. Proof of service shall be filed with the court.

(3) The responding party's answer and worksheets shall be served and the answer filed within twenty days after

service of the petition or sixty days if served out of state. The responding party's failure to file an answer within the time required shall result in entry of a default judgment for the petitioner.

(4) At any time after responsive pleadings are filed, either party may schedule the matter for hearing.

(5) Unless both parties stipulate to arbitration or the presiding judge authorizes oral testimony pursuant to subsection (6) of this section, a petition for modification of an order of child support shall be heard by the court on affidavits, the petition, answer, and worksheets only.

(6) A party seeking authority to present oral testimony on the petition to modify a support order shall file an appropriate motion not later than ten days after the time of notice of hearing. Affidavits and exhibits setting forth the reasons oral testimony is necessary to a just adjudication of the issues shall accompany the petition. The affidavits and exhibits must demonstrate the extraordinary features of the case. Factors which may be considered include, but are not limited to: (a) Substantial questions of credibility on a major issue; (b) insufficient or inconsistent discovery materials not correctable by further discovery; or (c) particularly complex circumstances requiring expert testimony. [1992 c 229 § 3; 1991 c 367 § 6; 1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 3; 1987 c 430 § 2.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

Effective dates—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

Severability—1987 c 430: See note following RCW 26.09.170.

26.09.181 Procedure for determining permanent parenting plan. (1) **SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED PLANS.** (a) In any proceeding under this chapter, except a modification, each party shall file and serve a proposed permanent parenting plan on or before the earliest date of:

(i) Thirty days after filing and service by either party of a notice for trial; or

(ii) One hundred eighty days after commencement of the action which one hundred eighty day period may be extended by stipulation of the parties.

(b) In proceedings for a modification of custody or a parenting plan, a proposed parenting plan shall be filed and served with the motion for modification and with the response to the motion for modification.

(c) No proposed permanent parenting plan shall be required after filing of an agreed permanent parenting plan, after entry of a final decree, or after dismissal of the cause of action.

(d) A party who files a proposed parenting plan in compliance with this section may move the court for an order of default adopting that party's parenting plan if the other party has failed to file a proposed parenting plan as required in this section.

(2) **AMENDING PROPOSED PARENTING PLANS.** Either party may file and serve an amended proposed permanent parenting plan according to the rules for amending pleadings.

(3) **GOOD FAITH PROPOSAL.** The parent submitting a proposed parenting plan shall attach a verified statement that the plan is proposed by that parent in good faith.

(4) **AGREED PERMANENT PARENTING PLANS.** The parents may make an agreed permanent parenting plan.

(5) MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE.

Where mandatory settlement conferences are provided under court rule, the parents shall attend a mandatory settlement conference. The mandatory settlement conference shall be presided over by a judge or a court commissioner, who shall apply the criteria in RCW 26.09.187 and 26.09.191. The parents shall in good faith review the proposed terms of the parenting plans and any other issues relevant to the cause of action with the presiding judge or court commissioner. Facts and legal issues that are not then in dispute shall be entered as stipulations for purposes of final hearing or trial in the matter.

(6) **TRIAL SETTING.** Trial dates for actions involving minor children brought under this chapter shall receive priority.

(7) **ENTRY OF FINAL ORDER.** The final order or decree shall be entered not sooner than ninety days after filing and service.

This subsection does not apply to decrees of legal separation. [1989 2nd ex.s. c 2 § 1; 1989 c 375 § 8; 1987 c 460 § 7.]

26.09.184 Permanent parenting plan. (1) **OBJECTIVES.** The objectives of the permanent parenting plan are to:

(a) Provide for the child's physical care;

(b) Maintain the child's emotional stability;

(c) Provide for the child's changing needs as the child grows and matures, in a way that minimizes the need for future modifications to the permanent parenting plan;

(d) Set forth the authority and responsibilities of each parent with respect to the child, consistent with the criteria in RCW 26.09.187 and 26.09.191;

(e) Minimize the child's exposure to harmful parental conflict;

(f) Encourage the parents, where appropriate under RCW 26.09.187 and 26.09.191, to meet their responsibilities to their minor children through agreements in the permanent parenting plan, rather than by relying on judicial intervention; and

(g) To otherwise protect the best interests of the child consistent with RCW 26.09.002.

(2) **CONTENTS OF THE PERMANENT PARENTING PLAN.** The permanent parenting plan shall contain provisions for resolution of future disputes between the parents, allocation of decision-making authority, and residential provisions for the child.

(3) **DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** A process for resolving disputes, other than court action, shall be provided unless precluded or limited by RCW 26.09.187 or 26.09.191. A dispute resolution process may include counseling, mediation, or arbitration by a specified individual or agency, or court action. In the dispute resolution process:

(a) Preference shall be given to carrying out the parenting plan;

(b) The parents shall use the designated process to resolve disputes relating to implementation of the plan, except those related to financial support, unless an emergency exists;

(c) A written record shall be prepared of any agreement reached in counseling or mediation and of each arbitration award and shall be provided to each party;

(d) If the court finds that a parent has used or frustrated the dispute resolution process without good reason, the court shall award attorneys' fees and financial sanctions to the prevailing parent;

(e) The parties have the right of review from the dispute resolution process to the superior court; and

(f) The provisions of (a) through (e) of this subsection shall be set forth in the decree.

(4) ALLOCATION OF DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY.

(a) The plan shall allocate decision-making authority to one or both parties regarding the children's education, health care, and religious upbringing. The parties may incorporate an agreement related to the care and growth of the child in these specified areas, or in other areas, into their plan, consistent with the criteria in RCW 26.09.187 and 26.09.191. Regardless of the allocation of decision-making in the parenting plan, either parent may make emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of the child.

(b) Each parent may make decisions regarding the day-to-day care and control of the child while the child is residing with that parent.

(c) When mutual decision making is designated but cannot be achieved, the parties shall make a good-faith effort to resolve the issue through the dispute resolution process.

(5) RESIDENTIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE CHILD. The plan shall include a residential schedule which designates in which parent's home each minor child shall reside on given days of the year, including provision for holidays, birthdays of family members, vacations, and other special occasions, consistent with the criteria in RCW 26.09.187 and 26.09.191.

(6) PARENTS' OBLIGATION UNAFFECTED. If a parent fails to comply with a provision of a parenting plan or a child support order, the other parent's obligations under the parenting plan or the child support order are not affected. Failure to comply with a provision in a parenting plan or a child support order may result in a finding of contempt of court, under RCW 26.09.160.

(7) PROVISIONS TO BE SET FORTH IN PERMANENT PARENTING PLAN. The permanent parenting plan shall set forth the provisions of subsections (3) (a) through (c), (4) (b) and (c), and (6) of this section. [1991 c 367 § 7; 1989 c 375 § 9; 1987 c 460 § 8.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

Custody, designation of for purposes of other statutes: RCW 26.09.285.

Failure to comply with decree or temporary injunction—Obligations not suspended: RCW 26.09.160.

26.09.187 Criteria for establishing permanent parenting plan. (1) **DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS.** The court shall not order a dispute resolution process, except court action, when it finds that any limiting factor under RCW 26.09.191 applies, or when it finds that either parent is unable to afford the cost of the proposed dispute resolution process. If a dispute resolution process is not precluded or limited, then in designating such a process the court shall consider all relevant factors, including:

(a) Differences between the parents that would substantially inhibit their effective participation in any designated process;

(b) The parents' wishes or agreements and, if the parents have entered into agreements, whether the agreements were made knowingly and voluntarily; and

(c) Differences in the parents' financial circumstances that may affect their ability to participate fully in a given dispute resolution process.

(2) ALLOCATION OF DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY.

(a) AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES. The court shall approve agreements of the parties allocating decision-making authority, or specifying rules in the areas listed in RCW 26.09.184(4)(a), when it finds that:

(i) The agreement is consistent with any limitations on a parent's decision-making authority mandated by RCW 26.09.191; and

(ii) The agreement is knowing and voluntary.

(b) SOLE DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY. The court shall order sole decision-making to one parent when it finds that:

(i) A limitation on the other parent's decision-making authority is mandated by RCW 26.09.191;

(ii) Both parents are opposed to mutual decision making;

(iii) One parent is opposed to mutual decision making, and such opposition is reasonable based on the criteria in (c) of this subsection;

(c) MUTUAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY. Except as provided in (a) and (b) of this subsection, the court shall consider the following criteria in allocating decision-making authority:

(i) The existence of a limitation under RCW 26.09.191;

(ii) The history of participation of each parent in decision making in each of the areas in RCW 26.09.184(4)(a);

(iii) Whether the parents have a demonstrated ability and desire to cooperate with one another in decision making in each of the areas in RCW 26.09.184(4)(a); and

(iv) The parents' geographic proximity to one another, to the extent that it affects their ability to make timely mutual decisions.

(3) RESIDENTIAL PROVISIONS.

(a) The court shall make residential provisions for each child which encourage each parent to maintain a loving, stable, and nurturing relationship with the child, consistent with the child's developmental level and the family's social and economic circumstances. The child's residential schedule shall be consistent with RCW 26.09.191. Where the limitations of RCW 26.09.191 are not dispositive of the child's residential schedule, the court shall consider the following factors:

(i) The relative strength, nature, and stability of the child's relationship with each parent, including whether a parent has taken greater responsibility for performing parenting functions relating to the daily needs of the child;

(ii) The agreements of the parties, provided they were entered into knowingly and voluntarily;

(iii) Each parent's past and potential for future performance of parenting functions;

(iv) The emotional needs and developmental level of the child;

(v) The child's relationship with siblings and with other significant adults, as well as the child's involvement with his or her physical surroundings, school, or other significant activities;

(vi) The wishes of the parents and the wishes of a child who is sufficiently mature to express reasoned and independent preferences as to his or her residential schedule; and

(vii) Each parent's employment schedule, and shall make accommodations consistent with those schedules.

Factor (i) shall be given the greatest weight.

(b) The court may order that a child frequently alternate his or her residence between the households of the parents for brief and substantially equal intervals of time only if the court finds the following:

(i) No limitation exists under RCW 26.09.191;

(ii)(A) The parties have agreed to such provisions and the agreement was knowingly and voluntarily entered into; or

(B) The parties have a satisfactory history of cooperation and shared performance of parenting functions; the parties are available to each other, especially in geographic proximity, to the extent necessary to ensure their ability to share performance of the parenting functions; and

(iii) The provisions are in the best interests of the child. [1989 c 375 § 10; 1987 c 460 § 9.]

Custody, designation of for purposes of other statutes: RCW 26.09.285.

26.09.191 Restrictions in temporary or permanent parenting plans. (1) The permanent parenting plan shall not require mutual decision-making or designation of a dispute resolution process other than court action if it is found that a parent has engaged in any of the following conduct: (a) Willful abandonment that continues for an extended period of time or substantial refusal to perform parenting functions; (b) physical, sexual, or a pattern of emotional abuse of a child; or (c) a history of acts of domestic violence as defined in RCW 26.50.010(1) or an assault or sexual assault which causes grievous bodily harm or the fear of such harm.

(2)(a) The parent's residential time with the child shall be limited if it is found that the parent has engaged in any of the following conduct: (i) Willful abandonment that continues for an extended period of time or substantial refusal to perform parenting functions; (ii) physical, sexual, or a pattern of emotional abuse of a child; or (iii) a history of acts of domestic violence as defined in RCW 26.50.010(1) or an assault or sexual assault which causes grievous bodily harm or the fear of such harm. This subsection shall not apply when (c) of this subsection applies.

(b) The parent's residential time with the child shall be limited if it is found that the parent resides with a person who has engaged in any of the following conduct: (i) Physical, sexual, or a pattern of emotional abuse of a child; or (ii) a history of acts of domestic violence as defined in RCW 26.50.010(1) or an assault or sexual assault that causes grievous bodily harm or the fear of such harm. This subsection (2)(b) shall not apply when (c) of this subsection applies.

(c) If a parent has been convicted as an adult of a sexual offense under RCW 9A.64.020 or chapter 9.68A or 9A.44 RCW, or has been found to be a sexual predator under chapter 71.09 RCW, the court shall restrain the parent from contact with a child that would otherwise be allowed under this chapter. If a parent resides with an adult who has been convicted, or with a juvenile who has been adjudicated, of a sexual offense under RCW 9A.64.020 or chapter 9.68A or 9A.44 RCW, or who has been found to be a sexual predator under chapter 71.09 RCW, the court shall restrain the parent from contact with the parent's child except contact that occurs outside that person's presence.

(d)(i) The limitations imposed by the court under (a) or (b) of this subsection shall be reasonably calculated to protect the child from physical, sexual, or emotional abuse or harm that could result if the child has contact with the parent requesting residential time. If the court expressly finds based on the evidence that limitation on the residential time with the child will not adequately protect the child from the harm or abuse that could result if the child has contact with the parent requesting residential time, the court shall restrain the parent requesting residential time from all contact with the child.

(ii) The court shall not enter an order under (a) of this subsection allowing a parent to have contact with a child if the parent has been found by clear and convincing evidence in a civil action or by a preponderance of the evidence in a dependency action to have sexually abused the child, except upon recommendation by an evaluator or therapist for the child that the child is ready for contact with the parent and will not be harmed by the contact. The court shall not enter an order allowing a parent to have contact with the child if the parent resides with a person who has been found by clear and convincing evidence in a civil action or by a preponderance of the evidence in a dependency action to have sexually abused a child, unless the court finds that the parent accepts that the person engaged in the harmful conduct and the parent is willing to and capable of protecting the child from harm from the person.

(iii) If the court limits residential time under (a) or (b) of this subsection to require supervised contact between the child and the parent, the court shall not approve of a supervisor for contact between a child and a parent who has engaged in physical, sexual, or a pattern of emotional abuse of the child unless the court finds based upon the evidence that the supervisor accepts that the harmful conduct occurred and is willing to and capable of protecting the child from harm. The court shall revoke court approval of the supervisor upon finding, based on the evidence, that the supervisor has failed to protect the child or is no longer willing to or capable of protecting the child.

(e) If the court expressly finds based on the evidence that contact between the parent and the child will not cause physical, sexual, or emotional abuse or harm to the child and that the probability that the parent's or other person's harmful or abusive conduct will recur is so remote that it would not be in the child's best interests to apply the limitations of (a), (b), and (d) (i) and (iii) of this subsection, or if the court expressly finds the parent's conduct did not have an impact on the child, then the court need not apply the limitations of (a), (b), and (d) (i) and (iii) of this subsection. The weight given to the existence of a protection

order issued under chapter 26.50 RCW as to domestic violence is within the discretion of the court. This subsection shall not apply when (c) and (d)(ii) of this subsection apply.

(3) A parent's involvement or conduct may have an adverse effect on the child's best interests, and the court may preclude or limit any provisions of the parenting plan, if any of the following factors exist:

(a) A parent's neglect or substantial nonperformance of parenting functions;

(b) A long-term emotional or physical impairment which interferes with the parent's performance of parenting functions as defined in RCW 26.09.004;

(c) A long-term impairment resulting from drug, alcohol, or other substance abuse that interferes with the performance of parenting functions;

(d) The absence or substantial impairment of emotional ties between the parent and the child;

(e) The abusive use of conflict by the parent which creates the danger of serious damage to the child's psychological development;

(f) A parent has withheld from the other parent access to the child for a protracted period without good cause; or

(g) Such other factors or conduct as the court expressly finds adverse to the best interests of the child.

(4) In entering a permanent parenting plan, the court shall not draw any presumptions from the provisions of the temporary parenting plan.

(5) In determining whether any of the conduct described in this section has occurred, the court shall apply the civil rules of evidence, proof, and procedure. [1994 c 267 § 1. Prior: 1989 c 375 § 11; 1989 c 326 § 1; 1987 c 460 § 10.]

Effective date—1994 c 267: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [April 1, 1994]." [1994 c 267 § 6.]

26.09.194 Proposed temporary parenting plan—Temporary order—Amendment—Vacation of order.

(1) A parent seeking a temporary order relating to parenting shall file and serve a proposed temporary parenting plan by motion. The other parent, if contesting the proposed temporary parenting plan, shall file and serve a responsive proposed parenting plan. Either parent may move to have a proposed temporary parenting plan entered as part of a temporary order. The parents may enter an agreed temporary parenting plan at any time as part of a temporary order. The proposed temporary parenting plan may be supported by relevant evidence and shall be accompanied by an affidavit or declaration which shall state at a minimum the following:

(a) The name, address, and length of residence with the person or persons with whom the child has lived for the preceding twelve months;

(b) The performance by each parent during the last twelve months of the parenting functions relating to the daily needs of the child;

(c) The parents' work and child-care schedules for the preceding twelve months;

(d) The parents' current work and child-care schedules; and

(e) Any of the circumstances set forth in RCW 26.09.191 that are likely to pose a serious risk to the child

and that warrant limitation on the award to a parent of temporary residence or time with the child pending entry of a permanent parenting plan.

(2) At the hearing, the court shall enter a temporary parenting order incorporating a temporary parenting plan which includes:

(a) A schedule for the child's time with each parent when appropriate;

(b) Designation of a temporary residence for the child;

(c) Allocation of decision-making authority, if any. Absent allocation of decision-making authority consistent with RCW 26.09.187(2), neither party shall make any decision for the child other than those relating to day-to-day or emergency care of the child, which shall be made by the party who is present with the child;

(d) Provisions for temporary support for the child; and

(e) Restraining orders, if applicable, under RCW 26.09.060.

(3) A parent may make a motion for an order to show cause and the court may enter a temporary order, including a temporary parenting plan, upon a showing of necessity.

(4) A parent may move for amendment of a temporary parenting plan, and the court may order amendment to the temporary parenting plan, if the amendment conforms to the limitations of RCW 26.09.191 and is in the best interest of the child.

(5) If a proceeding for dissolution of marriage, legal separation, or declaration of invalidity is dismissed, any temporary order or temporary parenting plan is vacated. [1987 c 460 § 13.]

26.09.197 Issuance of temporary parenting plan—

Criteria. After considering the affidavit required by RCW 26.09.194(1) and other relevant evidence presented, the court shall make a temporary parenting plan that is in the best interest of the child. In making this determination, the court shall give particular consideration to:

(1) Which parent has taken greater responsibility during the last twelve months for performing parenting functions relating to the daily needs of the child; and

(2) Which parenting arrangements will cause the least disruption to the child's emotional stability while the action is pending.

The court shall also consider the factors used to determine residential provisions in the permanent parenting plan. [1987 c 460 § 14.]

26.09.210 Parenting plans—Interview with child by court—Advice of professional personnel.

The court may interview the child in chambers to ascertain the child's wishes as to the child's residential schedule in a proceeding for dissolution of marriage, legal separation, or declaration of invalidity. The court may permit counsel to be present at the interview. The court shall cause a record of the interview to be made and to be made part of the record in the case.

The court may seek the advice of professional personnel whether or not they are employed on a regular basis by the court. The advice given shall be in writing and shall be made available by the court to counsel upon request. Counsel may call for cross-examination any professional

personnel consulted by the court. [1987 c 460 § 15; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 21.]

26.09.220 Parenting arrangements—Investigation and report—Appointment of guardian ad litem. (1) The court may order an investigation and report concerning parenting arrangements for the child, or may appoint a guardian ad litem pursuant to RCW 26.12.175, or both. The investigation and report may be made by the guardian ad litem, the staff of the juvenile court, or other professional social service organization experienced in counseling children and families.

(2) In preparing the report concerning a child, the investigator may consult any person who may have information about the child and the potential parenting or custodian arrangements. Upon order of the court, the investigator may refer the child to professional personnel for diagnosis. The investigator may consult with and obtain information from medical, psychiatric, or other expert persons who have served the child in the past without obtaining the consent of the parent or the child's custodian; but the child's consent must be obtained if the child has reached the age of twelve, unless the court finds that the child lacks mental capacity to consent. If the requirements of subsection (3) of this section are fulfilled, the investigator's report may be received in evidence at the hearing.

(3) The investigator shall mail the investigator's report to counsel and to any party not represented by counsel at least ten days prior to the hearing unless a shorter time is ordered by the court for good cause shown. The investigator shall make available to counsel and to any party not represented by counsel the investigator's file of underlying data and reports, complete texts of diagnostic reports made to the investigator pursuant to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, and the names and addresses of all persons whom the investigator has consulted. Any party to the proceeding may call the investigator and any person whom the investigator has consulted for cross-examination. A party may not waive the right of cross-examination prior to the hearing. [1993 c 289 § 1; 1989 c 375 § 12; 1987 c 460 § 16; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 22.]

Authority to make reports to assist courts of other states: RCW 26.27.200.

26.09.225 Access to child's education and health care records. (1) Each parent shall have full and equal access to the education and health care records of the child absent a court order to the contrary. Neither parent may veto the access requested by the other parent.

(2) Educational records are limited to academic, attendance, and disciplinary records of public and private schools in all grades kindergarten through twelve and any form of alternative school for all periods for which child support is paid or the child is the dependent in fact of the parent requesting access to the records.

(3) Educational records of postsecondary educational institutions are limited to enrollment and academic records necessary to determine, establish, or continue support ordered pursuant to RCW 26.19.090. [1991 sp.s. c 28 § 3; 1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 18; 1987 c 460 § 17.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 sp.s. c 28: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

Effective dates—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

26.09.240 Visitation rights—Person other than parent. The court may order visitation rights for a person other than a parent when visitation may serve the best interest of the child whether or not there has been any change of circumstances.

A person other than a parent may petition the court for visitation rights at any time.

The court may modify an order granting or denying visitation rights whenever modification would serve the best interests of the child. [1989 c 375 § 13; 1987 c 460 § 18; 1977 ex.s. c 271 § 1; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 24.]

26.09.255 Remedies when a child is taken, enticed, or concealed. A relative, as defined in RCW 9A.40.010, may bring civil action against any other relative if, with intent to deny access to a child by that relative of the child who has a right to physical custody of or visitation with the child or a parent with whom the child resides pursuant to a parenting plan order, the relative takes, entices, or conceals the child from that relative. The plaintiff may be awarded, in addition to any damages awarded by the court, the reasonable expenses incurred by the plaintiff in locating the child, including, but not limited to, investigative services and reasonable attorneys' fees. [1987 c 460 § 22; 1984 c 95 § 6.]

Severability—1984 c 95: See note following RCW 9A.40.060.

26.09.260 Modification of parenting plan or custody decree. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, the court shall not modify a prior custody decree or a parenting plan unless it finds, upon the basis of facts that have arisen since the prior decree or plan or that were unknown to the court at the time of the prior decree or plan, that a substantial change has occurred in the circumstances of the child or the nonmoving party and that the modification is in the best interest of the child and is necessary to serve the best interests of the child.

(2) In applying these standards, the court shall retain the residential schedule established by the decree or parenting plan unless:

(a) The parents agree to the modification;

(b) The child has been integrated into the family of the petitioner with the consent of the other parent in substantial deviation from the parenting plan;

(c) The child's present environment is detrimental to the child's physical, mental, or emotional health and the harm likely to be caused by a change of environment is outweighed by the advantage of a change to the child; or

(d) The court has found the nonmoving parent in contempt of court at least twice within three years because the parent failed to comply with the residential time provisions in the court-ordered parenting plan, or the parent has been convicted of custodial interference in the first or second degree under RCW 9A.40.060 or 9A.40.070.

(3) A conviction of custodial interference in the first or second degree under RCW 9A.40.060 or 9A.40.070 shall constitute a substantial change of circumstances for the purposes of this section.

(4) The court may order adjustments to a parenting plan upon a showing of a substantial change in circumstances of either parent or of the child, and without consideration of the factors set forth in subsection (2) of this section, if the proposed modification is only a:

- (a) Modification in the dispute resolution process; or
- (b) Minor modification in the residential schedule that:
 - (i) Does not change the residence the child is scheduled to reside in the majority of the time; and
 - (ii) Does not exceed twenty-four full days in a calendar year or five full days in a calendar month; or
 - (iii) Is based on a change of residence or an involuntary change in work schedule by a parent which makes the residential schedule in the parenting plan impractical to follow.

(5) If the court finds that a motion to modify a prior decree or parenting plan has been brought in bad faith, the court shall assess the attorney's fees and court costs of the nonmoving parent against the moving party. [1991 c 367 § 9. Prior: 1989 c 375 § 14; 1989 c 318 § 3; 1987 c 460 § 19; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 26.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

Severability—1989 c 318: See note following RCW 26.09.160.

26.09.270 Child custody—Temporary custody order, temporary parenting plan, or modification of custody decree—Affidavits required. A party seeking a temporary custody order or a temporary parenting plan or modification of a custody decree or parenting plan shall submit together with his motion, an affidavit setting forth facts supporting the requested order or modification and shall give notice, together with a copy of his affidavit, to other parties to the proceedings, who may file opposing affidavits. The court shall deny the motion unless it finds that adequate cause for hearing the motion is established by the affidavits, in which case it shall set a date for hearing on an order to show cause why the requested order or modification should not be granted. [1989 c 375 § 15; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 27.]

26.09.280 Parenting plan or child support modification or enforcement—Venue. Every action or proceeding to change, modify, or enforce any final order, judgment, or decree entered in any dissolution or legal separation or declaration concerning the validity of a marriage, whether under this chapter or prior law, regarding the parenting plan or child support for the minor children of the marriage may be brought in the county where the minor children are then residing, or in the court in which the final order, judgment, or decree was entered, or in the county where the parent or other person who has the care, custody, or control of the children is then residing. [1991 c 367 § 10; 1987 c 460 § 20; 1975 c 32 § 4; 1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 28.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.09.285 Designation of custody for the purpose of other state and federal statutes. Solely for the purposes of all other state and federal statutes which require a designation or determination of custody, a parenting plan shall

designate the parent with whom the child is scheduled to reside a majority of the time as the custodian of the child. However, this designation shall not affect either parent's rights and responsibilities under the parenting plan. In the absence of such a designation, the parent with whom the child is scheduled to reside the majority of the time shall be deemed to be the custodian of the child for the purposes of such federal and state statutes. [1989 c 375 § 16; 1987 c 460 § 21.]

26.09.290 Final decree of divorce nunc pro tunc. Whenever either of the parties in a divorce action is, under the law, entitled to a final judgment, but by mistake, negligence, or inadvertence the same has not been signed, filed, or entered, if no appeal has been taken from the interlocutory order or motion for a new trial made, the court, on the motion of either party thereto or upon its own motion, may cause a final judgment to be signed, dated, filed, and entered therein granting the divorce as of the date when the same could have been given or made by the court if applied for. The court may cause such final judgment to be signed, dated, filed, and entered nunc pro tunc as aforesaid, even though a final judgment may have been previously entered where by mistake, negligence or inadvertence the same has not been signed, filed, or entered as soon as such final judgment, the parties to such action shall be deemed to have been restored to the status of single persons as of the date affixed to such judgment, and any marriage of either of such parties subsequent to six months after the granting of the interlocutory order as shown by the minutes of the court, and after the final judgment could have been entered under the law if applied for, shall be valid for all purposes as of the date affixed to such final judgment, upon the filing thereof. [1973 1st ex.s. c 157 § 29.]

26.09.300 Restraining orders—Notice—Refusal to comply—Arrest—Penalty—Defense—Peace officers, immunity. (1) Whenever a restraining order is issued under this chapter, and the person to be restrained knows of the order, a violation of the provisions restricting the person from acts or threats of violence or of a provision excluding the person from the residence is a misdemeanor.

(2) A person is deemed to have notice of a restraining order if:

(a) The person to be restrained or the person's attorney signed the order;

(b) The order recites that the person to be restrained or the person's attorney appeared in person before the court;

(c) The order was served upon the person to be restrained; or

(d) The peace officer gives the person oral or written evidence of the order by reading from it or handing to the person a certified copy of the original order, certified to be an accurate copy of the original by a notary public or by the clerk of the court.

(3) A peace officer shall verify the existence of a restraining order by:

(a) Obtaining information confirming the existence and terms of the order from a law enforcement agency; or

(b) Obtaining a certified copy of the order, certified to be an accurate copy of the original by a notary public or by the clerk of the court.

(4) A peace officer shall arrest and take into custody, pending release on bail, personal recognizance, or court order, a person without a warrant when the officer has probable cause to believe that:

(a) A restraining order has been issued under this chapter;

(b) The respondent or person to be restrained knows of the order; and

(c) The person to be arrested has violated the terms of the order restraining the person from acts or threats of violence or excluding the person from the residence.

(5) It is a defense to prosecution under subsection (1) of this section that the court order was issued contrary to law or court rule.

(6) No peace officer may be held criminally or civilly liable for making an arrest under subsection (4) of this section if the officer acts in good faith and without malice. [1984 c 263 § 28; 1974 ex.s. c 99 § 1.]

Effective date—Severability—1984 c 263: See RCW 26.50.901 and 26.50.902.

26.09.310 Provision of health care to minor—Immunity of health care provider. No health care provider or facility, or their agent, shall be liable for damages in any civil action brought by a parent or guardian based only on a lack of the parent or guardian's consent for medical care of a minor child, if consent to the care has been given by a parent or guardian of the minor. The immunity provided by this section shall apply regardless of whether:

(1) The parents are married, unmarried, or separated at the time of consent or treatment;

(2) The consenting parent is, or is not, a custodial parent of the minor;

(3) The giving of consent by a parent is, or is not, full performance of any agreement between the parents, or of any order or decree in any action entered pursuant to chapter 26.09 RCW;

(4) The action or suit is brought by or on behalf of the nonconsenting parent, the minor child, or any other person. [1989 c 377 § 1.]

26.09.900 Construction—Pending divorce actions. Notwithstanding the repeals of prior laws enumerated in section 30, chapter 157, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess., actions for divorce which were properly and validly pending in the superior courts of this state as of the effective date of such repealer (July 15, 1973) shall be governed and may be pursued to conclusion under the provisions of law applicable thereto at the time of commencement of such action and all decrees and orders heretofore or hereafter in all other respects regularly entered in such proceedings are declared valid: PROVIDED, That upon proper cause being shown at any time before final decree, the court may convert such action to an action for dissolution of marriage as provided for in RCW 26.09.901. [1974 ex.s. c 15 § 1.]

26.09.901 Conversion of pending action to dissolution proceeding. Any divorce action which was filed prior

to July 15, 1973 and for which a final decree has not been entered on February 11, 1974, may, upon order of the superior court having jurisdiction over such proceeding for good cause shown, be converted to a dissolution proceeding and thereafter be continued under the provisions of this chapter. [1974 ex.s. c 15 § 2.]

26.09.902 RCW 26.09.900 and 26.09.901 deemed in effect on July 16, 1973. The provisions of RCW 26.09.900 and 26.09.901 are remedial and procedural and shall be construed to have been in effect as of July 16, 1973. [1974 ex.s. c 15 § 3.]

26.09.905 Construction of chapter with uniform child custody jurisdiction act (chapter 26.27 RCW). See RCW 26.27.900.

26.09.907 Construction—Pending actions as of January 1, 1988. Notwithstanding the repeals of prior laws, actions which were properly and validly pending in the superior courts of this state as of January 1, 1988, shall not be governed by chapter 460, Laws of 1987 but shall be governed by the provisions of law in effect on December 31, 1987. [1989 c 375 § 17; 1987 c 460 § 23.]

26.09.909 Decrees entered into prior to January 1, 1988. (1) Decrees under this chapter involving child custody, visitation, or child support entered in actions commenced prior to January 1, 1988, shall be deemed to be parenting plans for purposes of this chapter.

(2) The enactment of the 1987 revisions to this chapter does not constitute substantially changed circumstances for the purposes of modifying decrees entered under this chapter in actions commenced prior to January 1, 1988, involving child custody, visitation, or child support. Any action to modify any decree involving child custody, visitation, child support, or a parenting plan shall be governed by the provisions of this chapter.

(3) Actions brought for clarification or interpretation of decrees entered under this chapter in actions commenced prior to January 1, 1988, shall be determined under the law in effect immediately prior to January 1, 1988. [1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 16; 1989 c 375 § 18; 1987 c 460 § 24.]

Effective dates—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

26.09.910 Short title—1987 c 460. This act shall be known as the parenting act of 1987. [1987 c 460 § 57.]

26.09.911 Section captions—1987 c 460. Section captions as used in this act do not constitute any part of the law. [1987 c 460 § 58.]

26.09.912 Effective date—1987 c 460. This act shall take effect on January 1, 1988. [1987 c 460 § 59.]

26.09.913 Severability—1987 c 460. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this act or the application of

the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1987 c 460 § 60.]

26.09.914 Severability—1989 c 375. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1989 c 375 § 33.]

Chapter 26.10

NONPARENTAL ACTIONS FOR CHILD CUSTODY

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26.10.010 Intent. It is the intent of the legislature to reenact and continue the law relating to third-party actions involving custody of minor children in order to distinguish that body of law from the *1987 parenting act amendments to chapter 26.09 RCW, which previously contained these provisions. [1987 c 460 § 25.]

***Reviser's note:** For codification of the 1987 parenting act, 1987 c 460, see Codification Tables, Volume 0.

26.10.015 Mandatory use of approved forms. (1) Effective January 1, 1992, a party shall not file any pleading

with the clerk of the court in an action commenced under this chapter unless on forms approved by the administrator for the courts.

(2) The parties shall comply with requirements for submission to the court of forms as provided in RCW 26.18.220. [1992 c 229 § 4; 1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 27.]

Effective dates—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

26.10.020 Civil practice to govern—Designation of proceedings—Decrees. (1) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, the practice in civil action shall govern all proceedings under this chapter, except that trial by jury is dispensed with.

(2) In cases where a party other than a parent seeks custody of a minor child, a separate custody proceeding shall be entitled "In re the custody of"

(3) The initial pleading in all proceedings under this chapter shall be denominated a petition. A responsive pleading shall be denominated a response. Other pleadings, and all pleadings in other matters under this chapter shall be denominated as provided in the civil rules for superior court. [1987 c 460 § 26.]

26.10.030 Child custody proceeding—Commencement—Notice—Intervention. (1) Except as authorized for proceedings brought under chapter 26.50 RCW in district or municipal courts, a child custody proceeding is commenced in the superior court by a person other than a parent, by filing a petition seeking custody of the child in the county where the child is permanently resident or where the child is found, but only if the child is not in the physical custody of one of its parents or if the petitioner alleges that neither parent is a suitable custodian.

(2) Notice of a child custody proceeding shall be given to the child's parent, guardian and custodian, who may appear and be heard and may file a responsive pleading. The court may, upon a showing of good cause, permit the intervention of other interested parties. [1987 c 460 § 27.]

26.10.040 Provisions for child support, custody, and visitation—Federal tax exemption—Continuing restraining orders. In entering an order under this chapter, the court shall consider, approve, or make provision for:

(1) Child custody, visitation, and the support of any child entitled to support;

(2) The allocation of the children as a federal tax exemption; and

(3) Any necessary continuing restraining orders, including the provisions contained in RCW 9.41.800. [1994 1st sp.s. c 7 § 453; 1989 c 375 § 31; 1987 c 460 § 28.]

Finding—Intent—Severability—1994 1st sp.s. c 7: See notes following RCW 43.70.540.

Effective date—1994 1st sp.s. c 7 §§ 401-410, 413-416, 418-437, and 439-460: See note following RCW 9.41.010.

Severability—1989 c 375: See RCW 26.09.914.

26.10.045 Child support schedule. A determination of child support shall be based upon the child support schedule and standards adopted under *RCW 26.19.040. [1988 c 275 § 12.]

***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.

26.10.050 Child support by parents—Apportionment of expense. In a custody proceeding, the court may order either or both parents owing a duty of support to any child of the marriage dependent upon either or both spouses to pay an amount reasonable or necessary for the child's support. [1987 c 460 § 29.]

26.10.060 Health insurance coverage—Conditions. In entering or modifying a custody order under this chapter, the court shall require either or both parents to maintain or provide health insurance coverage for any dependent child if the following conditions are met:

(1) Health insurance that can be extended to cover the child is available to that parent through an employer or other organization; and

(2) The employer or other organization offering health insurance will contribute all or a part of the premium for coverage of the child.

A parent who is required to extend insurance coverage to a child under this section is liable for any covered health care costs for which the parent receives direct payment from an insurer.

This section shall not be construed to limit the authority of the court to enter or modify support orders containing provisions for payment of medical expenses, medical costs, or insurance premiums which are in addition to and not inconsistent with this section. "Health insurance" as used in this section does not include medical assistance provided under chapter 74.09 RCW. [1989 c 375 § 19; 1987 c 460 § 30.]

Severability—1989 c 375: See RCW 26.09.914.

26.10.070 Minor or dependent child—Court appointed attorney to represent—Payment of costs, fees, and disbursements. The court may appoint an attorney to represent the interests of a minor or dependent child with respect to custody, support, and visitation. The court shall enter an order for costs, fees, and disbursements in favor of the child's attorney. The order shall be made against any or all parties, except that, if all parties are indigent, the costs, fees, and disbursements shall be borne by the county. [1989 c 375 § 20; 1987 c 460 § 31.]

Severability—1989 c 375: See RCW 26.09.914.

26.10.080 Payment of costs, attorney's fees, etc. The court from time to time, after considering the financial resources of all parties, may order a party to pay a reasonable amount for the cost to the other party of maintaining or defending any proceeding under this chapter and for reasonable attorney's fees or other professional fees in connection therewith, including sums for legal services rendered and costs incurred prior to the commencement of the proceeding or enforcement or modification proceedings after entry of judgment.

Upon any appeal, the appellate court may, in its discretion, order a party to pay for the cost to the other party

of maintaining the appeal and attorney's fees in addition to statutory costs.

The court may order that the attorney's fees be paid directly to the attorney who may enforce the order in his or her name. [1987 c 460 § 35.]

26.10.090 Failure to comply with decree or temporary injunction—Obligation to make support payments or permit visitation not suspended—Motion. If a party fails to comply with a provision of an order or temporary order of injunction, the obligation of the other party to make payments for support or to permit visitation is not suspended, but the party may move the court to grant an appropriate order. [1987 c 460 § 36.]

26.10.100 Determination of custody—Child's best interests. The court shall determine custody in accordance with the best interests of the child. [1987 c 460 § 38.]

26.10.110 Temporary custody order—Vacation of order. A party to a custody proceeding may move for a temporary custody order. The motion must be supported by an affidavit as provided in RCW 26.10.200. The court may award temporary custody after a hearing, or, if there is no objection, solely on the basis of the affidavits.

If a custody proceeding commenced under this chapter is dismissed, any temporary order is vacated. [1987 c 460 § 39.]

26.10.115 Temporary orders—Support—Restraining orders—Preservation of support debt. (1) In a proceeding under this chapter either party may file a motion for temporary support of children entitled to support. The motion shall be accompanied by an affidavit setting forth the factual basis for the motion and the amount requested.

(2) In a proceeding under this chapter either party may file a motion for a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction, providing relief proper in the circumstances, and restraining or enjoining any person from:

(a) Molesting or disturbing the peace of the other party or of any child;

(b) Entering the family home or the home of the other party upon a showing of the necessity therefor;

(c) Removing a child from the jurisdiction of the court.

(3) In issuing the order, the court shall consider the provisions of RCW 9.41.800.

(4) The court may issue a temporary restraining order without requiring notice to the other party only if it finds on the basis of the moving affidavit or other evidence that irreparable injury could result if an order is not issued until the time for responding has elapsed.

(5) The court may issue a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction and an order for temporary support in such amounts and on such terms as are just and proper in the circumstances.

(6) Restraining orders issued under this section restraining the person from molesting or disturbing another party or from entering a party's home shall bear the legend: VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER WITH ACTUAL NOTICE OF ITS TERMS IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE UNDER CHAPTER

26.10 RCW AND WILL SUBJECT A VIOLATOR TO ARREST.

(7) The court may order that any temporary restraining order granted under this section be forwarded by the clerk of the court on or before the next judicial day to the appropriate law enforcement agency specified in the order. Upon receipt of the order, the law enforcement agency shall forthwith enter the order for one year into any computer-based criminal intelligence information system available in this state used by law enforcement agencies to list outstanding warrants. Entry into the law enforcement information system constitutes notice to all law enforcement agencies of the existence of the order. The order is fully enforceable in any county in the state.

(8) A temporary order, temporary restraining order, or preliminary injunction:

(a) Does not prejudice the rights of a party or any child which are to be adjudicated at subsequent hearings in the proceeding;

(b) May be revoked or modified;

(c) Terminates when the final order is entered or when the motion is dismissed;

(d) May be entered in a proceeding for the modification of an existing order.

(9) A support debt owed to the state for public assistance expenditures which has been charged against a party pursuant to RCW 74.20A.040 and/or 74.20A.055 shall not be merged in, or otherwise extinguished by, the final decree or order, unless the office of support enforcement has been given notice of the final proceeding and an opportunity to present its claim for the support debt to the court and has failed to file an affidavit as provided in this subsection. Notice of the proceeding shall be served upon the office of support enforcement personally, or by certified mail, and shall be given no fewer than thirty days prior to the date of the final proceeding. An original copy of the notice shall be filed with the court either before service or within a reasonable time thereafter. The office of support enforcement may present its claim, and thereby preserve the support debt, by filing an affidavit setting forth the amount of the debt with the court, and by mailing a copy of the affidavit to the parties or their attorney prior to the date of the final proceeding. [1994 1st sp.s. c 7 § 454; 1989 c 375 § 32.]

Finding—Intent—Severability—1994 1st sp.s. c 7: See notes following RCW 43.70.540.

Effective date—1994 1st sp.s. c 7 §§ 401-410, 413-416, 418-437, and 439-460: See note following RCW 9.41.010.

Severability—1989 c 375: See RCW 26.09.914.

26.10.120 Interview with child by court—Advice of professional personnel. The court may interview the child in chambers to ascertain the child's wishes as to his or her custodian and as to visitation privileges. The court may permit counsel to be present at the interview. The court shall cause a record of the interview to be made and to be made part of the record in the case.

The court may seek the advice of professional personnel whether or not they are employed on a regular basis by the court. The advice given shall be in writing and shall be made available by the court to counsel upon request. Counsel may call for cross-examination any professional personnel consulted by the court. [1987 c 460 § 40.]

26.10.130 Investigation and report. (1) In contested custody proceedings, and in other custody proceedings if a parent or the child's custodian so requests, the court may order an investigation and report concerning custodian arrangements for the child, or may appoint a guardian ad litem pursuant to RCW 26.12.175, or both. The investigation and report may be made by the guardian ad litem, the staff of the juvenile court, or other professional social service organization experienced in counseling children and families.

(2) In preparing the report concerning a child, the investigator may consult any person who may have information about the child and potential custodian arrangements. Upon order of the court, the investigator may refer the child to professional personnel for diagnosis. The investigator may consult with and obtain information from medical, psychiatric, or other expert persons who have served the child in the past without obtaining the consent of the parent or the child's custodian; but the child's consent must be obtained if the child has reached the age of twelve, unless the court finds that the child lacks mental capacity to consent. If the requirements of subsection (3) of this section are fulfilled, the investigator's report may be received in evidence at the hearing.

(3) The investigator shall mail the investigator's report to counsel and to any party not represented by counsel at least ten days prior to the hearing unless a shorter time is ordered by the court for good cause shown. The investigator shall make available to counsel and to any party not represented by counsel the investigator's file of underlying data and reports, complete texts of diagnostic reports made to the investigator pursuant to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, and the names and addresses of all persons whom the investigator has consulted. Any party to the proceeding may call the investigator and any person whom the investigator has consulted for cross-examination. A party may not waive the right of cross-examination prior to the hearing. [1993 c 289 § 2; 1987 c 460 § 41.]

26.10.140 Hearing—Record—Expenses of witnesses. Custody proceedings shall receive priority in being set for hearing.

A party may petition the court to authorize the payment of necessary travel and other expenses incurred by any witness whose presence at the hearing the court deems necessary to determine the best interests of the child.

The court without a jury shall determine questions of law and fact. If it finds that a public hearing may be detrimental to the child's best interests, the court may exclude the public from a custody hearing, but may admit any person who has a direct and legitimate interest in the work of the court.

If the court finds it necessary to protect the child's welfare that the record of any interview, report, investigation, or testimony in a custody proceeding be kept secret, the court may make an appropriate order sealing the record. [1987 c 460 § 42.]

26.10.150 Access to child's education and medical records. Each parent shall have full and equal access to the

education and medical records of the child absent a court order to the contrary. [1987 c 460 § 43.]

26.10.160 Visitation rights—Limitations. (1) A parent not granted custody of the child is entitled to reasonable visitation rights except as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(2)(a) Visitation with the child shall be limited if it is found that the parent seeking visitation has engaged in any of the following conduct: (i) Willful abandonment that continues for an extended period of time or substantial refusal to perform parenting functions; (ii) physical, sexual, or a pattern of emotional abuse of a child; or (iii) a history of acts of domestic violence as defined in RCW 26.50.010(1) or an assault or sexual assault which causes grievous bodily harm or the fear of such harm. This subsection shall not apply when (c) of this subsection applies.

(b) The parent's residential time with the child shall be limited if it is found that the parent resides with a person who has engaged in any of the following conduct: (i) Physical, sexual, or a pattern of emotional abuse of a child; or (ii) a history of acts of domestic violence as defined in RCW 26.50.010(1) or an assault or sexual assault which causes grievous bodily harm or the fear of such harm.

(c) If a parent has been convicted as an adult of a sexual offense under RCW 9A.64.020 or chapter 9.68A or 9A.44 RCW, or has been found to be a sexual predator under chapter 71.09 RCW, the court shall restrain the parent from contact with a child that would otherwise be allowed under this chapter. If a parent resides with an adult who has been convicted, or with a juvenile who has been adjudicated, of a sexual offense under RCW 9A.64.020 or chapter 9.68A or 9A.44 RCW, or who has been found to be a sexual predator under chapter 71.09 RCW, the court shall restrain the parent from contact with the parent's child except contact that occurs outside that person's presence.

(d)(i) The limitations imposed by the court under (a) or (b) of this subsection shall be reasonably calculated to protect the child from the physical, sexual, or emotional abuse or harm that could result if the child has contact with the parent requesting visitation. If the court expressly finds based on the evidence that limitations on visitation with the child will not adequately protect the child from the harm or abuse that could result if the child has contact with the parent requesting visitation, the court shall restrain the person seeking visitation from all contact with the child.

(ii) The court shall not enter an order under (a) of this subsection allowing a parent to have contact with a child if the parent has been found by clear and convincing evidence in a civil action or by a preponderance of the evidence in a dependency action to have sexually abused the child, except upon recommendation by an evaluator or therapist for the child that the child is ready for contact with the parent and will not be harmed by the contact. The court shall not enter an order allowing a parent to have contact with the child if the parent resides with a person who has been found by clear and convincing evidence in a civil action or by a preponderance of the evidence in a dependency action to have sexually abused a child, unless the court finds that the parent accepts that the person engaged in the harmful conduct and the

parent is willing to and capable of protecting the child from harm from the person.

(iii) If the court limits residential time under (a) or (b) of this subsection to require supervised contact between the child and the parent, the court shall not approve of a supervisor for contact between a child and a parent who has engaged in physical, sexual, or a pattern of emotional abuse of the child unless the court finds based upon the evidence that the supervisor accepts that the harmful conduct occurred and is willing to and capable of protecting the child from harm. The court shall revoke court approval of the supervisor upon finding, based on the evidence, that the supervisor has failed to protect the child or is no longer willing to or capable of protecting the child.

(e) If the court expressly finds based on the evidence that contact between the parent and the child will not cause physical, sexual, or emotional abuse or harm to the child and that the probability that the parent's or other person's harmful or abusive conduct will recur is so remote that it would not be in the child's best interests to apply the limitations of (a), (b), and (d) (i) and (iii) of this subsection, or if the court expressly finds based on the evidence that the parent's conduct did not have an impact on the child, then the court need not apply the limitations of (a), (b), and (d) (i) and (iii) of this subsection. The weight given to the existence of a protection order issued under chapter 26.50 RCW as to domestic violence is within the discretion of the court. This subsection shall not apply when (c) and (d)(ii) of this subsection apply.

(3) Any person may petition the court for visitation rights at any time including, but not limited to, custody proceedings. The court may order visitation rights for any person when visitation may serve the best interest of the child whether or not there has been any change of circumstances.

(4) The court may modify an order granting or denying visitation rights whenever modification would serve the best interests of the child. Modification of a parent's visitation rights shall be subject to the requirements of subsection (2) of this section. [1994 c 267 § 2; 1989 c 326 § 2; 1987 c 460 § 44.]

Effective date—1994 c 267: See note following RCW 26.09.191.

26.10.170 Powers and duties of custodian—Supervision by appropriate agency when necessary. Except as otherwise agreed by the parties in writing at the time of the custody decree, the custodian may determine the child's upbringing, including education, health care, and religious training, unless the court after hearing, finds, upon motion by the noncustodial parent, that in the absence of a specific limitation of the custodian's authority, the child's physical, mental, or emotional health would be endangered.

If both parents or all contestants agree to the order, or if the court finds that in the absence of the order the child's physical, mental, or emotional health would be endangered, the court may order an appropriate agency which regularly deals with children to exercise continuing supervision over the case to assure that the custodial or visitation terms of the decree are carried out. Such order may be modified by the court at any time upon petition by either party. [1987 c 460 § 45.]

26.10.180 Remedies when a child is taken, enticed, or concealed. A relative, as defined in RCW 9A.40.010, may bring civil action against any other relative who, with intent to deny access to a child by another relative of the child who has a right to physical custody of or visitation with the child, takes, entices, or conceals the child from that relative. The plaintiff may be awarded, in addition to any damages awarded by the court, the reasonable expenses incurred by the plaintiff in locating the child, including, but not limited to, investigative services and reasonable attorneys' fees. [1989 c 375 § 21; 1987 c 460 § 46.]

Severability—1989 c 375: See RCW 26.09.914.

26.10.190 Child custody decree—Modification. (1) The court shall not modify a prior custody decree unless it finds, upon the basis of facts that have arisen since the prior decree or that were unknown to the court at the time of the prior decree, that a change has occurred in the circumstances of the child or the custodian and that the modification is necessary to serve the best interests of the child. In applying these standards, the court shall retain the custodian established by the prior decree unless:

(a) The custodian agrees to the modification;
 (b) The child has been integrated into the family of the petitioner with the consent of the custodian; or

(c) The child's present environment is detrimental to his or her physical, mental, or emotional health and the harm likely to be caused by a change of environment is outweighed by the advantage of a change to the child.

(2) If the court finds that a motion to modify a prior custody decree has been brought in bad faith, the court shall assess the attorney's fees and court costs of the custodian against the petitioner. [1989 c 375 § 24; 1987 c 460 § 47.]

Severability—1989 c 375: See RCW 26.09.914.

26.10.195 Modification of child support order—Child support order summary report. The party seeking the establishment or modification of a child support order shall file with the clerk of the court the child support order summary report. The summary report shall be on the form developed by the administrator for the courts pursuant to RCW 26.18.210. The party must complete the form and file the form with the court order. The clerk of the court must forward the form to the administrator for the courts on at least a monthly basis. [1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 24.]

Effective dates—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

26.10.200 Temporary custody order or modification of custody decree—Affidavits required. A party seeking a temporary custody order or modification of a custody decree shall submit together with his or her motion, an affidavit setting forth facts supporting the requested order or modification and shall give notice, together with a copy of the affidavit, to other parties to the proceedings, who may file opposing affidavits. The court shall deny the motion unless it finds that adequate cause for hearing the motion is established by the affidavits, in which case it shall set a date for hearing on an order to show cause why the requested order or modification should not be granted. [1987 c 460 § 48.]

26.10.210 Venue. Every action or proceeding to change, modify, or enforce any final order, judgment, or decree heretofore or hereafter entered, whether under this chapter or prior law, in relation to the care, custody, control, or support of the minor children may be brought in the county where the minor children are then residing, or in the court in which the final order, judgment, or decree was entered, or in the county where the parent or other person who has the care, custody, or control of the children is then residing. [1987 c 460 § 49.]

26.10.220 Restraining orders—Notice—Refusal to comply—Arrest—Penalty—Defense—Peace officers, immunity. (1) Whenever a restraining order is issued under this chapter, and the person to be restrained knows of the order, a violation of the provisions restricting the person from acts or threats of violence or of a provision excluding the person from the residence is a misdemeanor.

(2) A person is deemed to have notice of a restraining order if:

(a) The person to be restrained or the person's attorney signed the order;

(b) The order recites that the person to be restrained or the person's attorney appeared in person before the court;

(c) The order was served upon the person to be restrained; or

(d) The peace officer gives the person oral or written evidence of the order by reading from it or handing to the person a certified copy of the original order, certified to be an accurate copy of the original by a notary public or by the clerk of the court.

(3) A peace officer shall verify the existence of a restraining order by:

(a) Obtaining information confirming the existence and terms of the order from a law enforcement agency; or

(b) Obtaining a certified copy of the order, certified to be an accurate copy of the original by a notary public or by the clerk of the court.

(4) A peace officer shall arrest and take into custody, pending release on bail, personal recognizance, or court order, a person without a warrant when the officer has probable cause to believe that:

(a) A restraining order has been issued under this chapter;

(b) The respondent or person to be restrained knows of the order; and

(c) The person to be arrested has violated the terms of the order restraining the person from acts or threats of violence or excluding the person from the residence.

(5) It is a defense to prosecution under subsection (1) of this section that the court order was issued contrary to law or court rule.

(6) No peace officer may be held criminally or civilly liable for making an arrest under subsection (4) of this section if the officer acts in good faith and without malice. [1987 c 460 § 50.]

26.10.910 Short title—1987 c 460. See RCW 26.09.910.

26.10.911 Section captions—1987 c 460. See RCW 26.09.911.

26.10.912 Effective date—1987 c 460. See RCW 26.09.912.

26.10.913 Severability—1987 c 460. See RCW 26.09.913.

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26.12.010 Jurisdiction conferred on superior court—Family law proceeding defined. (1) Each superior court shall exercise the jurisdiction conferred by this chapter and while sitting in the exercise of such jurisdiction shall be known and referred to as the "family court." A family law proceeding under this chapter is any proceeding under this title or any proceeding in which the family court is requested to adjudicate or enforce the rights of the parties or their children regarding the determination or modification of parenting plans, child custody, visitation, or support, or the distribution of property or obligations.

(2) Superior court judges of a county may by majority vote, grant to the family court the power, authority, and jurisdiction, concurrent with the juvenile court, to hear and decide cases under Title 13 RCW. [1994 1st sp.s. c 7 § 537; 1991 c 367 § 11; 1983 c 219 § 1; 1949 c 50 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1949 § 997-30.]

Finding—Intent—Severability—1994 1st sp.s. c 7: See notes following RCW 43.70.540.

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.12.020 Designation of judge—Number of sessions. In counties having more than one judge of the superior court the judges of such court shall annually, in the month of January, designate one or more of their number to hear all cases under this chapter. The judge or judges so designated shall hold as many sessions of the family court in each week as are necessary for the prompt disposition of matters before the court. [1949 c 50 § 2; Rem. Supp. 1949 § 997-31.]

26.12.030 Transfer of cases to presiding judge. The judge of the family court may transfer any case before the family court pursuant to this chapter to the department of the presiding judge of the superior court for assignment for trial or other proceedings by another judge of the court, whenever in the opinion of the judge of the family court such transfer is necessary to expedite the business of the family court or to insure the prompt consideration of the case. When any case is so transferred, the judge to whom it is transferred shall act as the judge of the family court in the matter. [1949 c 50 § 3; Rem. Supp. 1949 § 997-32.]

26.12.040 Substitute judge of family court. In counties having more than one judge of the superior court the presiding judge may appoint a judge other than the judge of the family court to act as judge of the family court during any period when the judge of the family court is on vacation, absent, or for any reason unable to perform his duties. Any judge so appointed shall have all the powers and authority of a judge of the family court in cases under this chapter. [1949 c 50 § 4; Rem. Supp. 1949 § 997-33.]

26.12.050 Family courts—Appointment of assistants. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, in each county the superior court may appoint the following persons to assist the family court in disposing of its business:

(a) One or more attorneys to act as family court commissioners, and

(b) Such investigators, stenographers and clerks as the court shall find necessary to carry on the work of the family court.

(2) The county legislative authority must approve the creation of family court commissioner positions.

(3) The appointments provided for in this section shall be made by majority vote of the judges of the superior court of the county and may be made in addition to all other appointments of commissioners and other judicial attaches otherwise authorized by law. Family court commissioners and investigators shall serve at the pleasure of the judges appointing them and shall receive such compensation as the county legislative authority shall determine. The appointments may be full or part-time positions. A person appointed as a family court commissioner may also be appointed to any other commissioner position authorized by law. [1993 c 15 § 1; 1991 c 363 § 17; 1989 c 199 § 1; 1965 ex.s. c 83 § 1; 1949 c 50 § 5; Rem. Supp. 1949 § 997-34.]

Effective date—1993 c 15: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [April 12, 1993]." [1993 c 15 § 3.]

Purpose—Captions not law—1991 c 363: See notes following RCW 2.32.180.

Court

clerks, reporters, and bailiffs: Chapter 2.32 RCW.
commissioners and referees: Chapter 2.24 RCW.

26.12.060 Court commissioners—Duties. The court commissioners shall: (1) Make appropriate referrals to county family court services program if the county has a family court services program or appoint a guardian ad litem pursuant to RCW 26.12.175; (2) order investigation and reporting of the facts upon which to base warrants, subpoenas, orders or directions in actions or proceedings under this chapter; (3) exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of court commissioners; (4) make written reports of all proceedings had which shall become a part of the record of the family court; (5) provide supervision over the exercise of its jurisdiction as the judge of the family court may order; (6) cause the orders and findings of the family court to be entered in the same manner as orders and findings are entered in cases in the superior court; (7) cause other reports to be made and records kept as will indicate the value and extent of reconciliation, mediation, investigation, and treatment services; and (8) conduct hearings under chapter 13.34 RCW as provided in RCW 13.04.021. [1993 c 289 § 3; 1991 c 367 § 12; 1988 c 232 § 4; 1949 c 50 § 6; Rem. Supp. 1949 § 997-35.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.12.070 Probation officers—Powers and duties. The probation officer in every county shall give such assistance to the family court as may be requested to carry out the purposes of this chapter and to that end the probation officer shall, upon request, make investigations and reports as requested, and in cases pursuant to this chapter shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties granted or imposed by the laws of this state relating to probation or to probation officers. [1949 c 50 § 7; Rem. Supp. 1949 § 997-36.]

Indeterminate sentences: Chapter 9.95 RCW.

Probation officers—Appointment—Powers—Compensation: RCW 13.04.040.

26.12.080 Protection of privacy of parties. Whenever the court before whom any matter arising under this chapter is pending, deems publication of any matter before the court contrary to public policy or injurious to the interests of children or to the public morals, the court may by order close the files or any part thereof in the matter and make such other orders to protect the privacy of the parties as is necessary. [1989 c 375 § 22; 1949 c 50 § 8; Rem. Supp. 1949 § 997-37.]

Severability—1989 c 375: See RCW 26.09.914.

26.12.160 When and where court may be convened. For the purpose of conducting hearings pursuant to this chapter the family court may be convened at any time and place within the county and the hearing may be had in chambers or otherwise. [1949 c 50 § 16; Rem. Supp. 1949 § 997-45.]

26.12.170 Authority of family court judges and court commissioners to order or recommend services—Report by court of child abuse or neglect. To facilitate and promote the purposes of this chapter, family court judges and court commissioners may order or recommend family court services, parenting seminars, drug and alcohol abuse evaluations and monitoring of the parties through public or private treatment services, other treatment services, the aid of physicians, psychiatrists, other specialists, or other services or may recommend the aid of the pastor or director of any religious denomination to which the parties may belong.

If the court has reasonable cause to believe that a child of the parties has suffered abuse or neglect it may file a report with the proper law enforcement agency or the department of social and health services as provided in RCW 26.44.040. Upon receipt of such a report the law enforcement agency or the department of social and health services will conduct an investigation into the cause and extent of the abuse or neglect. The findings of the investigation may be made available to the court if ordered by the court as provided in RCW 42.17.310(3). The findings shall be restricted to the issue of abuse and neglect and shall not be considered custody investigations. [1994 c 267 § 3; 1991 c 367 § 13; 1983 c 219 § 5; 1971 ex.s. c 151 § 2; 1949 c 50 § 17; Rem. Supp. 1949 § 997-46.]

Effective date—1994 c 267: See note following RCW 26.09.191.

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.12.172 Parenting seminars—Rules. Any court rules adopted for the implementation of parenting seminars shall include the following provisions:

(1) In no case shall opposing parties be required to attend seminars together;

(2) Upon a showing of domestic violence or abuse which would not require mutual decision making pursuant to RCW 26.09.191, or that a parent's attendance at the seminar is not in the children's best interests, the court shall either:

(a) Waive the requirement of completion of the seminar;

or

(b) Provide an alternative, voluntary parenting seminar for battered spouses; and

(3) The court may waive the seminar for good cause. [1994 c 267 § 5.]

Effective date—1994 c 267: See note following RCW 26.09.191.

26.12.175 Appointment of guardian ad litem—Court-appointed special advocate program. (1) The court may appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the interests of a minor or dependent child when the court believes the appointment of a guardian ad litem is necessary to protect the best interests of the child in any proceeding under this chapter. The family court services professionals may also make a recommendation to the court regarding whether a guardian ad litem should be appointed for the child. The court may appoint a guardian ad litem from the court-appointed special advocate program, if that program exists in the county. Unless otherwise ordered, the guardian ad litem's role is to investigate and report to the court concerning parenting arrangements for the child, and to represent the

ing parenting arrangements for the child, and to represent the child's best interests. The court shall enter an order for costs, fees, and disbursements to cover the costs of the guardian ad litem. The court may order either or both parents to pay for the costs of the guardian ad litem, according to their ability to pay. If both parents are indigent, the county shall bear the cost of the guardian, subject to appropriation for guardians' ad litem services by the county legislative authority.

(2)(a) If the guardian ad litem appointed is from the county court-appointed special advocate program, the program shall supervise any guardian ad litem assigned to the case. The court-appointed special advocate program shall be entitled to notice of all proceedings in the case.

(b) The legislative authority of each county may authorize creation of a court-appointed special advocate program. The county legislative authority may adopt rules of eligibility for court-appointed special advocate program services.

(3) Each guardian ad litem program shall maintain a background information record for each guardian ad litem in the program. The background file shall include, but is not limited to, the following information:

- (a) Level of formal education;
- (b) Training related to the guardian's duties;
- (c) Number of years' experience as a guardian ad litem;
- (d) Number of appointments as a guardian ad litem; and
- (e) Criminal history, as defined in RCW 9.94A.030.

The background information report shall be updated annually. As a condition of appointment, the guardian ad litem's background information record shall be made available to the court. If the appointed guardian ad litem is not a member of a guardian ad litem program the person shall provide the background information to the court. [1993 c 289 § 4; 1991 c 367 § 17.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.12.190 Family court jurisdiction as to pending actions—Use of family court services. (1) The family court shall have jurisdiction and full power in all pending cases to make, alter, modify, and enforce all temporary and permanent orders regarding the following: Parenting plans, child support, custody of children, visitation, possession of property, maintenance, contempt, custodial interference, and orders for attorneys' fees, suit money or costs as may appear just and equitable. Court commissioners or judges shall not have authority to require the parties to mediate disputes concerning child support.

(2) Family court investigation, evaluation, mediation, treatment, and reconciliation services, and any other services may be used to assist the court to develop an order as the court deems necessary to preserve the marriage, implement an amicable settlement, and resolve the issues in controversy. [1991 c 367 § 14; 1983 c 219 § 7; 1949 c 50 § 19; Rem. Supp. 1949 § 997-48.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.12.205 Priority for proceedings involving children. The family court shall give proceedings involving

children priority over cases without children. [1991 c 367 § 16.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.12.215 Revision by the superior court. All acts and proceedings of the court commissioners shall be subject to revision by the superior court as provided in RCW 2.24.050. [1991 c 367 § 18.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.12.220 Funding family court or family court services—Increase in marriage license fee authorized—Family court services program—Fees. (1) The legislative authority of any county may authorize family court services as provided in RCW 26.12.230. The legislative authority may impose a fee in excess of that prescribed in RCW 36.18.010 for the issuance of a marriage license. The fee shall not exceed eight dollars.

(2) In addition to any other funds used therefor, the governing body of any county shall use the proceeds from the fee increase authorized by this section to pay the expenses of the family court and the family court services under chapter 26.12 RCW. If there is no family court in the county, the legislative authority may provide such services through other county agencies or may contract with a public or private agency or person to provide such services. Family court services also may be provided jointly with other counties as provided in RCW 26.12.230.

(3) The family court services program may hire professional employees to provide the investigation, evaluation and reporting, and mediation services, or the county may contract for these services, or both. To facilitate and promote the purposes of this chapter, the court may order or recommend the aid of physicians, psychiatrists, or other specialists.

(4) The family court services program may provide or contract for: (a) Mediation; (b) investigation, evaluation, and reporting to the court; and (c) reconciliation; and may provide a referral mechanism for drug and alcohol testing, monitoring, and treatment; and any other treatment, parenting, or anger management programs the family court professional considers necessary or appropriate.

(5) Services other than family court investigation, evaluation, reconciliation, and mediation services shall be at the expense of the parties involved absent a court order to the contrary. The parties shall bear all or a portion of the cost of parenting seminars and family court investigation, evaluation, reconciliation, and mediation services according to the parties' ability to pay.

(6) The county legislative authority may establish rules of eligibility for the family court services funded under this section. The rules shall not conflict with rules of the court adopted under chapter 26.12 RCW or any other statute.

(7) The legislative authority may establish fees for family court investigation, evaluation, reconciliation, and mediation services under this chapter according to the parties' ability to pay for the services. Fees collected under this section shall be collected and deposited in the same manner as other county funds are collected and deposited, and shall be maintained in a separate account to be used as

provided in this section. [1994 c 267 § 4; 1991 c 367 § 15; 1980 c 124 § 1.]

Effective date—1994 c 267: See note following RCW 26.09.191.

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.12.230 Joint family court services. (1) Any county may contract under chapter 39.34 RCW with any other county or counties to provide joint family court services.

(2) Any agreement between two or more counties for the operation of a joint family court service may provide that the treasurer of one participating county shall be the custodian of moneys made available for the purposes of the joint services, and that the treasurer may make payments from the moneys upon proper authorization.

(3) Any agreement between two or more counties for the operation of a joint family court service may also provide:

(a) For the joint provision or operation of services and facilities or for the provision or operation of services and facilities by one participating county under contract for the other participating counties;

(b) For appointments of members of the staff of the family court including the supervising counselor;

(c) That, for specified purposes, the members of the staff of the family court including the supervising counselor, but excluding the judges of the family court and other court personnel, shall be considered to be employees of one participating county;

(d) For other matters as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(4) The provisions of this chapter relating to family court services provided by a single county are equally applicable to counties which contract, under this section, to provide joint family court services. [1986 c 95 § 3.]

26.12.240 Courthouse facilitator program—Fee or surcharge. A county may create a courthouse facilitator program to provide basic services to pro se litigants in family law cases. The legislative authority of any county may impose user fees or may impose a surcharge of up to ten dollars on only those superior court cases filed under Title 26 RCW, or both, to pay for the expenses of the courthouse facilitator program. Fees collected under this section shall be collected and deposited in the same manner as other county funds are collected and deposited, and shall be maintained in a separate account to be used as provided in this section. [1993 c 435 § 2.]

Chapter 26.16

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26.16.010 Separate property of husband. Property and pecuniary rights owned by the husband before marriage and that acquired by him afterwards by gift, bequest, devise or descent, with the rents, issues and profits thereof, shall not be subject to the debts or contracts of his wife, and he may manage, lease, sell, convey, encumber or devise by will such property without the wife joining in such management, alienation or encumbrance, as fully and to the same effect as though he were unmarried. [Code 1881 § 2408; RRS § 6890. Prior: See Reviser's note below.]

Reviser's note: For prior laws dealing with this subject see Laws 1879 pp 77-81; 1873 pp 450-455; 1871 pp 67-74; 1869 pp 318-323.

Construction: "The rule of common law that statutes in derogation thereof are to be strictly construed has no application to this chapter. This chapter establishes the law of the state respecting the subject to which it relates, and its provisions and all proceedings under it shall be liberally construed with a view to effect its object." [Code 1881 § 2417.]

"This chapter shall not be construed to operate retrospectively and any right established, accrued or accruing or in any thing done prior to the time this chapter goes into effect shall be governed by the law in force at the time such right was established or accrued." [Code 1881 § 2418.] This applies to RCW 26.16.010 through 26.16.040, 26.16.060, 26.16.120, 26.16.140 through 26.16.160, and 26.16.180 through 26.16.210.

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26.16.020 Separate property of wife. The property and pecuniary rights of every married woman at the time of her marriage or afterwards acquired by gift, devise or inheritance, with the rents, issues and profits thereof, shall not be subject to the debts or contracts of her husband, and she may manage, lease, sell, convey, encumber or devise by will such property to the same extent and in the same manner that her husband can, property belonging to him. [Code 1881 § 2400; RRS § 6891. Prior: See Reviser's note following RCW 26.16.010.]

Reviser's note: See notes following RCW 26.16.010.

Civil disabilities of wife abolished: RCW 26.16.160.

Earnings of parent and minor children living apart: RCW 26.16.140.

Exemption of separate property of married person from attachment and execution upon liability of spouse: RCW 6.15.040.

26.16.030 Community property defined—Management and control. Property not acquired or owned, as prescribed in RCW 26.16.010 and 26.16.020, acquired after marriage by either husband or wife or both, is community property. Either spouse, acting alone, may manage and control community property, with a like power of disposition as the acting spouse has over his or her separate property, except:

(1) Neither spouse shall devise or bequeath by will more than one-half of the community property.

(2) Neither spouse shall give community property without the express or implied consent of the other.

(3) Neither spouse shall sell, convey, or encumber the community real property without the other spouse joining in the execution of the deed or other instrument by which the real estate is sold, conveyed, or encumbered, and such deed or other instrument must be acknowledged by both spouses.

(4) Neither spouse shall purchase or contract to purchase community real property without the other spouse joining in the transaction of purchase or in the execution of the contract to purchase.

(5) Neither spouse shall create a security interest other than a purchase money security interest as defined in RCW 62A.9-107 in, or sell, community household goods, furnishings, or appliances, or a community mobile home unless the other spouse joins in executing the security agreement or bill of sale, if any.

(6) Neither spouse shall acquire, purchase, sell, convey, or encumber the assets, including real estate, or the good will of a business where both spouses participate in its management without the consent of the other: **PROVIDED**, That where only one spouse participates in such management the participating spouse may, in the ordinary course of such business, acquire, purchase, sell, convey or encumber the assets, including real estate, or the good will of the business without the consent of the nonparticipating spouse. [1981 c

304 § 1; 1972 ex.s. c 108 § 3; Code 1881 § 2409; RRS § 6892.]

Severability—1981 c 304: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1981 c 304 § 46.]

Community property—Homestead selection: RCW 6.13.020.

Descent and distribution of community property: RCW 11.04.015.

Quasi-community property defined: RCW 26.16.220.

Simultaneous death, uniform act: Chapter 11.05 RCW.

26.16.040 Community realty subject to liens, execution. Community real estate shall be subject to the liens of mechanics and others for labor and materials furnished in erecting structures and improvements thereon as provided by law in other cases, to liens of judgments recovered for community debts, and to sale on execution issued thereon. [1972 ex.s. c 108 § 4; Code 1881 § 2410; RRS § 6893.]

Acknowledgments: Chapter 64.08 RCW.

Liens: Title 60 RCW.

26.16.050 Conveyances between husband and wife. A husband may give, grant, sell or convey directly to his wife, and a wife may give, grant, sell or convey directly to her husband his or her community right, title, interest or estate in all or any portion of their community real property: And every deed made from husband to wife, or from wife to husband, shall operate to divest the real estate therein recited from any or every claim or demand as community property and shall vest the same in the grantee as separate property[. The] grantor in all such deeds, or the party releasing such community interest or estate shall sign, seal, execute and acknowledge the deed as a single person without the joinder therein of the married party therein named as grantee: **PROVIDED, HOWEVER**, That the conveyances or transfers hereby authorized shall not affect any existing equity in favor of creditors of the grantor at the time of such transfer, gift or conveyance. **AND PROVIDED FURTHER**, That any deeds of gift conveyances or releases of community estate by or between husband and wife heretofore made but in which the husband and wife have not joined as grantors, said deeds[,] where made in good faith and without intent to hinder, delay or defraud creditors[,] shall be and the same are hereby fully legalized as valid and binding. [1888 c 27 § 1; RRS § 10572.]

Validating—1888 c 27: "All powers of attorney heretofore made and executed by any married woman joined with her husband and duly acknowledged and certified and all powers of attorney heretofore made or executed by husband or wife to the other, authorizing the sale or other disposition of real estate, whether separate or community real estate duly acknowledged conformably with the previous sections, and all conveyances heretofore and hereafter executed under and by virtue of such powers of attorney and acknowledged and certified in the manner provided herein, shall be valid and binding; provided, that any rights vested in third persons shall not be affected by anything in this section contained." [1888 c 27 § 5.] This applies to RCW 26.16.050 and 26.16.070 through 26.16.090.

Acknowledgments: Chapter 64.08 RCW.

Burden of proof in transactions between husband and wife: RCW 26.16.210.

26.16.060 Power of attorney between husband and wife. A husband or wife may constitute the other his or her

attorney in fact to manage, control or dispose of his or her property with the same power of revocation or substitution as could be exercised were they unmarried persons. [Code 1881 § 2403; No RRS.]

26.16.070 Powers of attorney as to separate estate.

A husband or wife may make and execute powers of attorney for the sale, conveyance, transfer or encumbrance of his or her separate estate both real and personal, without the other spouse joining in the execution thereof. Such power of attorney shall be acknowledged and certified in the manner provided by law for the conveyance of real estate. Nor shall anything herein contained be so construed as to prevent either husband or wife from appointing the other his or her attorney in fact for the purposes provided in this section. [1888 c 27 § 2; RRS § 10573.]

26.16.080 Execution of conveyance under power.

Any conveyance, transfer, deed, lease or other encumbrances executed under and by virtue of such power of attorney shall be executed, acknowledged and certified in the same manner as if the person making such power of attorney had been unmarried. [1888 c 27 § 3; RRS § 10574.]

26.16.090 Powers of attorney as to community estate.

A husband may make and execute a letter of attorney to the wife, or the wife may make and execute a letter of attorney to the husband authorizing the sale or other disposition of his or her community interest or estate in the community property and as such attorney in fact to sign the name of such husband or wife to any deed, conveyance, mortgage, lease or other encumbrance or to any instrument necessary to be executed by which the property conveyed or transferred shall be released from any claim as community property. And either said husband or said wife may make and execute a letter of attorney to any third person to join with the other in the conveyance of any interest either in separate real estate of either, or in the community estate held by such husband or wife in any real property. And both husband and wife owning community property may jointly execute a power of attorney to a third person authorizing the sale, encumbrance or other disposition of community real property; and so execute the necessary conveyance or transfer of said real estate. [1888 c 27 § 4; RRS § 10575.]

26.16.095 Purchaser of community real property protected by record title. Whenever any person, married or single, having in his or her name the legal title of record to any real estate, shall sell or dispose of the same to an actual bona fide purchaser, a deed of such real estate from the person holding such legal record title to such actual bona fide purchaser shall be sufficient to convey to, and vest in, such purchaser the full legal and equitable title to such real estate free and clear of any and all claims of any and all persons whatsoever, not appearing of record in the auditor's office of the county in which such real estate is situated. [1891 c 151 § 1; RRS § 10577. Formerly RCW 64.04.080.] [SLC-RO-16]

Saving—1891 c 151: "In so far as this act affects married persons having already acquired and now holding real estate under existing laws, a period of three months from the date at which this act shall take effect is

hereby allowed to such persons within which to comply with its provisions." [1891 c 151 § 4.] This applies to RCW 26.16.095 through 26.16.110.

26.16.100 Claim of spouse in community realty to be filed. A husband or wife having an interest in real estate, by virtue of the marriage relation, the legal title of record to which real estate is or shall be held by the other, may protect such interest from sale or disposition by the husband or wife, as the case may be, in whose name the legal title is held, by causing to be filed and recorded in the auditor's office of the county in which such real estate is situated an instrument in writing setting forth that the person filing such instrument is the husband or wife, as the case may be, of the person holding the legal title to the real estate in question, describing such real estate and the claimant's interest therein; and when thus presented for record such instrument shall be filed and recorded by the auditor of the county in which such real estate is situated, in the same manner and with like effect as regards notice to all the world, as deeds of real estate are filed and recorded. And if either husband or wife fails to cause such an instrument to be filed in the auditor's office in the county in which real estate is situated, the legal title to which is held by the other, within a period of ninety days from the date when such legal title has been made a matter of record, any actual bona fide purchaser of such real estate from the person in whose name the legal title stands of record, receiving a deed of such real estate from the person thus holding the legal title, shall be deemed and held to have received the full legal and equitable title to such real estate free and clear of all claim of the other spouse. [1891 c 151 § 2; RRS § 10578.] [SLC-RO-16]

Recording of real property by county auditor: Chapters 6504 and 6508 RCW.

26.16.110 Cloud on title—Removal. The instrument in writing provided for in RCW 26.16.100 shall be deemed to be a cloud upon the title of said real estate, and may be removed by the release of the party filing the same, or by any court having jurisdiction in the county where said real estate is situated, whenever it shall appear to said court that the real estate described in said instrument is the separate property of the person in whose name the title to the said real estate, or any part thereof, appears to be vested, from the conveyances on record in the office of the auditor of the county where said real estate is situated. [1891 c 151 § 3; RRS § 10579.]

26.16.120 Agreements as to status. Nothing contained in any of the provisions of *this chapter or in any law of this state, shall prevent the husband and wife from jointly entering into any agreement concerning the status or disposition of the whole or any portion of the community property, then owned by them or afterwards to be acquired, to take effect upon the death of either. But such agreement may be made at any time by the husband and wife by the execution of an instrument in writing under their hands and seals, and to be witnessed, acknowledged and certified in the same manner as deeds to real estate are required to be, under the laws of the state, and the same may at any time thereafter be altered or amended in the same manner: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That such agreement shall not derogate from

the right of creditors, nor be construed to curtail the powers of the superior court to set aside or cancel such agreement for fraud or under some other recognized head of equity jurisdiction, at the suit of either party. [Code 1881 § 2416; RRS § 6894.]

***Reviser's note:** "this chapter", being Code 1881, chapter CLXXXIII, is codified as RCW 26.16.010 through 26.16.040, 26.16.060, 26.16.120, 26.16.140 through 26.16.160, and 26.16.180 through 26.16.210.

Acknowledgments: Chapter 64.08 RCW.

Descent and distribution of community property: RCW 11.04.015.

Private seals abolished: RCW 64.04.090.

26.16.125 Custody of children. Henceforth the rights and responsibilities of the parents in the absence of misconduct shall be equal, and the mother shall be as fully entitled to the custody, control and earnings of the children as the father, and in case of the father's death, the mother shall come into as full and complete control of the children and their estate as the father does in case of the mother's death. [Code 1881 § 2399; 1879 p 151 § 2; RRS § 6907. Formerly RCW 26.20.020.]

26.16.140 Earnings and accumulations of husband and wife living apart, minor children. When a husband and wife are living separate and apart, their respective earnings and accumulations shall be the separate property of each. The earnings and accumulations of minor children shall be the separate property of the spouse who has their custody or, if no custody award has been made, then the separate property of the spouse with whom said children are living. [1972 ex.s. c 108 § 5; Code 1881 § 2413; RRS § 6896.]

26.16.150 Rights of married persons in general. Every married person shall hereafter have the same right and liberty to acquire, hold, enjoy and dispose of every species of property, and to sue and be sued, as if he or she were unmarried. [Code 1881 § 2396; RRS § 6900.]

Separate property

of husband: RCW 26.16.010.

of wife: RCW 26.16.020.

26.16.160 Civil disabilities of wife abolished. All laws which impose or recognize civil disabilities upon a wife, which are not imposed or recognized as existing as to the husband, are hereby abolished, and for any unjust usurpation of her natural or property rights, she shall have the same right to appeal in her own individual name, to the courts of law or equity for redress and protection that the husband has: PROVIDED, ALWAYS, That nothing in *this chapter shall be construed to confer upon the wife any right to vote or hold office, except as otherwise provided by law. [Code 1881 § 2398; 1879 p 151 § 1; RRS § 6901.]

***Reviser's note:** "this chapter," see note following RCW 26.16.120.

26.16.180 Husband and wife may sue each other. Should either husband or wife obtain possession or control of property belonging to the other, either before or after marriage, the owner of the property may maintain an action therefor, or for any right growing out of the same, in the same manner and to the same extent as if they were unmar-

ried. [Code 1881 § 2401; 1879 p 80 § 28; 1873 p 452 § 8; RRS § 6903.]

Privileged communications: RCW 5.60.060.

26.16.190 Liability for acts of other spouse. For all injuries committed by a married person, there shall be no recovery against the separate property of the other spouse except in cases where there would be joint responsibility if the marriage did not exist. [1972 ex.s. c 108 § 6; Code 1881 § 2402; RRS § 6904.]

26.16.200 Antenuptial and separate debts, liability for—Child support obligation, liability for. Neither husband or wife is liable for the debts or liabilities of the other incurred before marriage, nor for the separate debts of each other, nor is the rent or income of the separate property of either liable for the separate debts of the other: PROVIDED, That the earnings and accumulations of the husband shall be available to the legal process of creditors for the satisfaction of debts incurred by him prior to marriage, and the earnings and accumulations of the wife shall be available to the legal process of creditors for the satisfaction of debts incurred by her prior to marriage. For the purpose of this section, neither the husband nor the wife shall be construed to have any interest in the earnings of the other: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no separate debt, except a child support or maintenance obligation, may be the basis of a claim against the earnings and accumulations of either a husband or wife unless the same is reduced to judgment within three years of the marriage of the parties. The obligation of a parent or stepparent to support a child may be collected out of the parent's or stepparent's separate property, the parent's or stepparent's earnings and accumulations, and the parent's or stepparent's share of community personal and real property. Funds in a community bank account which can be identified as the earnings of the nonobligated spouse are exempt from satisfaction of the child support obligation of the debtor spouse. [1983 1st ex.s. c 41 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 121 § 1; Code 1881 § 2405; 1873 p 452 § 10; RRS § 6905.]

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 41: See note following RCW 26.09.060.

Collection actions against community bank account: RCW 74.20A.120.

26.16.205 Liability for family support—Termination of support obligation of stepparent, when. The expenses of the family and the education of the children, including stepchildren, are chargeable upon the property of both husband and wife, or either of them, and they may be sued jointly or separately. When a petition for dissolution of marriage or a petition for legal separation is filed, the court may, upon motion of the stepparent, terminate the obligation to support the stepchildren. The obligation to support stepchildren shall cease upon the entry of a decree of dissolution, decree of legal separation, or death. [1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 13; 1969 ex.s. c 207 § 1; Code 1881 § 2407; RRS § 6906. Formerly RCW 26.20.010.]

Effective dates—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

26.16.210 Burden of proof in transactions between husband and wife. In every case, where any question arises

as to the good faith of any transaction between husband and wife, whether a transaction between them directly or by intervention of third person or persons, the burden of proof shall be upon the party asserting the good faith. [Code 1881 § 2397; RRS § 5828.]

26.16.220 Quasi-community property defined. (1) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, as used in RCW 26.16.220 through 26.16.250 "quasi-community property" means all personal property wherever situated and all real property described in subsection (2) of this section that is not community property and that was heretofore or hereafter acquired:

(a) By the decedent while domiciled elsewhere and that would have been the community property of the decedent and of the decedent's surviving spouse had the decedent been domiciled in this state at the time of its acquisition; or

(b) In derivation or in exchange for real or personal property, wherever situated, that would have been the community property of the decedent and the surviving spouse if the decedent had been domiciled in this state at the time the original property was acquired.

(2) For purposes of this section, real property includes:

(a) Real property situated in this state;

(b) Real property situated outside this state if the law of the state where the real property is located provides that the law of the decedent's domicile at death shall govern the rights of the decedent's surviving spouse to a share of such property; and

(c) Leasehold interests in real property described in (a) or (b) of this subsection.

(3) For purposes of this section, all legal presumptions and principles applicable to the proper characterization of property as community property under the laws and decisions of this state shall apply in determining whether property would have been the community property of the decedent and the surviving spouse under the provisions of subsection (1) of this section. [1988 c 34 § 1; 1986 c 72 § 1.]

26.16.230 Quasi-community property—Disposition at death. Upon the death of any person domiciled in this state, one-half of any quasi-community property shall belong to the surviving spouse and the other one-half of such property shall be subject to disposition at death by the decedent, and in the absence thereof, shall descend in the manner provided for community property under chapter 11.04 RCW. [1988 c 34 § 2; 1986 c 72 § 2.]

26.16.240 Quasi-community property—Effect of lifetime transfers—Claims by surviving spouse—Waiver.

(1) If a decedent domiciled in this state on the date of his or her death made a lifetime transfer of a property interest that is quasi-community property to a person other than the surviving spouse within three years of death, then within the time for filing claims against the estate as provided by RCW 11.40.010, the surviving spouse may require the transferee to restore to the decedent's estate one-half of such property interest, if the transferee retains the property interest, and, if not, one-half of its proceeds, or, if none, one-half of its value at the time of transfer, if:

(a) The decedent retained, at the time of death, the possession or enjoyment of or the right to income from the property interest;

(b) The decedent retained, at the time of death, a power, either alone or in conjunction with any other person, to revoke or to consume, invade or dispose of the property interest for the decedent's own benefit; or

(c) The decedent held the property interest at the time of death with another with the right of survivorship.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, no such property interest, proceeds, or value may be required to be restored to the decedent's estate if:

(a) Such property interest was transferred for adequate consideration;

(b) Such property interest was transferred with the consent of the surviving spouse; or

(c) The transferee purchased such property interest in property from the decedent while believing in good faith that the property or property interest was the separate property of the decedent and did not constitute quasi-community property.

(3) All property interests, proceeds, or value restored to the decedent's estate under this section shall belong to the surviving spouse pursuant to RCW 26.16.230 as though the transfer had never been made.

(4) The surviving spouse may waive any right granted hereunder by written instrument filed in the probate proceedings. If the surviving spouse acts as personal representative of the decedent's estate and causes the estate to be closed before the time for exercising any right granted by this section expires, such closure shall act as a waiver by the surviving spouse of any and all rights granted by this section. [1988 c 34 § 3; 1986 c 72 § 3.]

26.16.250 Quasi-community property—Characterization limited to determination of disposition at death—Waiver by written agreement. The characterization of property as quasi-community property under this chapter shall be effective solely for the purpose of determining the disposition of such property at the time of a death, and such characterization shall not affect the rights of the decedent's creditors. For all other purposes property characterized as quasi-community property under this chapter shall be characterized without regard to the provisions of this chapter. A husband and wife may waive, modify, or relinquish any quasi-community property right granted or created by this chapter by signed written agreement, wherever executed, before or after June 11, 1986, including without limitation, community property agreements, prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, or agreements as to status of property. [1988 c 34 § 4; 1986 c 72 § 4.]

Chapter 26.18

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

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26.18.010 Legislative findings. The legislature finds that there is an urgent need for vigorous enforcement of child support and spousal maintenance obligations, and that stronger and more efficient statutory remedies need to be established to supplement and complement the remedies provided in chapters 26.09, 26.21, 26.26, 74.20, and 74.20A RCW. [1993 c 426 § 1; 1984 c 260 § 1.]

26.18.020 Definitions. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Dependent child" means any child for whom a support order has been established or for whom a duty of support is owed.

(2) "Duty of spousal maintenance" means the duty to provide for the needs of a spouse or former spouse imposed under chapter 26.09 RCW.

(3) "Duty of support" means the duty to provide for the needs of a dependent child, which may include necessary food, clothing, shelter, education, and health care. The duty includes any obligation to make monetary payments, to pay expenses, including spousal maintenance in cases in which there is a dependent child, or to reimburse another person or an agency for the cost of necessary support furnished a dependent child. The duty may be imposed by court order, by operation of law, or otherwise.

(4) "Obligee" means the custodian of a dependent child, the spouse or former spouse, or person or agency, to whom a duty of support or duty of spousal maintenance is owed, or the person or agency to whom the right to receive or collect support or spousal maintenance has been assigned.

(5) "Obligor" means the person owing a duty of support or duty of spousal maintenance.

(6) "Support or maintenance order" means any judgment, decree, or order of support or spousal maintenance issued by the superior court or authorized agency of the state of Washington; or a judgment, decree, or other order of support or spousal maintenance issued by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction in another state or country, which has been registered or otherwise made enforceable in this state.

(7) "Employer" includes the United States government, a state or local unit of government, and any person or entity who pays or owes earnings or remuneration for employment to the obligor.

(8) "Earnings" means compensation paid or payable for personal services or remuneration for employment, whether denominated as wages, salary, commission, bonus, or otherwise, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law making the payments exempt from garnishment, attachment, or other process to satisfy support or spousal maintenance obligations, specifically includes periodic payments pursuant to pension or retirement programs, or insurance policies of any type, but does not include payments made under Title 50 RCW, except as provided in RCW 50.40.020 and 50.40.050, or Title 74 RCW.

(9) "Disposable earnings" means that part of the earnings of an individual remaining after the deduction from those earnings of any amount required by law to be withheld.

(10) "Department" means the department of social and health services.

(11) "Health insurance coverage" includes any coverage under which medical services are provided by an employer or a union whether that coverage is provided through a self-insurance program, under the employee retirement income security act of 1974, a commercial insurer pursuant to chapters 48.20 and 48.21 RCW, a health care service contractor pursuant to chapter 48.44 RCW, or a health maintenance organization pursuant to chapter 48.46 RCW, and the state through chapter 41.05 RCW.

(12) "Insurer" means a commercial insurance company providing disability insurance under chapter 48.20 or 48.21 RCW, a health care service contractor providing health care coverage under chapter 48.44 RCW, a health maintenance organization providing comprehensive health care services under chapter 48.46 RCW, and shall also include any employer or union which is providing health insurance coverage on a self-insured basis.

(13) "Remuneration for employment" means moneys due from or payable by the United States to an individual within the scope of 42 U.S.C. Sec. 659 and 42 U.S.C. Sec. 662(f). [1993 c 426 § 2; 1989 c 416 § 2; 1987 c 435 § 17; 1984 c 260 § 2.]

Effective date—1987 c 435: See RCW 26.23.900.

26.18.030 Application—Liberal construction. (1) The remedies provided in this chapter are in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other remedies provided by law.

(2) This chapter applies to any dependent child, whether born before or after June 7, 1984, and regardless of the past or current marital status of the parents, and to a spouse or former spouse.

(3) This chapter shall be liberally construed to assure that all dependent children are adequately supported. [1993 c 426 § 3; 1984 c 260 § 3.]

26.18.035 Other civil and criminal remedies applicable. Nothing in this chapter limits the authority of the attorney general or prosecuting attorney to use any and all civil and criminal remedies to enforce child support obligations regardless of whether or not the custodial parent receives public assistance payments. [1984 c 260 § 24.]

26.18.040 Support or spousal maintenance proceedings. (1) A proceeding to enforce a duty of support or spousal maintenance is commenced:

- (a) By filing a petition for an original action; or
- (b) By motion in an existing action or under an existing cause number.

(2) Venue for the action is in the superior court of the county where the dependent child resides or is present, where the obligor or obligee resides, or where the prior support or maintenance order was entered. The petition or motion may be filed by the obligee, the state, or any agency providing care or support to the dependent child. A filing fee shall not be assessed in cases brought on behalf of the state of Washington.

(3) The court retains continuing jurisdiction under this chapter until all duties of either support or spousal maintenance, or both, of the obligor, including arrearages, have been satisfied. [1993 c 426 § 4; 1984 c 260 § 4.]

26.18.050 Failure to comply with support or spousal maintenance order—Contempt action—Order to show cause—Bench warrant—Continuing jurisdiction. (1) If an obligor fails to comply with a support or spousal maintenance order, a petition or motion may be filed without notice under RCW 26.18.040 to initiate a contempt action as provided in chapter 7.21 RCW. If the court finds there is reasonable cause to believe the obligor has failed to comply with a support or spousal maintenance order, the court may issue an order to show cause requiring the obligor to appear at a certain time and place for a hearing, at which time the obligor may appear to show cause why the relief requested should not be granted. A copy of the petition or motion shall be served on the obligor along with the order to show cause.

(2) Service of the order to show cause shall be by personal service, or in the manner provided in the civil rules of superior court or applicable statute.

(3) If the order to show cause served upon the obligor included a warning that an arrest warrant could be issued for failure to appear, the court may issue a bench warrant for the arrest of the obligor if the obligor fails to appear on the return date provided in the order.

(4) If the obligor contends at the hearing that he or she lacked the means to comply with the support or spousal maintenance order, the obligor shall establish that he or she exercised due diligence in seeking employment, in conserving assets, or otherwise in rendering himself or herself able to comply with the court's order.

(5) As provided in RCW 26.18.040, the court retains continuing jurisdiction under this chapter and may use a

contempt action to enforce a support or maintenance order until the obligor satisfies all duties of support, including arrearages, that accrued pursuant to the support or maintenance order. [1993 c 426 § 5; 1989 c 373 § 22; 1984 c 260 § 5.]

Severability—1989 c 373: See RCW 7.21.900.

26.18.070 Mandatory wage assignment—Petition or motion. (1) A petition or motion seeking a mandatory wage assignment in an action under RCW 26.18.040 may be filed by an obligee if the obligor is:

(a) Subject to a support order allowing immediate income withholding; or

(b) More than fifteen days past due in child support or spousal maintenance payments in an amount equal to or greater than the obligation payable for one month.

(2) The petition or motion shall include a sworn statement by the obligee, stating the facts authorizing the issuance of the wage assignment order, including:

(a) That the obligor, stating his or her name and residence, is:

(i) Subject to a support order allowing immediate income withholding; or

(ii) More than fifteen days past due in child support or spousal maintenance payments in an amount equal to or greater than the obligation payable for one month;

(b) A description of the terms of the order requiring payment of support or spousal maintenance, and the amount past due, if any;

(c) The name and address of the obligor's employer;

(d) That notice by personal service or any form of mail requiring a return receipt, has been provided to the obligor at least fifteen days prior to the obligee seeking a mandatory wage assignment, unless the order for support or maintenance states that the obligee may seek a mandatory wage assignment without notice to the obligor; and

(e) In cases not filed by the state, whether the obligee has received public assistance from any source and, if the obligee has received public assistance, that the department of social and health services has been notified in writing of the pending action.

(3) If the court in which a mandatory wage assignment is sought does not already have a copy of the support or maintenance order in the court file, then the obligee shall attach a copy of the support or maintenance order to the petition or motion seeking the wage assignment. [1994 c 230 § 3; 1993 c 426 § 6; 1987 c 435 § 18; 1984 c 260 § 7.]

Effective date—1987 c 435: See RCW 26.23.900.

26.18.080 Wage assignment order—Issuance—Information transmitted to state support registry. (1) Upon receipt of a petition or motion seeking a mandatory wage assignment that complies with RCW 26.18.070, the court shall issue a wage assignment order, as provided in RCW 26.18.100 and including the information required in RCW 26.18.090(1), directed to the employer, and commanding the employer to answer the order on the forms served with the order that comply with RCW 26.18.120 within twenty days after service of the order upon the employer.

(2) The clerk of the court shall forward a copy of the mandatory wage assignment order, a true and correct copy,

of the support orders in the court file, and a statement containing the obligee's address and social security number shall be forwarded to the Washington state support registry within five days of the entry of the order. [1987 c 435 § 19; 1984 c 260 § 8.]

Effective date—1987 c 435: See RCW 26.23.900.

26.18.090 Wage assignment order—Contents—Amounts—Apportionment of disbursements. (1) The wage assignment order in RCW 26.18.080 shall include:

(a) The maximum amount of current support or spousal maintenance, if any, to be withheld from the obligor's earnings each month, or from each earnings disbursement; and

(b) The total amount of the arrearage or reimbursement judgment previously entered by the court, if any, together with interest, if any.

(2) The total amount to be withheld from the obligor's earnings each month, or from each earnings disbursement, shall not exceed fifty percent of the disposable earnings of the obligor. If the amounts to be paid toward the arrearage are specified in the support or spousal maintenance order, then the maximum amount to be withheld is the sum of: Either the current support or spousal maintenance ordered, or both; and the amount ordered to be paid toward the arrearage, or fifty percent of the disposable earnings of the obligor, whichever is less.

(3) The provisions of RCW 6.27.150 do not apply to wage assignments for child support or spousal maintenance authorized under this chapter, but fifty percent of the disposable earnings of the obligor are exempt, and may be disbursed to the obligor.

(4) If an obligor is subject to two or more attachments for child support on account of different obligees, the employer shall, if the nonexempt portion of the obligor's earnings is not sufficient to respond fully to all the attachments, apportion the obligor's nonexempt disposable earnings between or among the various obligees equally. Any obligee may seek a court order reapportioning the obligor's nonexempt disposable earnings upon notice to all interested obligees. Notice shall be by personal service, or in the manner provided by the civil rules of superior court or applicable statute.

(5) If an obligor is subject to two or more attachments for spousal maintenance on account of different obligees, the employer shall, if the nonexempt portion of the obligor's earnings is not sufficient to respond fully to all the attachments, apportion the obligor's nonexempt disposable earnings between or among the various obligees equally. An obligee may seek a court order reapportioning the obligor's nonexempt disposable earnings upon notice to all interested obligees. Notice shall be by personal service, or in the manner provided by the civil rules of superior court or applicable statute. [1993 c 426 § 7; 1984 c 260 § 9.]

26.18.100 Wage assignment order—Form. The wage assignment order shall be substantially in the following form:

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE
COUNTY OF

. ,
Obligee , No.
vs.
. ,
Obligor WAGE ASSIGNMENT
. , ORDER
Employer
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:
Employer
AND TO:
Obligor

The above-named obligee claims that the above-named obligor is subject to a support order requiring immediate income withholding or is more than fifteen days past due in either child support or spousal maintenance payments, or both, in an amount equal to or greater than the child support or spousal maintenance payable for one month. The amount of the accrued child support or spousal maintenance debt as of this date is dollars, the amount of arrearage payments specified in the support or spousal maintenance order (if applicable) is dollars per, and the amount of the current and continuing support or spousal maintenance obligation under the order is dollars per

You are hereby commanded to answer this order by filling in the attached form according to the instructions, and you must mail or deliver the original of the answer to the court, one copy to the Washington state support registry, one copy to the obligee or obligee's attorney, and one copy to the obligor within twenty days after service of this wage assignment order upon you.

If you possess any earnings or other remuneration for employment due and owing to the obligor, then you shall do as follows:

(1) Withhold from the obligor's earnings or remuneration each month, or from each regular earnings disbursement, the lesser of:

(a) The sum of the accrued support or spousal maintenance debt and the current support or spousal maintenance obligation;

(b) The sum of the specified arrearage payment amount and the current support or spousal maintenance obligation; or

(c) Fifty percent of the disposable earnings or remuneration of the obligor.

(2) The total amount withheld above is subject to the wage assignment order, and all other sums may be disbursed to the obligor.

(3) Upon receipt of this wage assignment order you shall make immediate deductions from the obligor's earnings or remuneration and remit to the Washington state support registry or other address specified below the proper amounts at each regular pay interval.

You shall continue to withhold the ordered amounts from nonexempt earnings or remuneration of the obligor until notified by:

(a) The court that the wage assignment has been modified or terminated; or

(b) The addressee specified in the wage assignment order under this section that the accrued child support or spousal maintenance debt has been paid.

You shall promptly notify the court and the addressee specified in the wage assignment order under this section if and when the employee is no longer employed by you, or if the obligor no longer receives earnings or remuneration from you. If you no longer employ the employee, the wage assignment order shall remain in effect for one year after the employee has left your employment or you are no longer in possession of any earnings or remuneration owed to the employee, whichever is later. You shall continue to hold the wage assignment order during that period. If the employee returns to your employment during the one-year period you shall immediately begin to withhold the employee's earnings according to the terms of the wage assignment order. If the employee has not returned to your employment within one year, the wage assignment will cease to have effect at the expiration of the one-year period, unless you still owe the employee earnings or other remuneration.

You shall deliver the withheld earnings or remuneration to the Washington state support registry or other address stated below at each regular pay interval.

You shall deliver a copy of this order to the obligor as soon as is reasonably possible. This wage assignment order has priority over any other wage assignment or garnishment, except for another wage assignment or garnishment for child support or spousal maintenance, or order to withhold or deliver under chapter 74.20A RCW.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU OWE ANYTHING TO THE OBLIGOR, YOUR FAILURE TO ANSWER AS REQUIRED MAY MAKE YOU LIABLE FOR OBLIGOR'S CLAIMED SUPPORT OR SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE DEBT TO THE OBLIGEE OR SUBJECT TO CONTEMPT OF COURT.

NOTICE TO OBLIGOR: YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT THAT ISSUED THIS WAGE ASSIGNMENT ORDER, TO REQUEST THAT THE COURT QUASH, MODIFY, OR TERMINATE THE WAGE ASSIGNMENT ORDER.

DATED THIS day of , 19. . .

.....
Obligee, Judge/Court Commissioner
or obligee's attorney
Send withheld payments to:

[1994 c 230 § 4; 1993 c 426 § 8; 1991 c 367 § 20; 1989 c 416 § 10; 1987 c 435 § 20; 1984 c 260 § 10.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

Effective date—1987 c 435: See RCW 26.23.900.

26.18.110 Wage assignment order—Employer's answer, duties, and liability—Priorities. (1) An employer

upon whom service of a wage assignment order has been made shall answer the order by sworn affidavit within twenty days after the date of service. The answer shall state whether the obligor is employed by or receives earnings or other remuneration from the employer, whether the employer will honor the wage assignment order, and whether there are either multiple child support or spousal maintenance attachments, or both, against the obligor.

(2) If the employer possesses any earnings or remuneration due and owing to the obligor, the earnings subject to the wage assignment order shall be withheld immediately upon receipt of the wage assignment order. The withheld earnings shall be delivered to the Washington state support registry or, if the wage assignment order is to satisfy a duty of spousal maintenance, to the addressee specified in the assignment at each regular pay interval.

(3) The employer shall continue to withhold the ordered amounts from nonexempt earnings or remuneration of the obligor until notified by:

(a) The court that the wage assignment has been modified or terminated; or

(b) The Washington state support registry or obligee that the accrued child support or spousal maintenance debt has been paid, provided the wage assignment order contains the language set forth under RCW 26.18.100(3)(b). The employer shall promptly notify the addressee specified in the assignment when the employee is no longer employed. If the employer no longer employs the employee, the wage assignment order shall remain in effect for one year after the employee has left the employment or the employer has been in possession of any earnings or remuneration owed to the employee, whichever is later. The employer shall continue to hold the wage assignment order during that period. If the employee returns to the employer's employment during the one-year period the employer shall immediately begin to withhold the employee's earnings or remuneration according to the terms of the wage assignment order. If the employee has not returned within one year, the wage assignment shall cease to have effect at the expiration of the one-year period, unless the employer continues to owe remuneration for employment to the obligor.

(4) The employer may deduct a processing fee from the remainder of the employee's earnings after withholding under the wage assignment order, even if the remainder is exempt under RCW 26.18.090. The processing fee may not exceed (a) ten dollars for the first disbursement made by the employer to the Washington state support registry; and (b) one dollar for each subsequent disbursement to the clerk.

(5) An order for wage assignment for support for a dependent child entered under this chapter shall have priority over any other wage assignment or garnishment, except for another wage assignment or garnishment for child support, or order to withhold and deliver under chapter 74.20A RCW. An order for wage assignment for spousal maintenance entered under this chapter shall have priority over any other wage assignment or garnishment, except for a wage assignment, garnishment, or order to withhold and deliver under chapter 74.20A RCW for support of a dependent child, and except for another wage assignment or garnishment for spousal maintenance.

(6) An employer who fails to withhold earnings as required by a wage assignment issued under this chapter may

be held liable to the obligee for one hundred percent of the support or spousal maintenance debt, or the amount of support or spousal maintenance moneys that should have been withheld from the employee's earnings whichever is the lesser amount, if the employer:

- (a) Fails or refuses, after being served with a wage assignment order, to deduct and promptly remit from the unpaid earnings the amounts of money required in the order;
- (b) Fails or refuses to submit an answer to the notice of wage assignment after being served; or
- (c) Is unwilling to comply with the other requirements of this section.

Liability may be established in superior court. Awards in superior court shall include costs, interest under RCW 19.52.020 and 4.56.110, and reasonable attorneys' fees.

(7) No employer who complies with a wage assignment issued under this chapter may be liable to the employee for wrongful withholding.

(8) No employer may discharge, discipline, or refuse to hire an employee because of the entry or service of a wage assignment issued and executed under this chapter. If an employer discharges, disciplines, or refuses to hire an employee in violation of this section, the employee or person shall have a cause of action against the employer. The employer shall be liable for double the amount of damages suffered as a result of the violation and for costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, and shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than two thousand five hundred dollars for each violation. The employer may also be ordered to hire, rehire, or reinstate the aggrieved individual.

(9) For wage assignments payable to the Washington state support registry, an employer may combine amounts withheld from various employees into a single payment to the Washington state support registry, if the payment includes a listing of the amounts attributable to each employee and other information as required by the registry.

(10) An employer shall deliver a copy of the wage assignment order to the obligor as soon as is reasonably possible. [1994 c 230 § 5; 1993 c 426 § 9; 1991 c 367 § 21; 1989 c 416 § 11; 1987 c 435 § 21; 1984 c 260 § 11.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

Effective date—1987 c 435: See RCW 26.23.900.

26.18.120 Wage assignment order—Employer's answer—Form. The answer of the employer shall be made on forms, served on the employer with the wage assignment order, substantially as follows:

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE
COUNTY OF

..... No.

Obligee

vs.

.....

Obligor

.....

Employer

ANSWER
TO WAGE
ASSIGNMENT ORDER

1. At the time of the service of the wage assignment order on the employer, was the above-named obligor employed by or receiving earnings or other remuneration for employment from the employer?

Yes No (check one).

2. Are there any other attachments for child support or spousal maintenance currently in effect against the obligor?

Yes No (check one).

3. If the answer to question one is yes and the employer cannot comply with the wage assignment order, provide an explanation:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

.....
Signature of employer Date and place

.....
Signature of person Address for future notice
answering for employer to employer

.....
Connection with employer

[1993 c 426 § 10; 1984 c 260 § 12.]

26.18.130 Wage assignment order—Service. (1) Service of the wage assignment order on the employer is invalid unless it is served with five answer forms in substantial conformance with RCW 26.18.120, together with stamped envelopes addressed to, respectively, the clerk of the court where the order was issued, the Washington state support registry, the obligee's attorney or the obligee, and the obligor. The obligee shall also include an extra copy of the wage assignment order for the employer to deliver to the obligor. Service on the employer shall be in person or by any form of mail requiring a return receipt.

(2) On or before the date of service of the wage assignment order on the employer, the obligee shall mail or cause to be mailed by certified mail a copy of the wage assignment order to the obligor at the obligor's last known post office address; or, in the alternative, a copy of the wage assignment order shall be served on the obligor in the same manner as a summons in a civil action on, before, or within two days after the date of service of the order on the employer. This requirement is not jurisdictional, but if the copy is not mailed or served as this subsection provides, or if any irregularity appears with respect to the mailing or service, the superior court, in its discretion, may quash the wage assignment order, upon motion of the obligor promptly made and supported by an affidavit showing that the obligor has suffered substantial injury due to the failure to mail or serve the copy. [1987 c 435 § 22; 1984 c 260 § 13.]

Effective date—1987 c 435: See RCW 26.23.900.

26.18.140 Hearing to quash, modify, or terminate wage assignment order—Grounds—Alternate payment plan. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, in a hearing to quash, modify, or terminate the wage assignment order, the court may grant relief only upon a

showing that the wage assignment order causes extreme hardship or substantial injustice. Satisfaction by the obligor of all past due payments subsequent to the issuance of the wage assignment order is not grounds to quash, modify, or terminate the wage assignment order. If a wage assignment order has been in operation for twelve consecutive months and the obligor's support or spousal maintenance obligation is current, the court may terminate the order upon motion of the obligor unless the obligee can show good cause as to why the wage assignment order should remain in effect.

(2) The court may enter an order delaying, modifying, or terminating the wage assignment order and order the obligor to make payments directly to the obligee as provided in RCW 26.23.050(2). [1994 c 230 § 6; 1993 c 426 § 11; 1991 c 367 § 22; 1984 c 260 § 14.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.18.150 Bond or other security. (1) In any action to enforce a support or spousal maintenance order under Title 26 RCW, the court may, in its discretion, order a parent obligated to pay support for a minor child or person owing a duty of spousal maintenance to post a bond or other security with the court. The bond or other security shall be in the amount of support or spousal maintenance due for a two-year period. The bond or other security is subject to approval by the court. The bond shall include the name and address of the issuer. If the bond is canceled, any person issuing a bond under this section shall notify the court and the person entitled to receive payment under the order.

(2) If the obligor fails to make payments as required under the court order, the person entitled to receive payment may recover on the bond or other security in the existing proceeding. The court may, after notice and hearing, increase the amount of the bond or other security. Failure to comply with the court's order to obtain and maintain a bond or other security may be treated as contempt of court. [1993 c 426 § 12; 1984 c 260 § 15.]

26.18.160 Costs. In any action to enforce a support or maintenance order under this chapter, the prevailing party is entitled to a recovery of costs, including an award for reasonable attorney fees. An obligor may not be considered a prevailing party under this section unless the obligee has acted in bad faith in connection with the proceeding in question. [1993 c 426 § 13; 1984 c 260 § 25.]

26.18.170 Health insurance coverage—Enforcement.

(1) Whenever an obligor parent who has been ordered to provide health insurance coverage for a dependent child fails to provide such coverage or lets it lapse, the department or the obligee may seek enforcement of the coverage order as provided under this section.

(2)(a) If the obligor parent's order to provide health insurance coverage contains language notifying the obligor that failure to provide such coverage or proof that such coverage is unavailable may result in direct enforcement of the order and orders payments through, or has been submitted to, the Washington state support registry for enforcement, then the department may, without further notice to the

obligor, send a notice of enrollment to the obligor's employer or union by certified mail, return receipt requested.

The notice shall require the employer or union to enroll the child in the health insurance plan as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

(b) If the obligor parent's order to provide health insurance coverage does not order payments through, and has not been submitted to, the Washington state support registry for enforcement:

(i) The obligee may, without further notice to the obligor send a certified copy of the order requiring health insurance coverage to the obligor's employer or union by certified mail, return receipt requested; and

(ii) The obligee shall attach a notarized statement to the order declaring that the order is the latest order addressing coverage entered by the court and require the employer or union to enroll the child in the health insurance plan as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) Upon receipt of an order that provides for health insurance coverage, or a notice of enrollment:

(a) The obligor's employer or union shall answer the party who sent the order or notice within thirty-five days and confirm that the child:

- (i) Has been enrolled in the health insurance plan;
- (ii) Will be enrolled in the next open enrollment period;

or

(iii) Cannot be covered, stating the reasons why such coverage cannot be provided;

(b) The employer or union shall withhold any required premium from the obligor's income or wages;

(c) If more than one plan is offered by the employer or union, and each plan may be extended to cover the child, then the child shall be enrolled in the obligor's plan. If the obligor's plan does not provide coverage which is accessible to the child, the child shall be enrolled in the least expensive plan otherwise available to the obligor parent;

(d) The employer or union shall provide information about the name of the health insurance coverage provider or insurer and the extent of coverage available to the obligee or the department and shall make available any necessary claim forms or enrollment membership cards.

(4) If the order for coverage contains no language notifying the obligor that failure to provide health insurance coverage or proof that such coverage is unavailable may result in direct enforcement of the order, the department or the obligee may serve a written notice of intent to enforce the order on the obligor by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal service. If the obligor fails to provide written proof that such coverage has been obtained or applied for or fails to provide proof that such coverage is unavailable within twenty days of service of the notice, the department or the obligee may proceed to enforce the order directly as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(5) If the obligor ordered to provide health insurance coverage elects to provide coverage that will not be accessible to the child because of geographic or other limitations when accessible coverage is otherwise available, the department or the obligee may serve a written notice of intent to purchase health insurance coverage on the obligor by certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice shall also specify the type and cost of coverage.

(6) If the department serves a notice under subsection (5) of this section the obligor shall, within twenty days of the date of service:

(a) File an application for an adjudicative proceeding; or

(b) Provide written proof to the department that the obligor has either applied for, or obtained, coverage accessible to the child.

(7) If the obligee serves a notice under subsection (5) of this section, within twenty days of the date of service the obligor shall provide written proof to the obligee that the obligor has either applied for, or obtained, coverage accessible to the child.

(8) If the obligor fails to respond to a notice served under subsection (5) of this section to the party who served the notice, the party who served the notice may purchase the health insurance coverage specified in the notice directly. The amount of the monthly premium shall be added to the support debt and be collectible without further notice. The amount of the monthly premium may be collected or accrued until the obligor provides proof of the required coverage.

(9) The signature of the obligee or of a department employee shall be a valid authorization to the coverage provider or insurer for purposes of processing a payment to the child's health services provider. An order for health insurance coverage shall operate as an assignment of all benefit rights to the obligee or to the child's health services provider, and in any claim against the coverage provider or insurer, the obligee or the obligee's assignee shall be subrogated to the rights of the obligor. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section regarding assignment of benefits, this section shall not require a health care service contractor authorized under chapter 48.44 RCW or a health maintenance organization authorized under chapter 48.46 RCW to deviate from their contractual provisions and restrictions regarding reimbursement for covered services. If the coverage is terminated, the employer shall mail a notice of termination to the department or the obligee at the obligee's last known address within thirty days of the termination date.

(10) This section shall not be construed to limit the right of the obligor or the obligee to bring an action in superior court at any time to enforce, modify, or clarify the original support order.

(11) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a health maintenance organization, or health care service contractor, to extend coverage to a child who resides outside its service area.

(12) If an obligor fails to pay his or her portion of any deductible required under the health insurance coverage or fails to pay his or her portion of medical expenses incurred in excess of the coverage provided under the plan, the department or the obligee may enforce collection of the obligor's portion of the deductible or the additional medical expenses through a wage assignment order. The amount of the deductible or additional medical expenses shall be added to the support debt and be collectible without further notice if the obligor's share of the amount of the deductible or additional expenses is reduced to a sum certain in a court order. [1994 c 230 § 7; 1993 c 426 § 14; 1989 c 416 § 5.]

26.18.180 Liability of employer or union—Penalties.

(1) An obligated parent's employer or union shall be liable

for a fine of up to one thousand dollars per occurrence, if the employer or union fails or refuses, within thirty-five days of receiving the order or notice for health insurance coverage to:

(a) Promptly enroll the obligated parent's child in the health insurance plan; or

(b) Make a written answer to the person or entity who sent the order or notice for health insurance coverage stating that the child:

(i) Will be enrolled in the next available open enrollment period; or

(ii) Cannot be covered and explaining the reasons why coverage cannot be provided.

(2) Liability may be established and the fine may be collected by the office of support enforcement under chapter 74.20A or 26.23 RCW using any of the remedies contained in those chapters.

(3) Any employer or union who enrolls a child in a health insurance plan in compliance with chapter 26.18 RCW shall be exempt from liability resulting from such enrollment. [1989 c 416 § 9.]

26.18.190 Compensation paid by agency or self-insurer on behalf of child.

(1) When the department of labor and industries or a self-insurer pays compensation under chapter 51.32 RCW on behalf of or on account of the child or children of the injured worker for whom the injured worker owes a duty of child support, the amount of compensation the department or self-insurer pays on behalf of the child or children shall be treated for all purposes as if the injured worker paid the compensation toward satisfaction of the injured worker's child support obligations.

(2) When the social security administration pays social security disability dependency benefits on behalf of or on account of the child or children of the disabled person, the amount of compensation paid for the children shall be treated for all purposes as if the disabled person paid the compensation toward satisfaction of the disabled person's child support obligation.

(3) Under no circumstances shall the person who has the obligation to make the transfer payment have a right to reimbursement of any compensation paid under subsection (1) or (2) of this section. [1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 17.]

Effective dates—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

26.18.210 Child support order summary report form.

(1) The administrator for the courts shall develop a child support order summary report form to provide for the reporting of summary information in every case in which a child support order is entered or modified either judicially or administratively. The administrator for the courts shall attempt to the greatest extent possible to make the form simple and understandable by the parties. The form shall indicate the following:

(a) The county in which the order was entered and the cause number;

(b) Whether it was a judicial or administrative order;

(c) Whether the order is an original order or from a modification;

(d) The number of children of the parties and the children's ages;

(e) The combined monthly net income of parties;

(f) The monthly net income of the father as determined by the court;

(g) The monthly net income of the mother as determined by the court;

(h) The basic child support obligation for each child as determined from the economic table;

(i) Whether or not the court deviated from the child support for each child;

(j) The reason or reasons stated by the court for the deviation;

(k) The amount of child support after the deviation;

(l) Any amount awarded for day care;

(m) Any other extraordinary amounts in the order;

(n) Any amount ordered for postsecondary education;

(o) The total amount of support ordered;

(p) In the case of a modification, the amount of support in the previous order;

(q) If the change in support was in excess of thirty percent, whether the change was phased in;

(r) The amount of the transfer payment ordered;

(s) Which parent was ordered to make the transfer payment; and

(t) The date of the entry of the order.

(2) The administrator for the courts shall make the form available to the parties. [1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 22.]

Effective dates—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

26.18.220 Standard court forms—Mandatory use.

(1) The administrator for the courts shall develop not later than July 1, 1991, standard court forms and format rules for mandatory use by litigants in all actions commenced under chapters 26.09, 26.10, and 26.26 RCW effective January 1, 1992. The administrator for the courts shall develop mandatory forms for financial affidavits for integration into the worksheets. The forms shall be developed and approved not later than September 1, 1992. The parties shall use the mandatory form for financial affidavits for actions commenced on or after September 1, 1992. The administrator for the courts has continuing responsibility to develop and revise mandatory forms and format rules as appropriate.

(2) A party may delete unnecessary portions of the forms according to the rules established by the administrator for the courts. A party may supplement the mandatory forms with additional material.

(3) A party's failure to use the mandatory forms or follow the format rules shall not be a reason to dismiss a case, refuse a filing, or strike a pleading. However, the court may require the party to submit a corrected pleading and may impose terms payable to the opposing party or payable to the court, or both.

(4) The administrator for the courts shall distribute a master copy of the forms to all county court clerks. The administrator for the courts and county clerks shall distribute the mandatory forms to the public upon request and may charge for the cost of production and distribution of the forms. Private vendors may distribute the mandatory forms. Distribution may be in printed or electronic form. [1992 c 229 § 5; 1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 25.]

Effective dates—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

26.18.900 Severability—1984 c 260. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1984 c 260 § 43.]

Chapter 26.19

CHILD SUPPORT SCHEDULE

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26.19.001 Legislative intent and finding. The legislature intends, in establishing a child support schedule, to insure that child support orders are adequate to meet a child's basic needs and to provide additional child support commensurate with the parents' income, resources, and standard of living. The legislature also intends that the child support obligation should be equitably apportioned between the parents.

The legislature finds that these goals will be best achieved by the adoption and use of a state-wide child support schedule. Use of a state-wide schedule will benefit children and their parents by:

(1) Increasing the adequacy of child support orders through the use of economic data as the basis for establishing the child support schedule;

(2) Increasing the equity of child support orders by providing for comparable orders in cases with similar circumstances; and

(3) Reducing the adversarial nature of the proceedings by increasing voluntary settlements as a result of the greater predictability achieved by a uniform state-wide child support schedule. [1988 c 275 § 1.]

Effective dates—1988 c 275: "Except for sections 4, 8, and 9 of this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 1988. Sections 4 and 8 of this act are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [March 24, 1988]." [1988 c 275 § 23.]

Severability—1988 c 275: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1988 c 275 § 24.]

26.19.011 Definitions. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Basic child support obligation" means the monthly child support obligation determined from the economic table based on the parties' combined monthly net income and the number of children for whom support is owed.

(2) "Child support schedule" means the standards, economic table, worksheets, and instructions, as defined in this chapter.

(3) "Court" means a superior court judge, court commissioner, and presiding and reviewing officers who administratively determine or enforce child support orders.

(4) "Deviation" means a child support amount that differs from the standard calculation.

(5) "Economic table" means the child support table for the basic support obligation provided in RCW 26.19.020.

(6) "Instructions" means the instructions developed by the office of the administrator for the courts pursuant to RCW 26.19.050 for use in completing the worksheets.

(7) "Standards" means the standards for determination of child support as provided in this chapter.

(8) "Standard calculation" means the presumptive amount of child support owed as determined from the child support schedule before the court considers any reasons for deviation.

(9) "Support transfer payment" means the amount of money the court orders one parent to pay to another parent or custodian for child support after determination of the standard calculation and deviations. If certain expenses or credits are expected to fluctuate and the order states a formula or percentage to determine the additional amount or credit on an ongoing basis, the term "support transfer payment" does not mean the additional amount or credit.

(10) "Worksheets" means the forms developed by the office of the administrator for the courts pursuant to RCW 26.19.050 for use in determining the amount of child support. [1991 sp.s. c 28 § 4.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 sp.s. c 28: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

26.19.020 Child support economic table.

**ECONOMIC TABLE
MONTHLY BASIC SUPPORT OBLIGATION
PER CHILD**

KEY: A = AGE 0-11 B = AGE 12-18

COMBINED MONTHLY NET INCOME	ONE CHILD FAMILY		TWO CHILDREN FAMILY	
	A	B	A	B
0				
100				
200				
300	For income less than \$600 the obligation			
400	is based upon the resources and living expenses			
500	of each household. Minimum support shall not			
	be less than \$25 per child per month.			

600	133	164	103	127
700	155	191	120	148
800	177	218	137	170
900	199	246	154	191
1000	220	272	171	211
1100	242	299	188	232
1200	264	326	205	253
1300	285	352	221	274
1400	307	379	238	294
1500	327	404	254	313
1600	347	428	269	333
1700	367	453	285	352
1800	387	478	300	371
1900	407	503	316	390
2000	427	527	331	409
2100	447	552	347	429
2200	467	577	362	448
2300	487	601	378	467
2400	506	626	393	486
2500	526	650	408	505
2600	534	661	416	513
2700	542	670	421	520
2800	549	679	427	527
2900	556	686	431	533
3000	561	693	436	538
3100	566	699	439	543
3200	569	704	442	546
3300	573	708	445	549
3400	574	710	446	551
3500	575	711	447	552
3600	577	712	448	553
3700	578	713	449	554
3800	581	719	452	558
3900	596	736	463	572
4000	609	753	473	584
4100	623	770	484	598
4200	638	788	495	611
4300	651	805	506	625
4400	664	821	516	637
4500	677	836	525	649
4600	689	851	535	661
4700	701	866	545	673
4800	713	882	554	685
4900	726	897	564	697
5000	738	912	574	708
5100	751	928	584	720
5200	763	943	593	732
5300	776	959	602	744
5400	788	974	612	756
5500	800	989	622	768
5600	812	1004	632	779
5700	825	1019	641	791
5800	837	1035	650	803
5900	850	1050	660	815
6000	862	1065	670	827
6100	875	1081	680	839
6200	887	1096	689	851
6300	899	1112	699	863
6400	911	1127	709	875
6500	924	1142	718	887
6600	936	1157	728	899
6700	949	1172	737	911

Child Support Schedule

26.19.020

6800	961	1188	747	923	4900	470	581	398	491	347	429
6900	974	1203	757	935	5000	479	592	404	500	353	437
7000	986	1218	767	946	5100	487	602	411	509	359	443
COMBINED MONTHLY NET INCOME		THREE CHILDREN FAMILY		FOUR CHILDREN FAMILY		FIVE CHILDREN FAMILY					
		A	B	A	B	A	B				
0											
100											
200											
300	For income less than \$600 the obligation is based upon the resources and living expenses of each household. Minimum support shall not be less than \$25 per child per month.										
400											
500											
600	86	106	73	90	63	78					
700	100	124	85	105	74	91					
800	115	142	97	120	84	104					
900	129	159	109	135	95	118					
1000	143	177	121	149	105	130					
1100	157	194	133	164	116	143					
1200	171	211	144	179	126	156					
1300	185	228	156	193	136	168					
1400	199	246	168	208	147	181					
1500	212	262	179	221	156	193					
1600	225	278	190	235	166	205					
1700	238	294	201	248	175	217					
1800	251	310	212	262	185	228					
1900	264	326	223	275	194	240					
2000	277	342	234	289	204	252					
2100	289	358	245	303	213	264					
2200	302	374	256	316	223	276					
2300	315	390	267	330	233	288					
2400	328	406	278	343	242	299					
2500	341	421	288	356	251	311					
2600	346	428	293	362	256	316					
2700	351	435	298	368	259	321					
2800	356	440	301	372	262	324					
2900	360	445	305	376	266	328					
3000	364	449	308	380	268	331					
3100	367	453	310	383	270	334					
3200	369	457	312	386	272	336					
3300	371	459	314	388	273	339					
3400	372	460	315	389	274	340					
3500	373	461	316	390	275	341					
3600	374	462	317	391	276	342					
3700	375	463	318	392	277	343					
3800	377	466	319	394	278	344					
3900	386	477	326	404	284	352					
4000	395	488	334	413	291	360					
4100	404	500	341	422	298	368					
4200	413	511	350	431	305	377					
4300	422	522	357	441	311	385					
4400	431	532	364	449	317	392					
4500	438	542	371	458	323	400					
4600	446	552	377	467	329	407					
4700	455	562	384	475	335	414					
4800	463	572	391	483	341	422					

The economic table is presumptive for combined monthly net incomes up to and including five thousand dollars. When combined monthly net income exceeds five thousand dollars, support shall not be set at an amount lower than the presumptive amount of support set for combined monthly net incomes of five thousand dollars unless the court finds a reason to deviate below that amount. The economic table is advisory but not presumptive for combined monthly net incomes that exceed five thousand dollars. When combined monthly net income exceeds seven thousand dollars, the court may set support at an advisory amount of support set for combined monthly net incomes between five thousand and seven thousand dollars or the court may exceed the advisory amount of support set for combined monthly net incomes of seven thousand dollars upon written findings of fact. [1991 c 367 § 25; 1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 19; 1989 c 175 § 76; 1988 c 275 § 3.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

Effective dates—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

Effective date—1989 c 175: See note following RCW 34.05.010.

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

26.19.025 Legislative review of support schedule.

The legislature shall review the support schedule every four years to determine if the application of the support schedule results in appropriate support orders. [1991 c 367 § 26.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.19.035 Standards for application of the child support schedule. (1) Application of the child support schedule. The child support schedule shall be applied:

- (a) In each county of the state;
- (b) In judicial and administrative proceedings under this title or Title 13 or 74 RCW;

(c) In all proceedings in which child support is determined or modified;

(d) In setting temporary and permanent support;

(e) In automatic modification provisions or decrees entered pursuant to RCW 26.09.100; and

(f) In addition to proceedings in which child support is determined for minors, to adult children who are dependent on their parents and for whom support is ordered pursuant to RCW 26.09.100.

The provisions of this chapter for determining child support and reasons for deviation from the standard calculation shall be applied in the same manner by the court, presiding officers, and reviewing officers.

(2) **Written findings of fact supported by the evidence.** An order for child support shall be supported by written findings of fact upon which the support determination is based and shall include reasons for any deviation from the standard calculation and reasons for denial of a party's request for deviation from the standard calculation. The court shall enter written findings of fact in all cases whether or not the court: (a) Sets the support at the presumptive amount, for combined monthly net incomes below five thousand dollars; (b) sets the support at an advisory amount, for combined monthly net incomes between five thousand and seven thousand dollars; or (c) deviates from the presumptive or advisory amounts.

(3) **Completion of worksheets.** Worksheets in the form developed by the office of the administrator for the courts shall be completed under penalty of perjury and filed in every proceeding in which child support is determined. The court shall not accept incomplete worksheets or worksheets that vary from the worksheets developed by the office of the administrator for the courts.

(4) **Court review of the worksheets and order.** The court shall review the worksheets and the order setting support for the adequacy of the reasons set forth for any deviation or denial of any request for deviation and for the adequacy of the amount of support ordered. Each order shall state the amount of child support calculated using the standard calculation and the amount of child support actually ordered. Worksheets shall be attached to the decree or order or if filed separately shall be initialed or signed by the judge and filed with the order. [1992 c 229 § 6; 1991 c 367 § 27.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.19.045 Veterans' disability pensions, compensation for disability, and aid and attendant care payments. Veterans' disability pensions or regular compensation for disability incurred in or aggravated by service in the United States armed forces paid by the veterans' administration shall be disclosed to the court. The court may consider either type of compensation as disposable income for purposes of calculating the child support obligation. Aid and attendant care payments to prevent hospitalization paid by the veterans' administration solely to provide physical home care for a disabled veteran, and special medical compensation paid under 38 U.S.C. Sec. 314 (k) through (r) to provide either special care or special aids, or both, to assist with routine daily functions shall also be disclosed. The court may not include either aid and attendant care or special medical compensation payments in gross income for purposes of

calculating the child support obligation or for purposes of deviating from the standard calculation. [1991 c 367 § 30.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.19.050 Worksheets and instructions. (1) The administrator for the courts shall develop and adopt worksheets and instructions to assist the parties and courts in establishing the appropriate child support level and apportionment of support. The administrator for the courts shall attempt to the greatest extent possible to make the worksheets and instructions understandable by persons who are not represented by legal counsel.

(2) The administrator for the courts shall develop and adopt standards for the printing of worksheets and shall establish a process for certifying printed worksheets. The administrator may maintain a register of sources for approved worksheets.

(3) The administrator for the courts should explore methods to assist pro se parties and judges in the courtroom to calculate support payments through automated software, equipment, or personal assistance. [1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 5; 1988 c 275 § 6.]

Effective dates—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

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

26.19.055 Payments for attendant services in cases of disability. Payments from any source, other than veterans' aid and attendance allowances or special medical compensation paid under 38 U.S.C. Sec. 314 (k) through (r), for services provided by an attendant in case of a disability when the disability necessitates the hiring of the services of an attendant shall be disclosed but shall not be included in gross income and shall not be a reason to deviate from the standard calculation. [1991 c 367 § 31.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.19.065 Standards for establishing lower and upper limits on child support amounts. (1) **Limit at forty-five percent of a parent's net income.** Neither parent's total child support obligation may exceed forty-five percent of net income except for good cause shown. Good cause includes but is not limited to possession of substantial wealth, children with day care expenses, special medical need, educational need, psychological need, and larger families.

(2) **Income below six hundred dollars.** When combined monthly net income is less than six hundred dollars, a support order of not less than twenty-five dollars per child per month shall be entered for each parent. A parent's support obligation shall not reduce his or her net income below the need standard for one person established pursuant to RCW 74.04.770, except for the mandatory minimum payment of twenty-five dollars per child per month as required in this section or in cases where the court finds reasons for deviation under *section 32 of this act. This section shall not be construed to require monthly substantiation of income.

(3) **Income above five thousand and seven thousand dollars.** The economic table is presumptive for combined monthly net incomes up to and including five thousand dollars. When combined monthly net income exceeds five thousand dollars, support shall not be set at an amount lower than the presumptive amount of support set for combined monthly net incomes of five thousand dollars unless the court finds a reason to deviate below that amount. The economic table is advisory but not presumptive for combined monthly net incomes that exceed five thousand dollars. When combined monthly net income exceeds seven thousand dollars, the court may set support at an advisory amount of support set for combined monthly net incomes between five thousand and seven thousand dollars or the court may exceed the advisory amount of support set for combined monthly net incomes of seven thousand dollars upon written findings of fact. [1991 c 367 § 33.]

*Reviser's note: "Section 32 of this act" was vetoed by the governor.

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.19.071 Standards for determination of income.

(1) **Consideration of all income.** All income and resources of each parent's household shall be disclosed and considered by the court when the court determines the child support obligation of each parent. Only the income of the parents of the children whose support is at issue shall be calculated for purposes of calculating the basic support obligation. Income and resources of any other person shall not be included in calculating the basic support obligation.

(2) **Verification of income.** Tax returns for the preceding two years and current paystubs shall be provided to verify income and deductions. Other sufficient verification shall be required for income and deductions which do not appear on tax returns or paystubs.

(3) **Income sources included in gross monthly income.** Except as specifically excluded in subsection (4) of this section, monthly gross income shall include income from any source, including:

- (a) Salaries;
- (b) Wages;
- (c) Commissions;
- (d) Deferred compensation;
- (e) Overtime;
- (f) Contract-related benefits;
- (g) Income from second jobs;
- (h) Dividends;
- (i) Interest;
- (j) Trust income;
- (k) Severance pay;
- (l) Annuities;
- (m) Capital gains;
- (n) Pension retirement benefits;
- (o) Workers' compensation;
- (p) Unemployment benefits;
- (q) Spousal maintenance actually received;
- (r) Bonuses;
- (s) Social security benefits; and
- (t) Disability insurance benefits.

(4) **Income sources excluded from gross monthly income.** The following income and resources shall be disclosed but shall not be included in gross income:

- (a) Income of a new spouse or income of other adults in the household;
- (b) Child support received from other relationships;
- (c) Gifts and prizes;
- (d) Aid to families with dependent children;
- (e) Supplemental security income;
- (f) General assistance; and
- (g) Food stamps.

Receipt of income and resources from aid to families with dependent children, supplemental security income, general assistance, and food stamps shall not be a reason to deviate from the standard calculation.

(5) **Determination of net income.** The following expenses shall be disclosed and deducted from gross monthly income to calculate net monthly income:

- (a) Federal and state income taxes;
- (b) Federal insurance contributions act deductions;
- (c) Mandatory pension plan payments;
- (d) Mandatory union or professional dues;
- (e) State industrial insurance premiums;
- (f) Court-ordered spousal maintenance to the extent actually paid;

(g) Up to two thousand dollars per year in voluntary pension payments actually made if the contributions were made for the two tax years preceding the earlier of the (i) tax year in which the parties separated with intent to live separate and apart or (ii) tax year in which the parties filed for dissolution; and

(h) Normal business expenses and self-employment taxes for self-employed persons. Justification shall be required for any business expense deduction about which there is disagreement.

Items deducted from gross income under this subsection shall not be a reason to deviate from the standard calculation.

(6) **Imputation of income.** The court shall impute income to a parent when the parent is voluntarily unemployed or voluntarily underemployed. The court shall determine whether the parent is voluntarily underemployed or voluntarily unemployed based upon that parent's work history, education, health, and age, or any other relevant factors. A court shall not impute income to a parent who is gainfully employed on a full-time basis, unless the court finds that the parent is voluntarily underemployed and finds that the parent is purposely underemployed to reduce the parent's child support obligation. Income shall not be imputed for an unemployable parent. Income shall not be imputed to a parent to the extent the parent is unemployed or significantly underemployed due to the parent's efforts to comply with court-ordered reunification efforts under chapter 13.34 RCW or under a voluntary placement agreement with an agency supervising the child. In the absence of information to the contrary, a parent's imputed income shall be based on the median income of year-round full-time workers as derived from the United States bureau of census, current populations reports, or such replacement report as published by the bureau of census. [1993 c 358 § 4; 1991 sp.s. c 28 § 5.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 sp.s. c 28:
See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

26.19.075 Standards for deviation from the standard calculation. (1) Reasons for deviation from the standard calculation include but are not limited to the following:

(a) **Sources of income and tax planning.** The court may deviate from the standard calculation after consideration of the following:

(i) Income of a new spouse if the parent who is married to the new spouse is asking for a deviation based on any other reason. Income of a new spouse is not, by itself, a sufficient reason for deviation;

(ii) Income of other adults in the household if the parent who is living with the other adult is asking for a deviation based on any other reason. Income of the other adults in the household is not, by itself, a sufficient reason for deviation;

(iii) Child support actually received from other relationships;

(iv) Gifts;

(v) Prizes;

(vi) Possession of wealth, including but not limited to savings, investments, real estate holdings and business interests, vehicles, boats, pensions, bank accounts, insurance plans, or other assets;

(vii) Extraordinary income of a child; or

(viii) Tax planning considerations. A deviation for tax planning may be granted only if the child would not receive a lesser economic benefit due to the tax planning.

(b) **Nonrecurring income.** The court may deviate from the standard calculation based on a finding that a particular source of income included in the calculation of the basic support obligation is not a recurring source of income. Depending on the circumstances, nonrecurring income may include overtime, contract-related benefits, bonuses, or income from second jobs. Deviations for nonrecurring income shall be based on a review of the nonrecurring income received in the previous two calendar years.

(c) **Debt and high expenses.** The court may deviate from the standard calculation after consideration of the following expenses:

(i) Extraordinary debt not voluntarily incurred;

(ii) A significant disparity in the living costs of the parents due to conditions beyond their control;

(iii) Special needs of disabled children;

(iv) Special medical, educational, or psychological needs of the children; or

(v) Costs incurred or anticipated to be incurred by the parents in compliance with court-ordered reunification efforts under chapter 13.34 RCW or under a voluntary placement agreement with an agency supervising the child.

(d) **Residential schedule.** The court may deviate from the standard calculation if the child spends a significant amount of time with the parent who is obligated to make a support transfer payment. The court may not deviate on that basis if the deviation will result in insufficient funds in the household receiving the support to meet the basic needs of the child or if the child is receiving aid to families with dependent children. When determining the amount of the deviation, the court shall consider evidence concerning the increased expenses to a parent making support transfer

payments resulting from the significant amount of time spent with that parent and shall consider the decreased expenses, if any, to the party receiving the support resulting from the significant amount of time the child spends with the parent making the support transfer payment.

(e) **Children from other relationships.** The court may deviate from the standard calculation when either or both of the parents before the court have children from other relationships to whom the parent owes a duty of support.

(i) The child support schedule shall be applied to the mother, father, and children of the family before the court to determine the presumptive amount of support.

(ii) Children from other relationships shall not be counted in the number of children for purposes of determining the basic support obligation and the standard calculation.

(iii) When considering a deviation from the standard calculation for children from other relationships, the court may consider only other children to whom the parent owes a duty of support. The court may consider court-ordered payments of child support for children from other relationships only to the extent that the support is actually paid.

(iv) When the court has determined that either or both parents have children from other relationships, deviations under this section shall be based on consideration of the total circumstances of both households. All child support obligations paid, received, and owed for all children shall be disclosed and considered.

(2) All income and resources of the parties before the court, new spouses, and other adults in the households shall be disclosed and considered as provided in this section. The presumptive amount of support shall be determined according to the child support schedule. Unless specific reasons for deviation are set forth in the written findings of fact and are supported by the evidence, the court shall order each parent to pay the amount of support determined by using the standard calculation.

(3) The court shall enter findings that specify reasons for any deviation or any denial of a party's request for any deviation from the standard calculation made by the court. The court shall not consider reasons for deviation until the court determines the standard calculation for each parent.

(4) When reasons exist for deviation, the court shall exercise discretion in considering the extent to which the factors would affect the support obligation.

(5) Agreement of the parties is not by itself adequate reason for any deviations from the standard calculation. [1993 c 358 § 5; 1991 sp.s. c 28 § 6.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 sp.s. c 28:
See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

26.19.080 Allocation of child support obligation between parents. (1) The basic child support obligation derived from the economic table shall be allocated between the parents based on each parent's share of the combined monthly net income.

(2) Ordinary health care expenses are included in the economic table. Monthly health care expenses that exceed five percent of the basic support obligation shall be considered extraordinary health care expenses. Extraordinary health care expenses shall be shared by the parents in the same proportion as the basic child support obligation.

(3) Day care and special child rearing expenses, such as tuition and long-distance transportation costs to and from the parents for visitation purposes, are not included in the economic table. These expenses shall be shared by the parents in the same proportion as the basic child support obligation.

(4) The court may exercise its discretion to determine the necessity for and the reasonableness of all amounts ordered in excess of the basic child support obligation. [1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 7.]

Effective dates—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

26.19.090 Standards for postsecondary educational support awards. (1) The child support schedule shall be advisory and not mandatory for postsecondary educational support.

(2) When considering whether to order support for postsecondary educational expenses, the court shall determine whether the child is in fact dependent and is relying upon the parents for the reasonable necessities of life. The court shall exercise its discretion when determining whether and for how long to award postsecondary educational support based upon consideration of factors that include but are not limited to the following: Age of the child; the child's needs; the expectations of the parties for their children when the parents were together; the child's prospects, desires, aptitudes, abilities or disabilities; the nature of the postsecondary education sought; and the parents' level of education, standard of living, and current and future resources. Also to be considered are the amount and type of support that the child would have been afforded if the parents had stayed together.

(3) The child must enroll in an accredited academic or vocational school, must be actively pursuing a course of study commensurate with the child's vocational goals, and must be in good academic standing as defined by the institution. The court-ordered postsecondary educational support shall be automatically suspended during the period or periods the child fails to comply with these conditions.

(4) The child shall also make available all academic records and grades to both parents as a condition of receiving postsecondary educational support. Each parent shall have full and equal access to the postsecondary education records as provided in RCW 26.09.225.

(5) The court shall not order the payment of postsecondary educational expenses beyond the child's twenty-third birthday, except for exceptional circumstances, such as mental, physical, or emotional disabilities.

(6) The court shall direct that either or both parents' payments for postsecondary educational expenses be made directly to the educational institution if feasible. If direct payments are not feasible, then the court in its discretion may order that either or both parents' payments be made directly to the child if the child does not reside with either parent. If the child resides with one of the parents the court may direct that the parent making the support transfer payments make the payments to the child or to the parent who has been receiving the support transfer payments. [1991 sp.s. c 28 § 7; 1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 9.]

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Effective dates—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

26.19.100 Federal income tax exemptions. The parties may agree which parent is entitled to claim the child or children as dependents for federal income tax exemptions. The court may award the exemption or exemptions and order a party to sign the federal income tax dependency exemption waiver. The court may divide the exemptions between the parties, alternate the exemptions between the parties, or both. [1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 10.]

Effective dates—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

Chapter 26.20

FAMILY ABANDONMENT OR NONSUPPORT

(Formerly: Family desertion)

Sections

- 26.20.030 Family abandonment—Penalty.
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Child support enforcement: Chapter 26.18 RCW.

Child support registry: Chapter 26.23 RCW.

Council for the prevention of child abuse and neglect: Chapter 43.121 RCW.

Uniform interstate family support act: Chapter 26.21 RCW.

26.20.030 Family abandonment—Penalty. (1) Any person who has a child dependent upon him or her for care, education or support and deserts such child in any manner whatever with intent to abandon it is guilty of the crime of family abandonment.

(2) The crime of family abandonment is a class C felony under chapter 9A.20 RCW. [1984 c 260 § 26; 1973 1st ex.s. c 154 § 34; 1969 ex.s. c 207 § 2; 1955 c 249 § 1; 1953 c 255 § 1; 1943 c 158 § 1; 1913 c 28 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1943 § 6908. Prior: 1907 c 103 § 1, part.]

Severability—1984 c 260: See RCW 26.18.900.

Severability—1973 1st ex.s. c 154: See note following RCW 2.12.030.

Leaving children unattended in parked automobile: RCW 9.91.060.

26.20.035 Family nonsupport—Penalty. (1) Any person who is able to provide support, or has the ability to earn the means to provide support, and who:

(a) Wilfully omits to provide necessary food, clothing, shelter, or medical attendance to a child dependent upon him or her; or

(b) Wilfully omits to provide necessary food, clothing, shelter, or medical attendance to his or her spouse, is guilty of the crime of family nonsupport.

(2) The crime of family nonsupport is a gross misdemeanor under chapter 9A.20 RCW. [1984 c 260 § 27.]

Severability—1984 c 260: See RCW 26.18.900.

26.20.071 Evidence—Spouse as witness. In any proceedings relating to nonsupport or family desertion the laws attaching a privilege against the disclosure of communications between husband and wife shall be inapplicable and

both husband and wife in such proceedings shall be competent witnesses to testify to any relevant matter, including marriage and parentage. [1963 c 10 § 1.]

Uniform criminal extradition act: Chapter 10.88 RCW.

26.20.080 Proof of wilfulness—Application of penalty provisions. Proof of the nonsupport of a spouse or of a child or children, or the omission to furnish necessary food, clothing, shelter, or medical attendance for a spouse, or for a child or children, is prima facie evidence that the nonsupport or omission to furnish food, clothing, shelter, or medical attendance is wilful. The provisions of RCW 26.20.030 and 26.20.035 are applicable regardless of the marital status of the person who has a child dependent upon him or her, and regardless of the nonexistence of any decree requiring payment of support or maintenance. [1984 c 260 § 28; 1973 1st ex.s. c 154 § 36; 1913 c 28 § 3; RRS § 6910. Formerly RCW 26.20.080 and 26.20.090.]

Severability—1984 c 260: See RCW 26.18.900.

Severability—1973 1st ex.s. c 154: See note following RCW 2.12.030.

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ARTICLE 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS

26.21.005 Definitions. In this chapter:

(1) "Child" means an individual, whether over or under the age of majority, who is or is alleged to be owed a duty of support by the individual's parent or who is or is alleged to be the beneficiary of a support order directed to the parent.

(2) "Child support order" means a support order for a child, including a child who has attained the age of majority under the law of the issuing state.

(3) "Duty of support" means an obligation imposed or imposable by law to provide support for a child, spouse, or former spouse, including an unsatisfied obligation to provide support.

(4) "Home state" means the state in which a child lived with a parent or a person acting as parent for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the time of filing of a petition or comparable pleading for support and, if a child is less than six months old, the state in which the child lived from birth with any of them. A period of temporary absence of any of them is counted as part of the six-month or other period.

(5) "Income" includes earnings or other periodic entitlements to money from any source and any other property subject to withholding for support under the law of this state.

(6) "Income-withholding order" means an order or other legal process directed to an obligor's employer or other debtor, as defined by chapter 6.27 RCW, to withhold support from the income of the obligor.

(7) "Initiating state" means a state in which a proceeding under this chapter or a law substantially similar to this chapter, the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, or the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act is filed for forwarding to a responding state.

(8) "Initiating tribunal" means the authorized tribunal in an initiating state.

(9) "Issuing state" means the state in which a tribunal issues a support order or renders a judgment determining parentage.

(10) "Issuing tribunal" means the tribunal that issues a support order or renders a judgment determining parentage.

(11) "Law" includes decisional and statutory law and rules and regulations having the force of law.

(12) "Obligee" means:

(a) An individual to whom a duty of support is or is alleged to be owed or in whose favor a support order has been issued or a judgment determining parentage has been rendered;

(b) A state or political subdivision to which the rights under a duty of support or support order have been assigned or which has independent claims based on financial assistance provided to an individual obligee; or

(c) An individual seeking a judgment determining parentage of the individual's child.

(13) "Obligor" means an individual, or the estate of a decedent:

(a) Who owes or is alleged to owe a duty of support;

(b) Who is alleged but has not been adjudicated to be a parent of a child; or

(c) Who is liable under a support order.

(14) "Register" means to record or file in the appropriate location for the recording or filing of foreign judgments generally or foreign support orders specifically, a support order or judgment determining parentage.

(15) "Registering tribunal" means a tribunal in which a support order is registered.

(16) "Responding state" means a state to which a proceeding is forwarded under this chapter or a law substantially similar to this chapter, the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, or the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act.

(17) "Responding tribunal" means the authorized tribunal in a responding state.

(18) "Spousal support order" means a support order for a spouse or former spouse of the obligor.

(19) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. The term "state" includes an Indian tribe and includes a foreign jurisdiction that has established procedures for issuance and enforcement of support orders that are substantially similar to the procedures under this chapter.

(20) "Support enforcement agency" means a public official or agency authorized to seek:

(a) Enforcement of support orders or laws relating to the duty of support;

(b) Establishment or modification of child support;

(c) Determination of parentage; or

(d) Location of obligors or their assets.

(21) "Support order" means a judgment, decree, or order, whether temporary, final, or subject to modification, for the benefit of a child, a spouse, or a former spouse, that provides for monetary support, health care, arrearages, or reimbursement, and may include related costs and fees, interest, income withholding, attorneys' fees, and other relief.

(22) "Tribunal" means a court, administrative agency, or quasi-judicial entity authorized to establish, enforce, or modify support orders or to determine parentage. [1993 c 318 § 101.]

26.21.015 Tribunal of this state. The superior court is the state tribunal for judicial proceedings and the department of social and health services office of support enforcement is the state tribunal for administrative proceedings. [1993 c 318 § 102.]

26.21.025 Remedies cumulative. Remedies provided by this chapter are cumulative and do not affect the availability of remedies under other law. [1993 c 318 § 103.]

26.21.065 Child support schedule. A determination of child support shall be based upon the child support schedule and standards adopted under *RCW 26.19.040. [1988 c 275 § 13.]

*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.

ARTICLE 2
JURISDICTION
PART A
EXTENDED PERSONAL JURISDICTION

26.21.075 Bases for jurisdiction over nonresident.

In a proceeding to establish, enforce, or modify a support order or to determine parentage, a tribunal of this state may exercise personal jurisdiction over a nonresident individual or the individual's guardian or conservator if:

- (1) The individual is personally served with summons within this state;
- (2) The individual submits to the jurisdiction of this state by consent, by entering a general appearance, or by filing a responsive document having the effect of waiving any contest to personal jurisdiction;
- (3) The individual resided with the child in this state;
- (4) The individual resided in this state and provided prenatal expenses or support for the child;
- (5) The child resides in this state as a result of the acts or directives of the individual;
- (6) The individual engaged in sexual intercourse in this state and the child may have been conceived by that act of intercourse; or
- (7) There is any other basis consistent with the Constitutions of this state and the United States for the exercise of personal jurisdiction. [1993 c 318 § 201.]

26.21.085 Procedure when exercising jurisdiction over nonresident. A tribunal of this state exercising personal jurisdiction over a nonresident under RCW 26.21.075 may apply RCW 26.21.355 to receive evidence from another state, and RCW 26.21.375 to obtain discovery through a tribunal of another state. In all other respects, Articles 3 through 7 do not apply and the tribunal shall apply the procedural and substantive law of this state, including the rules on choice of law other than those established by this chapter. [1993 c 318 § 202.]

PART B
PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING TWO OR MORE
STATES

26.21.095 Initiating and responding tribunal of this state. Under this chapter, a tribunal of this state may serve as an initiating tribunal to forward proceedings to another state and as a responding tribunal for proceedings initiated in another state. [1993 c 318 § 203.]

26.21.105 Simultaneous proceedings in another state. (1) A tribunal of this state may exercise jurisdiction to establish a support order if the petition or comparable pleading is filed after a petition or comparable pleading is filed in another state only if:

- (a) The petition or comparable pleading in this state is filed before the expiration of the time allowed in the other state for filing a responsive pleading challenging the exercise of jurisdiction by the other state;

(b) The contesting party timely challenges the exercise of jurisdiction in the other state; and

(c) If relevant, this state is the home state of the child.

(2) A tribunal of this state may not exercise jurisdiction to establish a support order if the petition or comparable pleading is filed before a petition or comparable pleading is filed in another state if:

(a) The petition or comparable pleading in the other state is filed before the expiration of the time allowed in this state for filing a responsive pleading challenging the exercise of jurisdiction by this state;

(b) The contesting party timely challenges the exercise of jurisdiction in this state; and

(c) If relevant, the other state is the home state of the child. [1993 c 318 § 204.]

26.21.115 Continuing, exclusive jurisdiction. (1) A tribunal of this state issuing a support order consistent with the law of this state has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over a child support order:

(a) As long as this state remains the residence of the obligor, the individual obligee, or the child for whose benefit the support order is issued; or

(b) Until each individual party has filed written consent with the tribunal of this state for a tribunal of another state to modify the order and assume continuing, exclusive jurisdiction.

(2) A tribunal of this state issuing a child support order consistent with the law of this state may not exercise its continuing jurisdiction to modify the order if the order has been modified by a tribunal of another state pursuant to a law substantially similar to this chapter.

(3) If a child support order of this state is modified by a tribunal of another state pursuant to a law substantially similar to this chapter, a tribunal of this state loses its continuing, exclusive jurisdiction with regard to prospective enforcement of the order issued in this state, and may only:

(a) Enforce the order that was modified as to amounts accruing before the modification;

(b) Enforce nonmodifiable aspects of that order; and

(c) Provide other appropriate relief for violations of that order which occurred before the effective date of the modification.

(4) A tribunal of this state shall recognize the continuing, exclusive jurisdiction of a tribunal of another state that has issued a child support order pursuant to a law substantially similar to this chapter.

(5) A temporary support order issued ex parte or pending resolution of a jurisdictional conflict does not create continuing, exclusive jurisdiction in the issuing tribunal.

(6) A tribunal of this state issuing a support order consistent with the law of this state has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over a spousal support order throughout the existence of the support obligation. A tribunal of this state may not modify a spousal support order issued by a tribunal of another state having continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over that order under the law of that state. [1993 c 318 § 205.]

26.21.125 Orders—Compliance with RCW 26.23.050. Every court order or decree establishing a child

support obligation shall be entered in compliance with RCW 26.23.050. [1987 c 435 § 23; 1986 c 138 § 2; 1984 c 260 § 22.]

Effective date—1987 c 435: See RCW 26.23.900.

Severability—1984 c 260: See RCW 26.18.900.

26.21.127 Enforcement and modification of support order by tribunal having continuing jurisdiction. (1) A tribunal of this state may serve as an initiating tribunal to request a tribunal of another state to enforce or modify a support order issued in that state.

(2) A tribunal of this state having continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over a support order may act as a responding tribunal to enforce or modify the order. If a party subject to the continuing, exclusive jurisdiction of the tribunal no longer resides in the issuing state, in subsequent proceedings the tribunal may apply RCW 26.21.355 to receive evidence from another state and RCW 26.21.375 to obtain discovery through a tribunal of another state.

(3) A tribunal of this state that lacks continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over a spousal support order may not serve as a responding tribunal to modify a spousal support order of another state. [1993 c 318 § 206.]

PART C RECONCILIATION WITH ORDERS OF OTHER STATES

26.21.135 Recognition of child support orders. (1) If a proceeding is brought under this chapter, and one or more child support orders have been issued in this or another state with regard to an obligor and a child, a tribunal of this state shall apply the following rules in determining which order to recognize for purposes of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction:

(a) If only one tribunal has issued a child support order, the order of that tribunal must be recognized.

(b) If two or more tribunals have issued child support orders for the same obligor and child, and only one of the tribunals would have continuing, exclusive jurisdiction under this chapter, the order of that tribunal must be recognized.

(c) If two or more tribunals have issued child support orders for the same obligor and child, and more than one of the tribunals would have continuing, exclusive jurisdiction under this chapter, an order issued by a tribunal in the current home state of the child must be recognized, but if an order has not been issued in the current home state of the child, the order most recently issued must be recognized.

(d) If two or more tribunals have issued child support orders for the same obligor and child, and none of the tribunals would have continuing, exclusive jurisdiction under this chapter, the tribunal of this state may issue a child support order, which must be recognized.

(2) The tribunal that has issued an order recognized under subsection (1) of this section is the tribunal having continuing, exclusive jurisdiction. [1993 c 318 § 207.]

26.21.145 Multiple child support orders for two or more obligees. In responding to multiple registrations or petitions for enforcement of two or more child support orders in effect at the same time with regard to the same

obligor and different individual obligees, at least one of which was issued by a tribunal of another state, a tribunal of this state shall enforce those orders in the same manner as if the multiple orders had been issued by a tribunal of this state. [1993 c 318 § 208.]

26.21.155 Credit for payments. Amounts collected and credited for a particular period pursuant to a support order issued by a tribunal of another state must be credited against the amounts accruing or accrued for the same period under a support order issued by the tribunal of this state. [1993 c 318 § 209.]

ARTICLE 3 CIVIL PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION

26.21.205 Proceedings under this chapter. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, this article applies to all proceedings under this chapter.

(2) This chapter provides for the following proceedings:

(a) Establishment of an order for spousal support or child support pursuant to Article 4;

(b) Enforcement of a support order and income-withholding order of another state without registration pursuant to Article 5;

(c) Registration of an order for spousal support or child support of another state for enforcement pursuant to Article 6;

(d) Modification of an order for child support or spousal support issued by a tribunal of this state pursuant to Article 2, Part B;

(e) Registration of an order for child support of another state for modification pursuant to Article 6;

(f) Determination of parentage pursuant to Article 7; and

(g) Assertion of jurisdiction over nonresidents pursuant to Article 2, Part A.

(3) An individual petitioner or a support enforcement agency may commence a proceeding authorized under this chapter by filing a petition in an initiating tribunal for forwarding to a responding tribunal or by filing a petition or a comparable pleading directly in a tribunal of another state which has or can obtain personal jurisdiction over the respondent. [1993 c 318 § 301.]

26.21.215 Action by minor parent. A minor parent, or a guardian or other legal representative of a minor parent, may maintain a proceeding on behalf of or for the benefit of the minor's child. [1993 c 318 § 302.]

26.21.225 Application of law of this state. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, a responding tribunal of this state:

(1) Shall apply the procedural and substantive law, including the rules on choice of law, generally applicable to similar proceedings originating in this state and may exercise all powers and provide all remedies available in those proceedings; and

(2) Shall determine the duty of support and the amount payable in accordance with the law and support guidelines of this state. [1993 c 318 § 303.]

26.21.235 Duties of initiating tribunal. Upon the filing of a petition authorized by this chapter, an initiating tribunal of this state shall forward three copies of the petition and its accompanying documents:

(1) To the responding tribunal or appropriate support enforcement agency in the responding state; or

(2) If the identity of the responding tribunal is unknown, to the state information agency of the responding state with a request that they be forwarded to the appropriate tribunal and that receipt be acknowledged. [1993 c 318 § 304.]

26.21.245 Duties and powers of responding tribunal. (1) When a responding tribunal of this state receives a petition or comparable pleading from an initiating tribunal or directly pursuant to RCW 26.21.205(3), it shall cause the petition or pleading to be filed and notify the petitioner by first class mail where and when it was filed.

(2) A responding tribunal of this state, to the extent otherwise authorized by law, may do one or more of the following:

(a) Issue or enforce a support order, modify a child support order, or render a judgment to determine parentage;

(b) Order an obligor to comply with a support order, specifying the amount and the manner of compliance;

(c) Order income withholding;

(d) Determine the amount of any arrearages, and specify a method of payment;

(e) Enforce orders by civil or criminal contempt, or both;

(f) Set aside property for satisfaction of the support order;

(g) Place liens and order execution on the obligor's property;

(h) Order an obligor to keep the tribunal informed of the obligor's current residential address, telephone number, employer, address of employment, and telephone number at the place of employment;

(i) Issue a bench warrant or writ of arrest for an obligor who has failed after proper notice to appear at a hearing ordered by the tribunal and enter the bench warrant or writ of arrest in any local and state computer systems for criminal warrants;

(j) Order the obligor to seek appropriate employment by specified methods;

(k) Award reasonable attorneys' fees and other fees and costs; and

(l) Grant any other available remedy.

(3) A responding tribunal of this state shall include in a support order issued under this chapter, or in the documents accompanying the order, the calculations on which the support order is based.

(4) A responding tribunal of this state may not condition the payment of a support order issued under this chapter upon compliance by a party with provisions for visitation.

(5) If a responding tribunal of this state issues an order under this chapter, the tribunal shall send a copy of the order by first class mail to the petitioner and the respondent and to the initiating tribunal, if any. [1993 c 318 § 305.]

26.21.255 Inappropriate tribunal. If a petition or comparable pleading is received by an inappropriate tribunal

of this state, it shall forward the pleading and accompanying documents to an appropriate tribunal in this state or another state and notify the petitioner by first class mail where and when the pleading was sent. [1993 c 318 § 306.]

26.21.265 Duties of support enforcement agency.

(1) A support enforcement agency of this state, upon request, shall provide services to a petitioner in a proceeding under this chapter.

(2) A support enforcement agency that is providing services to the petitioner as appropriate shall:

(a) Take all steps necessary to enable an appropriate tribunal in this state or another state to obtain jurisdiction over the respondent;

(b) Request an appropriate tribunal to set a date, time, and place for a hearing;

(c) Make a reasonable effort to obtain all relevant information, including information as to income and property of the parties;

(d) Within two days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, after receipt of a written notice from an initiating, responding, or registering tribunal, send a copy of the notice by first class mail to the petitioner;

(e) Within two days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, after receipt of a written communication from the respondent or the respondent's attorney, send a copy of the communication by first class mail to the petitioner; and

(f) Notify the petitioner if jurisdiction over the respondent cannot be obtained.

(3) This chapter does not create or negate a relationship of attorney and client or other fiduciary relationship between a support enforcement agency or the attorney for the agency and the individual being assisted by the agency. [1993 c 318 § 307.]

26.21.275 Duty of attorney general. If the attorney general determines that the support enforcement agency is neglecting or refusing to provide services to an individual, the attorney general may order the agency to perform its duties under this chapter or may provide those services directly to the individual. [1993 c 318 § 308.]

26.21.285 Private counsel. An individual may employ private counsel to represent the individual in proceedings authorized by this chapter. [1993 c 318 § 309.]

26.21.295 Duties of department as state information agency. (1) The department of social and health services office of support enforcement is the state information agency under this chapter.

(2) The state information agency shall:

(a) Compile and maintain a current list, including addresses, of the tribunals in this state that have jurisdiction under this chapter and any support enforcement agencies in this state and transmit a copy to the state information agency of every other state;

(b) Maintain a register of tribunals and support enforcement agencies received from other states;

(c) Forward to the appropriate tribunal in the place in this state in which the individual obligee or the obligor

resides, or in which the obligor's property is believed to be located, all documents concerning a proceeding under this chapter received from an initiating tribunal or the state information agency of the initiating state; and

(d) Obtain information concerning the location of the obligor and the obligor's property within this state not exempt from execution, by such means as postal verification and federal or state locator services, examination of telephone directories, requests for the obligor's address from employers, and examination of governmental records, including, to the extent not prohibited by other law, those relating to real property, vital statistics, law enforcement, taxation, motor vehicles, driver's licenses, and social security. [1993 c 318 § 310.]

26.21.305 Pleadings and accompanying documents.

(1) A petitioner seeking to establish or modify a support order or to determine parentage in a proceeding under this chapter must verify the petition. Unless otherwise ordered under RCW 26.21.315, the petition or accompanying documents must provide, so far as known, the name, residential address, and social security numbers of the obligor and the obligee, and the name, sex, residential address, social security number, and date of birth of each child for whom support is sought. The petition must be accompanied by a certified copy of any support order in effect. The petition may include any other information that may assist in locating or identifying the respondent.

(2) The petition must specify the relief sought. The petition and accompanying documents must conform substantially with the requirements imposed by the forms mandated by federal law for use in cases filed by a support enforcement agency. [1993 c 318 § 311.]

26.21.315 Nondisclosure of information—Circumstances. Upon a finding, which may be made ex parte, that the health, safety, or liberty of a party or child would be unreasonably put at risk by the disclosure of identifying information, or if an existing order so provides, a tribunal shall order that the address of the child or party or other identifying information not be disclosed in a pleading or other document filed in a proceeding under this chapter. [1993 c 318 § 312.]

26.21.325 Costs—Fees. (1) The petitioner may not be required to pay a filing fee or other costs.

(2) If an obligee prevails in a support enforcement proceeding, a responding tribunal may assess against an obligor filing fees, reasonable attorneys' fees, other costs, and necessary travel and other reasonable expenses incurred by the obligee and the obligee's witnesses. The tribunal in a support enforcement proceeding may not assess fees, costs, or expenses against the obligee or the support enforcement agency of either the initiating or the responding state, except as provided by RCW 4.84.080, civil rule 11 or, if the obligee or the support enforcement agency has acted in bad faith.

(3) A responding tribunal may assess filing fees, reasonable attorneys' fees, and other costs to either party, and necessary travel and other reasonable costs incurred by the obligee and the obligee's witnesses to the obligee, in a proceeding to establish or modify support. Assessments

under this section shall be made in accordance with RCW 4.84.080 and 26.09.140 and civil rule 11.

(4) Attorneys' fees may be taxed as costs, and may be ordered paid directly to the attorney, who may enforce the order in the attorney's own name. Payment of support owed to the obligee has priority over fees, costs, and expenses.

(5) The tribunal shall order the payment of costs and reasonable attorneys' fees if it determines that a hearing was requested primarily for delay. [1993 c 318 § 313.]

26.21.335 Limited immunity of petitioner. (1) Participation by a petitioner in a proceeding before a responding tribunal, whether in person, by private attorney, or through services provided by the support enforcement agency, does not confer personal jurisdiction over the petitioner in another proceeding.

(2) A petitioner is not amenable to service of civil process while physically present in this state to participate in a proceeding under this chapter.

(3) The immunity granted by this section does not extend to civil litigation based on acts unrelated to a proceeding under this chapter committed by a party while present in this state to participate in the proceeding. [1993 c 318 § 314.]

26.21.345 Nonparentage as defense. A party whose parentage of a child has been previously determined by order of a tribunal may not plead nonparentage as a defense to a proceeding under this chapter. [1993 c 318 § 315.]

26.21.355 Special rules of evidence and procedure. (1) The physical presence of the petitioner in a responding tribunal of this state is not required for the establishment, enforcement, or modification of a support order or the rendition of a judgment determining parentage.

(2) A verified petition, affidavit, document substantially complying with federally mandated forms, and a document incorporated by reference in any of them, not excluded under the hearsay rule if given in person, is admissible in evidence if given under oath by a party or witness residing in another state.

(3) A copy of the record of child support payments certified as a true copy of the original by the custodian of the record may be forwarded to a responding tribunal. The copy is evidence of facts asserted in it, and is admissible to show whether payments were made.

(4) Copies of bills for testing for parentage, and for prenatal and postnatal health care of the mother and child, furnished to the adverse party at least ten days before trial, are admissible in evidence to prove the amount of the charges billed and that the charges were reasonable, necessary, and customary.

(5) Documentary evidence transmitted from another state to a tribunal of this state by telephone, telecopier, or other means that do not provide an original writing may not be excluded from evidence on an objection based on the means of transmission.

(6) In a proceeding under this chapter, a tribunal of this state may permit a party or witness residing in another state to be deposed or to testify by telephone, audiovisual means, or other electronic means at a designated tribunal or other

location in that state. A tribunal of this state shall cooperate with tribunals of other states in designating an appropriate location for the deposition or testimony.

(7) If a party called to testify at a civil hearing refuses to answer on the ground that the testimony may be self-incriminating, the trier of fact may draw an adverse inference from the refusal.

(8) A privilege against disclosure of communications between spouses does not apply in a proceeding under this chapter.

(9) The defense of immunity based on the relationship of husband and wife or parent and child does not apply in a proceeding under this chapter. [1993 c 318 § 316.]

26.21.365 Communications between tribunals. A tribunal of this state may communicate with a tribunal of another state in writing, or by telephone or other means, to obtain information concerning the laws of that state, the legal effect of a judgment, decree, or order of that tribunal, and the status of a proceeding in the other state. A tribunal of this state may furnish similar information by similar means to a tribunal of another state. [1993 c 318 § 317.]

26.21.375 Assistance with discovery. A tribunal of this state may:

(1) Request a tribunal of another state to assist in obtaining discovery; and

(2) Upon request, compel a person over whom it has jurisdiction to respond to a discovery order issued by a tribunal of another state. [1993 c 318 § 318.]

26.21.385 Receipt and disbursement of payments. A support enforcement agency or tribunal of this state shall disburse promptly any amounts received pursuant to a support order, as directed by the order. The agency or tribunal shall furnish to a requesting party or tribunal of another state a certified statement by the custodian of the record of the amounts and dates of all payments received. [1993 c 318 § 319.]

ARTICLE 4

ESTABLISHMENT OF SUPPORT ORDER

26.21.420 Petition to establish support order—Notice—Hearing—Orders. (1) If a support order entitled to recognition under this chapter has not been issued, a responding tribunal of this state may issue a support order if:

(a) The individual seeking the order resides in another state; or

(b) The support enforcement agency seeking the order is located in another state.

(2) The tribunal may issue a temporary child support order if:

(a) The respondent has signed a verified statement acknowledging parentage;

(b) The respondent has been determined by order of a tribunal to be the parent; or

(c) There is other clear, cogent, and convincing evidence that the respondent is the child's parent.

(3) Upon finding, after notice and opportunity to be heard, that an obligor owes a duty of support, the tribunal

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shall issue a support order directed to the obligor and may issue other orders pursuant to RCW 26.21.245. [1993 c 318 § 401.]

ARTICLE 5

DIRECT ENFORCEMENT OF ORDER OF ANOTHER STATE WITHOUT REGISTRATION

26.21.450 Recognition of income-withholding order of another state. (1) An income-withholding order issued in another state may be sent by first class mail to the person or entity defined as the obligor's employer under chapter 6.27 RCW without first filing a petition or comparable pleading or registering the order with a tribunal of this state. Upon receipt of the order, the employer shall:

(a) Treat an income-withholding order issued in another state that appears regular on its face as if it had been issued by a tribunal of this state;

(b) Immediately provide a copy of the order to the obligor; and

(c) Distribute the funds as directed in the income-withholding order.

(2) An obligor may contest the validity or enforcement of an income-withholding order issued in another state in the same manner as if the order had been issued by a tribunal of this state. RCW 26.21.510 applies to the contest. The obligor shall give notice of the contest to any support enforcement agency providing services to the obligee and to:

(a) The person or agency designated to receive payments in the income-withholding order; or

(b) If no person or agency is designated, the obligee. [1993 c 318 § 501.]

26.21.460 Administrative enforcement of orders.

(1) A party seeking to enforce a support order or an income-withholding order, or both, issued by a tribunal of another state may send the documents required for registering the order to a support enforcement agency of this state.

(2) Upon receipt of the documents, the support enforcement agency, without initially seeking to register the order, shall consider and, if appropriate, use any administrative procedure authorized by the law of this state to enforce a support order or an income-withholding order, or both. If the obligor does not contest administrative enforcement, the order need not be registered. If the obligor contests the validity or administrative enforcement of the order, the support enforcement agency shall register the order pursuant to this chapter. [1993 c 318 § 502.]

ARTICLE 6

ENFORCEMENT AND MODIFICATION OF SUPPORT ORDER AFTER REGISTRATION

PART A

REGISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT ORDER

26.21.480 Registration of order for enforcement. A support order or an income-withholding order issued by a tribunal of another state may be registered in this state for enforcement. [1993 c 318 § 601.]

26.21.490 Procedure to register order for enforcement. (1) A support order or income-withholding order of another state may be registered in this state by sending the following documents and information to the superior court of any county in this state where the obligor resides, works, or has property:

(a) A letter of transmittal to the tribunal requesting registration and enforcement;

(b) Two copies, including one certified copy, of all orders to be registered, including any modification of an order;

(c) A sworn statement by the party seeking registration or a certified statement by the custodian of the records showing the amount of any arrearage;

(d) The name of the obligor and, if known:

(i) The obligor's address and social security number;

(ii) The name and address of the obligor's employer and any other source of income of the obligor; and

(iii) A description and the location of property of the obligor in this state not exempt from execution; and

(e) The name and address of the obligee and, if applicable, the agency or person to whom support payments are to be remitted.

(2) On receipt of a request for registration, the registering tribunal shall cause the order to be filed as a foreign judgment, together with one copy of the documents and information, regardless of their form.

(3) A petition or comparable pleading seeking a remedy that must be affirmatively sought under other law of this state may be filed at the same time as the request for registration or later. The pleading must specify the grounds for the remedy sought. [1993 c 318 § 602.]

26.21.500 Effect of registration for enforcement.

(1) A support order or income-withholding order issued in another state is registered when the order is filed in the registering tribunal of this state.

(2) A registered order issued in another state is enforceable in the same manner and is subject to the same procedures as an order issued by a tribunal of this state.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this article, a tribunal of this state shall recognize and enforce, but may not modify, a registered order if the issuing tribunal had jurisdiction. [1993 c 318 § 603.]

26.21.510 Choice of law—Statute of limitations for arrearages. (1) The law of the issuing state governs the nature, extent, amount, and duration of current payments and other obligations of support and the payment of arrearages under the order.

(2) In a proceeding for arrearages, the statute of limitation under the laws of this state or of the issuing state, whichever is longer, applies. [1993 c 318 § 604.]

PART B

CONTEST OF VALIDITY OR ENFORCEMENT

26.21.520 Notice of registration of order. (1) When a support order or income-withholding order issued in another state is registered, the registering tribunal shall notify the nonregistering party. Notice must be given by certified

or registered mail or by any means of personal service authorized by the law of this state. The notice must be accompanied by a copy of the registered order and the documents and relevant information accompanying the order.

(2) The notice must inform the nonregistering party:

(a) That a registered order is enforceable as of the date of registration in the same manner as an order issued by a tribunal of this state;

(b) That a hearing to contest the validity or enforcement of the registered order must be requested within twenty days after the date of receipt by certified or registered mail or personal service of the notice given to a nonregistering party within the state and within sixty days after the date of receipt by certified or registered mail or personal service of the notice on a nonregistering party outside of the state;

(c) That failure to contest the validity or enforcement of the registered order in a timely manner will result in confirmation of the order and enforcement of the order and the alleged arrearages and precludes further contest of that order with respect to any matter that could have been asserted; and

(d) Of the amount of any alleged arrearages.

(3) Upon registration of an income-withholding order for enforcement, the registering tribunal shall notify the obligor's employer pursuant to the income-withholding law of this state. [1993 c 318 § 605.]

26.21.530 Procedure to contest validity or enforcement of registered order. (1) A nonregistering party seeking to contest the validity or enforcement of a registered order in this state shall request a hearing within twenty days after the date of receipt of certified or registered mail or the date of personal service of notice of the registration on the nonmoving party within this state, or, within sixty days after the receipt of certified or registered mail or personal service of the notice on the nonmoving party outside of the state. The nonregistering party may seek to vacate the registration, to assert any defense to an allegation of noncompliance with the registered order, or to contest the remedies being sought or the amount of any alleged arrearages pursuant to RCW 26.21.540.

(2) If the nonregistering party fails to contest the validity or enforcement of the registered order in a timely manner, the order is confirmed by operation of law.

(3) If a nonregistering party requests a hearing to contest the validity or enforcement of the registered order, the registering tribunal shall schedule the matter for hearing and give notice to the parties by first class mail of the date, time, and place of the hearing. [1993 c 318 § 606.]

26.21.540 Contest of registration or enforcement.

(1) A party contesting the validity or enforcement of a registered order or seeking to vacate the registration has the burden of proving one or more of the following defenses:

(a) The issuing tribunal lacked personal jurisdiction over the contesting party;

(b) The order was obtained by fraud;

(c) The order has been vacated, suspended, or modified by a later order;

(d) The issuing tribunal has stayed the order pending appeal;

(e) There is a defense under the law of this state to the remedy sought;

(f) Full or partial payment has been made; or

(g) The statute of limitation under RCW 26.21.510 precludes enforcement of some or all of the arrearages.

(2) If a party presents evidence establishing a full or partial defense under subsection (1) of this section, a tribunal may stay enforcement of the registered order, continue the proceeding to permit production of additional relevant evidence, and issue other appropriate orders. An uncontested portion of the registered order may be enforced by all remedies available under the law of this state.

(3) If the contesting party does not establish a defense under subsection (1) of this section to the validity or enforcement of the order, the registering tribunal shall issue an order confirming the order. [1993 c 318 § 607.]

26.21.550 Confirmed order. Confirmation of a registered order, whether by operation of law or after notice and hearing, precludes further contest of the order with respect to any matter that could have been asserted at the time of registration. [1993 c 318 § 608.]

PART C

REGISTRATION AND MODIFICATION OF CHILD SUPPORT ORDER

26.21.560 Procedure to register child support order of another state for modification. A party or support enforcement agency seeking to modify, or to modify and enforce, a child support order issued in another state shall register that order in this state in the same manner provided in Part A of this article if the order has not been registered. A petition for modification may be filed at the same time as a request for registration, or later. The pleading must specify the grounds for modification. [1993 c 318 § 609.]

26.21.570 Effect of registration for modification—Authority to enforce registered order. A tribunal of this state may enforce a child support order of another state registered for purposes of modification, in the same manner as if the order had been issued by a tribunal of this state, but the registered order may be modified only if the requirements of RCW 26.21.580 have been met. [1993 c 318 § 610.]

26.21.580 Modification of child support order of another state. (1) After a child support order issued in another state has been registered in this state, the responding tribunal of this state may modify that order only if, after notice and hearing, it finds that:

(a) The following requirements are met:

(i) The child, the individual obligee, and the obligor do not reside in the issuing state;

(ii) A petitioner who is a nonresident of this state seeks modification; and

(iii) The respondent is subject to the personal jurisdiction of the tribunal of this state; or

(b) An individual party or the child is subject to the personal jurisdiction of the tribunal and all of the individual parties have filed a written consent in the issuing tribunal

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providing that a tribunal of this state may modify the support order and assume continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over the order.

(2) Modification of a registered child support order is subject to the same requirements, procedures, and defenses that apply to the modification of an order issued by a tribunal of this state and the order may be enforced and satisfied in the same manner.

(3) A tribunal of this state may not modify any aspect of a child support order that may not be modified under the law of the issuing state.

(4) On issuance of an order modifying a child support order issued in another state, a tribunal of this state becomes the tribunal of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction.

(5) Within thirty days after issuance of a modified child support order, the party obtaining the modification shall file a certified copy of the order with the issuing tribunal which had continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over the earlier order, and in each tribunal in which the party knows that earlier order has been registered. [1993 c 318 § 611.]

26.21.590 Recognition of order modified in another state—Enforcement. A tribunal of this state shall recognize a modification of its earlier child support order by a tribunal of another state that assumed jurisdiction pursuant to a law substantially similar to this chapter and, upon request, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, shall:

(1) Enforce the order that was modified only as to amounts accruing before the modification;

(2) Enforce only nonmodifiable aspects of that order;

(3) Provide other appropriate relief only for violations of that order which occurred before the effective date of the modification; and

(4) Recognize the modifying order of the other state, upon registration, for the purpose of enforcement. [1993 c 318 § 612.]

ARTICLE 7

DETERMINATION OF PARENTAGE

26.21.620 Proceeding to determine parentage. (1) A tribunal of this state may serve as an initiating or responding tribunal in a proceeding brought under this chapter or a law substantially similar to this chapter, the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, or the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act to determine that the petitioner is a parent of a particular child or to determine that a respondent is a parent of that child.

(2) In a proceeding to determine parentage, a responding tribunal of this state shall apply the Uniform Parentage Act, chapter 26.26 RCW, procedural and substantive law of this state, and the rules of this state on choice of law. [1993 c 318 § 701.]

ARTICLE 8

INTERSTATE RENDITION

26.21.640 Grounds for rendition. (1) For purposes of this article, "governor" includes an individual performing the functions of governor or the executive authority of a state covered by this chapter.

(2) The governor of this state may:

(a) Demand that the governor of another state surrender an individual found in the other state who is charged criminally in this state with having failed to provide for the support of an obligee; or

(b) On the demand by the governor of another state, surrender an individual found in this state who is charged criminally in the other state with having failed to provide for the support of an obligee.

(3) A provision for extradition of individuals not inconsistent with this chapter applies to the demand even if the individual whose surrender is demanded was not in the demanding state when the crime was allegedly committed and has not fled from the demanding state. [1993 c 318 § 801.]

26.21.650 Surrender of individual charged criminally with failure to support an obligee—Conditions of rendition. (1) Before making demand that the governor of another state surrender an individual charged criminally in this state with having failed to provide for the support of an obligee, the governor of this state may require a prosecutor of this state to demonstrate that at least sixty days previously the obligee had initiated proceedings for support pursuant to this chapter or that the proceeding would be of no avail.

(2) If, under this chapter or a law substantially similar to this chapter, the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, or the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, the governor of another state makes a demand that the governor of this state surrender an individual charged criminally in that state with having failed to provide for the support of a child or other individual to whom a duty of support is owed, the governor may require a prosecutor to investigate the demand and report whether a proceeding for support has been initiated or would be effective. If it appears that a proceeding would be effective but has not been initiated, the governor may delay honoring the demand for a reasonable time to permit the initiation of a proceeding.

(3) If a proceeding for support has been initiated and the individual whose rendition is demanded prevails, the governor may decline to honor the demand. If the petitioner prevails and the individual whose rendition is demanded is subject to a support order, the governor may decline to honor the demand if the individual is complying with the support order. [1993 c 318 § 802.]

ARTICLE 9 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

26.21.910 Severability—1963 c 45. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable. [1963 c 45 § 35.]

26.21.912 Uniformity of application and construction. This chapter shall be applied and construed to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law with respect

to the subject of this chapter among states enacting it. [1993 c 318 § 901.]

26.21.913 Short title. This chapter may be cited as the uniform interstate family support act. [1993 c 318 § 902.]

26.21.914 Severability—1993 c 318. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1993 c 318 § 903.]

26.21.915 Captions, part headings, articles not law—1993 c 318. Captions, part headings, and article designations as used in this act constitute no part of the law. [1993 c 318 § 906.]

26.21.916 Effective date—1993 c 318. This act shall take effect July 1, 1994. [1993 c 318 § 907.]

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26.23.010 Intent. The legislature recognizes the financial impact on custodial parents and children when child support is not received on time, or in the correct amount. The legislature also recognizes the burden placed upon the responsible parent and the second family when enforcement action must be taken to collect delinquent support.

It is the intent of the legislature to create a central Washington state support registry to improve the recordkeeping of support obligations and payments, thereby providing protection for both parties, and reducing the burden on employers by creating a single standardized

process through which support payments are deducted from earnings.

It is also the intent of the legislature that child support payments be made through mandatory wage assignment or payroll deduction if the responsible parent becomes delinquent in making support payments under a court or administrative order for support.

To that end, it is the intent of the legislature to interpret all existing statutes and processes to give effect to, and to implement, one central registry for recording and distributing support payments in this state. [1987 c 435 § 1.]

26.23.020 Definitions. (1) The definitions contained in RCW 74.20A.020 shall be incorporated into and made a part of this chapter.

(2) "Support order" means a superior court order or administrative order, as defined in RCW 74.20A.020.

(3) "Earnings" means compensation paid or payable for personal services, whether denominated as wages, salary, commission, bonus, or otherwise, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law making the payments exempt from garnishment, attachment, or other process to satisfy support obligations, specifically includes periodic payments pursuant to pension or retirement programs, or insurance policies of any type, but does not include payments made under Title 50 RCW, except as provided in RCW 50.40.020 and 50.40.050, or Title 74 RCW. Earnings shall specifically include all gain from capital, from labor, or from both combined, not including profit gained through sale or conversion of capital assets.

(4) "Disposable earnings" means that part of the earnings of an individual remaining after the deduction from those earnings of an amount required by law to be withheld.

(5) "Employer" means any person or entity who pays or owes earnings in employment as defined in Title 50 RCW to the responsible parent including but not limited to the United States government, or any state or local unit of government.

(6) "Employee" means a person in employment as defined in Title 50 RCW to whom an employer is paying, owes or anticipates paying earnings as a result of services performed. [1987 c 435 § 2.]

26.23.030 Registry—Creation—Duties—Interest on unpaid child support—Record retention. (1) There is created a Washington state support registry within the office of support enforcement as the agency designated in Washington state to administer the child support program under Title IV-D of the federal social security act. The registry shall:

(a) Account for and disburse all support payments received by the registry;

(b) Maintain the necessary records including, but not limited to, information on support orders, support debts, the date and amount of support due; the date and amount of payments; and the names, social security numbers, and addresses of the parties;

(c) Develop procedures for providing information to the parties regarding action taken by, and support payments collected and distributed by the registry;

(2) The office of support enforcement may assess and collect interest at the rate of twelve percent per year on

unpaid child support that has accrued under any support order entered into the registry. This interest rate shall not apply to those support orders already specifying an interest assessment at a different rate.

(3) The secretary of social and health services shall adopt rules for the maintenance and retention of records of support payments and for the archiving and destruction of such records when the support obligation terminates or is satisfied. When a support obligation established under court order entered in a superior court of this state has been satisfied, a satisfaction of judgment form shall be prepared by the registry and filed with the clerk of the court in which the order was entered. [1989 c 360 § 6; 1988 c 275 § 18; 1987 c 435 § 3.]

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

26.23.035 Distribution of support received. (1) The department of social and health services shall adopt rules for the distribution of support money collected by the office of support enforcement. These rules shall:

(a) Comply with 42 U.S.C. Sec. 657;

(b) Direct the office of support enforcement to distribute support money within eight days of receipt, unless one of the following circumstances, or similar circumstances specified in the rules, prevents prompt distribution:

(i) The location of the custodial parent is unknown;

(ii) The support debt is in litigation;

(iii) The office of support enforcement cannot identify the responsible parent or the custodian;

(c) Provide for proportionate distribution of support payments if the responsible parent owes a support obligation or a support debt for two or more Title IV-D cases; and

(d) Authorize the distribution of support money, except money collected under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 664, to satisfy a support debt owed to the IV-D custodian before the debt owed to the state when the custodian stops receiving a public assistance grant.

(2) The office of support enforcement may distribute support payments to the payee under the support order or to another person who has lawful physical custody of the child or custody with the payee's consent. The payee may file an application for an adjudicative proceeding to challenge distribution to such other person. Prior to distributing support payments to any person other than the payee, the registry shall:

(a) Obtain a written statement from the child's physical custodian, under penalty of perjury, that the custodian has lawful custody of the child or custody with the payee's consent;

(b) Mail to the responsible parent and to the payee at the payee's last known address a copy of the physical custodian's statement and a notice which states that support payments will be sent to the physical custodian; and

(c) File a copy of the notice with the clerk of the court that entered the original support order.

(3) If the Washington state support registry distributes a support payment to a person in error, the registry may obtain restitution by means of a set-off against future payments received on behalf of the person receiving the erroneous payment, or may act according to RCW 74.20A.270 as deemed appropriate. Any set-off against

future support payments shall be limited to amounts collected on the support debt and ten percent of amounts collected as current support. [1991 c 367 § 38; 1989 c 360 § 34.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.23.040 Employment reporting requirements—Exceptions—Penalties—Retention of records. (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, all employers doing business in the state of Washington, and to whom the department of employment security has assigned the standard industrial classification sic codes listed in subsection (2) of this section, shall report to the Washington state support registry:

(a) The hiring of any person who resides or works in this state to whom the employer anticipates paying earnings; and

(b) The rehiring or return to work of any employee who was laid off, furloughed, separated, granted a leave without pay, or terminated from employment.

(2) Employers in the standard industrial classifications that shall report to the Washington state support registry include:

(a) Construction industry sic codes: 15, general building; 16, heavy construction; and 17, special trades;

(b) Manufacturing industry sic code 37, transportation equipment;

(c) Business services sic codes: 73, except sic code 7363 (temporary help supply services); and health services sic code 80.

(3) Employers are not required to report the hiring of any person who:

(a) Will be employed for less than one month's duration;

(b) Will be employed sporadically so that the employee will be paid for less than three hundred fifty hours during a continuous six-month period; or

(c) Will have gross earnings less than three hundred dollars in every month.

The secretary of the department of social and health services may adopt rules to establish additional exemptions if needed to reduce unnecessary or burdensome reporting.

(4) Employers may report by mailing the employee's copy of the W-4 form, or other means authorized by the registry which will result in timely reporting.

(5) Employers shall submit reports within thirty-five days of the hiring, rehiring, or return to work of the employee. The report shall contain:

(a) The employee's name, address, social security number, and date of birth; and

(b) The employer's name, address, and employment security reference number or unified business identifier number.

(6) An employer who fails to report as required under this section shall be given a written warning for the first violation and shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to two hundred dollars per month for each subsequent violation after the warning has been given. All violations within a single month shall be considered a single violation for purposes of assessing the penalty. The penalty may be imposed and collected by the office of support enforcement under RCW 74.20A.270.

(7) The registry shall retain the information for a particular employee only if the registry is responsible for establishing, enforcing, or collecting a support obligation or debt of the employee. If the employee does not owe such an obligation or a debt, the registry shall not create a record regarding the employee and the information contained in the notice shall be promptly destroyed. Prior to the destruction of the notice, the department of social and health services shall make the information contained in the notice available to other state agencies, based upon the written request of an agency's director or chief executive, specifically for comparison with records or information possessed by the requesting agency to detect improper or fraudulent claims. If, after comparison, no such situation is found or reasonably suspected to exist, the information shall be promptly destroyed by the requesting agency. Requesting agencies that obtain information from the department of social and health services under this section shall maintain the confidentiality of the information received, except as necessary to implement the agencies' responsibilities. [1994 c 127 § 1; 1993 c 480 § 1; 1989 c 360 § 39; 1987 c 435 § 4.]

Effective date—1993 c 480: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [May 17, 1993]." [1993 c 480 § 2.]

Effective dates—1989 c 360 §§ 9, 10, 16, and 39: See note following RCW 74.20A.060.

26.23.0401 Study of reporting program—Data, assistance to be provided—Report to legislature. The legislative budget committee shall conduct a study of the effectiveness of the reporting program contained in RCW 26.23.040. The study shall include a cost-benefit analysis using accepted accounting practices, control group comparisons of responsible parent work history and support payment history between industries and employers who report and those who do not, statistical detail by standard industrial code to describe (1) the percentage of reports made to the support registry, (2) the percentage of resulting matches with open support enforcement cases, and (3) the level of recovery of delinquent child support, a review of alternative or expedited reporting procedures utilizing new hire data from other public or private sources, control group comparisons regarding the responsible parent work history and support payment history using existing or expedited data sources compared with the employer reporting program, and recommendations as to expansion, termination, or enhancement of the reporting program.

The secretary of the department of social and health services and the commissioner of employment security shall provide necessary data and assistance to conduct the employer reporting program and the study and participate in the review of alternative reporting procedures. The department of social and health services shall reimburse the employment security department for necessary expenses subject to the approval of the office of financial management.

The committee shall prepare and submit a report to the appropriate committees of the house of representatives and senate by November 7, 1992. [1989 c 360 § 40.]

26.23.045 Support enforcement services. (1) The office of support enforcement, Washington state support

registry, shall provide support enforcement services under the following circumstances:

(a) Whenever public assistance under RCW 74.20.330 is paid;

(b) Whenever a request for nonassistance support enforcement services under RCW 74.20.040(2) is received;

(c) Whenever a request for support enforcement services under RCW 74.20.040(3) is received;

(d) When a support order which contains language directing a responsible parent to make support payments to the Washington state support registry under RCW 26.23.050 is submitted;

(e) When a support order is forwarded to the Washington state support registry by the clerk of a superior court under RCW 26.23.050(5);

(f) When the obligor submits a support order or support payment to the Washington state support registry.

(2) The office of support enforcement shall continue to provide support enforcement services for so long as and under such conditions as the department shall establish by regulation or until the superior court enters an order removing the requirement that the obligor make support payments to the Washington state support registry as provided for in RCW 26.23.050(2). [1994 c 230 § 8; 1989 c 360 § 33.]

26.23.050 Support orders—Provisions—Enforcement. (1) If the office of support enforcement is providing support enforcement services under RCW 26.23.045, or if a party is applying for support enforcement services by signing the application form on the bottom of the support order, the superior court shall include in all court orders that establish or modify a support obligation:

(a) A provision that orders and directs the responsible parent to make all support payments to the Washington state support registry;

(b) A statement that a notice of payroll deduction may be issued, or other income withholding action under chapter 26.18 or 74.20A RCW may be taken, without further notice to the responsible parent at any time after entry of the court order, unless:

(i) One of the parties demonstrates, and the court finds, that there is good cause not to require immediate income withholding and that withholding should be delayed until a payment is past due; or

(ii) The parties reach a written agreement that is approved by the court that provides for an alternate arrangement; and

(c) A statement that the receiving parent might be required to submit an accounting of how the support is being spent to benefit the child.

As used in this subsection and subsection (3) of this section, "good cause not to require immediate income withholding" means a written determination of why implementing immediate wage withholding would not be in the child's best interests and, in modification cases, proof of timely payment of previously ordered support.

(2) In all other cases not under subsection (1) of this section, the court may order the responsible parent to make payments directly to the person entitled to receive the payments, to the Washington state support registry, or may

order that payments be made in accordance with an alternate arrangement agreed upon by the parties.

(a) The superior court shall include in all orders under this subsection that establish or modify a support obligation:

(i) A statement that a notice of payroll deduction may be issued or other income withholding action under chapter 26.18 or 74.20A RCW may be taken, without further notice to the responsible parent at any time after entry of the court order, unless:

(A) One of the parties demonstrates, and the court finds, that there is good cause not to require immediate income withholding and that withholding should be delayed until a payment is past due; or

(B) The parties reach a written agreement that is approved by the court that provides for an alternate arrangement; and

(ii) A statement that the receiving parent may be required to submit an accounting of how the support is being spent to benefit the child.

As used in this subsection, "good cause not to require immediate income withholding" is any reason that the court finds appropriate.

(b) The superior court may order immediate or delayed income withholding as follows:

(i) Immediate income withholding may be ordered if the responsible parent has earnings. If immediate income withholding is ordered under this subsection, all support payments shall be paid to the Washington state support registry. The superior court shall issue a mandatory wage assignment order as set forth in chapter 26.18 RCW when the support order is signed by the court. The parent entitled to receive the transfer payment is responsible for serving the employer with the order and for its enforcement as set forth in chapter 26.18 RCW.

(ii) If immediate income withholding is not ordered, the court shall require that income withholding be delayed until a payment is past due. The support order shall contain a statement that a notice of payroll deduction may be issued, or other income-withholding action under chapter 26.18 or 74.20A RCW may be taken, without further notice to the responsible parent, after a payment is past due.

(c) If a mandatory wage withholding order under chapter 26.18 RCW is issued under this subsection and the office of support enforcement provides support enforcement services under RCW 26.23.045, the existing wage withholding assignment is prospectively superseded upon the office of support enforcement's subsequent service of an income withholding notice.

(3) The office of administrative hearings and the department of social and health services shall require that all support obligations established as administrative orders include a provision which orders and directs that the responsible parent shall make all support payments to the Washington state support registry. All administrative orders shall also state that a notice of payroll deduction may be issued, or other income withholding action taken without further notice to the responsible parent at any time after entry of the order, unless:

(a) One of the parties demonstrates, and the presiding officer finds, that there is good cause not to require immediate income withholding; or

(b) The parties reach a written agreement that is approved by the presiding officer that provides for an alternate agreement.

(4) If the support order does not include the provision ordering and directing that all payments be made to the Washington state support registry and a statement that a notice of payroll deduction may be issued if a support payment is past due or at any time after the entry of the order, the office of support enforcement may serve a notice on the responsible parent stating such requirements and authorizations. Service may be by personal service or any form of mail requiring a return receipt.

(5) Every support order shall state:

(a) The address where the support payment is to be sent;

(b) That a notice of payroll deduction may be issued or other income withholding action under chapter 26.18 or 74.20A RCW may be taken, without further notice to the responsible parent at any time after entry of an order by the court, unless:

(i) One of the parties demonstrates, and the court finds, that there is good cause not to require immediate income withholding; or

(ii) The parties reach a written agreement that is approved by the court that provides for an alternate arrangement;

(c) The income of the parties, if known, or that their income is unknown and the income upon which the support award is based;

(d) The support award as a sum certain amount;

(e) The specific day or date on which the support payment is due;

(f) The social security number, residence address, and name and address of the employer of the responsible parent;

(g) The social security number and residence address of the physical custodian except as provided in subsection (6) of this section;

(h) The names, dates of birth, and social security numbers, if any, of the dependent children;

(i) In cases requiring payment to the Washington state support registry, that the parties are to notify the Washington state support registry of any change in residence address. The responsible parent shall notify the registry of the name and address of his or her current employer, whether he or she has access to health insurance coverage at reasonable cost and, if so, the health insurance policy information;

(j) That any parent owing a duty of child support shall be obligated to provide health insurance coverage for his or her child if coverage that can be extended to cover the child is or becomes available to that parent through employment or is union-related as provided under RCW 26.09.105;

(k) That if proof of health insurance coverage or proof that the coverage is unavailable is not provided within twenty days, the obligee or the department may seek direct enforcement of the coverage through the obligor's employer or union without further notice to the obligor as provided under chapter 26.18 RCW; and

(l) The reasons for not ordering health insurance coverage if the order fails to require such coverage.

(6) The physical custodian's address:

(a) Shall be omitted from an order entered under the administrative procedure act. When the physical custodian's address is omitted from an order, the order shall state that

the custodian's address is known to the office of support enforcement.

(b) A responsible parent may request the physical custodian's residence address by submission of a request for disclosure under RCW 26.23.120 to the office of support enforcement.

(7) The superior court clerk, the office of administrative hearings, and the department of social and health services shall, within five days of entry, forward to the Washington state support registry, a true and correct copy of all superior court orders or administrative orders establishing or modifying a support obligation which provide that support payments shall be made to the support registry. If a superior court order entered prior to January 1, 1988, directs the responsible parent to make support payments to the clerk, the clerk shall send a true and correct copy of the support order and the payment record to the registry for enforcement action when the clerk identifies that a payment is more than fifteen days past due. The office of support enforcement shall reimburse the clerk for the reasonable costs of copying and sending copies of court orders to the registry at the reimbursement rate provided in Title IV-D of the social security act.

(8) Receipt of a support order by the registry or other action under this section on behalf of a person or persons who have not made a written application for support enforcement services to the office of support enforcement and who are not recipients of public assistance is deemed to be a request for payment services only.

(9) After the responsible parent has been ordered or notified to make payments to the Washington state support registry under this section, the responsible parent shall be fully responsible for making all payments to the Washington state support registry and shall be subject to payroll deduction or other income withholding action. The responsible parent shall not be entitled to credit against a support obligation for any payments made to a person or agency other than to the Washington state support registry except as provided under RCW 74.20.101. A civil action may be brought by the payor to recover payments made to persons or agencies who have received and retained support moneys paid contrary to the provisions of this section. [1994 c 230 § 9; 1993 c 207 § 1; 1991 c 367 § 39; 1989 c 360 § 15; 1987 c 435 § 5.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.23.060 Notice of payroll deduction—Answer—Processing fee. (1) The office of support enforcement may issue a notice of payroll deduction:

(a) As authorized by a support order that contains the income withholding notice provisions in RCW 26.23.050 or a substantially similar notice; or

(b) After service of a notice containing an income withholding provision under this chapter or chapter 74.20A RCW.

(2) The office of support enforcement shall serve a notice of payroll deduction upon a responsible parent's employer or upon the employment security department for the state in possession of or owing any benefits from the unemployment compensation fund to the responsible parent

pursuant to Title 50 RCW by personal service or by any form of mail requiring a return receipt.

(3) Service of a notice of payroll deduction upon an employer or employment security department requires the employer or employment security department to immediately make a mandatory payroll deduction from the responsible parent's unpaid disposable earnings or unemployment compensation benefits. The employer or employment security department shall thereafter deduct each pay period the amount stated in the notice divided by the number of pay periods per month. The payroll deduction each pay period shall not exceed fifty percent of the responsible parent's disposable earnings.

(4) A notice of payroll deduction for support shall have priority over any wage assignment, garnishment, attachment, or other legal process.

(5) The notice of payroll deduction shall be in writing and include:

(a) The name and social security number of the responsible parent;

(b) The amount to be deducted from the responsible parent's disposable earnings each month, or alternate amounts and frequencies as may be necessary to facilitate processing of the payroll deduction;

(c) A statement that the total amount withheld shall not exceed fifty percent of the responsible parent's disposable earnings; and

(d) The address to which the payments are to be mailed or delivered.

(6) An informational copy of the notice of payroll deduction shall be mailed to the last known address of the responsible parent by regular mail.

(7) An employer or employment security department that receives a notice of payroll deduction shall make immediate deductions from the responsible parent's unpaid disposable earnings and remit proper amounts to the Washington state support registry on each date the responsible parent is due to be paid.

(8) An employer, or the employment security department, upon whom a notice of payroll deduction is served, shall make an answer to the office of support enforcement within twenty days after the date of service. The answer shall confirm compliance and institution of the payroll deduction or explain the circumstances if no payroll deduction is in effect. The answer shall also state whether the responsible parent is employed by or receives earnings from the employer or receives unemployment compensation benefits from the employment security department, whether the employer or employment security department anticipates paying earnings or unemployment compensation benefits and the amount of earnings. If the responsible parent is no longer employed, or receiving earnings from the employer, the answer shall state the present employer's name and address, if known. If the responsible parent is no longer receiving unemployment compensation benefits from the employment security department, the answer shall state the present employer's name and address, if known.

(9) The employer or employment security department may deduct a processing fee from the remainder of the responsible parent's earnings after withholding under the notice of payroll deduction, even if the remainder is exempt under RCW 26.18.090. The processing fee may not exceed:

(a) Ten dollars for the first disbursement made to the Washington state support registry; and (b) one dollar for each subsequent disbursement to the registry.

(10) The notice of payroll deduction shall remain in effect until released by the office of support enforcement, the court enters an order terminating the notice and approving an alternate arrangement under RCW 26.23.050(2), or one year has expired since the employer has employed the responsible parent or has been in possession of or owing any earnings to the responsible parent or the employment security department has been in possession of or owing any unemployment compensation benefits to the responsible parent. [1994 c 230 § 10; 1991 c 367 § 40; 1989 c 360 § 32; 1987 c 435 § 6.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.23.070 Payments to registry—Methods—Immunity from civil liability. (1) The employer or the employment security department may combine amounts withheld from the earnings of more than one responsible parent in a single payment to the Washington state support registry, listing separately the amount of the payment which is attributable to each individual.

(2) No employer nor employment security department that complies with a notice of payroll deduction under this chapter shall be civilly liable to the responsible parent for complying with a notice of payroll deduction under this chapter. [1991 c 367 § 41; 1987 c 435 § 7.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.23.080 Certain acts by employers prohibited—Penalties. No employer shall discipline or discharge an employee or refuse to hire a person by reason of an action authorized in this chapter. If an employer disciplines or discharges an employee or refuses to hire a person in violation of this section, the employee or person shall have a cause of action against the employer. The employer shall be liable for double the amount of lost wages and any other damages suffered as a result of the violation and for costs and reasonable attorney fees, and shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than two thousand five hundred dollars for each violation. The employer may also be ordered to hire, rehire, or reinstate the aggrieved individual. [1987 c 435 § 9.]

26.23.090 Employer liability for failure or refusal to respond or remit earnings. (1) The employer shall be liable to the Washington state support registry for one hundred percent of the amount of the support debt, or the amount of support moneys which should have been withheld from the employee's earnings, whichever is the lesser amount, if the employer:

(a) Fails or refuses, after being served with a notice of payroll deduction, to deduct and promptly remit from unpaid earnings the amounts of money required in the notice;

(b) Fails or refuses to submit an answer to the notice of payroll deduction after being served; or

(c) Is unwilling to comply with the other requirements of RCW 26.23.060.

(2) Liability may be established in superior court or may be established pursuant to RCW 74.20A.270. Awards in

superior court and in actions pursuant to RCW 74.20A.270 shall include costs, interest under RCW 19.52.020 and 4.56.110, and reasonable attorney fees and staff costs as a part of the award. Debts established pursuant to this section may be collected pursuant to chapter 74.20A RCW utilizing any of the remedies contained in that chapter. [1990 c 165 § 2; 1987 c 435 § 10.]

26.23.100 Motion to quash, modify, or terminate payroll deduction—Grounds for relief. (1) The responsible parent subject to a payroll deduction pursuant to this chapter, may file a motion in superior court to quash, modify, or terminate the payroll deduction.

(2) Except as provided in subsections (4) and (5) of this section, the court may grant relief only upon a showing: (a) That the payroll deduction causes extreme hardship or substantial injustice; or (b) that the support payment was not past due under the terms of the order when the notice of payroll deduction was served on the employer.

(3) Satisfaction by the obligor of all past due payments subsequent to the issuance of the notice of payroll deduction is not grounds to quash, modify, or terminate the notice of payroll deduction.

(4) If a notice of payroll deduction has been in operation for twelve consecutive months and the obligor's support obligation is current, upon motion of the obligor, the court may order the office of support enforcement to terminate the payroll deduction, unless the obligee can show good cause as to why the payroll deduction should remain in effect.

(5) Subsection (2) of this section shall not prevent the court from ordering an alternative arrangement as provided under RCW 26.23.050(2). [1994 c 230 § 11; 1991 c 367 § 42; 1989 c 360 § 31; 1987 c 435 § 8.]

Severability—Effective date—Captions not law—1991 c 367: See notes following RCW 26.09.015.

26.23.110 Procedures when amount of support obligation needs to be determined—Notice—Adjudicative proceeding. (1) The department may serve a notice of support owed on a responsible parent when a support order:

(a) Does not state the current and future support obligation as a fixed dollar amount; or

(b) Contains an escalation clause or adjustment provision for which additional information not contained in the support order is needed to determine the fixed dollar amount of the support debt or the fixed dollar amount of the current and future support obligation, or both.

(2) The notice of support owed shall facilitate enforcement of the support order and implement and effectuate the terms of the support order, rather than modify those terms. When the office of support enforcement issues a notice of support owed, the office shall inform the payee under the support order.

(3) The notice of support owed shall be served on a responsible parent by personal service or any form of mailing requiring a return receipt. The notice of support owed shall contain an initial finding of the fixed dollar amount of current and future support obligation that should be paid or the fixed dollar amount of the support debt owed under the support order, or both.

(4) A responsible parent who objects to the fixed dollar amounts stated in the notice of support owed has twenty days from the date of the service of the notice of support owed to file an application for an adjudicative proceeding or initiate an action in superior court.

(5) The notice of support owed shall state that the responsible parent may:

(a) File an application for an adjudicative proceeding governed by chapter 34.05 RCW, the administrative procedure act, in which the responsible parent will be required to appear and show cause why the fixed dollar amount of support debt or current and future support obligation, or both, stated in the notice of support owed is incorrect and should not be ordered; or

(b) Initiate an action in superior court.

(6) If the responsible parent does not file an application for an adjudicative proceeding or initiate an action in superior court, the fixed dollar amount of current and future support obligation or support debt, or both, stated in the notice of support owed shall become final and subject to collection action.

(7) If an adjudicative proceeding is requested, the department shall mail a copy of the notice of adjudicative proceeding to the payee under the support order at the payee's last known address. A payee who appears for the adjudicative proceeding is entitled to participate. Participation includes, but is not limited to, giving testimony, presenting evidence, being present for or listening to other testimony offered in the adjudicative proceeding, and offering rebuttal to other testimony. Nothing in this section shall preclude the administrative law judge from limiting participation to preserve the confidentiality of information protected by law.

(8) If the responsible parent does not initiate an action in superior court, and serve notice of the action on the department within the twenty-day period, the responsible parent shall be deemed to have made an election of remedies and shall be required to exhaust administrative remedies under this chapter with judicial review available as provided for in RCW 34.05.510 through 34.05.598.

(9) An adjudicative order entered in accordance with this section shall state the basis, rationale, or formula upon which the fixed dollar amounts established in the adjudicative order were based. The fixed dollar amount of current and future support obligation or the amount of the support debt, or both, determined under this section shall be subject to collection under this chapter and other applicable state statutes.

(10) The department shall also provide for:

(a) An annual review of the support order if either the office of support enforcement or the responsible parent requests such a review; and

(b) A late adjudicative proceeding if the responsible parent fails to file an application for an adjudicative proceeding in a timely manner under this section.

(11) If an annual review or late adjudicative proceeding is requested under subsection (10) of this section, the department shall mail a copy of the notice of adjudicative proceeding to the payee at the payee's last known address. A payee who appears for the adjudicative proceeding is entitled to participate. Participation includes, but is not limited to, giving testimony, presenting evidence, being

present for or listening to other testimony offered in the adjudicative proceeding, and offering rebuttal to other testimony. The administrative law judge may limit participation to preserve the confidentiality of information protected by law. [1993 c 12 § 1. Prior: 1989 c 360 § 16; 1989 c 175 § 77; 1987 c 435 § 11.]

Effective dates—1989 c 360 §§ 9, 10, 16, and 39: See note following RCW 74.20A.060.

Effective date—1989 c 175: See note following RCW 34.05.010.

26.23.120 Information and records—Confidentiality—Disclosure—Rules—Penalties. (1) Any information or records concerning individuals who owe a support obligation or for whom support enforcement services are being provided which are obtained or maintained by the Washington state support registry, the office of support enforcement, or under chapter 74.20 RCW shall be private and confidential and shall only be subject to public disclosure as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The secretary of the department of social and health services shall adopt rules which specify the individuals or agencies to whom this information and these records may be disclosed, the purposes for which the information may be disclosed, and the procedures to obtain the information or records. The rules adopted under this section shall provide for disclosure of the information and records, under appropriate circumstances, which shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) When authorized or required by federal statute or regulation governing the support enforcement program;

(b) To the person the subject of the records or information, unless the information is exempt from disclosure under RCW 42.17.310;

(c) To government agencies, whether state, local, or federal, and including federally recognized tribes, law enforcement agencies, prosecuting agencies, and the executive branch, if the disclosure is necessary for child support enforcement purposes;

(d) To the parties in a judicial or adjudicative proceeding upon a specific written finding by the presiding officer that the need for the information outweighs any reason for maintaining the privacy and confidentiality of the information or records;

(e) To private persons, federally recognized tribes, or organizations if the disclosure is necessary to permit private contracting parties to assist in the management and operation of the department;

(f) Disclosure of address and employment information to the parties to an action for purposes relating to a child support order;

(g) Disclosure of information or records when necessary to the efficient administration of the support enforcement program or to the performance of functions and responsibilities of the support registry and the office of support enforcement as set forth in state and federal statutes; or

(h) Disclosure of the information or records when authorized under RCW 74.04.060.

(3) Prior to disclosing the physical custodian's address under subsection (2)(f) of this section, a notice shall be mailed, if appropriate under the circumstances, to the physical custodian at the physical custodian's last known ad-

dress. The notice shall advise the physical custodian that a request for disclosure has been made and will be complied with unless the department receives a copy of a court order which enjoins the disclosure of the information or restricts or limits the requesting party's right to contact or visit the physical custodian or the child, or the custodial parent requests a hearing to contest the disclosure. The administrative law judge shall determine whether the address of the custodial parent should be disclosed based on the same standard as a claim of "good cause" as defined in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 602 (a)(26)(c).

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting or restricting the effect of *RCW 42.17.260(6). Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the disclosure of information and records if all details identifying an individual are deleted or the individual consents to the disclosure.

(5) It shall be unlawful for any person or agency in violation of this section to solicit, publish, disclose, receive, make use of, or to authorize, knowingly permit, participate in or acquiesce in the use of any lists of names for commercial or political purposes or the use of any information for purposes other than those purposes specified in this section. A violation of this section shall be a gross misdemeanor as provided in chapter 9A.20 RCW. [1994 c 230 § 12. Prior: 1989 c 360 § 17; 1989 c 175 § 78; 1987 c 435 § 12.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 42.17.260 was amended by 1989 c 175 § 36, and the previous subsection (5) was renumbered as subsection (6). This section was subsequently amended by 1992 c 139 § 3, and the previous subsection (5) is now subsection (7). The 1994 c 230 § 12 amendment failed to capture both of these changes. The correct reference is to RCW 42.17.260(7).

Effective date—1989 c 175: See note following RCW 34.05.010.

26.23.130 Notice to department of child support or maintenance orders. The department shall be given twenty calendar days prior notice of the entry of any final order and five days prior notice of the entry of any temporary order in any proceeding involving child support or maintenance if the department has a financial interest based on an assignment of support rights under RCW 74.20.330 or the state has a subrogated interest under RCW 74.20A.030. Service of this notice upon the department shall be by personal service on, or mailing by any form of mail requiring a return receipt to, the office of the attorney general. The department shall not be entitled to terms for a party's failure to serve the department within the time requirements for this section, unless the department proves that the party knew that the department had an assignment of support rights or a subrogated interest and that the failure to serve the department was intentional. [1991 c 367 § 43.]

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26.23.900 Effective date—1987 c 435. Sections 1 through 3 and 5 through 36 of this act shall take effect January 1, 1988. [1987 c 435 § 37.]

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26.26.010 "Parent and child relationship" defined. As used in this chapter, "parent and child relationship" means the legal relationship existing between a child and his natural or adoptive parents incident to which the law confers or imposes rights, privileges, duties, and obligations. It includes the mother and child relationship and the father and child relationship. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 2.]

26.26.020 Relationship not dependent on marriage. The parent and child relationship extends equally to every child and to every parent, regardless of the marital status of the parents. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 3.]

26.26.030 How parent and child relationship established. The parent and child relationship between a child and

(1) the natural mother may be established by proof of her having given birth to the child, or under this chapter;

(2) the natural father may be established under this chapter;

(3) an adoptive parent may be established by proof of adoption or under the provisions of chapter 26.33 RCW. [1985 c 7 § 86; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 4.]

26.26.035 Default. In any action brought under this chapter, if the requirements of civil rule 55 are met, the superior court shall enter an order of default. [1994 c 230 § 13.]

26.26.040 Presumption of paternity. (1) A man is presumed to be the natural father of a child for all intents and purposes if:

(a) He and the child's natural mother are or have been married to each other and the child is born during the marriage, or within three hundred days after the marriage is terminated by death, annulment, declaration of invalidity, divorce, or dissolution, or after a decree of separation is entered by a court; or

(b) Before the child's birth, he and the child's natural mother have attempted to marry each other by a marriage solemnized in apparent compliance with law, although the attempted marriage is or could be declared invalid, and the child is born within three hundred days after the termination of cohabitation;

(c) After the child's birth, he and the child's natural mother have married, or attempted to marry, each other by a marriage solemnized in apparent compliance with law, although the attempted marriage is or could be declared invalid, and

(i) He has acknowledged his paternity of the child in writing filed with the registrar of vital statistics,

(ii) With his consent, he is named as the child's father on the child's birth certificate, or

(iii) He is obligated to support the child under a written voluntary promise or by court order;

(d) While the child is under the age of majority, he receives the child into his home and openly holds out the child as his child;

(e) He acknowledges his paternity of the child pursuant to RCW 70.58.080 or in a writing filed with the state office of vital statistics, which shall promptly inform the mother of the filing of the acknowledgment, if she does not dispute the acknowledgment within a reasonable time after being informed thereof, in a writing filed with the registrar of vital statistics. In order to enforce rights of residential time, custody, and visitation, a man presumed to be the father as a result of filing a written acknowledgement must seek appropriate judicial orders under this title;

(f) The United States immigration and naturalization service made or accepted a determination that he was the father of the child at the time of the child's entry into the United States and he had the opportunity at the time of the child's entry into the United States to admit or deny the paternal relationship; or

(g) Genetic testing indicates a ninety-eight percent or greater probability of paternity.

(2) A presumption under this section may be rebutted in an appropriate action only by clear, cogent, and convincing evidence. If two or more presumptions arise which conflict with each other, the presumption which on the facts is founded on the weightier considerations of policy and logic controls. The presumption is rebutted by a court decree establishing paternity of the child by another man. [1994 c 230 § 14; 1990 c 175 § 2; 1989 c 55 § 4; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 5.]

26.26.050 Artificial insemination. (1) If, under the supervision of a licensed physician and with the consent of her husband, a wife is inseminated artificially with semen donated by a man not her husband, the husband is treated in law as if he were the natural father of a child thereby conceived. The husband's consent must be in writing and signed by him and his wife. The physician shall certify their signatures and the date of the insemination, and file the husband's consent with the registrar of vital statistics, where it shall be kept confidential and in a sealed file.

(2) The donor of semen provided to a licensed physician for use in artificial insemination of a woman other than the donor's wife is treated in law as if he were not the natural father of a child thereby conceived unless the donor and the woman agree in writing that said donor shall be the father. The agreement must be in writing and signed by the donor and the woman. The physician shall certify their signatures and the date of the insemination and file the agreement with the registrar of vital statistics, where it shall be kept confidential and in a sealed file.

(3) The failure of the licensed physician to perform any administrative act required by this section shall not affect the father and child relationship. All papers and records pertaining to the insemination, whether part of the permanent record of a court or of a file held by the supervising physician or elsewhere, are subject to inspection only in exceptional cases upon an order of the court for good cause shown. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 6.]

26.26.060 Determination of father and child relationship—Who may bring action—When action may be brought. (1)(a) A child, a child's natural mother, a man alleged or alleging himself to be the father, a child's guardian, a child's personal representative, the state of Washington, or any interested party may bring an action at any time for the purpose of declaring the existence or nonexistence of the father and child relationship.

(b) A man presumed to be a child's father under RCW 26.26.040 may bring an action for the purpose of declaring the nonexistence of the father and child relationship only if the action is brought within a reasonable time after obtaining knowledge of relevant facts. After the presumption has been rebutted, paternity of the child by another man may be determined in the same action, if he has been made a party.

(2) In an action brought by the state pursuant to this chapter, the state may be represented by either the prosecuting attorney for the county where the action is brought or by the attorney general.

(3) Regardless of its terms, no agreement between an alleged or presumed father and the mother or child, shall bar an action under this section.

(4) If an action under this section is brought before the birth of the child, all proceedings may be stayed until after the birth, except service of process and discovery, including the taking of depositions to perpetuate testimony.

(5) Actions under this chapter may be maintained as to any child, whether born before or after the enactment of this chapter. [1983 1st ex.s. c 41 § 5; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 7.]

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 41: See note following RCW 26.09.060.

26.26.065 Mandatory use of approved forms. (1) Effective January 1, 1992, a party shall not file any pleading with the clerk of the court in an action commenced under this chapter unless on forms approved by the administrator for the courts.

(2) The parties shall comply with requirements for submission to the court of forms as provided in RCW 26.18.220. [1992 c 229 § 7; 1990 1st ex.s. c 2 § 28.]

Effective dates—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 26.09.100.

26.26.070 Determination of father and child relationship—Petition to arrest alleged father—Warrant of arrest—Issuance—Grounds—Hearing. (1) The petitioner in an action to determine the existence of the father and child relationship may petition the court to issue a warrant for the arrest of the alleged father at any stage of the proceeding including after a judgment has been entered. When such petition is filed, the court shall examine on oath the petitioner and any witnesses the court may require, take their statements, and cause the statements and the petition to be subscribed under oath by the person or persons making such.

(2) If it appears from such evidence that there is reasonable cause to believe that the father and child relationship exists as alleged in the petition the court shall issue a warrant for the arrest of the alleged father: **PROVIDED**, That in the case of a prejudgment petition, a warrant shall only be issued if there is reasonable cause to believe that: (a) The alleged father will not appear in response to a summons; or (b) the summons cannot be served; or (c) the alleged father is likely to leave the jurisdiction; or (d) the safety of the petitioner would be endangered if the warrant did not issue.

(3) In the case of a petition for the arrest of a person pursuant to the continuing jurisdiction of the court described in RCW 26.26.160 or as an aid to enforcement of a judgment and order previously rendered under this chapter, a warrant shall issue only if there is reasonable cause to believe that: (a) The respondent is delinquent in complying with court's order and conceals himself or has absconded or absented himself from his usual place of abode in this state so that ordinary process of law may not be served upon him; or (b) the respondent has or is about to remove any of his property from this state with the intent to delay or otherwise frustrate the court's order; or (c) the respondent has or is about to assign, secrete, convert, or dispose of any of his

property with the intent to delay or otherwise frustrate the court's order.

(4) Any person arrested pursuant to this section shall be entitled upon request to a preliminary hearing as soon as practically possible, and in any event not later than the close of business of the next judicial day following the day of arrest. The court may, for good cause stated, enlarge the time prior to preliminary hearing.

(5) If a person arrested pursuant to this section is not afforded a preliminary hearing upon request as required by subsection (4) of this section, the court shall order such person brought before the court forthwith, and in default thereof, the court shall order his immediate release unless good cause to the contrary be shown.

(6) Any person arrested pursuant to this section shall at this first court appearance be ordered released on his personal recognizance pending trial, unless the court determines that such recognizance will not reasonably assure (a) his appearance, when required, or (b) compliance with the court's order. When such determination is made the court shall order the person returned to custody or impose such other conditions as will reasonably assure his appearance or compliance with the court's order. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 8.]

26.26.080 Jurisdiction—Venue. (1) The superior courts have jurisdiction of an action brought under this chapter. The action may be joined with an action for divorce, dissolution, annulment, declaration of invalidity, separate maintenance, filiation, support, or any other civil action in which paternity is an issue including proceedings in juvenile court.

(2) A person who has sexual intercourse in this state thereby submits to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state as to an action brought under this chapter with respect to a child who may have been conceived by that act of intercourse. In addition to any other method provided by statute, personal jurisdiction may be acquired by personal service of summons outside this state or by service in accordance with RCW 4.28.185 as now or hereafter amended.

(3) The action may be brought in the county in which the child or the alleged father resides or is found or, if the father is deceased, in which proceedings for probate of his estate have been or could be commenced. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 9.]

26.26.090 Parties. (1) The child shall be made a party to the action. If the child is a minor, the child shall be represented by the child's general guardian or a guardian ad litem appointed by the court subject to RCW 74.20.310. The child's mother or father may not represent the child as guardian or otherwise. The natural mother, each man presumed to be the father under RCW 26.26.040, and a man or men alleged to be the natural father shall be made parties or, if not subject to the jurisdiction of the court, shall, if possible, be given actual notice of the action and an opportunity to be heard in a manner as the court may prescribe.

(2) Any party may cause to be joined as additional parties other men alleged to be the father of the child or any other person necessary for a full adjudication of the issues.

(3) The failure or inability to join as a party an alleged or presumed father does not deprive the court of jurisdiction to adjudicate some or all of the issues based on the evidence and parties available to it.

(4) If more than one party is alleged to be the father of the child, the default of a party shall not preclude the court from finding any other party to be the father of the child. [1984 c 260 § 31; 1983 1st ex.s. c 41 § 6; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 10.]

Severability—1984 c 260: See RCW 26.18.900.

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 41: See note following RCW 26.09.060.

26.26.100 Blood or genetic tests. (1) The court may, and upon request of a party shall, require the child, mother, and any alleged father who has been made a party to submit to blood tests or genetic tests of blood, tissues, or other bodily fluids. If an alleged father objects to a proposed order requiring him to submit to paternity blood or genetic tests, the court may require the party making the allegation of possible paternity to provide sworn testimony, by affidavit or otherwise, stating the facts upon which the allegation is based. The court shall order blood or genetic tests if it appears that a reasonable possibility exists that the requisite sexual contact occurred. The tests shall be performed by an expert in paternity blood or genetic testing appointed by the court. The expert's verified report identifying the blood or genetic characteristics observed is admissible in evidence in any hearing or trial in the parentage action, if (a) the alleged or presumed father has had the opportunity to gain information about the security, validity, and interpretation of the tests and the qualifications of any experts, and (b) the report is accompanied by an affidavit from the expert which describes the expert's qualifications as an expert and analyzes and interprets the results. Verified documentation of the chain of custody of the blood or genetic samples tested is admissible to establish the chain of custody. The court may consider published sources as aids to interpretation of the test results.

(2)(a) Any objection to genetic testing results must be made in writing and served upon the opposing party, within twenty days before any hearing at which such results may be introduced into evidence.

(b) If an objection is not made as provided in this subsection, the test results are admissible as evidence of paternity without the need for foundation testimony or other proof of authenticity or accuracy.

(3) The court, upon request by a party, shall order that additional blood or genetic tests be performed by the same or other experts qualified in paternity blood or genetic testing, if the party requesting additional tests advances the full costs of the additional testing within a reasonable time. The court may order additional testing without requiring that the requesting party advance the costs only if another party agrees to advance the costs or if the court finds, after hearing, that (a) the requesting party is indigent, and (b) the laboratory performing the initial tests recommends additional testing or there is substantial evidence to support a finding as to paternity contrary to the initial blood or genetic test results. The court may later order any other party to

reimburse the party who advanced the costs of additional testing for all or a portion of the costs.

(4) In all cases, the court shall determine the number and qualifications of the experts. [1994 c 230 § 15; 1994 c 146 § 1; 1984 c 260 § 32; 1983 1st ex.s. c 41 § 7; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 11.]

Reviser's note: This section was amended by 1994 c 146 § 1 and by 1994 c 230 § 15, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Severability—1984 c 260: See RCW 26.18.900.

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 41: See note following RCW 26.09.060.

26.26.110 Evidence relating to paternity. Evidence relating to paternity may include:

(1) Evidence of sexual intercourse between the mother and alleged father at any possible time of conception;

(2) An expert's opinion concerning the statistical probability of the alleged father's paternity based upon the duration of the mother's pregnancy;

(3) An expert's opinion concerning the impossibility or the statistical probability of the alleged father's paternity based upon blood or genetic test results;

(4) Medical or anthropological evidence relating to the alleged father's paternity of the child based on tests performed by experts. If a man has been identified as a possible father of the child, the court may, and upon request of a party shall, require the child, the mother, and the man to submit to appropriate tests; and

(5) All other evidence relevant to the issue of paternity of the child. [1994 c 146 § 2; 1984 c 260 § 33; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 12.]

Severability—1984 c 260: See RCW 26.18.900.

26.26.120 Civil action—Testimony—Evidence—Jury. (1) An action under this chapter is a civil action governed by the rules of civil procedures. The mother of the child and the alleged father are competent to testify and may be compelled to testify.

(2) Upon refusal of any witness, including a party, to testify under oath or produce evidence of any other kind on the ground that the witness may be incriminated thereby, and if a prosecuting attorney requests the court to order that person to testify or provide the evidence, the court shall then hold a hearing and shall so order, unless it finds that to do so would be clearly contrary to the public interest, and that person shall comply with the order.

If, but for this section, the witness would have been privileged to withhold the answer given or the evidence produced, the witness may not refuse to comply with the order on the basis of the privilege against self-incrimination; but the witness shall not be prosecuted or subjected to criminal penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter, or fact concerning which the witness has been ordered to testify pursuant to this section. The witness may nevertheless be prosecuted for failing to comply with the order to answer, or for perjury or for offering false evidence to the court.

(3) Testimony of a physician concerning the medical circumstances of the pregnancy and the condition and characteristics of the child upon birth is not privileged.

(4) In an action against an alleged father, evidence offered by the alleged father with respect to a man who has not been joined as a party concerning the nonparty's sexual intercourse with the mother at or about the probable time of conception of the child is admissible in evidence only if the nonparty has undergone and made available to the court blood or genetic tests, the results of which do not exclude the possibility of the nonparty's paternity of the child.

(5) The trial shall be by the court without a jury. [1994 c 146 § 3; 1984 c 260 § 34; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 13.]

Severability—1984 c 260: See RCW 26.18.900.

Nurse-patient privilege subject to RCW 26.26.120: RCW 5.62.030.

26.26.130 Judgment or order determining parent and child relationship—Support judgment and orders—Residential provisions—Custody. (1) The judgment and order of the court determining the existence or nonexistence of the parent and child relationship shall be determinative for all purposes.

(2) If the judgment and order of the court is at variance with the child's birth certificate, the court shall order that an amended birth certificate be issued.

(3) The judgment and order shall contain other appropriate provisions directed to the appropriate parties to the proceeding, concerning the duty of current and future support, the extent of any liability for past support furnished to the child if that issue is before the court, the furnishing of bond or other security for the payment of the judgment, or any other matter in the best interest of the child. The judgment and order may direct the father to pay the reasonable expenses of the mother's pregnancy and confinement. The judgment and order may include a continuing restraining order or injunction. In issuing the order, the court shall consider the provisions of RCW 9.41.800.

(4) Support judgment and orders shall be for periodic payments which may vary in amount. The court may limit the father's liability for the past support to the child to the proportion of the expenses already incurred as the court deems just. The court shall not limit or affect in any manner the right of nonparties including the state of Washington to seek reimbursement for support and other services previously furnished to the child.

(5) After considering all relevant factors, the court shall order either or both parents to pay an amount determined pursuant to the schedule and standards contained in chapter 26.19 RCW.

(6) On the same basis as provided in chapter 26.09 RCW, the court shall make residential provisions with regard to minor children of the parties, except that a parenting plan shall not be required unless requested by a party.

(7) In any dispute between the natural parents of a child and a person or persons who have (a) commenced adoption proceedings or who have been granted an order of adoption, and (b) pursuant to a court order, or placement by the department of social and health services or by a licensed agency, have had actual custody of the child for a period of one year or more before court action is commenced by the natural parent or parents, the court shall consider the best welfare and interests of the child, including the child's need for situation stability, in determining the matter of custody, and the parent or person who is more fit shall have the

superior right to custody. [1994 1st sp.s. c 7 § 455. Prior: 1989 c 375 § 23; 1989 c 360 § 18; 1987 c 460 § 56; 1983 1st ex.s. c 41 § 8; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 14.]

Finding—Intent—Severability—1994 1st sp.s. c 7: See notes following RCW 43.70.540.

Effective date—1994 1st sp.s. c 7 §§ 401-410, 413-416, 418-437, and 439-460: See note following RCW 9.41.010.

Severability—1989 c 375: See RCW 26.09.914.

Short title—Section captions—Effective date—Severability—1987 c 460: See RCW 26.09.910 through 26.09.913.

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 41: See note following RCW 26.09.060.

26.26.132 Support orders—Compliance with RCW 26.23.050. Every court order or decree establishing a child support obligation shall be entered in compliance with RCW 26.23.050. [1987 c 435 § 27; 1986 c 138 § 3; 1984 c 260 § 23.]

Effective date—1987 c 435: See RCW 26.23.900.

Severability—1984 c 260: See RCW 26.18.900.

26.26.134 Support orders—Time limit, exception.

A court may not order payment for support provided or expenses incurred more than five years prior to the commencement of the action. Any period of time in which the responsible party has concealed himself or avoided the jurisdiction of the court under this chapter shall not be included within the five-year period. [1983 1st ex.s. c 41 § 11.]

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 41: See note following RCW 26.09.060.

26.26.137 Temporary support—Temporary restraining order—Preliminary injunction—Support debts, notice. (1) If the court has made a finding as to the paternity of a child, or if a party's acknowledgment of paternity has been filed with the court, or a party alleges he is the father of the child, any party may move for temporary support for the child prior to the date of entry of the final order. The motion shall be accompanied by an affidavit setting forth the factual basis for the motion and the amounts requested.

(2) Any party may request the court to issue a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction, providing relief proper in the circumstances, and restraining or enjoining any party from:

- (a) Molesting or disturbing the peace of another party;
- (b) Entering the home of another party; or
- (c) Removing a child from the jurisdiction of the court.

(3) The court may issue a temporary restraining order without requiring notice to the other party only if it finds on the basis of the moving affidavit or other evidence that irreparable injury could result if an order is not issued until the time for responding has elapsed.

(4) The court may issue a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction and an order for temporary support in such amounts and on such terms as are just and proper in the circumstances. In issuing the order, the court shall consider the provisions of RCW 9.41.800.

(5) A temporary order, temporary restraining order, or preliminary injunction:

(a) Does not prejudice the rights of a party or any child which are to be adjudicated at subsequent hearings in the proceeding;

(b) May be revoked or modified;

(c) Terminates when the final order is entered or when the petition is dismissed; and

(d) May be entered in a proceeding for the modification of an existing order.

(6) A support debt owed to the state for public assistance expenditures which has been charged against a party pursuant to RCW 74.20A.040 and/or 74.20A.055 shall not be merged in, or otherwise extinguished by, the final decree or order, unless the office of support enforcement has been given notice of the final proceeding and an opportunity to present its claim for the support debt to the court and has failed to file an affidavit as provided in this subsection. Notice of the proceeding shall be served upon the office of support enforcement personally, or by certified mail, and shall be given no fewer than thirty days prior to the date of the final proceeding. An original copy of the notice shall be filed with the court either before service or within a reasonable time thereafter. The office of support enforcement may present its claim, and thereby preserve the support debt, by filing an affidavit setting forth the amount of the debt with the court, and by mailing a copy of the affidavit to the parties or their attorney prior to the date of the final proceeding. [1994 1st sp.s. c 7 § 456; 1983 1st ex.s. c 41 § 12.]

Finding—Intent—Severability—1994 1st sp.s. c 7: See notes following RCW 43.70.540.

Effective date—1994 1st sp.s. c 7 §§ 401-410, 413-416, 418-437, and 439-460: See note following RCW 9.41.010.

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 41: See note following RCW 26.09.060.

26.26.140 Costs. The court may order reasonable fees of experts and the child's guardian ad litem, and other costs of the action, including blood or genetic test costs, to be paid by the parties in proportions and at times determined by the court. The court may order that all or a portion of a party's reasonable attorney's fees be paid by another party, except that an award of attorney's fees assessed against the state or any of its agencies or representatives shall be under RCW 4.84.185. [1994 c 146 § 4; 1984 c 260 § 35; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 15.]

Severability—1984 c 260: See RCW 26.18.900.

26.26.150 Enforcement of judgments or orders. (1) If existence of the father and child relationship is declared, or paternity or a duty of support has been acknowledged or adjudicated under this chapter or under prior law, the obligation of the father may be enforced in the same or other proceedings by the mother, the child, the state of Washington, the public authority that has furnished or may furnish the reasonable expenses of pregnancy, confinement, education, support, or funeral, or by any other person, including a private agency, to the extent he has furnished or is furnishing these expenses.

(2) The court shall order support payments to be made to the Washington state support registry, or the person entitled to receive the payments under an alternate arrange-

ment approved by the court as provided in RCW 26.23.050(2).

(3) All remedies for the enforcement of judgments apply. [1994 c 230 § 16; 1987 c 435 § 28; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 16.]

Effective date—1987 c 435: See RCW 26.23.900.

26.26.160 Modification of judgment or order—Continuing jurisdiction. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section the court has continuing jurisdiction to prospectively modify a judgment and order for future education and future support, and with respect to matters listed in RCW 26.26.130 (3) and (4), and RCW 26.26.150(2) upon showing a substantial change of circumstances. The procedures set forth in RCW 26.09.175 shall be used in modification proceedings under this section.

(2) A judgment or order entered under this chapter may be modified without a showing of substantial change of circumstances upon the same grounds as RCW 26.09.170 permits support orders to be modified without a showing of a substantial change of circumstance.

(3) The court may modify a parenting plan or residential provisions adopted pursuant to RCW 26.26.130(6) in accordance with the provisions of chapter 26.09 RCW. [1992 c 229 § 8; 1989 c 360 § 36; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 17.]

26.26.165 Health insurance coverage. (1) In entering or modifying a support order under this chapter, the court shall require either or both parents to maintain or provide health insurance coverage for any dependent child as provided under RCW 26.09.105.

(2) This section shall not be construed to limit the authority of the court to enter or modify support orders containing provisions for payment of uninsured health expenses, health costs, or insurance premiums which are in addition to and not inconsistent with this section. "Health insurance coverage" as used in this section does not include medical assistance provided under chapter 74.09 RCW.

(3) A parent ordered to provide health insurance coverage shall provide proof of such coverage or proof that such coverage is unavailable within twenty days of the entry of the order to:

(a) The physical custodian; or

(b) The department of social and health services if the parent has been notified or ordered to make support payments to the Washington state support registry.

(4) Every order requiring a parent to provide health insurance coverage shall be entered in compliance with *RCW 26.23.050 and be subject to direct enforcement as provided under chapter 26.18 RCW. [1994 c 230 § 17; 1989 c 416 § 4.]

*Reviser's note: The reference to RCW 26.23.050 appears to refer to the amendments made by 1989 c 416 § 8, which was vetoed by the governor.

26.26.170 Action to determine mother and child relationship. Any interested party may bring an action to determine the existence or nonexistence of a mother and child relationship. Insofar as practicable, the provisions of

this chapter applicable to the father and child relationship apply. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 18.]

26.26.180 Promise to render support. Any promise in writing to furnish support for a child, growing out of a supposed or alleged father and child relationship, does not require consideration and is enforceable according to its terms, subject to RCW 26.26.060(3). [1983 1st ex.s. c 41 § 9; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 19.]

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 41: See note following RCW 26.09.060.

26.26.190 Relinquishment of child for adoption—Notice to other parent. If a parent relinquishes or proposes to relinquish for adoption a child, the other parent shall be given notice of the adoption proceeding and have the rights provided under the provisions of chapter 26.33 RCW. [1985 c 7 § 87; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 20.]

26.26.200 Hearing or trials to be in closed court—Records confidential. Notwithstanding any other rule of law concerning public hearings and records, any hearing or trial held under this chapter shall be held in closed court without admittance of any person other than those necessary to the action or proceeding or for the orderly administration of justice. All papers and records, other than the final judgment and matters related to the enforcement of the final judgment, pertaining to the action or proceeding, whether part of the permanent record of the court or of a file in the department of social and health services, are subject to inspection by a nonparty only upon an order of the court for good cause shown following reasonable notice to all parties of the hearing where such order is to be sought. [1983 1st ex.s. c 41 § 10; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 21.]

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 41: See note following RCW 26.09.060.

26.26.210 Surrogate parenting—Definitions. As used in RCW 26.26.210 through 26.26.260:

(1) "Compensation" means a payment of money, objects, services, or anything else having monetary value except payment of expenses incurred as a result of the pregnancy and the actual medical expenses of a surrogate mother, and the payment of reasonable attorney fees for the drafting of a surrogate parentage contract.

(2) "Surrogate gestation" means the implantation in a female of an embryo not genetically related to that female and subsequent gestation of a child by that female.

(3) "Surrogate mother" means a female, who is not married to the contributor of the sperm, and who is naturally or artificially inseminated and who subsequently gestates a child conceived through the insemination pursuant to a surrogate parentage contract.

(4) "Surrogate parentage contract" means a contract, agreement, or arrangement in which a female, not married to the contributor of the sperm, agrees to conceive a child through natural or artificial insemination or in which a female agrees to surrogate gestation, and to voluntarily relinquish her parental rights to the child. [1989 c 404 § 1.]

26.26.220 Surrogate parenting—Persons excluded from contracting. A person shall not enter into, induce, arrange, procure, or otherwise assist in the formation of a surrogate parentage contract under which an unemancipated minor female or a female diagnosed as being mentally retarded or as having a mental illness or developmental disability is the surrogate mother. [1989 c 404 § 2.]

26.26.230 Surrogate parenting—Compensation prohibited. No person, organization, or agency shall enter into, induce, arrange, procure, or otherwise assist in the formation of a surrogate parentage contract, written or unwritten, for compensation. [1989 c 404 § 3.]

26.26.240 Surrogate parenting—Contract for compensation void. A surrogate parentage contract entered into for compensation, whether executed in the state of Washington or in another jurisdiction, shall be void and unenforceable in the state of Washington as contrary to public policy. [1989 c 404 § 4.]

26.26.250 Surrogate parenting—Provisions violated—Penalty. Any person, organization, or agency who intentionally violates any provision of RCW 26.26.210 through 26.26.260 shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor. [1989 c 404 § 5.]

26.26.260 Surrogate parenting—Custody of child. If a child is born to a surrogate mother pursuant to a surrogate parentage contract, and there is a dispute between the parties concerning custody of the child, the party having physical custody of the child may retain physical custody of the child until the superior court orders otherwise. The superior court shall award legal custody of the child based upon the factors listed in RCW 26.09.187(3) and 26.09.191. [1989 c 404 § 6.]

26.26.270 Parenting plan—Designation of parent for other state and federal purposes. Solely for the purposes of all other state and federal statutes which require a designation or determination of custody, a parenting plan shall designate the parent with whom the child is scheduled to reside a majority of the time as the custodian of the child. However, this designation shall not affect either parent's rights and responsibilities under the parenting plan. In the absence of such a designation, the parent with whom the child is scheduled to reside the majority of the time shall be deemed to be the custodian of the child for the purposes of such federal and state statutes. [1989 c 375 § 25.]

Severability—1989 c 375: See RCW 26.09.914.

26.26.900 Uniformity of application and construction. This chapter shall be applied and construed to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law with respect to the subject of this chapter among states enacting it. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 42.]

26.26.901 Short title. This act may be cited as the Uniform Parentage Act. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 43.]

26.26.905 Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42. If any provision of this 1976 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 42 § 44.]

Chapter 26.27

UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION ACT

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26.27.010 Purposes of chapter—Construction of provisions. (1) The general purposes of this chapter are to:

(a) Avoid jurisdiction competition and conflict with courts of other states in matters of child custody which have in the past resulted in the shifting of children from state to state with harmful effects on their well-being;

(b) Promote cooperation with the courts of other states to the end that a custody decree is rendered in that state which can best decide the case in the interest of the child;

(c) Assure that litigation concerning the custody of a child take place ordinarily in the state with which the child and his family have the closest connection and where significant evidence concerning his care, protection, training, and personal relationships is most readily available, and that courts of this state decline the exercise of jurisdiction when the child and his family have a closer connection with another state;

(d) Discourage continuing controversies over child custody in the interest of greater stability of home environment and of secure family relationships for the child;

(e) Deter abductions and other unilateral removals of children undertaken to obtain custody awards;

(f) Avoid relitigation of custody decisions of other states in this state insofar as feasible;

(g) Facilitate the enforcement of custody decrees of other states;

(h) Promote and expand the exchange of information and other forms of mutual assistance between the courts of this state and those of other states concerned with the same child; and

(i) Make uniform the law of those states which enact it.

(2) This chapter shall be construed to promote the general purposes stated in this section. [1979 c 98 § 1.]

26.27.020 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Contestant" means a person, including a parent, who claims a right to custody or visitation rights with respect to a child;

(2) "Custody determination" means a court decision and court orders and instructions providing for the custody of a child, including visitation rights; it does not include a decision relating to child support or any other monetary obligation of any person;

(3) "Custody proceeding" includes proceedings in which a custody determination is one of several issues, such as an action for dissolution of marriage, or legal separation, and includes child neglect and dependency proceedings;

(4) "Decree" or "custody decree" means a custody determination contained in a judicial decree or order made in a custody proceeding, and includes an initial decree and a modification decree;

(5) "Home state" means the state in which the child immediately preceding the time involved lived with his parents, a parent, or a person acting as parent, for at least six consecutive months, and in the case of a child less than six months old the state in which the child lived from birth with any of the persons mentioned. Periods of temporary absence of any of the named persons are counted as part of the six-month or other period;

(6) "Initial decree" means the first custody decree concerning a particular child;

(7) "Modification decree" means a custody decree which modifies or replaces a prior decree, whether made by the court which rendered the prior decree or by another court;

(8) "Physical custody" means actual possession and control of a child;

(9) "Person acting as parent" means a person, other than a parent, who has physical custody of a child and who has either been awarded custody by the court or claims a right to custody; and

(10) "State" means any state, territory, or possession of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. [1979 c 98 § 2.]

26.27.030 Jurisdiction. (1) A court of this state which is competent to decide child custody matters has jurisdiction to make a child custody determination by initial or modification decree if the conditions as set forth in any of the following paragraphs are met:

(a) This state (i) is the home state of the child at the time of commencement of the proceeding, or (ii) had been the child's home state within six months before commencement of the proceeding and the child is absent from this state because of his removal or retention by a person claiming his

custody or for other reasons, and a parent or person acting as parent continues to live in this state; or

(b) It is in the best interest of the child that a court of this state assume jurisdiction because (i) the child and his parents, or the child and at least one contestant, have a significant connection with this state, and (ii) there is available in this state substantial evidence concerning the child's present or future care, protection, training, and personal relationships; or

(c) The child is physically present in this state and (i) the child has been abandoned or (ii) it is necessary in an emergency to protect the child because he has been subjected to or threatened with mistreatment or abuse or is otherwise neglected or dependent; or

(d)(i) It appears that no other state would have jurisdiction under prerequisites substantially in accordance with paragraphs (a), (b), or (c) of this subsection, or another state has declined to exercise jurisdiction on the ground that this state is the more appropriate forum to determine the custody of the child, and (ii) it is in the best interest of the child that this court assume jurisdiction.

(2) Except under subsection (1) (c) and (d) of this section, physical presence in this state of the child, or of the child and one of the contestants, is not alone sufficient to confer jurisdiction on a court of this state to make a child custody determination.

(3) Physical presence of the child, while desirable, is not a prerequisite for jurisdiction to determine his custody. [1979 c 98 § 3.]

26.27.040 Notice and opportunity to be heard.

Before making a decree under this chapter, reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard shall be given to the contestants, any parent whose parental rights have not been previously terminated, and any person who has physical custody of the child. If any of these persons is outside this state, notice and opportunity to be heard shall be given under RCW 26.27.050. [1979 c 98 § 4.]

26.27.050 Notice to persons outside this state—Submission to jurisdiction. (1) Notice required for the exercise of jurisdiction over a person outside this state shall be given in a manner reasonably calculated to give actual notice, and may be made in any of the following ways:

(a) By personal delivery outside this state in the manner prescribed for service of process within this state;

(b) In the manner prescribed by the law of the place in which the service is made for service of process in that place in an action in any of its courts of general jurisdiction;

(c) By any form of mail addressed to the person to be served and requesting a receipt; or

(d) As directed by the court (including publication, if other means of notification are ineffective).

(2) Notice under this section shall be served, mailed, delivered, or last published at least ten days before any hearing in this state.

(3) Proof of service outside this state may be made by affidavit of the individual who made the service, or in the manner prescribed by the law of this state, the order pursuant to which the service is made, or the law of the place in which the service is made. If service is made by mail, proof

may be a receipt signed by the addressee or other evidence of delivery to the addressee.

(4) Notice is not required if a person submits to the jurisdiction of the court. [1979 c 98 § 5.]

26.27.060 Simultaneous proceedings in other states.

(1) A court of this state shall not exercise its jurisdiction under this chapter if at the time of filing the petition a proceeding concerning the custody of the child was pending in a court of another state exercising jurisdiction substantially in conformity with this chapter, unless the proceeding is stayed by the court of the other state because this state is a more appropriate forum or for other reasons.

(2) Before hearing the petition in a custody proceeding the court shall examine the pleadings and other information supplied by the parties under RCW 26.27.090 and shall consult the child custody registry established under RCW 26.27.160 concerning the pendency of proceedings with respect to the child in other states. If the court has reason to believe that proceedings may be pending in another state it shall direct an inquiry to the state court administrator or other appropriate official of the other state.

(3) If the court is informed during the course of the proceeding that a proceeding concerning the custody of the child was pending in another state before the court assumed jurisdiction it shall stay the proceeding and communicate with the court in which the other proceeding is pending to the end that the issue may be litigated in the more appropriate forum and that information be exchanged in accordance with RCW 26.27.190 through 26.27.220. If a court of this state has made a custody decree before being informed of a pending proceeding in a court of another state it shall immediately inform that court of the fact. If the court is informed that a proceeding was commenced in another state after it assumed jurisdiction it shall likewise inform the other court to the end that the issues may be litigated in the more appropriate forum. [1979 c 98 § 6.]

26.27.070 Inconvenient forum. (1) A court which has jurisdiction under this chapter to make an initial or modification decree may decline to exercise its jurisdiction any time before making a decree if it finds that it is an inconvenient forum to make a custody determination under the circumstances of the case and that a court of another state is a more appropriate forum.

(2) A finding of inconvenient forum may be made upon the court's own motion or upon motion of a party or a guardian ad litem or other representative of the child.

(3) In determining if it is an inconvenient forum, the court shall consider if it is in the interest of the child that another state assume jurisdiction. For this purpose it may take into account the following factors, among others:

(a) If another state is or recently was the child's home state;

(b) If another state has a closer connection with the child and his family or with the child and one or more of the contestants;

(c) If substantial evidence concerning the child's present or future care, protection, training, and personal relationships is more readily available in another state;

(d) If the parties have agreed on another forum which is no less appropriate; and

(e) If the exercise of jurisdiction by a court of this state would contravene any of the purposes stated in RCW 26.27.010.

(4) Before determining whether to decline or retain jurisdiction the court may communicate with a court of another state and exchange information pertinent to the assumption of jurisdiction by either court with a view to assuring that jurisdiction will be exercised by the more appropriate court and that a forum will be available to the parties.

(5) If the court finds that it is an inconvenient forum and that a court of another state is a more appropriate forum, it may dismiss the proceedings, or it may stay the proceedings upon condition that a custody proceeding be promptly commenced in another named state or upon any other conditions which may be just and proper, including the condition that a moving party stipulate his consent and submission to the jurisdiction of the other forum.

(6) The court may decline to exercise its jurisdiction under this chapter if a custody determination is incidental to an action for dissolution of marriage or another proceeding while retaining jurisdiction over the dissolution of marriage or other proceeding.

(7) If it appears to the court that it is clearly an inappropriate forum it may require the party who commenced the proceedings to pay, in addition to the costs of the proceedings in this state, necessary travel and other expenses, including attorney's fees, incurred by other parties or their witnesses. Payment is to be made to the clerk of the court for remittance to the proper party.

(8) Upon dismissal or stay of proceedings under this section the court shall inform the court found to be the more appropriate forum of this fact, or if the court which would have jurisdiction in the other state is not certainly known, shall transmit the information to the court administrator or other appropriate official for forwarding to the appropriate court.

(9) Any communication received from another state informing this state of a finding of inconvenient forum because a court of this state is the more appropriate forum shall be filed in the custody registry of the appropriate court. Upon assuming jurisdiction the court of this state shall inform the original court of this fact. [1979 c 98 § 7.]

26.27.080 Jurisdiction declined by reason of conduct. (1) If the petitioner for an initial decree has wrongfully taken the child from another state or has engaged in similar reprehensible conduct the court may decline to exercise jurisdiction for purposes of adjudication of custody if this is just and proper under the circumstances.

(2) Unless required in the interest of the child, the court shall not exercise its jurisdiction to modify a custody decree of another state if the petitioner, without consent of the person entitled to custody has improperly removed the child from the physical custody of the person entitled to custody or has improperly retained the child after a visit or other temporary relinquishment of physical custody. If the petitioner has violated any other provision of a custody

decree of another state the court may decline to exercise its jurisdiction if this is just and proper under the circumstances.

(3) Where the court declines to exercise jurisdiction upon petition for an initial custody decree under subsection (1) of this section, the court shall notify the parent or other appropriate person and the prosecuting attorney of the appropriate jurisdiction in the other state. If a request to that effect is received from the other state, the court shall order the petitioner to appear with the child in a custody proceeding instituted in the other state in accordance with RCW 26.27.200. If no such request is made within a reasonable time after the notification, the court may entertain a petition to determine custody by the petitioner if it has jurisdiction under RCW 26.27.030.

(4) Where the court refuses to assume jurisdiction to modify the custody decree of another state under subsection (2) of this section or under RCW 26.27.140, the court shall notify the person who has legal custody under the decree of the other state and the prosecuting attorney of the appropriate jurisdiction in the other state and may order the petitioner to return the child to the person who has legal custody. If it appears that the order will be ineffective and the legal custodian is ready to receive the child within a period of a few days, the court may place the child in a foster care home for the period, pending return of the child to the legal custodian. At the same time, the court shall advise the petitioner that any petition for modification of custody must be directed to the appropriate court of the other state which has continuing jurisdiction, or, in the event that that court declines jurisdiction, to a court in a state which has jurisdiction under RCW 26.27.030.

(5) In appropriate cases a court dismissing a petition under this section may charge the petitioner with necessary travel and other expenses, including attorney's fees and the cost of returning the child to another state. [1979 c 98 § 8.]

26.27.090 Information under oath to be submitted to court. (1) Every party in a custody proceeding in his first pleading or in an affidavit attached to that pleading shall give information under oath as to the child's present address, the places where the child has lived within the last five years, and the names and present addresses of the persons with whom the child has lived during that period. In this pleading or affidavit every party shall further declare under oath as to each of the following whether:

(a) He has participated, as a party, witness, or in any other capacity, in any other litigation concerning the custody of the same child in this or any other state;

(b) He has information of any custody proceeding concerning the child pending in a court of this or any other state; and

(c) He knows of any person not a party to the proceedings who has physical custody of the child or claims to have custody or visitation rights with respect to the child.

(2) If the declaration as to any of the above items is in the affirmative the declarant shall give additional information under oath as required by the court. The court may examine the parties under oath as to details of the information furnished and as to other matters pertinent to the court's jurisdiction and the disposition of the case.

(3) Each party has a continuing duty to inform the court of any custody proceeding concerning the child in this or any other state of which he obtained information during this proceeding. [1979 c 98 § 9.]

26.27.100 Additional parties. If the court learns from information furnished by the parties under RCW 26.27.090 or from other sources that a person not a party to the custody proceeding has physical custody of the child or claims to have custody or visitation rights with respect to the child, it shall order that person to be joined as a party and to be duly notified of the pendency of the proceeding and of his joinder as a party. If the person joined as a party is outside this state he shall be served with process or otherwise notified in accordance with RCW 26.27.050. [1979 c 98 § 10.]

26.27.110 Appearance of parties and child. (1) The court may order any party to the proceeding who is in this state to appear personally before the court. If that party has physical custody of the child the court may order that he appear personally with the child. If the party who is ordered to appear with the child cannot be served or fails to obey the order, or it appears the order will be ineffective, the court may issue a warrant of arrest against the party to secure his appearance with the child.

(2) If a party to the proceeding whose presence is desired by the court is outside this state with or without the child the court may order that the notice given under RCW 26.27.050 include a statement directing that party to appear personally with or without the child and declaring that failure to appear may result in a decision adverse to that party.

(3) If a party to the proceeding who is outside this state is directed to appear under subsection (2) of this section or desires to appear personally before the court with or without the child, the court may require another party to pay to the clerk of the court travel and other necessary expenses of the party so appearing and of the child if this is just and proper under the circumstances. [1979 c 98 § 11.]

26.27.120 Binding force and res judicata effect of custody decree. A custody decree rendered by a court of this state which had jurisdiction under RCW 26.27.030 binds all parties who have been served in this state or notified in accordance with RCW 26.27.050 or who have submitted to the jurisdiction of the court, and who have been given an opportunity to be heard. As to these parties the custody decree is conclusive as to all issues of law and fact decided and as to the custody determination made unless and until that determination is modified pursuant to law, including the provisions of this chapter. [1979 c 98 § 12.]

26.27.130 Recognition of out-of-state custody decrees. The courts of this state shall recognize and enforce an initial or modification decree of a court of another state which had assumed jurisdiction under statutory provisions substantially in accordance with this chapter or which was made under factual circumstances meeting the jurisdictional standards of this chapter, so long as this decree has not been modified in accordance with jurisdictional standards substantially similar to those of this chapter. [1979 c 98 § 13.]

26.27.140 Modification of custody decree of another state. (1) If a court of another state has made a custody decree, a court of this state shall not modify that decree unless (a) it appears to the court of this state that the court which rendered the decree does not now have jurisdiction under jurisdictional prerequisites substantially in accordance with this chapter or has declined to assume jurisdiction to modify the decree and (b) the court of this state has jurisdiction.

(2) If a court of this state is authorized under subsection (1) of this section and RCW 26.27.080 to modify a custody decree of another state it shall give due consideration to the transcript of the record and other documents of all previous proceedings submitted to it in accordance with RCW 26.27.220. [1979 c 98 § 14.]

26.27.150 Filing and enforcement of custody decree of another state. (1) A certified copy of a custody decree of another state may be filed in the office of the clerk of any superior court of this state. The clerk shall treat the decree in the same manner as a custody decree of the superior court of this state. A custody decree so filed has the same effect and shall be enforced in like manner as a custody decree rendered by a court of this state.

(2) A person violating a custody decree of another state which makes it necessary to enforce the decree in this state may be required to pay necessary travel and other expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the party entitled to the custody or his witnesses. [1979 c 98 § 15.]

26.27.160 Registry of out-of-state custody decrees and proceedings. (1) The clerk of each superior court shall maintain a registry in which he or she shall enter certified copies of custody decrees of other states received for filing to which the clerk shall assign an individual cause number.

(2) The clerk shall maintain the following at no charge as miscellaneous filings:

(a) Communications as to the pendency of custody proceedings in other states;

(b) Communications concerning a finding of inconvenient forum by a court of another state; and

(c) Other communications or documents concerning custody proceedings in another state which may affect the jurisdiction of a court of this state or the disposition to be made by it in a custody proceeding. [1984 c 128 § 7; 1979 c 98 § 16.]

26.27.170 Certified copies of custody decree. The clerk of a superior court of this state, at the request of the court of another state or at the request of any person who is affected by or has a legitimate interest in a custody decree, shall certify and forward a copy of the decree to that court or person. [1979 c 98 § 17.]

26.27.180 Taking testimony in another state. In addition to other procedural devices available to a party, any party to the proceeding or a guardian ad litem or other representative of the child may adduce testimony of witnesses, including parties and the child, by deposition or otherwise, in another state. The court on its own motion may direct that the testimony of a person be taken in another state

and may prescribe the manner in which and the terms upon which the testimony shall be taken. [1979 c 98 § 18.]

26.27.190 Hearings and studies in another state—Orders to appear. (1) A court of this state may request the appropriate court of another state to hold a hearing to adduce evidence, to order a party to produce or give evidence under other procedures of that state, or to have social studies made with respect to the custody of a child involved in proceedings pending in the court of this state; and to forward to the court of this state certified copies of the transcript of the record of the hearing, the evidence otherwise adduced, or any social studies prepared in compliance with the request. The cost of the services may be assessed against the parties or, if necessary, ordered paid by the state.

(2) A court of this state may request the appropriate court of another state to order a party to custody proceedings pending in the court of this state to appear in the proceedings, and if that party has physical custody of the child, to appear with the child. The request may state that travel and other necessary expenses of the party and of the child whose appearance is desired will be assessed against another party or will otherwise be paid. [1979 c 98 § 19.]

26.27.200 Assistance to courts of other states. (1) Upon request of the court of another state the courts of this state which are competent to hear custody matters may order a person in this state to appear at a hearing to adduce evidence or to produce or give evidence under other procedures available in this state or may order social studies under RCW 26.09.220 to be made for use in a custody proceeding in another state. A certified copy of the transcript of the record of the hearing or the evidence otherwise adduced and any social studies made shall be forwarded by the clerk of the court to the requesting court.

(2) A person within this state may voluntarily give his testimony or statement in this state for use in a custody proceeding outside this state.

(3) Upon request of the court of another state a competent court of this state may order a person in this state to appear alone or with the child in a custody proceeding in another state. The court may condition compliance with the request upon assurance by the other state that travel and other necessary expenses will be advanced or reimbursed. If the person who has physical custody of the child cannot be served or fails to obey the order, or it appears the order will be ineffective, the court may issue a warrant of arrest against such person to secure his appearance with the child in the other state. [1979 c 98 § 20.]

26.27.210 Preservation of records of custody proceedings—Forwarding to another state. In any custody proceeding in this state the court shall preserve the pleadings, orders and decrees, any record that has been made of its hearings, social studies, and other pertinent documents until the child reaches eighteen years of age. Upon appropriate request of the court of another state the court shall forward to the other court certified copies of any or all of such documents. [1979 c 98 § 21.]

26.27.220 Request for court records of another state. If a custody decree has been rendered in another state concerning a child involved in a custody proceeding pending in a court of this state, the court of this state upon taking jurisdiction of the case shall request of the court of the other state a certified copy of the transcript of any court record and other documents mentioned in RCW 26.27.210. [1979 c 98 § 22.]

26.27.230 International application. The general policies of this chapter extend to the international area. The provisions of this chapter relating to the recognition and enforcement of custody decrees of other states apply to custody decrees and decrees involving legal institutions similar in nature to custody rendered by appropriate authorities of other nations if reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard were given to all affected persons. [1979 c 98 § 23.]

26.27.900 Construction with chapter 26.09 RCW. This chapter is in addition to and shall be construed in conjunction with chapter 26.09 RCW. In the event of an irreconcilable conflict between this chapter and chapter 26.09 RCW, chapter 26.09 RCW shall control. [1979 c 98 § 24.]

26.27.910 Short title. This chapter may be cited as the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act. [1979 c 98 § 25.]

26.27.920 Severability—1979 c 98. If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1979 c 98 § 26.]

26.27.930 Section captions. Section captions used in this act shall constitute no part of the law. [1979 c 98 § 27.]

Chapter 26.28

AGE OF MAJORITY

(Formerly: Infants)

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26.28.010 Age of majority. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, all persons shall be deemed and taken to be of full age for all purposes at the age of eighteen years. [1971 ex.s. c 292 § 1; 1970 ex.s. c 17 § 1; 1923 c 72 § 2; Code 1881 § 2363; 1866 p 92 § 1; 1863 p 434 § 1; 1854 p 407 § 1; RRS § 10548.]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 292: "If any provision of this 1971 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1971 ex.s. c 292 § 77.]

Saving—1923 c 72: "This act shall not apply to females who shall have attained the age of eighteen years at the time this act shall go into effect." [1923 c 72 § 3.] 1923 c 72 was codified as RCW 11.92.010 and 26.28.010.

Age of majority for probate law and procedure purposes: RCW 11.76.080, 11.76.095, 11.88.020, and 11.92.010.

26.28.015 Age of majority for enumerated specific purposes. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and except as provided under RCW 26.50.020, all persons shall be deemed and taken to be of full age for the specific purposes hereafter enumerated at the age of eighteen years:

(1) To enter into any marriage contract without parental consent if otherwise qualified by law;

(2) To execute a will for the disposition of both real and personal property if otherwise qualified by law;

(3) To vote in any election if authorized by the Constitution and otherwise qualified by law;

(4) To enter into any legal contractual obligation and to be legally bound thereby to the full extent as any other adult person;

(5) To make decisions in regard to their own body and the body of their lawful issue whether natural born to or adopted by such person to the full extent allowed to any other adult person including but not limited to consent to surgical operations;

(6) To sue and be sued on any action to the full extent as any other adult person in any of the courts of this state, without the necessity for a guardian ad litem. [1992 c 111 § 12; 1971 ex.s. c 292 § 2.]

Severability—1992 c 111: See RCW 26.50.903.

Findings—1992 c 111: See note following RCW 26.50.030.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 292: See note following RCW 26.28.010.

Alcohol and drug treatment: RCW 70.96A.095.

Mental health treatment: Chapter 71.34 RCW.

Sexually transmitted diseases: RCW 70.24.110.

26.28.020 Married persons—When deemed of full age. All minor persons married to a person of full age shall be deemed and taken to be of full age. [1973 1st ex.s. c 154 § 38; Code 1881 § 2364; 1863 p 434 § 2; 1854 p 407 § 2; RRS § 10549.]

Severability—1973 1st ex.s. c 154: See note following RCW 2.12.030.

26.28.030 Contracts of minors—Disaffirmance. A minor is bound, not only by contracts for necessities, but also by his other contracts, unless he disaffirms them within a reasonable time after he attains his majority, and restores to the other party all money and property received by him by virtue of the contract, and remaining within his control at any time after his attaining his majority. [1866 p 92 § 2; RRS § 5829.]

26.28.040 Disaffirmance barred in certain cases. No contract can be thus disaffirmed in cases where on account of the minor's own misrepresentations as to his majority, or from his having engaged in business as an adult, the other party had good reasons to believe the minor capable of contracting. [1866 p 93 § 3; RRS § 5830.]

26.28.050 Satisfaction of minor's contract for services. When a contract for the personal services of a minor has been made with him alone, and those services are afterwards performed, payment made therefor to such minor in accordance with the terms of the contract, is a full satisfaction for those services, and the parents or guardian cannot recover therefor. [1866 p 93 § 4; RRS § 5831.]

26.28.060 Child labor—Penalty. (1) Every person who shall employ, and every parent, guardian or other person having the care, custody or control of such child, who shall permit to be employed, by another, any child under the age of fourteen years at any labor whatever, in or in connection with any store, shop, factory, mine or any inside employment not connected with farm or house work, without the written permit thereto of a judge of a superior court of the county wherein such child may live, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to children employed as actors or performers in film, video, audio, or theatrical productions. [1994 c 62 § 1; 1973 1st ex.s. c 154 § 39; 1909 c 249 § 195; RRS § 2447.]

Severability—1973 1st ex.s. c 154: See note following RCW 2.12.030.

Child labor: Chapter 49.12 RCW.

Employment permits: RCW 28A.225.080.

26.28.070 Certain types of employment prohibited—Penalty. Every person who shall employ, or cause to be employed, exhibit or have in his custody for exhibition or employment any minor actually or apparently under the age of eighteen years; and every parent, relative, guardian, employer or other person having the care, custody, or control

of any such minor, who shall in any way procure or consent to the employment of such minor:

(1) In begging, receiving alms, or in any mendicant occupation; or,

(2) In any indecent or immoral exhibition or practice; or,

(3) In any practice or exhibition dangerous or injurious to life, limb, health or morals; or,

(4) As a messenger for delivering letters, telegrams, packages or bundles, to any known house of prostitution or assignation;

Shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. [1909 c 249 § 194; RRS § 2446.]

Juvenile courts and juvenile offenders: Title 13 RCW.

26.28.080 Selling or giving tobacco to minor—Belief of representative capacity, no defense—Penalty. Every person who sells or gives, or permits to be sold or given to any person under the age of eighteen years any cigar, cigarette, cigarette paper or wrapper, or tobacco in any form is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

It shall be no defense to a prosecution for a violation of this section that the person acted, or was believed by the defendant to act, as agent or representative of another. [1994 1st sp.s. c 7 § 437. Prior: 1987 c 250 § 2; 1987 c 204 § 1; 1971 ex.s. c 292 § 37; 1919 c 17 § 1; 1911 c 133 § 1; 1909 ex.s. c 27 § 1; 1909 c 249 § 193; 1901 c 122 § 1; 1895 c 126 §§ 1, 3 and 4; RRS § 2445. Formerly RCW 26.08.080, 26.08.090, and 26.08.100.]

Finding—Intent—Severability—1994 1st sp.s. c 7: See notes following RCW 43.70.540.

Effective date—1994 1st sp.s. c 7 §§ 401-410, 413-416, 418-437, and 439-460: See note following RCW 9.41.010.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 292: See note following RCW 26.28.010.

Juvenile courts and juvenile offenders: Title 13 RCW.

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Chapter 26.30

UNIFORM MINOR STUDENT CAPACITY TO BORROW ACT

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26.30.010 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Person" means individual, corporation, government or governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, or any other legal entity.

(2) "Educational institution" means any university, college, community college, junior college, high school, technical, vocational, or professional school, or similar institution, wherever located, which has been accredited by the Northwest Association of Higher and Secondary Institutions or approved by the state agency having regulatory powers over the class of schools to which the school belongs, or accredited or approved by the appropriate official,

department, or agency of the state in which the institution is located.

(3) "Educational loan" means a loan or other aid or assistance for the purpose of furthering the obligor's education at an educational institution. [1970 ex.s. c 4 § 1.]

Student financial aid program: RCW 28B.10.800 through 28B.10.824.

26.30.020 Minors—Contracts—Educational purposes—Enforceability. Any written obligation signed by a minor sixteen or more years of age in consideration of an educational loan received by him from any person is enforceable as if he were an adult at the time of execution, but only if prior to the making of the educational loan an educational institution has certified in writing to the person making the educational loan that the minor is enrolled, or has been accepted for enrollment, in the educational institution. [1970 ex.s. c 4 § 2.]

Contracts of minors, disaffirmance: RCW 26.28.030.

26.30.900 Uniformity of interpretation. This chapter shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those states which enact it. [1970 ex.s. c 4 § 3.]

26.30.910 Short title. This chapter may be cited as the "Uniform Minor Student Capacity to Borrow Act." [1970 ex.s. c 4 § 4.]

26.30.920 Effective date—1970 ex.s. c 4. This chapter shall take effect on July 1, 1970. [1970 ex.s. c 4 § 5.]

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26.33.010 Intent. The legislature finds that the purpose of adoption is to provide stable homes for children. Adoptions should be handled efficiently, but the rights of all parties must be protected. The guiding principle must be determining what is in the best interest of the child. It is the intent of the legislature that this chapter be used only as a means for placing children in adoptive homes and not as a means for parents to avoid responsibility for their children unless the department, an agency, or a prospective adoptive parent is willing to assume the responsibility for the child. [1984 c 155 § 1.]

26.33.020 Definitions. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Alleged father" means a person whose parent-child relationship has not been terminated, who is not a presumed

father under chapter 26.26 RCW, and who alleges himself or whom a party alleges to be the father of the child. It includes a person whose marriage to the mother was terminated more than three hundred days before the birth of the child or who was separated from the mother more than three hundred days before the birth of the child.

(2) "Child" means a person under eighteen years of age.

(3) "Adoptee" means a person who is to be adopted or who has been adopted.

(4) "Adoptive parent" means the person or persons who seek to adopt or have adopted an adoptee.

(5) "Court" means the superior court.

(6) "Department" means the department of social and health services.

(7) "Agency" means any public or private association, corporation, or individual licensed or certified by the department as a child placing agency under chapter 74.15 RCW or as an adoption agency.

(8) "Parent" means the natural or adoptive mother or father of a child, including a presumed father under chapter 26.26 RCW. It does not include any person whose parent-child relationship has been terminated by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(9) "Legal guardian" means the department, an agency, or a person, other than a parent or stepparent, appointed by the court to promote the child's general welfare, with the authority and duty to make decisions affecting the child's development.

(10) "Guardian ad litem" means a person, not related to a party to the action, appointed by the court to represent the best interests of a party who is under a legal disability.

(11) "Relinquish or relinquishment" means the voluntary surrender of custody of a child to the department, an agency, or prospective adoptive parents.

(12) "Individual approved by the court" or "qualified salaried court employee" means a person who has a master's degree in social work or a related field and one year of experience in social work, or a bachelor's degree and two years of experience in social work, and includes a person not having such qualifications only if the court makes specific findings of fact that are entered of record establishing that the person has reasonably equivalent experience.

(13) "Birth parent" means the biological mother or biological or alleged father of a child, including a presumed father under chapter 26.26 RCW, whether or not any such person's parent-child relationship has been terminated by a court of competent jurisdiction. "Birth parent" does not include a biological mother or biological or alleged father, including a presumed father under chapter 26.26 RCW, if the parent-child relationship was terminated because of an act for which the person was found guilty under chapter 9A.42 or 9A.44 RCW.

(14) "Nonidentifying information" includes, but is not limited to, the following information about the birth parents, adoptive parents, and adoptee:

(a) Age in years at the time of adoption;

(b) Heritage, including nationality, ethnic background, and race;

(c) Education, including number of years of school completed at the time of adoption, but not name or location of school;

(d) General physical appearance, including height, weight, color of hair, eyes, and skin, or other information of a similar nature;

(e) Religion;

(f) Occupation, but not specific titles or places of employment;

(g) Talents, hobbies, and special interests;

(h) Circumstances leading to the adoption;

(i) Medical and genetic history of birth parents;

(j) First names;

(k) Other children of birth parents by age, sex, and medical history;

(l) Extended family of birth parents by age, sex, and medical history;

(m) The fact of the death, and age and cause, if known;

(n) Photographs;

(o) Name of agency or individual that facilitated the adoption. [1993 c 81 § 1; 1990 c 146 § 1; 1984 c 155 § 2.]

26.33.030 Petitions—Place of filing—Consolidation of petitions and hearings. (1) A petition under this chapter may be filed in the superior court of the county in which the petitioner is a resident or of the county in which the adoptee is domiciled.

(2) A petition under this chapter may be consolidated with any other petition under this chapter. A hearing under this chapter may be consolidated with any other hearing under this chapter. [1984 c 155 § 3.]

26.33.040 Petitions—Statements and findings about Indian Child Welfare Act and Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act required. (1) Every petition filed in proceedings under this chapter shall contain a statement alleging whether the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1901 et seq., applies to the proceeding. Every order or decree entered in any proceeding under this chapter shall contain a finding that the Indian Child Welfare Act does or does not apply. In proceedings under this chapter, the adoption facilitator shall file a sworn statement documenting efforts to determine whether the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1901 et seq., applies.

(2) Every petition filed in proceedings under this chapter shall contain a statement alleging whether the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940, 50 U.S.C. Sec. 501 et seq., applies to the proceeding. Every order or decree entered in any proceeding under this chapter shall contain a finding that the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940 does or does not apply. [1991 c 136 § 1; 1984 c 155 § 4.]

26.33.050 Validity of consents, relinquishments, or orders of termination from other jurisdictions—Burden of proof. Any consent, relinquishment, or order of termination that would be valid in the jurisdiction in which it was executed or obtained, and which comports with due process of law, is valid in Washington state, but the burden of proof as to validity and compliance is on the petitioner. [1984 c 155 § 5.]

26.33.060 Hearings—Procedure—Witnesses. All hearings under this chapter shall be heard by the court without a jury. Unless the parties and the court agree

otherwise, proceedings of contested hearings shall be recorded. The general public shall be excluded and only those persons shall be admitted whose presence is requested by any person entitled to notice under this chapter or whom the judge finds to have a direct interest in the case or in the work of the court. Persons so admitted shall not disclose any information obtained at the hearing which would identify the individual adoptee or parent involved. The court may require the presence of witnesses deemed necessary to the disposition of the petition, including persons making any report, study, or examination which is before the court if those persons are reasonably available. A person who has executed a valid waiver need not appear at the hearing. If the court finds that it is in the child's best interest, the child may be excluded from the hearing. [1984 c 155 § 6.]

26.33.070 Appointment of guardian ad litem—When required—Payment of fees. (1) The court shall appoint a guardian ad litem for any parent or alleged father under eighteen years of age in any proceeding under this chapter. The court may appoint a guardian ad litem for a child adoptee or any incompetent party in any proceeding under this chapter. The guardian ad litem for a parent or alleged father, in addition to determining what is in the best interest of the party, shall make an investigation and report to the court concerning whether any written consent to adoption or petition for relinquishment signed by the parent or alleged father was signed voluntarily and with an understanding of the consequences of the action.

(2) The county in which a petition is filed shall pay the fees of a guardian ad litem or attorney appointed under this chapter. [1984 c 155 § 7.]

26.33.080 Petition for relinquishment—Filing—Written consent required. (1) A parent, an alleged father, the department, or an agency may file with the court a petition to relinquish a child to the department or an agency. The parent's or alleged father's written consent to adoption shall accompany the petition. The written consent of the department or the agency to assume custody shall be filed with the petition.

(2) A parent, alleged father, or prospective adoptive parent may file with the court a petition to relinquish a child to the prospective adoptive parent. The parent's or alleged father's written consent to adoption shall accompany the petition. The written consent of the prospective adoptive parent to assume custody shall be filed with the petition. The identity of the prospective adoptive parent need not be disclosed to the petitioner.

(3) A petition for relinquishment, together with the written consent to adoption, may be filed before the child's birth. If the child is an Indian child as defined in 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1903(4), the petition and consent shall not be signed until at least ten days after the child's birth and shall be recorded before a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1913(a). [1987 c 170 § 3; 1985 c 421 § 1; 1984 c 155 § 8.]

Severability—1987 c 170: See note following RCW 13.04.030.

26.33.090 Petition for relinquishment—Hearing—Temporary custody order—Notice—Order of relinquish-

ment. (1) The court shall set a time and place for a hearing on the petition for relinquishment. The hearing may not be held sooner than forty-eight hours after the child's birth or the signing of all necessary consents to adoption, whichever is later. However, if the child is an Indian child, the hearing shall not be held sooner than ten days after the child's birth, and no consent shall be valid unless signed at least ten days after the child's birth and recorded before a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1913(a). Except where the child is an Indian child, the court may enter a temporary order giving custody of the child to the prospective adoptive parent, if a preplacement report has been filed, or to the department or agency to whom the child will be relinquished pending the court's hearing on the petition. If the child is an Indian child, the court may enter a temporary custody order under this subsection only if the requirements of 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1913(a) regarding voluntary foster care placement have been satisfied.

(2) Notice of the hearing shall be served on any relinquishing parent or alleged father, and the department or agency in the manner prescribed by RCW 26.33.310. If the child is an Indian child, notice of the hearing shall also be served on the child's tribe in the manner prescribed by RCW 26.33.310.

(3) The court may require the parent to appear personally and enter his or her consent to adoption on the record. However, if the child is an Indian child, the court shall require the consenting parent to appear personally before a court of competent jurisdiction to enter on the record his or her consent to the relinquishment or adoption. The court shall determine that any written consent has been validly executed, and if the child is an Indian child, such court shall further certify that the requirements of 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1913(a) have been satisfied. If the court determines it is in the best interests of the child, the court shall approve the petition for relinquishment.

(4) If the court approves the petition, it shall award custody of the child to the department, agency, or prospective adoptive parent, who shall be appointed legal guardian. The legal guardian shall be financially responsible for support of the child until further order of the court. The court shall also enter an order pursuant to RCW 26.33.130 terminating the parent-child relationship of the parent and the child.

(5) An order of relinquishment to an agency or the department shall include an order authorizing the agency to place the child with a prospective adoptive parent. [1987 c 170 § 4; 1985 c 421 § 2; 1984 c 155 § 9.]

Severability—1987 c 170: See note following RCW 13.04.030.

26.33.100 Petition for termination—Who may file—Contents—Time. (1) A petition for termination of the parent-child relationship of a parent or alleged father who has not executed a written consent to adoption may be filed by:

(a) The department or an agency;

(b) The prospective adoptive parent to whom a child has been or may be relinquished if the prospective adoptive parent has filed or consented to a petition for relinquishment; or

(c) The prospective adoptive parent if he or she seeks to adopt the child of his or her spouse.

(2) The petition for termination of the parent-child relationship shall contain a statement of facts identifying the petitioner, the parents, the legal guardian, a guardian ad litem for a party, any alleged father, and the child. The petition shall state the facts forming the basis for the petition and shall be signed under penalty of perjury or be verified.

(3) The petition may be filed before the child's birth. [1985 c 421 § 3; 1984 c 155 § 10.]

26.33.110 Petition for termination—Time and place of hearing—Notice of hearing and petition—Contents.

(1) The court shall set a time and place for a hearing on the petition for termination of the parent-child relationship, which shall not be held sooner than forty-eight hours after the child's birth. However, if the child is an Indian child, the hearing shall not be held sooner than ten days after the child's birth and the time of the hearing shall be extended up to twenty additional days from the date of the scheduled hearing upon the motion of the parent, Indian custodian, or the child's tribe.

(2) Notice of the hearing shall be served on the petitioner, the nonconsenting parent or alleged father, the legal guardian of a party, and the guardian ad litem of a party, in the manner prescribed by RCW 26.33.310. If the child is an Indian child, notice of the hearing shall also be served on the child's tribe in the manner prescribed by 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1912(a).

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the notice of the petition shall:

(a) State the date and place of birth. If the petition is filed prior to birth, the notice shall state the approximate date and location of conception of the child and the expected date of birth, and shall identify the mother;

(b) Inform the nonconsenting parent or alleged father that: (i) He or she has a right to be represented by counsel and that counsel will be appointed for an indigent person who requests counsel; and (ii) failure to respond to the termination action within twenty days of service will result in the termination of his or her parent-child relationship with respect to the child;

(c) Inform an alleged father that failure to file a claim of paternity under chapter 26.26 RCW or to respond to the petition, within twenty days of the date of service of the petition is grounds to terminate his parent-child relationship with respect to the child;

(d) Inform an alleged father of an Indian child that if he acknowledges paternity of the child or if his paternity of the child is established prior to the termination of the parent-child relationship, that his parental rights may not be terminated unless he: (i) Gives valid consent to termination, or (ii) his parent-child relationship is terminated involuntarily pursuant to chapter 26.33 or 13.34 RCW. [1987 c 170 § 5; 1985 c 421 § 4; 1984 c 155 § 11.]

Severability—1987 c 170: See note following RCW 13.04.030.

26.33.120 Termination—Grounds—Failure to appear. (1) Except in the case of an Indian child and his or her parent, the parent-child relationship of a parent may be terminated upon a showing by clear, cogent, and convincing

evidence that it is in the best interest of the child to terminate the relationship and that the parent has failed to perform parental duties under circumstances showing a substantial lack of regard for his or her parental obligations and is withholding consent to adoption contrary to the best interest of the child.

(2) Except in the case of an Indian child and his or her alleged father, the parent-child relationship of an alleged father who appears and claims paternity may be terminated upon a showing by clear, cogent, and convincing evidence that it is in the best interest of the child to terminate the relationship and that:

(a) The alleged father has failed to perform parental duties under circumstances showing a substantial lack of regard for his parental obligations and is withholding consent to adoption contrary to the best interest of the child; or

(b) He is not the father.

(3) The parent-child relationship of a parent or an alleged father may be terminated if the parent or alleged father fails to appear after being notified of the hearing in the manner prescribed by RCW 26.33.310.

(4) The parent-child relationship of an Indian child and his or her parent or alleged father where paternity has been claimed or established, may be terminated only pursuant to the standards set forth in 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1912(f). [1987 c 170 § 6; 1984 c 155 § 12.]

Severability—1987 c 170: See note following RCW 13.04.030.

26.33.130 Termination order—Effect. (1) If the court determines, after a hearing, that the parent-child relationship should be terminated pursuant to RCW 26.33.090 or 26.33.120, the court shall enter an appropriate order terminating the parent-child relationship.

(2) An order terminating the parent-child relationship divests the parent and the child of all legal rights, powers, privileges, immunities, duties, and obligations with respect to each other except past-due child support obligations owed by the parent.

(3) The parent-child relationship may be terminated with respect to one parent without affecting the parent-child relationship between the child and the other parent.

(4) The parent or alleged father whose parent-child relationship with the child has been terminated is not thereafter entitled to notice of proceedings for the adoption of the child by another, nor has the parent or alleged father any right to contest the adoption or otherwise to participate in the proceedings unless an appeal from the termination order is pending or unless otherwise ordered by the court. [1984 c 155 § 13.]

26.33.140 Who may adopt or be adopted. (1) Any person may be adopted, regardless of his or her age or residence.

(2) Any person who is legally competent and who is eighteen years of age or older may be an adoptive parent. [1984 c 155 § 14.]

26.33.150 Petition for adoption—Filing—Contents—Preplacement report required. (1) An adoption proceeding is initiated by filing with the court a petition for adoption. The petition shall be filed by the prospective adoptive parent.

(2) A petition for adoption shall contain the following information:

(a) The name and address of the petitioner;

(b) The name, if any, gender, and place and date of birth, if known, of the adoptee;

(c) A statement that the child is or is not an Indian child covered by the Indian Child Welfare Act; and

(d) The name and address of the department or any agency, legal guardian, or person having custody of the child.

(3) The written consent to adoption of any person, the department, or agency which has been executed shall be filed with the petition.

(4) The petition shall be signed under penalty of perjury by the petitioner. If the petitioner is married, the petitioner's spouse shall join in the petition.

(5) If a preplacement report prepared pursuant to RCW 26.33.190 has not been previously filed with the court, the preplacement report shall be filed with the petition for adoption. [1984 c 155 § 15.]

26.33.160 Consent to adoption—When revocable—Procedure. (1) Except as otherwise provided in RCW 26.33.170, consent to an adoption shall be required of the following if applicable:

(a) The adoptee, if fourteen years of age or older;

(b) The parents and any alleged father of an adoptee under eighteen years of age;

(c) An agency or the department to whom the adoptee has been relinquished pursuant to RCW 26.33.080; and

(d) The legal guardian of the adoptee.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4)(h) of this section, consent to adoption is revocable by the consenting party at any time before the consent is approved by the court. The revocation may be made in either of the following ways:

(a) Written revocation may be delivered or mailed to the clerk of the court before approval; or

(b) Written revocation may be delivered or mailed to the clerk of the court after approval, but only if it is delivered or mailed within forty-eight hours after a prior notice of revocation that was given within forty-eight hours after the birth of the child. The prior notice of revocation shall be given to the agency or person who sought the consent and may be either oral or written.

(3) Except as provided in subsections (2)(b) and (4)(h) of this section and in this subsection, a consent to adoption may not be revoked after it has been approved by the court. Within one year after approval, a consent may be revoked for fraud or duress practiced by the person, department, or agency requesting the consent, or for lack of mental competency on the part of the person giving the consent at the time the consent was given. A written consent to adoption may not be revoked more than one year after it is approved by the court.

(4) Except as provided in (h) of this subsection, the written consent to adoption shall be signed under penalty of perjury and shall state that:

(a) It is given subject to approval of the court;

(b) It has no force or effect until approved by the court;

(c) The birth parent is or is not of Native American or Alaska native ancestry;

(d) The consent will not be presented to the court until forty-eight hours after it is signed or forty-eight hours after the birth of the child, whichever occurs later;

(e) It is revocable by the consenting party at any time before its approval by the court. It may be revoked in either of the following ways:

(i) Written revocation may be delivered or mailed to the clerk of the court before approval of the consent by the court; or

(ii) Written revocation may be delivered or mailed to the clerk of the court after approval, but only if it is delivered or mailed within forty-eight hours after a prior notice of revocation that was given within forty-eight hours after the birth of the child. The prior notice of revocation shall be given to the agency or person who sought the consent and may be either oral or written;

(f) The address of the clerk of court where the consent will be presented is included;

(g) Except as provided in (h) of this subsection, after it has been approved by the court, the consent is not revocable except for fraud or duress practiced by the person, department, or agency requesting the consent or for lack of mental competency on the part of the person giving the consent at the time the consent was given. A written consent to adoption may not be revoked more than one year after it is approved by the court;

(h) In the case of a consent to an adoption of an Indian child, no consent shall be valid unless the consent is executed in writing more than ten days after the birth of the child and unless the consent is recorded before a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1913(a). Consent may be withdrawn for any reason at any time prior to the entry of the final decree of adoption. Consent may be withdrawn for fraud or duress within two years of the entry of the final decree of adoption. Revocation of the consent prior to a final decree of adoption, may be delivered or mailed to the clerk of the court or made orally to the court which shall certify such revocation. Revocation of the consent is effective if received by the clerk of the court prior to the entry of the final decree of adoption or made orally to the court at any time prior to the entry of the final decree of adoption. Upon withdrawal of consent, the court shall return the child to the parent unless the child has been taken into custody pursuant to RCW 13.34.050 or 26.44.050, placed in shelter care pursuant to RCW 13.34.060, or placed in foster care pursuant to RCW 13.34.130; and

(i) The following statement has been read before signing the consent:

I understand that my decision to relinquish the child is an extremely important one, that the legal effect of this relinquishment will be to take from me all legal rights and obligations with respect to the child, and that an order permanently terminating all of my parental rights to the child will be entered. I also understand that there are social services and counseling services available in the community, and that there may be financial assistance available through state and local governmental agencies.

(5) A written consent to adoption which meets all the requirements of this chapter but which does not name or otherwise identify the adopting parent is valid if it contains a statement that it is voluntarily executed without disclosure of the name or other identification of the adopting parent.

(6) There must be a witness to the consent of the parent or alleged father. The witness must be at least eighteen years of age and selected by the parent or alleged father. The consent document shall contain a statement identifying by name, address, and relationship the witness selected by the parent or alleged father. [1991 c 136 § 2; 1990 c 146 § 2; 1987 c 170 § 7; 1985 c 421 § 5; 1984 c 155 § 16.]

Severability—1987 c 170: See note following RCW 13.04.030.

26.33.170 When consent to adoption not required.

An agency's, the department's, or a legal guardian's consent to adoption may be dispensed with if the court determines by clear, cogent and convincing evidence that the proposed adoption is in the best interests of the adoptee. [1988 c 203 § 1; 1984 c 155 § 17.]

26.33.180 Preplacement report required before placement with adoptive parents—Exception. Except as provided in RCW 26.33.220, a child shall not be placed with prospective adoptive parents until a preplacement report has been filed with the court. [1984 c 155 § 18.]

26.33.190 Preplacement report—Requirements—Fees. (1) Any person may at any time request an agency, the department, an individual approved by the court, or a qualified salaried court employee to prepare a preplacement report. A certificate signed under penalty of perjury by the person preparing the report specifying his or her qualifications as required in this chapter shall be attached to or filed with each preplacement report and shall include a statement of training or experience that qualifies the person preparing the report to discuss relevant adoption issues. A person may have more than one preplacement report prepared. All preplacement reports shall be filed with the court in which the petition for adoption is filed.

(2) The preplacement report shall be a written document setting forth all relevant information relating to the fitness of the person requesting the report as an adoptive parent. The report shall be based on a study which shall include an investigation of the home environment, family life, health, facilities, and resources of the person requesting the report. The report shall include a list of the sources of information on which the report is based. The report shall include a recommendation as to the fitness of the person requesting the report to be an adoptive parent. The report shall also verify that the following issues were discussed with the prospective adoptive parents:

(a) The concept of adoption as a lifelong developmental process and commitment;

(b) The potential for the child to have feelings of identity confusion and loss regarding separation from the birth parents;

(c) Disclosure of the fact of adoption to the child;

(d) The child's possible questions about birth parents and relatives; and

(e) The relevance of the child's racial, ethnic, and cultural heritage.

(3) All preplacement reports shall include an investigation of the conviction record, pending charges, or disciplinary board final decisions of prospective adoptive parents. The investigation shall include an examination of state and national criminal identification data provided by the Washington state patrol criminal identification system as described in chapter 43.43 RCW.

(4) An agency, the department, or a court approved individual may charge a reasonable fee based on the time spent in conducting the study and preparing the preplacement report. The court may set a reasonable fee for conducting the study and preparing the report when a court employee has prepared the report. An agency, the department, a court approved individual, or the court may reduce or waive the fee if the financial condition of the person requesting the report so warrants. An agency's, the department's, or court approved individual's, fee is subject to review by the court upon request of the person requesting the report.

(5) The person requesting the report shall designate to the agency, the department, the court approved individual, or the court in writing the county in which the preplacement report is to be filed. If the person requesting the report has not filed a petition for adoption, the report shall be indexed in the name of the person requesting the report and a cause number shall be assigned. A fee shall not be charged for filing the report. The applicable filing fee may be charged at the time a petition governed by this chapter is filed. Any subsequent preplacement reports shall be filed together with the original report.

(6) A copy of the completed preplacement report shall be delivered to the person requesting the report.

(7) A person may request that a report not be completed. A reasonable fee may be charged for the value of work done. [1991 c 136 § 3; 1990 c 146 § 3; 1984 c 155 § 19.]

26.33.200 Post-placement report—Requirements—Exception—Fees. (1) Except as provided in RCW 26.33.220, at the time the petition for adoption is filed, the court shall order a post-placement report made to determine the nature and adequacy of the placement and to determine if the placement is in the best interest of the child. The report shall be prepared by an agency, the department, an individual approved by the court, or a qualified salaried court employee appointed by the court. A certificate signed under penalty of perjury by the person preparing the report specifying his or her qualifications as required in this chapter shall be attached to or filed with each post-placement report. The report shall be in writing and contain all reasonably available information concerning the physical and mental condition of the child, home environment, family life, health, facilities and resources of the petitioners, and any other facts and circumstances relating to the propriety and advisability of the adoption. The report shall also include, if relevant, information on the child's special cultural heritage, including membership in any Indian tribe or band. The report shall be filed within sixty days of the date of appointment, unless the time is extended by the court. The preplacement report shall be made available to the person appointed to make the post-placement report.

(2) A fee may be charged for preparation of the post-placement report in the same manner as for a preplacement report under RCW 26.33.190. [1990 c 146 § 4; 1984 c 155 § 20.]

26.33.210 Preplacement or post-placement report—Department or agency may make report. The department or an agency having the custody of a child may make the preplacement or post-placement report on a petitioner for the adoption of that child. [1984 c 155 § 21.]

26.33.220 Preplacement and post-placement reports—When not required. Unless otherwise ordered by the court, the reports required by RCW 26.33.190 are not required if the petitioner seeks to adopt the child of the petitioner's spouse. The reports required by RCW 26.33.190 and 26.33.200 are not required if the adoptee is eighteen years of age or older. [1984 c 155 § 22.]

26.33.230 Notice of proceedings at which preplacement reports considered—Contents—Proof of service—Appearance—Waiver. The petitioner shall give not less than three days written notice of any proceeding at which a preplacement report will be considered to all agencies, any court approved individual, or any court employee requested by the petitioner to make a preplacement report. The notice shall state the name of the petitioner, the cause number of the proceeding, the time and place of the hearing, and the object of the hearing. Proof of service on the agency or court approved individual in form satisfactory to the court shall be furnished. The agency or court approved individual may appear at the hearing and give testimony concerning any matters relevant to the relinquishment or the adoption and its recommendation as to the fitness of petitioners as parents. The agency or court approved individual may in writing acknowledge notice and state to the court that the agency or court approved individual does not desire to participate in the hearing or the agency or court approved individual may in writing waive notice of any hearing. [1984 c 155 § 24.]

26.33.240 Petition for adoption—Hearing—Notice—Disposition. (1) After the reports required by RCW 26.33.190 and 26.33.200 have been filed, the court shall schedule a hearing on the petition for adoption upon request of the petitioner for adoption. Notice of the date, time, and place of hearing shall be given to the petitioner and any person or agency whose consent to adoption is required under RCW 26.33.160, unless the person or agency has waived in writing the right to receive notice of the hearing. If the child is an Indian child, notice shall also be given to the child's tribe. Notice shall be given in the manner prescribed by RCW 26.33.310.

(2) Notice of the adoption hearing shall also be given to any person who or agency which has prepared a preplacement report. The notice shall be given in the manner prescribed by RCW 26.33.230.

(3) If the court determines, after review of the petition, preplacement and post-placement reports, and other evidence introduced at the hearing, that all necessary consents to adoption are valid or have been dispensed with pursuant to

RCW 26.33.170 and that the adoption is in the best interest of the adoptee, and, in the case of an adoption of an Indian child, that the adoptive parents are within the placement preferences of 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1915 or good cause to the contrary has been shown on the record, the court shall enter a decree of adoption pursuant to RCW 26.33.250.

(4) If the court determines the petition should not be granted because the adoption is not in the best interest of the child, the court shall make appropriate provision for the care and custody of the child. [1987 c 170 § 8; 1984 c 155 § 23.]

Severability—1987 c 170: See note following RCW 13.04.030.

26.33.250 Decree of adoption—Determination of place and date of birth. (1) A decree of adoption shall provide, as a minimum, the following information:

(a) The full original name of the person to be adopted;

(b) The full name of each petitioner for adoption;

(c) Whether the petitioner or petitioners are husband and wife, stepparent, or a single parent;

(d) The full new name of the person adopted, unless the name of the adoptee is not to be changed;

(e) Information to be incorporated in any new certificate of birth to be issued by the state or territorial registrar of vital records; and

(f) The adoptee's date of birth and place of birth as determined under subsection (3) of this section.

(2) Except for the names of the person adopted and the petitioner, information set forth in the decree that differs from that shown on the original birth certificate, alternative birth record, or other information used in lieu of such a record shall be included in the decree only upon a clear showing that the information in the original record is erroneous.

(3) In determining the date and place of birth of a person born outside the United States, the court shall:

(a) If available, enter in the decree the exact date and place of birth as stated in the birth certificate from the country of origin or in the United States department of state's report of birth abroad or in the documents of the United States immigration and naturalization service;

(b) If the exact place of birth is unknown, enter in the decree such information as may be known and designate a place of birth in the country of origin;

(c) If the exact date of birth is unknown, determine a date of birth based upon medical testimony as to the probable chronological age of the adoptee and other evidence regarding the adoptee's age that the court finds appropriate to consider;

(d) In any other case where documents of the United States immigration and naturalization service are not available, the court shall determine the date and place of birth based upon such evidence as the court in its discretion determines appropriate. [1984 c 155 § 25.]

26.33.260 Decree of adoption—Effect. The entry of a decree of adoption divests any parent or alleged father who is not married to the adoptive parent or who has not joined in the petition for adoption of all legal rights and obligations in respect to the adoptee, except past-due child support obligations. The adoptee shall be free from all legal obli-

gations of obedience and maintenance in respect to the parent. The adoptee shall be, to all intents and purposes, and for all legal incidents, the child, legal heir, and lawful issue of the adoptive parent, entitled to all rights and privileges, including the right of inheritance and the right to take under testamentary disposition, and subject to all the obligations of a natural child of the adoptive parent. [1984 c 155 § 26.]

Inheritance by adopted child: RCW 11.04.085.

26.33.270 Decree of adoption—Protection of certain rights and benefits. An order or decree entered under this chapter shall not disentitle a child to any benefit due the child from any third person, agency, state, or the United States. Action under this chapter shall not affect any rights and benefits that a native American child derives from the child's descent from a member of an Indian tribe or band. [1984 c 155 § 27.]

26.33.280 Decree of adoption—Transmittal to state registrar of vital statistics. After a decree of adoption is entered, as soon as the time for appeal has expired, or if an appeal is taken, and the adoption is affirmed on appeal, the clerk of the court shall transmit to the state registrar of vital statistics a certified copy of the decree, along with any additional information and fees required by the registrar. [1984 c 155 § 28.]

26.33.290 Decree of adoption—Duties of state registrar of vital statistics. Upon receipt of a decree of adoption, the state registrar of vital statistics shall:

(1) Return the decree to the court clerk if all information required by RCW 26.33.250 is not included in the decree;

(2) If the adoptee was born in a state other than Washington, or in a territory of the United States, forward the certificate of adoption to the appropriate health record recording agency of the state or territory of the United States in which the birth occurred;

(3) If the adoptee was born outside of the United States or its territories, issue a new certificate of birth by the office of the state registrar of vital statistics which reflects the information contained in the decree. [1984 c 155 § 29.]

Vital statistics: Chapter 70.58 RCW.

26.33.295 Open adoption agreements—Agreed orders—Enforcement. (1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit the parties to a proceeding under this chapter from entering into agreements regarding communication with or contact between child adoptees, adoptive parents, and a birth parent or parents.

(2) Agreements regarding communication with or contact between child adoptees, adoptive parents, and a birth parent or parents shall not be legally enforceable unless the terms of the agreement are set forth in a written court order entered in accordance with the provisions of this section. The court shall not enter a proposed order unless the terms of such order have been approved in writing by the prospective adoptive parents, any birth parent whose parental rights have not previously been terminated, and, if the child is in the custody of the department or a licensed child-placing

agency, a representative of the department or child-placing agency. If the child is represented by an attorney or guardian ad litem in a proceeding under this chapter or in any other child-custody proceeding, the terms of the proposed order also must be approved in writing by the child's representative. An agreement under this section need not disclose the identity of the parties to be legally enforceable. The court shall not enter a proposed order unless the court finds that the communication or contact between the child adoptee, the adoptive parents, and a birth parent or parents as agreed upon and as set forth in the proposed order, would be in the child adoptee's best interests.

(3) Failure to comply with the terms of an agreed order regarding communication or contact that has been entered by the court pursuant to this section shall not be grounds for setting aside an adoption decree or revocation of a written consent to an adoption after that consent has been approved by the court as provided in this chapter.

(4) An agreed order entered pursuant to this section may be enforced by a civil action and the prevailing party in that action may be awarded, as part of the costs of the action, a reasonable amount to be fixed by the court as attorneys' fees. The court shall not modify an agreed order under this section unless it finds that the modification is necessary to serve the best interests of the child adoptee, and that: (a) The modification is agreed to by the adoptive parent and the birth parent or parents; or (b) exceptional circumstances have arisen since the agreed order was entered that justify modification of the order. [1990 c 285 § 4.]

~~Findings—Purpose—Severability—1990 c 285:~~ See notes following RCW 74.04.005.

26.33.300 Adoption statistical data. The department of health shall be a depository for statistical data concerning adoption. It shall furnish to the clerk of each county a data card which shall be completed and filed with the clerk on behalf of each petitioner. The clerk shall forward the completed cards to the department of health which shall compile the data and publish reports summarizing the data. A birth certificate shall not be issued showing the petitioner as the parent of any child adopted in the state of Washington until a data card has been completed and filed. [1991 c 3 § 288; 1990 c 146 § 5; 1984 c 155 § 30.]

26.33.310 Notice—Requirements—Waiver. (1) Petitions governed by this chapter shall be served in the same manner as a complaint in a civil action under the superior court civil rules. Subsequent notice, papers, and pleadings may be served in the manner provided in superior court civil rules.

(2) If personal service on the parent or any alleged father, either within or without this state, cannot be given, notice shall be given: (a) By registered mail, mailed at least twenty days before the hearing to the person's last known address; and (b) by publication at least once a week for three consecutive weeks with the first publication date at least twenty-five days before the hearing. Publication shall be in a legal newspaper in the city or town of the last known address within the United States and its territories of the parent or alleged father, whether within or without this state, or, if no address is known or the last known address is not

within the United States and its territories, in the city or town where the proceeding has been commenced.

(3) Notice and appearance may be waived by the department, an agency, a parent, or an alleged father before the court or in a writing signed under penalty of perjury. The waiver shall contain the current address of the department, agency, parent, or alleged father. The face of the waiver for a hearing on termination of the parent-child relationship shall contain language explaining the meaning and consequences of the waiver and the meaning and consequences of termination of the parent-child relationship. A person or agency who has executed a waiver shall not be required to appear except in the case of an Indian child where consent to termination or adoption must be certified before a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1913(a).

(4) If a person entitled to notice is known to the petitioner to be unable to read or understand English, all notices, if practicable, shall be given in that person's native language or through an interpreter.

(5) Where notice to an Indian tribe is to be provided pursuant to this chapter and the department is not a party to the proceeding, notice shall be given to the tribe at least ten business days prior to the hearing by registered mail return receipt requested. [1987 c 170 § 9; 1985 c 421 § 6; 1984 c 155 § 31.]

~~Severability—1987 c 170:~~ See note following RCW 13.04.030.

26.33.320 Adoption of hard to place children—Court's consideration of state's agreement with prospective adoptive parents. (1) In deciding whether to grant a petition for adoption of a hard to place child and in reviewing any request for the vacation or modification of a decree of adoption, the superior court shall consider any agreement made or proposed to be made between the department and any prospective adoptive parent for any payment or payments which have been provided or which are to be provided by the department in support of the adoption of such child. Before the date of the hearing on the petition to adopt, vacate, or modify an adoption decree, the department shall file as part of the adoption file with respect to the child a copy of any initial agreement, together with any changes made in the agreement, or in the related standards.

(2) If the court, in its judgment, finds the provision made in an agreement to be inadequate, it may make any recommendation as it deems warranted with respect to the agreement to the department. The court shall not, however, solely by virtue of this section, be empowered to direct the department to make payment. This section shall not be deemed to limit any other power of the superior court with respect to the adoption and any related matter. [1984 c 155 § 32.]

26.33.330 Records sealed—Inspection—Fee. (1) All records of any proceeding under this chapter shall be sealed and shall not be thereafter open to inspection by any person except upon order of the court for good cause shown, or except by using the procedure described in RCW 26.33.343.

(2) The state registrar of vital statistics may charge a reasonable fee for the review of any of its sealed records. [1990 c 145 § 3; 1984 c 155 § 33.]

26.33.340 Department, agency, and court files confidential—Limited disclosure of information. Department, agency, and court files regarding an adoption shall be confidential except that reasonably available nonidentifying information may be disclosed upon the written request for the information from the adoptive parent, the adoptee, or the birth parent. If the adoption facilitator refuses to disclose nonidentifying information, the individual may petition the superior court. Identifying information may also be disclosed through the procedure described in RCW 26.33.343. [1993 c 81 § 2; 1990 c 145 § 4; 1984 c 155 § 34.]

26.33.343 Search for birth parent or adopted child—Confidential intermediary. (1) An adopted person over the age of twenty-one years, or under twenty-one with the permission of the adoptive parent, or a birth parent or member of the birth parent's family after the adoptee has reached the age of twenty-one may petition the court to appoint a confidential intermediary. The intermediary shall search for and discreetly contact the birth parent or adopted person, or if they are not alive or cannot be located within one year, the intermediary may attempt to locate members of the birth parent or adopted person's family. These family members shall be limited to the natural grandparents of the adult adoptee, a brother or sister of a natural parent, or the child of a natural parent. The court, for good cause shown, may allow a relative more distant in degree to petition for disclosure.

(2)(a) Confidential intermediaries appointed under this section shall complete training provided by a licensed adoption service or another court-approved entity and file an oath of confidentiality and a certificate of completion of training with the superior court of every county in which they serve as intermediaries. The court may dismiss an intermediary if the intermediary engages in conduct which violates professional or ethical standards.

(b) The confidential intermediary shall sign a statement of confidentiality substantially as follows:

I,, signing under penalty of contempt of court, state: "As a condition of appointment as a confidential intermediary, I affirm that, when adoption records are opened to me:

I will not disclose to the petitioner, directly or indirectly, any identifying information in the records without further order from the court.

I will conduct a diligent search for the person being sought and make a discreet and confidential inquiry as to whether that person will consent to being put in contact with the petitioner, and I will report back to the court the results of my search and inquiry.

If the person sought consents to be put in contact with the petitioner, I will attempt to obtain a dated, written consent from the person, and attach the original of the consent to my report to the court. If the person sought does not consent to the disclosure of his or her identity, I shall report the refusal of consent to the court.

I will not make any charge or accept any compensation for my services except as approved by the court, or as reimbursement from the petitioner for actual expenses incurred in conducting the search. These expenses will be listed in my report to the court.

I recognize that unauthorized release of confidential information may subject me to civil liability under state law, and subjects me to being found in contempt of court."

/s/ date

(c) The confidential intermediary shall be entitled to reimbursement from the petitioner for actual expenses in conducting the search. The court may authorize a reasonable fee in addition to these expenses.

(3) If the confidential intermediary is unable to locate the person being sought within one year, the confidential intermediary shall make a recommendation to the court as to whether or not a further search is warranted, and the reasons for this recommendation.

(4) In the case of a petition filed on behalf of a natural parent or other blood relative of the adoptee, written consent of any living adoptive parent shall be obtained prior to contact with the adoptee if the adoptee:

(a) Is less than twenty-five years of age and is residing with the adoptive parent; or

(b) Is less than twenty-five years of age and is a dependent of the adoptive parent.

(5) If the confidential intermediary locates the person being sought, a discreet and confidential inquiry shall be made as to whether or not that person will consent to having his or her present identity disclosed to the petitioner. The identity of the petitioner shall not be disclosed to the party being sought. If the party being sought consents to the disclosure of his or her identity, the confidential intermediary shall obtain the consent in writing and shall include the original of the consent in the report filed with the court. If the party being sought refuses disclosure of his or her identity, the confidential intermediary shall report the refusal to the court and shall refrain from further and subsequent inquiry without judicial approval.

(6)(a) If the confidential intermediary obtains from the person being sought written consent for disclosure of his or her identity to the petitioner, the court may then order that the name and other identifying information of that person be released to the petitioner.

(b) If the person being sought is deceased, the court may order disclosure of the identity of the deceased to the petitioner.

(c) If the confidential intermediary is unable to contact the person being sought within one year, the court may order that the search be continued for a specified time or be terminated. [1990 c 145 § 1.]

26.33.345 Search for birth parent or adopted child—Limited release of information—Noncertified copies of original birth certificate. (1) The department of social and health services, adoption agencies, and independent adoption facilitators shall release the name and location of the court where a relinquishment of parental rights or finalization of an adoption took place to an adult adoptee, a birth parent of an adult adoptee, an adoptive parent, a birth or adoptive grandparent of an adult adoptee, or an adult sibling of an adult adoptee, or the legal guardian of any of these.

(2) The department of health shall make available a noncertified copy of the original birth certificate of a child to the child's birth parents upon request.

(3) For adoptions finalized after October 1, 1993, the department of health shall make available a noncertified copy of the original birth certificate to the adoptee after the adoptee's eighteenth birthday unless the birth parent has filed an affidavit of nondisclosure. [1993 c 81 § 3; 1990 c 145 § 2.]

26.33.350 Medical reports—Requirements. (1) Every person, firm, society, association, corporation, or state agency receiving, securing a home for, or otherwise caring for a minor child shall transmit to the prospective adopting parent prior to placement and shall make available to all persons with whom a child has been placed by adoption a complete medical report containing all known and available information concerning the mental, physical, and sensory handicaps of the child.

(2) The report shall not reveal the identity of the birth parent of the child except as authorized under this chapter but shall include any known or available mental or physical health history of the birth parent that needs to be known by the adoptive parent to facilitate proper health care for the child or that will assist the adoptive parent in maximizing the developmental potential of the child.

(3) Where known or available, the information provided shall include:

(a) A review of the birth family's and the child's previous medical history, including the child's x-rays, examinations, hospitalizations, and immunizations. After July 1, 1992, medical histories shall be given on a standardized reporting form developed by the department;

(b) A physical exam of the child by a licensed physician with appropriate laboratory tests and x-rays;

(c) A referral to a specialist if indicated; and

(d) A written copy of the evaluation with recommendations to the adoptive family receiving the report.

(4) Entities and persons obligated to provide information under this section shall make reasonable efforts to locate records and information concerning the child's mental, physical, and sensory handicaps. The entities or persons providing the information have no duty, beyond providing the information, to explain or interpret the records or information regarding the child's present or future health. [1994 c 170 § 1; 1991 c 136 § 4; 1990 c 146 § 6; 1989 c 281 § 1; 1984 c 155 § 37.]

26.33.360 Petition by natural parent to set aside adoption—Costs—Time limit. (1) If a natural parent unsuccessfully petitions to have an adoption set aside, the court shall award costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, to the adoptive parent.

(2) If a natural parent successfully petitions to have an adoption set aside, the natural parent shall be liable to the adoptive parent for both the actual expenditures and the value of services rendered by the adoptive parents in caring for the child.

(3) A natural parent who has executed a written consent to adoption shall not bring an action to set aside an adoption

more than one year after the date the court approved the written consent. [1984 c 155 § 35.]

26.33.370 Permanent care and custody of a child—Assumption, relinquishment, or transfer except by court order or statute, when prohibited—Penalty. (1) Unless otherwise permitted by court order or statute, it is unlawful for any person, partnership, society, association, or corporation, except the parents, to assume the permanent care and custody of a child. Unless otherwise permitted by court order or statute, it is unlawful for any parent to relinquish or transfer to another person, partnership, society, association, or corporation the permanent care and custody of any child for adoption or any other purpose.

(2) Any relinquishment or transfer in violation of this section shall be void.

(3) Violation of this section is a gross misdemeanor. [1984 c 155 § 36.]

26.33.380 Family and social history report required—Identity of birth parents confidential. (1) Every person, firm, society, association, corporation, or state agency receiving, securing a home for, or otherwise caring for a minor child shall transmit to the prospective adopting parent prior to placement and shall make available to all persons with whom a child has been placed by adoption, a family background and child and family social history report, which includes a chronological history of the circumstances surrounding the adoptive placement and any available psychiatric reports, psychological reports, court reports pertaining to dependency or custody, or school reports. Such reports or information shall not reveal the identity of the birth parents of the child but shall contain reasonably available nonidentifying information.

(2) Entities and persons obligated to provide information under this section shall make reasonable efforts to locate records and information concerning the child's family background and social history. The entities or persons providing the information have no duty, beyond providing the information, to explain or interpret the records or information regarding the child's mental or physical health. [1994 c 170 § 2; 1993 c 81 § 4; 1989 c 281 § 2.]

26.33.385 Standards for locating records and information—Rules. The department shall adopt rules, in consultation with affected parties, establishing minimum standards for making reasonable efforts to locate records and information relating to adoptions as required under RCW 26.33.350 and 26.33.380. [1994 c 170 § 3.]

26.33.390 Information on adoption-related services. (1) All persons adopting a child through the department shall receive written information on the department's adoption-related services including, but not limited to, adoption support, family reconciliation services, archived records, mental health, and developmental disabilities.

(2) Any person adopting a child shall receive from the adoption facilitator written information on adoption-related services. This information may be that published by the department or any other social service provider and shall include information about how to find and evaluate appropri-

ate adoption therapists, and may include other resources for adoption-related issues.

(3) Any person involved in providing adoption-related services shall respond to requests for written information by providing materials explaining adoption procedures, practices, policies, fees, and services. [1991 c 136 § 5; 1990 c 146 § 7; 1989 c 281 § 3.]

26.33.400 Advertisements—Prohibitions—Exceptions—Application of consumer protection act. (1) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, "advertisement" means communication by newspaper, radio, television, handbills, placards or other print, broadcast, or the electronic medium. This definition applies throughout this section.

(2) No person or entity shall cause to be published for circulation, or broadcast on a radio or television station, within the geographic borders of this state, an advertisement of a child or children offered or wanted for adoption, or shall hold himself or herself out through such advertisement as having the ability to place, locate, dispose, or receive a child or children for adoption unless such person or entity is:

(a) A duly authorized agent, contractee, or employee of the department or a children's agency or institution licensed by the department to care for and place children;

(b) A person who has a completed preplacement report as set forth in RCW 26.33.190 (1) and (2) or chapter 26.34 RCW with a favorable recommendation as to the fitness of the person to be an adoptive parent, or such person's duly authorized uncompensated agent, or such person's attorney who is licensed to practice in the state. Verification of compliance with the requirements of this section shall consist of a written declaration by the person or entity who prepared the preplacement report.

Nothing in this section prohibits an attorney licensed to practice in Washington state from advertising his or her availability to practice or provide services related to the adoption of children.

(3) A violation of subsection (2) of this section is a matter affecting the public interest for the purpose of applying chapter 19.86 RCW. A violation of subsection (2) of this section is not reasonable in relation to the development and preservation of business. A violation of subsection (2) of this section constitutes an unfair or deceptive act or practice in trade or commerce for the purpose of applying chapter 19.86 RCW. [1991 c 136 § 6; 1989 c 255 § 1.]

26.33.410 Advertisements—Exemption. Nothing in RCW 26.33.400 applies to any radio or television station or any publisher, printer, or distributor of any newspaper, magazine, billboard, or other advertising medium which accepts advertising in good faith without knowledge of its violation of any provision of RCW 26.33.400. [1989 c 255 § 2.]

26.33.900 Effective date—Application—1984 c 155. This act shall take effect January 1, 1985. Any proceeding initiated before January 1, 1985, shall be governed by the law in effect on the date the proceeding was initiated. [1984 c 155 § 41.]

26.33.901 Severability—1984 c 155. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1984 c 155 § 42.]

Chapter 26.34

INTERSTATE COMPACT ON PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN

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26.34.010 Compact enacted—Provisions. The interstate compact on the placement of children is hereby enacted into law and entered into with all other jurisdictions legally joining therein in form substantially as follows:

ARTICLE I. Purpose and Policy

It is the purpose and policy of the party states to cooperate with each other in the interstate placement of children to the end that:

(a) Each child requiring placement shall receive the maximum opportunity to be placed in a suitable environment and with persons or institutions having appropriate qualifications and facilities to provide a necessary and desirable degree and type of care.

(b) The appropriate authorities in a state where a child is to be placed may have full opportunity to ascertain the circumstances of the proposed placement, thereby promoting full compliance with applicable requirements for the protection of the child.

(c) The proper authorities of the state from which the placement is made may obtain the most complete information on the basis of which to evaluate a projected placement before it is made.

(d) Appropriate jurisdictional arrangements for the care of children will be promoted.

ARTICLE II. Definitions

As used in this compact:

(a) "Child" means a person who, by reason of minority, is legally subject to parental, guardianship or similar control.

(b) "Sending agency" means a party state, officer or employee thereof; a subdivision of a party state, or officer or employee thereof; a court of a party state; a person, corporation, association, charitable agency or other entity which sends, brings, or causes to be sent or brought any child to another party state.

(c) "Receiving state" means the state to which a child is sent, brought, or caused to be sent or brought, whether by public authorities or private persons or agencies, and whether for placement with state or local public authorities or for placement with private agencies or persons.

(d) "Placement" means the arrangement for the care of a child in a family free or boarding home or in a child-caring agency or institution but does not include any institution caring for the mentally ill, mentally defective or epileptic or any institution primarily educational in character, and any hospital or other medical facility.

ARTICLE III. *Conditions for Placement*

(a) No sending agency shall send, bring, or cause to be sent or brought into any other party state any child for placement in foster care or as a preliminary to a possible adoption unless the sending agency shall comply with each and every requirement set forth in this article and with the applicable laws of the receiving state governing the placement of children therein.

(b) Prior to sending, bringing or causing any child to be sent or brought into a receiving state for placement in foster care or as a preliminary to a possible adoption, the sending agency shall furnish the appropriate public authorities in the receiving state written notice of the intention to send, bring, or place the child in the receiving state. The notice shall contain:

- (1) The name, date and place of birth of the child.
- (2) The identity and address or addresses of the parents or legal guardian.
- (3) The name and address of the person, agency or institution to or with which the sending agency proposes to send, bring, or place the child.
- (4) A full statement of the reasons for such proposed action and evidence of the authority pursuant to which the placement is proposed to be made.

(c) Any public officer or agency in a receiving state which is in receipt of a notice pursuant to paragraph (b) of this article may request of the sending agency, or any other appropriate officer or agency of or in the sending agency's state, and shall be entitled to receive therefrom, such supporting or additional information as it may deem necessary under the circumstances to carry out the purpose and policy of this compact.

(d) The child shall not be sent, brought, or caused to be sent or brought into the receiving state until the appropriate public authorities in the receiving state shall notify the sending agency, in writing, to the effect that the proposed placement does not appear to be contrary to the interests of the child.

ARTICLE IV. *Penalty for Illegal Placement*

The sending, bringing, or causing to be sent or brought into any receiving state of a child in violation of the terms of this compact shall constitute a violation of the laws respecting the placement of children of both the state in which the sending agency is located or from which it sends or brings the child and of the receiving state. Such violation may be punished or subjected to penalty in either jurisdiction in accordance with its laws. In addition to liability for any such punishment or penalty, any such violation shall constitute full and sufficient grounds for the suspension or revocation of any license, permit, or other legal authorization held by the sending agency which empowers or allows it to place, or care for children.

ARTICLE V. *Retention of Jurisdiction*

(a) The sending agency shall retain jurisdiction over the child sufficient to determine all matters in relation to the custody, supervision, care, treatment and disposition of the child which it would have had if the child had remained in the sending agency's state, until the child is adopted, reaches majority, becomes self-supporting or is discharged with the concurrence of the appropriate authority in the receiving state. Such jurisdiction shall also include the power to effect or cause the return of the child or its transfer to another location and custody pursuant to law. The sending agency shall continue to have financial responsibility for support and maintenance of the child during the period of the placement. Nothing contained herein shall defeat a claim of jurisdiction by a receiving state sufficient to deal with an act of delinquency or crime committed therein.

(b) When the sending agency is a public agency, it may enter into an agreement with an authorized public or private agency in the receiving state providing for the performance of one or more services in respect of such case by the latter as agent for the sending agency.

(c) Nothing in this compact shall be construed to prevent a private charitable agency authorized to place children in the receiving state from performing services or acting as agent in that state for a private charitable agency of the sending state; nor to prevent the agency in the receiving state from discharging financial responsibility for the support and maintenance of a child who has been placed on behalf of the sending agency without relieving the responsibility set forth in paragraph (a) hereof.

ARTICLE VI. *Institutional Care of Delinquent Children*

A child adjudicated delinquent may be placed in an institution in another party jurisdiction pursuant to this compact but no such placement shall be made unless the child is given a court hearing on notice to the parent or guardian with opportunity to be heard, prior to his being sent to such other party jurisdiction for institutional care and the court finds that:

- (1) Equivalent facilities for the child are not available in the sending agency's jurisdiction; and
- (2) Institutional care in the other jurisdiction is in the best interest of the child and will not produce undue hardship.

ARTICLE VII. *Compact Administrator*

The executive head of each jurisdiction party to this compact shall designate an officer who shall be general coordinator of activities under this compact in his jurisdiction and who, acting jointly with like officers of other party jurisdictions, shall have power to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out more effectively the terms and provisions of this compact.

ARTICLE VIII. *Limitations*

This compact shall not apply to:

- (a) The sending or bringing of a child into a receiving state by his parent, stepparent, grandparent, adult brother or sister, adult uncle or aunt, or his guardian and leaving the child with any such relative or nonagency guardian in the receiving state.

(b) Any placement, sending or bringing of a child into a receiving state pursuant to any other interstate compact to which both the state from which the child is sent or brought and the receiving state are party, or to any other agreement between said states which has the force of law.

ARTICLE IX. *Enactment and Withdrawal*

This compact shall be open to joinder by any state, territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and, with the consent of Congress, the Government of Canada or any province thereof. It shall become effective with respect to any such jurisdiction when such jurisdiction has enacted the same into law. Withdrawal from this compact shall be by the enactment of a statute repealing the same, but shall not take effect until two years after the effective date of such statute and until written notice of the withdrawal has been given by the withdrawing state to the governor of each other party jurisdiction. Withdrawal of a party state shall not affect the rights, duties and obligations under this compact of any sending agency therein with respect to a placement made prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

ARTICLE X. *Construction and Severability*

The provisions of this compact shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any party state or of the United States or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any state party thereto, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining states and in full force and effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters. [1971 ex.s. c 168 § 1.]

26.34.020 Financial responsibility. Financial responsibility for any child placed pursuant to the provisions of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Article V thereof in the first instance. However, in the event of partial or complete default of performance thereunder, the provisions of RCW 26.16.205 and 26.20.030 shall apply. [1971 ex.s. c 168 § 2.]

26.34.030 "Appropriate public authorities" defined. The "appropriate public authorities" as used in Article III of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children shall, with reference to this state, mean the department of social and health services, and said agency shall receive and act with reference to notices required by said Article III. [1971 ex.s. c 168 § 3.]

26.34.040 "Appropriate authority of the receiving state" defined. As used in paragraph (a) of Article V of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, the phrase "appropriate authority in the receiving state" with reference

to this state shall mean the department of social and health services. [1971 ex.s. c 168 § 4.]

26.34.050 Authority of state officers and agencies to enter into agreements—Approval. The officers and agencies of this state and its subdivisions having authority to place children are hereby empowered to enter into agreements with appropriate officers or agencies of or in other party states pursuant to paragraph (b) of Article V of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children. Any such agreement which contains a financial commitment or imposes a financial obligation on this state or subdivision or agency thereof shall not be binding unless it has the approval in writing of the director of financial management in the case of the state and of the treasurer in the case of a subdivision of the state. [1979 c 151 § 10; 1971 ex.s. c 168 § 5.]

26.34.060 Jurisdiction of courts. Any court having jurisdiction to place delinquent children may place such a child in an institution of or in another state pursuant to Article VI of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children and shall retain jurisdiction as provided in Article V thereof. [1971 ex.s. c 168 § 6.]

26.34.070 "Executive head" defined—Compact administrator. As used in Article VII of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, the term "executive head" means the governor. The governor is hereby authorized to appoint a compact administrator in accordance with the terms of said Article VII. [1971 ex.s. c 168 § 7.]

26.34.080 Violations—Penalty. Any person, firm, corporation, association or agency which places a child in the state of Washington without meeting the requirements set forth herein, or any person, firm, corporation, association or agency which receives a child in the state of Washington, where there has been no compliance with the requirements set forth herein, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense. [1971 ex.s. c 168 § 8.]

Chapter 26.40

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

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Aid to dependent children—Child welfare services—Services to crippled children: Chapter 74.12 RCW.

Child welfare agencies: Chapter 74.15 RCW.

Council for the prevention of child abuse and neglect: Chapter 43.121 RCW.

Juvenile courts and offenders: Title 13 RCW.

Mental illness: Chapter 71.05 RCW.

Special education: Chapter 28A.155 RCW.

State institutions: Title 72 RCW.

26.40.010 Declaration of purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to assure the right of every physically, mentally or sensory handicapped child to parental love and care as long as possible, to provide for adequate custody of a handicapped child who has lost parental care, and to make available to the handicapped child the services of the state through its various departments and agencies. [1977 ex.s. c 80 § 22; 1955 c 272 § 1.]

Purpose—Intent—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 80: See notes following RCW 4.16.190.

26.40.020 Removal, denial of parental responsibility—Commitment not an admission requirement to any school. So long as the parents of a handicapped child are able to assume parental responsibility for such child, their parental responsibility may not be removed or denied, and commitment by the state or any officer or official thereof shall never be a requirement for the admission of such child to any state school, or institution, or to the common schools. [1955 c 272 § 2.]

26.40.030 Petition by parent for order of commitment—Grounds. The parents or parent of any child who is temporarily or permanently delayed in normal educational processes and/or normal social adjustment by reason of physical, sensory or mental handicap, or by reason of social or emotional maladjustment, or by reason of other handicap, may petition the superior court for the county in which such child resides for an order for the commitment of such child to custody as provided in RCW 26.40.040, as now or hereafter amended. [1977 ex.s. c 80 § 23; 1955 c 272 § 3.]

Purpose—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 80: See notes following RCW 4.16.190.

26.40.040 Petition by parent for order of commitment—Contents—Who may be co-custodians—Effective date. The petition for an order for the commitment of a child to custody shall request the court to issue an order for the commitment of such child to the co-custody of the state and a relative or relatives, a friend or friends, an attorney or attorneys, a church through its chief officers, a fraternal organization through its chief officers, or a service organization through its chief officers, who shall be named in the petition. The petition shall also request the court to issue such order making the commitment of such child to custody effective as of the date that both parents of such child are deceased or are determined by the court to be unable to continue parental responsibilities for such child as provided in RCW 26.40.070. [1955 c 272 § 4.]

26.40.050 Petition by parent for order of commitment—Hearing—Written consent of co-custodians required. Upon the filing of a petition for an order for the commitment of a child to custody, a hearing upon such petition shall be held in open court, and, if the court finds that the petition should be granted, the court shall issue an order for the commitment of the child to custody as petitioned and not otherwise. Written consent of the co-custodians other than the state must be filed with the court before such order for commitment may be issued. [1955 c 272 § 5.]

26.40.060 Notice, copies, filing of order of commitment. Upon the issuance of an order for the commitment of a child to custody, the court shall transmit copies thereof to the co-custodians named therein. For the state as co-custodian the copy of such order shall be filed with the department of social and health services whose duty it shall be to notify the state superintendent of public instruction, the state department of social and health services, and such other state departments or agencies as may have services for the child, of the filing of such order, which notice shall be given by the department of social and health services at the time commitment to custody becomes effective under the order. [1982 c 35 § 195; 1979 c 141 § 35; 1955 c 272 § 6.]

Intent—Severability—Effective dates—Application—1982 c 35: See notes following RCW 43.07.160.

26.40.070 Petition by parent for rescission, change in co-custodians, determination of parental responsibility. The parents or parent upon whose petition an order for the commitment of a child to custody has been issued may, before such commitment becomes effective, petition the court for a rescission of the order or for a change in the co-custodians other than the state, or to determine that they are unable to continue parental responsibilities for the child, and the court shall proceed on such petition as on the original petition. [1955 c 272 § 7.]

26.40.080 Health and welfare of committed child—State and co-custodian responsibilities. It shall be the responsibility of the state and the appropriate departments and agencies thereof to discover methods and procedures by which the mental and/or physical health of the child in custody may be improved and, with the consent of the co-custodians, to apply those methods and procedures. The co-custodians other than the state shall have no financial responsibility for the child committed to their co-custody except as they may in written agreement with the state accept such responsibility. At any time after the commitment of such child they may inquire into his well-being, and the state and any of its agencies may do nothing with respect to the child that would in any way affect his mental or physical health without the consent of the co-custodians. The legal status of the child may not be changed without the consent of the co-custodians. If it appears to the state as co-custodian of a child that the health and/or welfare of such child is impaired or jeopardized by the failure of the co-custodians other than the state to consent to the application of certain methods and procedures with respect to such child, the state through its proper department or agency may

petition the court for an order to proceed with such methods and procedures. Upon the filing of such petition a hearing shall be held in open court, and if the court finds that such petition should be granted it shall issue the order. [1955 c 272 § 8.]

26.40.090 Petition by co-custodians for rescission of commitment—Hearing. When the co-custodians of any child committed to custody under provisions of this chapter agree that such child is no longer in need of custody they may petition the court for a rescission of the commitment to custody. Upon the filing of such petition a hearing shall be held in open court and if the court finds that such petition should be granted it shall rescind the order of commitment to custody. [1955 c 272 § 9.]

26.40.100 Chapter does not affect commitments under other laws. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as affecting the authority of the courts to make commitments as otherwise provided by law. [1955 c 272 § 10.]

26.40.110 Lease of buses to transport handicapped children. See RCW 28A.160.040 through 28A.160.060.

Chapter 26.44

ABUSE OF CHILDREN AND ADULT DEPENDENT OR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS—PROTECTION—PROCEDURE

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Child abuse, investigation: RCW 74.13.031.

Child abuse and neglect training for participants in early childhood education programs: RCW 43.63A.066.

Council for the prevention of child abuse and neglect: Chapter 43.121 RCW.

Day care—Information to parents and providers: RCW 74.15.200.

Domestic violence prevention: Chapter 26.50 RCW.

Missing children clearinghouse and hotline: Chapter 13.60 RCW.

Persons over sixty, abuse: Chapter 74.34 RCW.

Primary prevention program for child abuse and neglect: RCW 28A.300.160.

Record checks: RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.840 and 43.20A.710.

School districts to develop policies and participate in programs: RCW 28A.230.080.

Shaken baby syndrome: RCW 43.121.140.

Witness of offense against child, duty: RCW 9.69.100.

26.44.010 Declaration of purpose. The Washington state legislature finds and declares: The bond between a child and his or her parent, custodian, or guardian is of paramount importance, and any intervention into the life of a child is also an intervention into the life of the parent, custodian, or guardian; however, instances of nonaccidental injury, neglect, death, sexual abuse and cruelty to children by their parents, custodians or guardians have occurred, and in the instance where a child is deprived of his or her right to conditions of minimal nurture, health, and safety, the state is justified in emergency intervention based upon verified information; and therefore the Washington state legislature hereby provides for the reporting of such cases to the appropriate public authorities. It is the intent of the legislature that, as a result of such reports, protective services shall be made available in an effort to prevent further abuses, and to safeguard the general welfare of such children: PROVIDED, That such reports shall be maintained and disseminated with strictest regard for the privacy of the subjects of such reports and so as to safeguard against arbitrary, malicious or erroneous information or actions: PROVIDED FURTHER, That this chapter shall not be construed to authorize interference with child-raising practices, including reasonable parental discipline, which are not proved to be injurious to the child's health, welfare and safety.

Adult dependent or developmentally disabled persons not able to provide for their own protection through the criminal justice system shall also be afforded the protection offered children through the reporting and investigation requirements mandated in this chapter. [1987 c 206 § 1; 1984 c 97 § 1; 1977 ex.s. c 80 § 24; 1975 1st ex.s. c 217 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 35 § 1; 1965 c 13 § 1.]

Severability—1984 c 97: See RCW 74.34.900.

Purpose—Intent—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 80: See notes following RCW 4.16.190.

26.44.015 Limitations of chapter—Application to children and adult dependent persons. (1) This chapter shall not be construed to authorize interference with child-raising practices, including reasonable parental discipline, which are not injurious to the child's health, welfare, and safety.

(2) Nothing in this chapter may be used to prohibit the reasonable use of corporal punishment as a means of discipline.

(3) No parent or guardian may be deemed abusive or neglectful solely by reason of the parent's or child's blindness, deafness, developmental disability, or other handicap.

(4) A person reporting injury, abuse, or neglect to an adult dependent person shall not suffer negative consequences if the person reporting believes in good faith that the adult dependent person has been found legally incompetent or disabled. [1993 c 412 § 11.]

26.44.020 Definitions. For the purpose of and as used in this chapter:

(1) "Court" means the superior court of the state of Washington, juvenile department.

(2) "Law enforcement agency" means the police department, the prosecuting attorney, the state patrol, the director of public safety, or the office of the sheriff.

(3) "Practitioner of the healing arts" or "practitioner" means a person licensed by this state to practice podiatric medicine and surgery, optometry, chiropractic, nursing, dentistry, osteopathy and surgery, or medicine and surgery or to provide other health services. The term "practitioner" shall include a duly accredited Christian Science practitioner: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That a person who is being furnished Christian Science treatment by a duly accredited Christian Science practitioner shall not be considered, for that reason alone, a neglected person for the purposes of this chapter.

(4) "Institution" means a private or public hospital or any other facility providing medical diagnosis, treatment or care.

(5) "Department" means the state department of social and health services.

(6) "Child" or "children" means any person under the age of eighteen years of age.

(7) "Professional school personnel" shall include, but not be limited to, teachers, counselors, administrators, child care facility personnel, and school nurses.

(8) "Social service counselor" shall mean anyone engaged in a professional capacity during the regular course of employment in encouraging or promoting the health, welfare, support or education of children, or providing social services to adults or families, including mental health, drug and alcohol treatment, and domestic violence programs, whether in an individual capacity, or as an employee or agent of any public or private organization or institution.

(9) "Psychologist" shall mean any person licensed to practice psychology under chapter 18.83 RCW, whether acting in an individual capacity or as an employee or agent of any public or private organization or institution.

(10) "Pharmacist" shall mean any registered pharmacist under the provisions of chapter 18.64 RCW, whether acting in an individual capacity or as an employee or agent of any public or private organization or institution.

(11) "Clergy" shall mean any regularly licensed or ordained minister, priest or rabbi of any church or religious denomination, whether acting in an individual capacity or as an employee or agent of any public or private organization or institution.

(12) "Abuse or neglect" shall mean the injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, negligent treatment, or maltreatment of a child, adult dependent, or developmentally disabled person by any person under circumstances which indicate that the child's or adult's health, welfare, and safety is harmed. An abused child is a child who has been subjected to child abuse or neglect as defined herein.

(13) "Child protective services section" shall mean the child protective services section of the department.

(14) "Adult dependent persons" shall be defined as those persons over the age of eighteen years who have been found to be legally incompetent or disabled pursuant to chapter 11.88 RCW.

(15) "Sexual exploitation" includes: (a) Allowing, permitting, or encouraging a child to engage in prostitution by any person; or (b) allowing, permitting, encouraging, or engaging in the obscene or pornographic photographing, filming, or depicting of a child by any person.

(16) "Negligent treatment or maltreatment" means an act or omission which evidences a serious disregard of consequences of such magnitude as to constitute a clear and present danger to the child's health, welfare, and safety.

(17) "Developmentally disabled person" means a person who has a disability defined in RCW 71A.10.020.

(18) "Child protective services" means those services provided by the department designed to protect children from child abuse and neglect and safeguard the general welfare of such children and shall include investigations of child abuse and neglect reports, including reports regarding child care centers and family child care homes, and the development, management, and provision of or referral to services to ameliorate conditions which endanger the welfare of children, the coordination of necessary programs and services relevant to the prevention, intervention, and treatment of child abuse and neglect, and services to children to ensure that each child has a permanent home. In determining whether protective services should be provided, the department shall not decline to provide such services solely because of the child's unwillingness or developmental inability to describe the nature and severity of the abuse or neglect.

(19) "Malice" or "maliciously" means an evil intent, wish, or design to vex, annoy, or injure another person. Such malice may be inferred from an act done in wilful disregard of the rights of another, or an act wrongfully done without just cause or excuse, or an act or omission of duty betraying a wilful disregard of social duty.

(20) "Sexually aggressive youth" means a child who is defined in RCW 74.13.075(1)(b) as being a "sexually aggressive youth." [1993 c 412 § 12; 1993 c 402 § 1; 1988 c 142 § 1. Prior: 1987 c 524 § 9; 1987 c 206 § 2; 1984 c 97 § 2; 1982 c 129 § 6; 1981 c 164 § 1; 1977 ex.s. c 80 §

25; 1975 1st ex.s. c 217 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 35 § 2; 1965 c 13 § 2.]

Reviser's note: This section was amended by 1993 c 402 § 1 and by 1993 c 412 § 12, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Severability—1984 c 97: See RCW 74.34.900.

Severability—1982 c 129: See note following RCW 9A.04.080.

Purpose—Intent—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 80: See notes following RCW 4.16.190.

26.44.030 Reports—Duty and authority to make—Duty of receiving agency—Duty to notify—Case planning and consultation—Penalty for unauthorized exchange of information—Filing dependency petitions—Interviews of children—Records—Risk assessment process—Reports to legislature. (1)(a) When any practitioner, professional school personnel, registered or licensed nurse, social service counselor, psychologist, pharmacist, licensed or certified child care providers or their employees, employee of the department, or juvenile probation officer has reasonable cause to believe that a child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person, has suffered abuse or neglect, he or she shall report such incident, or cause a report to be made, to the proper law enforcement agency or to the department as provided in RCW 26.44.040.

(b) The reporting requirement shall also apply to any adult who has reasonable cause to believe that a child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person, who resides with them, has suffered severe abuse, and is able or capable of making a report. For the purposes of this subsection, "severe abuse" means any of the following: Any single act of abuse that causes physical trauma of sufficient severity that, if left untreated, could cause death; any single act of sexual abuse that causes significant bleeding, deep bruising, or significant external or internal swelling; or more than one act of physical abuse, each of which causes bleeding, deep bruising, significant external or internal swelling, bone fracture, or unconsciousness.

(c) The report shall be made at the first opportunity, but *, and in no case longer than forty-eight hours after there is reasonable cause to believe that the child or adult has suffered abuse or neglect. The report shall include the identity of the accused if known.

(2) The reporting requirement of subsection (1) of this section does not apply to the discovery of abuse or neglect that occurred during childhood if it is discovered after the child has become an adult. However, if there is reasonable cause to believe other children, dependent adults, or developmentally disabled persons are or may be at risk of abuse or neglect by the accused, the reporting requirement of subsection (1) of this section shall apply.

(3) Any other person who has reasonable cause to believe that a child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person has suffered abuse or neglect may report such incident to the proper law enforcement agency or to the department of social and health services as provided in RCW 26.44.040.

(4) The department, upon receiving a report of an incident of abuse or neglect pursuant to this chapter, involving a child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person who has died or has had physical injury or injuries

inflicted upon him or her other than by accidental means or who has been subjected to sexual abuse, shall report such incident to the proper law enforcement agency. In emergency cases, where the child, adult dependent, or developmentally disabled person's welfare is endangered, the department shall notify the proper law enforcement agency within twenty-four hours after a report is received by the department. In all other cases, the department shall notify the law enforcement agency within seventy-two hours after a report is received by the department. If the department makes an oral report, a written report shall also be made to the proper law enforcement agency within five days thereafter.

(5) Any law enforcement agency receiving a report of an incident of abuse or neglect pursuant to this chapter, involving a child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person who has died or has had physical injury or injuries inflicted upon him or her other than by accidental means, or who has been subjected to sexual abuse, shall report such incident in writing as provided in RCW 26.44.040 to the proper county prosecutor or city attorney for appropriate action whenever the law enforcement agency's investigation reveals that a crime may have been committed. The law enforcement agency shall also notify the department of all reports received and the law enforcement agency's disposition of them. In emergency cases, where the child, adult dependent, or developmentally disabled person's welfare is endangered, the law enforcement agency shall notify the department within twenty-four hours. In all other cases, the law enforcement agency shall notify the department within seventy-two hours after a report is received by the law enforcement agency.

(6) Any county prosecutor or city attorney receiving a report under subsection (5) of this section shall notify the victim, any persons the victim requests, and the local office of the department, of the decision to charge or decline to charge a crime, within five days of making the decision.

(7) The department may conduct ongoing case planning and consultation with those persons or agencies required to report under this section, with consultants designated by the department, and with designated representatives of Washington Indian tribes if the client information exchanged is pertinent to cases currently receiving child protective services or department case services for the developmentally disabled. Upon request, the department shall conduct such planning and consultation with those persons required to report under this section if the department determines it is in the best interests of the child or developmentally disabled person. Information considered privileged by statute and not directly related to reports required by this section shall not be divulged without a valid written waiver of the privilege.

(8) Any case referred to the department by a physician licensed under chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW on the basis of an expert medical opinion that child abuse, neglect, or sexual assault has occurred and that the child's safety will be seriously endangered if returned home, the department shall file a dependency petition unless a second licensed physician of the parents' choice believes that such expert medical opinion is incorrect. If the parents fail to designate a second physician, the department may make the selection. If a physician finds that a child has suffered abuse or neglect but that such abuse or neglect does not constitute imminent danger to the child's health or safety, and the department

agrees with the physician's assessment, the child may be left in the parents' home while the department proceeds with reasonable efforts to remedy parenting deficiencies.

(9) Persons or agencies exchanging information under subsection (7) of this section shall not further disseminate or release the information except as authorized by state or federal statute. Violation of this subsection is a misdemeanor.

(10) Upon receiving reports of abuse or neglect, the department or law enforcement agency may interview children. The interviews may be conducted on school premises, at day-care facilities, at the child's home, or at other suitable locations outside of the presence of parents. Parental notification of the interview shall occur at the earliest possible point in the investigation that will not jeopardize the safety or protection of the child or the course of the investigation. Prior to commencing the interview the department or law enforcement agency shall determine whether the child wishes a third party to be present for the interview and, if so, shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate the child's wishes. Unless the child objects, the department or law enforcement agency shall make reasonable efforts to include a third party in any interview so long as the presence of the third party will not jeopardize the course of the investigation.

(11) Upon receiving a report of child abuse and neglect, the department or investigating law enforcement agency shall have access to all relevant records of the child in the possession of mandated reporters and their employees.

(12) The department shall maintain investigation records and conduct timely and periodic reviews of all cases constituting abuse and neglect. The department shall maintain a log of screened-out nonabusive cases.

(13) The department shall use a risk assessment process when investigating child abuse and neglect referrals. The department shall present the risk factors at all hearings in which the placement of a dependent child is an issue. The department shall, within funds appropriated for this purpose, offer enhanced community-based services to persons who are determined not to require further state intervention.

The department shall provide annual reports to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives on the effectiveness of the risk assessment process.

(14) Upon receipt of a report of abuse or neglect the law enforcement agency may arrange to interview the person making the report and any collateral sources to determine if any malice is involved in the reporting. [1993 c 412 § 13; 1993 c 237 § 1; 1991 c 111 § 1; 1989 c 22 § 1. Prior: 1988 c 142 § 2; 1988 c 39 § 1; prior: 1987 c 524 § 10; 1987 c 512 § 23; 1987 c 206 § 3; 1986 c 145 § 1; 1985 c 259 § 2; 1984 c 97 § 3; 1982 c 129 § 7; 1981 c 164 § 2; 1977 ex.s. c 80 § 26; 1975 1st ex.s. c 217 § 3; 1971 ex.s. c 167 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 35 § 3; 1965 c 13 § 3.]

Reviser's note: *(1) The "; and" was apparently added in the Conference Report to Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1512, without marks indicating the addition.

(2) This section was amended by 1993 c 237 § 1 and by 1993 c 412 § 13, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Severability—1987 c 512: See RCW 18.19.901.

Legislative findings—1985 c 259: "The Washington state legislature finds and declares:

The children of the state of Washington are the state's greatest resource and the greatest source of wealth to the state of Washington. Children of all ages must be protected from child abuse. Governmental authorities must give the prevention, treatment, and punishment of child abuse the highest priority, and all instances of child abuse must be reported to the proper authorities who should diligently and expeditiously take appropriate action, and child abusers must be held accountable to the people of the state for their actions.

The legislature recognizes the current heavy caseload of governmental authorities responsible for the prevention, treatment, and punishment of child abuse. The information obtained by child abuse reporting requirements, in addition to its use as a law enforcement tool, will be used to determine the need for additional funding to ensure that resources for appropriate governmental response to child abuse are available." [1985 c 259 § 1.]

Severability—1984 c 97: See RCW 74.34.900.

Severability—1982 c 129: See note following RCW 9A.04.080.

Purpose—Intent—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 80: See notes following RCW 4.16.190.

26.44.032 Legal defense of public employee. In cases in which a public employee subject to RCW 26.44.030 acts in good faith and without gross negligence in his or her reporting duty, and if the employee's judgment as to what constitutes reasonable cause to believe that a child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person has suffered abuse or neglect is being challenged, the public employer shall provide for the legal defense of the employee. [1988 c 87 § 1.]

26.44.035 Response to complaint by more than one agency—Procedure—Written records. If the department or a law enforcement agency responds to a complaint of child abuse or neglect and discovers that another agency has also responded to the complaint, the agency shall notify the other agency of their presence, and the agencies shall coordinate the investigation and keep each other apprised of progress.

The department, each law enforcement agency, each county prosecuting attorney, each city attorney, and each court shall make as soon as practicable a written record and shall maintain records of all incidents of suspected child abuse reported to that person or agency. Records kept under this section shall be identifiable by means of an agency code for child abuse. [1985 c 259 § 3.]

Legislative findings—1985 c 259: See note following RCW 26.44.030.

26.44.040 Reports—Oral, written—Contents. An immediate oral report shall be made by telephone or otherwise to the proper law enforcement agency or the department of social and health services and, upon request, shall be followed by a report in writing. Such reports shall contain the following information, if known:

(1) The name, address, and age of the child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person;

(2) The name and address of the child's parents, stepparents, guardians, or other persons having custody of the child or the residence of the adult dependent or developmentally disabled person;

(3) The nature and extent of the injury or injuries;

(4) The nature and extent of the neglect;

(5) The nature and extent of the sexual abuse;

(6) Any evidence of previous injuries, including their nature and extent; and

(7) Any other information which may be helpful in establishing the cause of the child's or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person's death, injury, or injuries and the identity of the alleged perpetrator or perpetrators. [1993 c 412 § 14; 1987 c 206 § 4; 1984 c 97 § 4; 1977 ex.s. c 80 § 27; 1975 1st ex.s. c 217 § 4; 1971 ex.s. c 167 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 35 § 4; 1965 c 13 § 4.]

Severability—1984 c 97: See RCW 74.34.900.

Purpose—Intent—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 80: See notes following RCW 4.16.190.

26.44.050 Abuse or neglect of child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person—Duty of law enforcement agency or department of social and health services—Taking child into custody without court order, when. Upon the receipt of a report concerning the possible occurrence of abuse or neglect, it shall be the duty of the law enforcement agency or the department of social and health services to investigate and provide the protective services section with a report in accordance with the provision of chapter 74.13 RCW, and where necessary to refer such report to the court.

A law enforcement officer may take, or cause to be taken, a child into custody without a court order if there is probable cause to believe that the child is abused or neglected and that the child would be injured or could not be taken into custody if it were necessary to first obtain a court order pursuant to RCW 13.34.050. The law enforcement agency or the department of social and health services investigating such a report is hereby authorized to photograph such a child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person for the purpose of providing documentary evidence of the physical condition of the child, adult dependent or developmentally disabled person. [1987 c 450 § 7; 1987 c 206 § 5; 1984 c 97 § 5; 1981 c 164 § 3; 1977 ex.s. c 291 § 51; 1977 ex.s. c 80 § 28; 1975 1st ex.s. c 217 § 5; 1971 ex.s. c 302 § 15; 1969 ex.s. c 35 § 5; 1965 c 13 § 5.]

Reviser's note: This section was amended by 1987 c 206 § 5 and by 1987 c 450 § 7, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Severability—1984 c 97: See RCW 74.34.900.

Effective dates—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 291: See notes following RCW 13.04.005.

Purpose—Intent—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 80: See notes following RCW 4.16.190.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 302: See note following RCW 9.41.010.

26.44.053 Guardian ad litem, appointment—Examination of person having legal custody—Hearing—Procedure. (1) In any judicial proceeding under this chapter or chapter 13.34 RCW in which it is alleged that a child has been subjected to child abuse or neglect, the court shall appoint a guardian ad litem for the child. The requirement of a guardian ad litem may be deemed satisfied if the child is represented by counsel in the proceedings.

(2) At any time prior to or during a hearing in such a case, the court may, on its own motion, or the motion of the guardian ad litem, or other parties, order the examination by a physician, psychologist, or psychiatrist, of any parent or

child or other person having custody of the child at the time of the alleged child abuse or neglect, if the court finds such an examination is necessary to the proper determination of the case. The hearing may be continued pending the completion of such examination. The physician, psychologist, or psychiatrist conducting such an examination may be required to testify concerning the results of such examination and may be asked to give his or her opinion as to whether the protection of the child requires that he or she not be returned to the custody of his or her parents or other persons having custody of him or her at the time of the alleged child abuse or neglect. Persons so testifying shall be subject to cross-examination as are other witnesses. No information given at any such examination of the parent or any other person having custody of the child may be used against such person in any subsequent criminal proceedings against such person or custodian concerning the abuse or neglect of the child.

(3) A parent or other person having legal custody of a child alleged to be abused or neglected shall be a party to any proceeding that may impair or impede such person's interest in and custody or control of the child. [1994 c 110 § 1; 1993 c 241 § 4. Prior: 1987 c 524 § 11; 1987 c 206 § 7; 1975 1st ex.s. c 217 § 8.]

Conflict with federal requirements—1993 c 241: See note following RCW 13.34.030.

26.44.056 Protective detention or custody of abused child—Reasonable cause—Notice—Time limits—Monitoring plan—Liability. (1) An administrator of a hospital or similar institution or any physician, licensed pursuant to chapters 18.71 or 18.57 RCW, may detain a child without consent of a person legally responsible for the child whether or not medical treatment is required, if the circumstances or conditions of the child are such that the detaining individual has reasonable cause to believe that permitting the child to continue in his or her place of residence or in the care and custody of the parent, guardian, custodian or other person legally responsible for the child's care would present an imminent danger to that child's safety: PROVIDED, That such administrator or physician shall notify or cause to be notified the appropriate law enforcement agency or child protective services pursuant to RCW 26.44.040. Such notification shall be made as soon as possible and in no case longer than seventy-two hours. Such temporary protective custody by an administrator or doctor shall not be deemed an arrest. Child protective services may detain the child until the court assumes custody, but in no case longer than seventy-two hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

(2) Whenever an administrator or physician has reasonable cause to believe that a child would be in imminent danger if released to a parent, guardian, custodian, or other person or is in imminent danger if left in the custody of a parent, guardian, custodian, or other person, the administrator or physician may notify a law enforcement agency and the law enforcement agency shall take the child into custody or cause the child to be taken into custody. The law enforcement agency shall release the child to the custody of child protective services. Child protective services shall detain the child until the court assumes custody or upon a documented and substantiated record that in the professional judgment of

the child protective services the child's safety will not be endangered if the child is returned. If the child is returned, the department shall establish a six-month plan to monitor and assure the continued safety of the child's life or health. The monitoring period may be extended for good cause.

(3) A child protective services employee, an administrator, doctor, or law enforcement officer shall not be held liable in any civil action for the decision for taking the child into custody, if done in good faith under this section. [1983 c 246 § 3; 1982 c 129 § 8; 1975 1st ex.s. c 217 § 9.]

Severability—1982 c 129: See note following RCW 9A.04.080.

26.44.060 Immunity from civil or criminal liability—Confidential communications not violated—Actions against state not affected—False report, penalty. (1)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, any person participating in good faith in the making of a report pursuant to this chapter or testifying as to alleged child abuse or neglect in a judicial proceeding shall in so doing be immune from any liability arising out of such reporting or testifying under any law of this state or its political subdivisions.

(b) A person convicted of a violation of subsection (4) of this section shall not be immune from liability under (a) of this subsection.

(2) An administrator of a hospital or similar institution or any physician licensed pursuant to chapters 18.71 or 18.57 RCW taking a child into custody pursuant to RCW 26.44.056 shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability for such taking into custody.

(3) Conduct conforming with the reporting requirements of this chapter shall not be deemed a violation of the confidential communication privilege of RCW 5.60.060 (3) and (4), 18.53.200 and 18.83.110. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as to supersede or abridge remedies provided in chapter 4.92 RCW.

(4) A person who, intentionally and in bad faith or maliciously, knowingly makes a false report of abuse or neglect shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable in accordance with RCW 9A.20.021. [1988 c 142 § 3; 1982 c 129 § 9; 1975 1st ex.s. c 217 § 6; 1965 c 13 § 6.]

Severability—1982 c 129: See note following RCW 9A.04.080.

Nurse-patient privilege subject to RCW 26.44.060(3): RCW 5.62.030.

26.44.063 Temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction—Enforcement. (1) It is the intent of the legislature to minimize trauma to a child involved in an allegation of sexual or physical abuse. The legislature declares that removing the child from the home often has the effect of further traumatizing the child. It is, therefore, the legislature's intent that the alleged offender, rather than the child, shall be removed from the home and that this should be done at the earliest possible point of intervention in accordance with RCW 10.31.100, 13.34.130, this section, and RCW 26.44.130.

(2) In any judicial proceeding in which it is alleged that a child has been subjected to sexual or physical abuse, if the court finds reasonable grounds to believe that an incident of sexual or physical abuse has occurred, the court may, on its own motion, or the motion of the guardian ad litem or other parties, issue a temporary restraining order or preliminary

injunction restraining or enjoining the person accused of committing the abuse from:

(a) Molesting or disturbing the peace of the alleged victim;

(b) Entering the family home of the alleged victim except as specifically authorized by the court; or

(c) Having any contact with the alleged victim, except as specifically authorized by the court.

(3) In issuing a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction, the court may impose any additional restrictions that the court in its discretion determines are necessary to protect the child from further abuse or emotional trauma pending final resolution of the abuse allegations.

(4) The court shall issue a temporary restraining order prohibiting a person from entering the family home if the court finds that the order would eliminate the need for an out-of-home placement to protect the child's right to nurturance, health, and safety and is sufficient to protect the child from further sexual or physical abuse or coercion.

(5) The court may issue a temporary restraining order without requiring notice to the party to be restrained or other parties only if it finds on the basis of the moving affidavit or other evidence that irreparable injury could result if an order is not issued until the time for responding has elapsed.

(6) A temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction:

(a) Does not prejudice the rights of a party or any child which are to be adjudicated at subsequent hearings in the proceeding; and

(b) May be revoked or modified.

(7) The person having physical custody of the child shall have an affirmative duty to assist in the enforcement of the restraining order including but not limited to a duty to notify the court as soon as practicable of any violation of the order, a duty to request the assistance of law enforcement officers to enforce the order, and a duty to notify the department of social and health services of any violation of the order as soon as practicable if the department is a party to the action. Failure by the custodial party to discharge these affirmative duties shall be subject to contempt proceedings.

(8) Willful violation of a court order entered under this section is a misdemeanor. A written order shall contain the court's directive and shall bear the legend: "Violation of this order with actual notice of its terms is a criminal offense under chapter 26.44 RCW, is also subject to contempt proceedings, and will subject a violator to arrest." [1993 c 412 § 15; 1988 c 190 § 3; 1985 c 35 § 1.]

Ex parte temporary order for protection: RCW 26.50.070.

Orders for protection in cases of domestic violence: RCW 26.50.030.

Orders prohibiting contact: RCW 10.99.040.

Temporary restraining order: RCW 26.09.060.

26.44.067 Temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction—Contents—Notice—Noncompliance—Defense—Penalty. (1) Any person having had actual notice of the existence of a restraining order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to RCW 26.44.063 who refuses to comply with the provisions of such order shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(2) The notice requirements of subsection (1) of this section may be satisfied by the peace officer giving oral or written evidence to the person subject to the order by reading from or handing to that person a copy certified by a notary public or the clerk of the court to be an accurate copy of the original court order which is on file. The copy may be supplied by the court or any party.

(3) The remedies provided in this section shall not apply unless restraining orders subject to this section shall bear this legend: VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER WITH ACTUAL NOTICE OF ITS TERMS IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE UNDER CHAPTER 26.44 RCW AND IS ALSO SUBJECT TO CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS.

(4) It is a defense to prosecution under subsection (1) of this section that the court order was issued contrary to law or court rule. No right of action shall accrue against any peace officer acting upon a properly certified copy of a court order lawful on its face if such officer employs otherwise lawful means to effect the arrest. [1993 c 412 § 16; 1989 c 373 § 23; 1985 c 35 § 2.]

Severability—1989 c 373: See RCW 7.21.900.

26.44.075 Inclusion of number of child abuse reports and cases in prosecuting attorney's annual report. Commencing in 1986, the prosecuting attorney shall include in the annual report a section stating the number of child abuse reports received by the office under this chapter and the number of cases where charges were filed. [1985 c 259 § 4.]

Legislative findings—1985 c 259: See note following RCW 26.44.030.

26.44.080 Violation—Penalty. Every person who is required to make, or to cause to be made, a report pursuant to RCW 26.44.030 and 26.44.040, and who knowingly fails to make, or fails to cause to be made, such report, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor. [1982 c 129 § 10; 1971 ex.s. c 167 § 3.]

Severability—1982 c 129: See note following RCW 9A.04.080.

26.44.100 Information about rights—Legislative purpose. The legislature finds parents and children often are not aware of their due process rights when agencies are investigating allegations of child abuse and neglect. The legislature reaffirms that all citizens, including parents, shall be afforded due process, that protection of children remains the priority of the legislature, and that this protection includes protecting the family unit from unnecessary disruption. To facilitate this goal, the legislature wishes to ensure that parents and children be advised in writing and orally, if feasible, of their basic rights and other specific information as set forth in this chapter, provided that nothing contained in this chapter shall cause any delay in protective custody action. [1993 c 412 § 17; 1985 c 183 § 1.]

26.44.105 Information about rights—Oral and written information—Copies of dependency petition and any court order. Whenever a dependency petition is filed by the department of social and health services, it shall advise the parents, and any child over the age of twelve who is subject to the dependency action, of their respective rights

under RCW 13.34.090. The parents and the child shall be provided a copy of the dependency petition and a copy of any court orders which have been issued. This advice of rights under RCW 13.34.090 shall be in writing. The department caseworker shall also make reasonable efforts to advise the parent and child of these same rights orally. [1985 c 183 § 2.]

26.44.110 Information about rights—Custody without court order—Written statement required—Contents. If a child has been taken into custody by law enforcement pursuant to RCW 26.44.050, the law enforcement agency shall leave a written statement with a parent or in the residence of the parent if no parent is present. The statement shall give the reasons for the removal of the child from the home and the telephone number of the child protective services office in the parent's jurisdiction. [1985 c 183 § 3.]

26.44.115 Child taken into custody under court order—Information to parents. If a child is taken into custody by child protective services pursuant to a court order issued under RCW 13.34.050, the child protective services worker shall take reasonable steps to advise the parents immediately, regardless of the time of day, that the child has been taken into custody, the reasons why the child was taken into custody, and general information about the child's placement. The department shall comply with RCW 13.34.060 when providing notice under this section. [1990 c 246 § 10; 1985 c 183 § 4.]

Severability—1990 c 246: See note following RCW 13.34.060.

26.44.120 Information about rights—Notice to noncustodial parent. Whenever the child protective services worker is required to notify parents and children of their basic rights and other specific information as set forth in RCW 26.44.105 through 26.44.115, the child protective services worker shall also make a reasonable effort to notify the noncustodial parent of the same information in a timely manner. [1985 c 183 § 5.]

26.44.130 Arrest without warrant. When a peace officer responds to a call alleging that a child has been subjected to sexual or physical abuse and has probable cause to believe that a crime has been committed or responds to a call alleging that a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction has been violated, the peace officer has the authority to arrest the person without a warrant pursuant to RCW 10.31.100. [1988 c 190 § 4.]

26.44.140 Treatment for abusive person removed from home. The court shall require that an individual who, while acting in a parental role, has physically or sexually abused a child and has been removed from the home pursuant to a court order issued in a proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW, prior to being permitted to reside in the home where the child resides, complete the treatment and education requirements necessary to protect the child from future abuse. The court may require the individual to

continue treatment as a condition for remaining in the home where the child resides.

The department of social and health services or supervising agency shall be responsible for advising the court as to appropriate treatment and education requirements, providing referrals to the individual, monitoring and assessing the individual's progress, informing the court of such progress, and providing recommendations to the court.

The person removed from the home shall pay for these services unless the person is otherwise eligible to receive financial assistance in paying for such services. Nothing in this section shall be construed to create in any person an entitlement to services or financial assistance in paying for services. [1991 c 301 § 15; 1990 c 3 § 1301.]

Finding—1991 c 301: See note following RCW 10.99.020.

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Application—1990 c 3: See RCW 18.155.900 through 18.155.902.

26.44.150 Temporary restraining order restricting visitation for persons accused of sexually or physically abusing a child—Penalty for violating court order. (1) If a person who has unsupervised visitation rights with a minor child pursuant to a court order is accused of sexually or physically abusing a child and the alleged abuse has been reported to the proper authorities for investigation, the law enforcement officer conducting the investigation may file an affidavit with the prosecuting attorney stating that the person is currently under investigation for sexual or physical abuse of a child and that there is a risk of harm to the child if a temporary restraining order is not entered. Upon receipt of the affidavit, the prosecuting attorney shall determine whether there is a risk of harm to the child if a temporary restraining order is not entered. If the prosecutor determines there is a risk of harm, the prosecutor shall immediately file a motion for an order to show cause seeking to restrict visitation with the child, and seek a temporary restraining order. The restraining order shall be issued for up to ninety days or until the investigation has been concluded in favor of the alleged abuser, whichever is shorter.

(2) Willful violation of a court order entered under this section is a misdemeanor. The court order shall state: "Violation of this order is a criminal offense under chapter 26.44 RCW and will subject the violator to arrest." [1993 c 412 § 18.]

26.44.160 Allegations that child under twelve committed sex offense—Investigation—Referral to prosecuting attorney—Referral to department—Referral for treatment. (1) If a law enforcement agency receives a complaint that alleges that a child under age twelve has committed a sex offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030, the agency shall investigate the complaint. If the investigation reveals that probable cause exists to believe that the youth may have committed a sex offense and the child is at least eight years of age, the agency shall refer the case to the proper county prosecuting attorney for appropriate action to determine whether the child may be prosecuted or is a sexually aggressive youth. If the child is less than eight years old, the law enforcement agency shall refer the case to the department.

(2) If the prosecutor or a judge determines the child cannot be prosecuted for the alleged sex offense because the child is incapable of committing a crime as provided in RCW 9A.04.050 and the prosecutor believes that probable cause exists to believe that the child engaged in acts that would constitute a sex offense, the prosecutor shall refer the child as a sexually aggressive youth to the department. The prosecutor shall provide the department with an affidavit stating that the prosecutor has determined that probable cause exists to believe that the juvenile has committed acts that could be prosecuted as a sex offense but the case is not being prosecuted because the juvenile is incapable of committing a crime as provided in RCW 9A.04.050.

(3) The department shall investigate any referrals that allege that a child is a sexually aggressive youth. The purpose of the investigation shall be to determine whether the child is abused or neglected, as defined in this chapter, and whether the child or the child's parents are in need of services or treatment. The department may offer appropriate available services and treatment to a sexually aggressive youth and his or her parents or legal guardians as provided in RCW 74.13.075 and may refer the child and his or her parents to appropriate treatment and services available within the community. If the parents refuse to accept or fail to obtain appropriate treatment or services under circumstances that indicate that the refusal or failure is child abuse or neglect, as defined in this chapter, the department may pursue a dependency action as provided in chapter 13.34 RCW.

(4) Nothing in this section shall affect the responsibility of a law enforcement agency to report incidents of abuse or neglect as required in RCW 26.44.030(5). [1993 c 402 § 2.]

26.44.900 Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 217. If any provision of this 1975 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1975 1st ex.s. c 217 § 10.]

Chapter 26.50

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION

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Abuse of children and adult dependent or developmentally disabled persons: Chapter 26.44 RCW.

Arrest without warrant: RCW 10.31.100(2).

Dissolution of marriage: Chapter 26.09 RCW.

Domestic violence, official response: Chapter 10.99 RCW.

Nonparental actions for child custody: Chapter 26.10 RCW.

Shelters for victims of domestic violence: Chapter 70.123 RCW.

26.50.010 Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings given them:

(1) "Domestic violence" means: (a) Physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury or assault, between family or household members; or (b) sexual assault of one family or household member by another.

(2) "Family or household members" means spouses, former spouses, persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time, adult persons related by blood or marriage, adult persons who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past, persons sixteen years of age or older who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past and who have or have had a dating relationship, persons sixteen years of age or older with whom a respondent sixteen years of age or older has or has had a dating relationship, and persons who have a biological or legal parent-child relationship, including stepparents and stepchildren and grandparents and grandchildren.

(3) "Dating relationship" means a social relationship of a romantic nature. Factors that the court may consider in making this determination include: (a) The length of time the relationship has existed; (b) the nature of the relationship; and (c) the frequency of interaction between the parties.

(4) "Court" includes the superior, district, and municipal courts of the state of Washington.

(5) "Judicial day" does not include Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays.

(6) "Electronic monitoring" means a program in which a person's presence at a particular location is monitored from a remote location by use of electronic equipment. [1992 c 111 § 7; 1992 c 86 § 3; 1991 c 301 § 8; 1984 c 263 § 2.]

Reviser's note: This section was amended by 1992 c 86 § 3 and by 1992 c 111 § 7, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Findings—1992 c 111: See note following RCW 26.50.030.

Finding—1991 c 301: See note following RCW 10.99.020.

Domestic violence offenses defined: RCW 10.99.020.

26.50.020 Commencement of action—Jurisdiction—Venue. (1) Any person may seek relief under this chapter by filing a petition with a court alleging that the person has been the victim of domestic violence committed by the respondent. The person may petition for relief on behalf of himself or herself and on behalf of minor family or household members.

(2) A person under eighteen years of age who is sixteen years of age or older may seek relief under this chapter and is not required to seek relief by a guardian or next friend.

(3) No guardian or guardian ad litem need be appointed on behalf of a respondent to an action under this chapter who is under eighteen years of age if such respondent is sixteen years of age or older.

(4) The court may, if it deems necessary, appoint a guardian ad litem for a petitioner or respondent who is a party to an action under this chapter.

(5) The courts defined in *RCW 26.50.010(3) have jurisdiction over proceedings under this chapter. The jurisdiction of district and municipal courts under this chapter shall be limited to enforcement of RCW 26.50.110(1), or the equivalent municipal ordinance, and the issuance and enforcement of temporary orders for protection provided for in RCW 26.50.070 if: (a) A superior court has exercised or is exercising jurisdiction over a proceeding under this title or chapter 13.34 RCW involving the parties; (b) the petition for relief under this chapter presents issues of residential schedule of and contact with children of the parties; or (c) the petition for relief under this chapter requests the court to exclude a party from the dwelling which the parties share. When the jurisdiction of a district or municipal court is limited to the issuance and enforcement of a temporary order, the district or municipal court shall set the full hearing provided for in RCW 26.50.050 in superior court and transfer the case. If the notice and order are not served on the respondent in time for the full hearing, the issuing court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the superior court to extend the order for protection.

(6) An action under this chapter shall be filed in the county or the municipality where the petitioner resides, unless the petitioner has left the residence or household to avoid abuse. In that case, the petitioner may bring an action in the county or municipality of the previous or the new household or residence.

(7) A person's right to petition for relief under this chapter is not affected by the person leaving the residence or household to avoid abuse. [1992 c 111 § 8; 1989 c 375 § 28; 1987 c 71 § 1; 1985 c 303 § 1; 1984 c 263 § 3.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 26.50.010(3) was renumbered as RCW 26.50.010(4) by 1992 c 111 § 7.

Findings—1992 c 111: See note following RCW 26.50.030.

Severability—1989 c 375: See RCW 26.09.914.

Effective date—1985 c 303 §§ 1, 2: "Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect September 1, 1985." [1985 c 303 § 15.]

26.50.030 Petition for an order for protection—Availability of forms and informational brochures—Filing fee—Bond not required. There shall exist an action known as a petition for an order for protection in cases of domestic violence.

(1) A petition for relief shall allege the existence of domestic violence, and shall be accompanied by an affidavit made under oath stating the specific facts and circumstances from which relief is sought.

(2) A petition for relief may be made regardless of whether or not there is a pending lawsuit, complaint, petition, or other action between the parties except in cases where the court realigns petitioner and respondent in accordance with *RCW 26.50.060(3).

(3) Within ninety days of receipt of the master copy from the administrator for the courts, all court clerk's offices shall make available the standardized forms, instructions, and informational brochures required by **RCW 26.50.035 and shall fill in and keep current specific program names and telephone numbers for community resources. Any assistance or information provided by clerks under this section does not constitute the practice of law and clerks are not responsible for incorrect information contained in a petition.

(4) A filing fee of twenty dollars shall be charged for proceedings under this section. No filing fee may be charged for: (a) A petition filed in an existing action or under an existing cause number brought under this chapter in the jurisdiction where the relief is sought; or (b) the transfer of a case from district or municipal court to superior court under ***RCW 26.50.020(2). Forms and instructional brochures shall be provided free of charge.

(5) A person is not required to post a bond to obtain relief in any proceeding under this section. [1992 c 111 § 2; 1985 c 303 § 2; 1984 c 263 § 4.]

Reviser's note: *(1) RCW 26.50.060(3) was renumbered as RCW 26.50.060(4).

** (2) RCW 26.50.035 refers to "instructional brochures." 1992 c 111 § 3, which changed the brochures to "informational," was vetoed.

*** (3) RCW 26.50.020(2) was renumbered as RCW 26.50.020(5) by 1992 c 111 § 8.

Findings—1992 c 111: "The legislature finds that:

Domestic violence is a problem of immense proportions affecting individuals as well as communities. Domestic violence has long been recognized as being at the core of other major social problems: Child abuse, other crimes of violence against person or property, juvenile delinquency, and alcohol and drug abuse. Domestic violence costs millions of dollars each year in the state of Washington for health care, absence from work, services to children, and more. The crisis is growing.

While the existing protection order process can be a valuable tool to increase safety for victims and to hold batterers accountable, specific problems in its use have become evident. Victims have difficulty completing the paperwork required particularly if they have limited English proficiency; model forms have been modified to be inconsistent with statutory language; different forms create confusion for law enforcement agencies about the contents and enforceability of orders. Refinements are needed so that victims have the easy, quick, and effective access to the court system envisioned at the time the protection order process was first created.

When courts issue mutual protection orders without the filing of separate written petitions, notice to each respondent, and hearing on each petition, the original petitioner is deprived of due process. Mutual protection orders label both parties as violent and treat both as being equally at fault: Batterers conclude that the violence is excusable or provoked and victims who are not violent are confused and stigmatized. Enforcement may be ineffective and mutual orders may be used in other proceedings as evidence that the victim is equally at fault.

Valuable information about the reported incidents of domestic violence in the state of Washington is unobtainable without gathering data from all law enforcement agencies; without this information, it is difficult for policymakers, funders, and service providers to plan for the resources and services needed to address the issue.

Domestic violence must be addressed more widely and more effectively in our state: Greater knowledge by professionals who deal frequently with domestic violence is essential to enforce existing laws, to intervene in domestic violence situations that do not come to the attention of the law enforcement or judicial systems, and to reduce and prevent domestic violence by intervening before the violence becomes severe.

Adolescent dating violence is occurring at increasingly high rates: Preventing and confronting adolescent violence is important in preventing potential violence in future adult relationships." [1992 c 111 § 1.]

Effective date—1985 c 303 §§ 1, 2: See note following RCW 26.50.020.

Child abuse, temporary restraining order: RCW 26.44.063.

Orders prohibiting contact: RCW 10.99.040.

Temporary restraining order: RCW 26.09.060.

26.50.035 Development of instructions, informational brochures, forms, and handbook by the administrator for the courts—Community resource list—Distribution of master copy. (1) By July 1, 1994, the administrator for the courts shall develop and prepare instructions and informational brochures required under RCW 26.50.030(4), standard petition and order for protection forms, and a court staff handbook on domestic violence and the protection order process. The standard petition and order for protection forms must be used after September 1, 1994, for all petitions filed and orders issued under this chapter. The instructions, brochures, forms, and handbook shall be prepared in consultation with interested persons, including a representative of the state domestic violence coalition, judges, and law enforcement personnel.

(a) The instructions shall be designed to assist petitioners in completing the petition, and shall include a sample of standard petition and order for protection forms.

(b) The informational brochure shall describe the use of and the process for obtaining a protection order, a no-contact order as provided by RCW 10.99.040, a restraining order as provided by RCW 26.09.060, and an antiharassment protection order as provided by chapter 10.14 RCW.

(c) The order for protection form shall include, in a conspicuous location, notice of criminal penalties resulting from violation of the order, and the following statement: "You can be arrested even if the person or persons who obtained the order invite or allow you to violate the order's prohibitions. The respondent has the sole responsibility to avoid or refrain from violating the order's provisions. Only the court can change the order upon written application."

(d) The court staff handbook shall allow for the addition of a community resource list by the court clerk.

(2) All court clerks shall obtain a community resource list from a domestic violence program, defined in RCW 70.123.020, serving the county in which the court is located. The community resource list shall include the names and telephone numbers of domestic violence programs serving the community in which the court is located, including law enforcement agencies, domestic violence agencies, sexual assault agencies, legal assistance programs, interpreters, multicultural programs, and batterers' treatment programs. The court shall make the community resource list available

as part of or in addition to the informational brochures described in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The administrator for the courts shall distribute a master copy of the petition and order forms, instructions, and informational brochures to all court clerks and shall distribute a master copy of the petition and order forms to all superior, district, and municipal courts.

(4) For purposes of this section, "court clerks" means court administrators in courts of limited jurisdiction and elected court clerks.

*(5) The administrator for the courts shall arrange for translation of the instructions and informational brochures required by this section, which shall contain a sample of the standard petition and order for protection forms, into Spanish, Vietnamese, Laotian, Cambodian, and Chinese, and shall distribute a master copy of the translated instructions and informational brochures to all court clerks by January 1, 1995. [1993 c 350 § 2; 1985 c 303 § 3; 1984 c 263 § 31.]

Contingency—1993 c 350 § 2(5): "If specific funding for section 2 subsection (5) of this act, referencing this act by bill, section and subsection number, is not provided by June 30, 1993, in the omnibus appropriations act, section 2 subsection (5) is null and void." [1993 c 350 § 4.]

*The omnibus appropriations act, 1993 sp.s. c 24, did not reference section 2(5) of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5360 ("this act"), therefore subsection (5) is null and void.

Findings—1993 c 350: "The legislature finds that domestic violence is a problem of immense proportions affecting individuals as well as communities. Domestic violence has long been recognized as being at the core of other major social problems including child abuse, crimes of violence against person or property, juvenile delinquency, and alcohol and drug abuse. Domestic violence costs include the loss of lives as well as millions of dollars each year in the state of Washington for health care, absence from work, and services to children. The crisis is growing.

While the existing protection order process can be a valuable tool to increase safety for victims and to hold batterers accountable, specific problems in its use have become evident. Victims have difficulty completing the paperwork required; model forms have been modified to be inconsistent with statutory language; different forms create confusion for law enforcement agencies about the contents and enforceability of orders. Refinements are needed so that victims have the easy, quick, and effective access to the court system envisioned at the time the protection order process was first created.

Valuable information about the reported incidents of domestic violence in the state of Washington is unobtainable without gathering data from all law enforcement agencies. Without this information, it is difficult for policymakers, funders, and service providers to plan for the resources and services needed to address the issue." [1993 c 350 § 1.]

Severability—1993 c 350: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1993 c 350 § 9.]

26.50.040 Application for leave to proceed in forma pauperis. (1) Persons seeking relief under this chapter may file an application for leave to proceed in forma pauperis on forms supplied by the court. If the court determines that a petitioner lacks the funds to pay the costs of filing, the petitioner shall be granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis and no filing fee or any other court related fees shall be charged by the court to the petitioner for relief sought under this chapter. If the petitioner is granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis, then no fees for service may be charged to the petitioner.

(2) For the purpose of determining whether a petitioner has the funds available to pay the costs of filing an action under this chapter, the income of the household or family

member named as the respondent is not considered. [1985 c 303 § 4; 1984 c 263 § 5.]

26.50.050 Hearing—Service—Time. Upon receipt of the petition, the court shall order a hearing which shall be held not later than fourteen days from the date of the order. Except as provided in RCW 26.50.085, personal service shall be made upon the respondent not less than five court days prior to the hearing. If timely personal service cannot be made, the court shall set a new hearing date and shall either require additional attempts at obtaining personal service or permit service by publication as provided in RCW 26.50.085. If the court permits service by publication, the court shall set the hearing date not later than twenty-four days from the date of the order. The court may issue an ex parte order for protection pending the hearing as provided in RCW 26.50.070 and 26.50.085. [1992 c 143 § 1; 1984 c 263 § 6.]

26.50.060 Relief—Duration—Realignment of designation of parties—Award of costs, service fees, and attorneys' fees. (1) Upon notice and after hearing, the court may provide relief as follows:

(a) Restrain the respondent from committing acts of domestic violence;

(b) Exclude the respondent from the dwelling which the parties share or from the residence of the petitioner;

(c) On the same basis as is provided in chapter 26.09 RCW, the court shall make residential provision with regard to minor children of the parties. However, parenting plans as specified in chapter 26.09 RCW shall not be required under this chapter;

(d) Order the respondent to participate in batterers' treatment;

(e) Order other relief as it deems necessary for the protection of the petitioner and other family or household members sought to be protected, including orders or directives to a peace officer, as allowed under this chapter;

(f) Require the respondent to pay the filing fee and court costs, including service fees, and to reimburse the petitioner for costs incurred in bringing the action, including a reasonable attorney's fee. If the petitioner has been granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis, the court may require the respondent to pay the filing fee and costs, including services fees, to the county or municipality incurring the expense;

(g) Restrain the respondent from having any contact with the victim of domestic violence or the victim's children or members of the victim's household;

(h) Require the respondent to submit to electronic monitoring. The order shall specify who shall provide the electronic monitoring services and the terms under which the monitoring must be performed. The order also may include a requirement that the respondent pay the costs of the monitoring. The court shall consider the ability of the respondent to pay for electronic monitoring; and

(i) Consider the provisions of RCW 9.41.800.

(2) Any relief granted by the order for protection, other than a judgment for costs, shall be for a fixed period not to exceed one year if the restraining order restrains the respondent from contacting the respondent's minor children. If the petitioner has petitioned for relief on his or her own behalf

or on behalf of the petitioner's family or household members or minor children that are not also the respondent's minor children, and the court finds that the respondent is likely to resume acts of domestic violence against the petitioner or the petitioner's family or household members or minor children when the order expires, the court may either (a) grant relief for a fixed period not to exceed one year; (b) grant relief for a fixed period in excess of one year; or (c) enter a permanent order of protection.

If the petitioner has petitioned for relief on behalf of the respondent's minor children, the court shall advise the petitioner that if the petitioner wants to continue protection for a period beyond one year the petitioner may either petition for renewal pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or may seek relief pursuant to the provisions of chapter 26.09 RCW.

(3) If the court grants an order for a fixed time period, the petitioner may apply for renewal of the order by filing a petition for renewal at any time within the three months before the order expires. The petition for renewal shall state the reasons why the petitioner seeks to renew the protection order. Upon receipt of the petition for renewal the court shall order a hearing which shall be not later than fourteen days from the date of the order. Except as provided in RCW 26.50.085, personal service shall be made on the respondent not less than five days before the hearing. If timely service cannot be made the court shall set a new hearing date and shall either require additional attempts at obtaining personal service or permit service by publication as provided in RCW 26.50.085. If the court permits service by publication, the court shall set the new hearing date not later than twenty-four days from the date of the order. If the order expires because timely service cannot be made the court shall grant an ex parte order of protection as provided in RCW 26.50.070. The court shall grant the petition for renewal unless the respondent proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the respondent will not resume acts of domestic violence against the petitioner or the petitioner's children or family or household members when the order expires. The court may renew the protection order for another fixed time period or may enter a permanent order as provided in this section. The court may award court costs, service fees, and reasonable attorneys' fees as provided in subsection (1)(f) of this section.

(4) In providing relief under this chapter, the court may realign the designation of the parties as "petitioner" and "respondent" where the court finds that the original petitioner is the abuser and the original respondent is the victim of domestic violence and may issue an ex parte temporary order for protection in accordance with RCW 26.50.070 on behalf of the victim until the victim is able to prepare a petition for an order for protection in accordance with RCW 26.50.030.

(5) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, no order for protection shall grant relief to any party except upon notice to the respondent and hearing pursuant to a petition or counter-petition filed and served by the party seeking relief in accordance with RCW 26.50.050.

(6) The court order shall specify the date the order expires if any. The court order shall also state whether the court issued the protection order following personal service or service by publication and whether the court has approved service by publication of an order issued under this section.

[1994 1st sp.s. c 7 § 457. Prior: 1992 c 143 § 2; 1992 c 111 § 4; 1992 c 86 § 4; 1989 c 411 § 1; 1987 c 460 § 55; 1985 c 303 § 5; 1984 c 263 § 7.]

Finding—Intent—Severability—1994 1st sp.s. c 7: See notes following RCW 43.70.540.

Effective date—1994 1st sp.s. c 7 §§ 401-410, 413-416, 418-437, and 439-460: See note following RCW 9.41.010.

Findings—1992 c 111: See note following RCW 26.50.030.

Short title—Section captions—Effective date—Severability—1987 c 460: See RCW 26.09.910 through 26.09.913.

26.50.070 Ex parte temporary order for protection.

(1) Where an application under this section alleges that irreparable injury could result from domestic violence if an order is not issued immediately without prior notice to the respondent, the court may grant an ex parte temporary order for protection, pending a full hearing, and grant relief as the court deems proper, including an order:

(a) Restraining any party from committing acts of domestic violence;

(b) Excluding any party from the dwelling shared or from the residence of the other until further order of the court;

(c) Restraining any party from interfering with the other's custody of the minor children or from removing the children from the jurisdiction of the court;

(d) Restraining any party from having any contact with the victim of domestic violence or the victim's children or members of the victim's household; and

(e) Considering the provisions of RCW 9.41.800.

(2) Irreparable injury under this section includes but is not limited to situations in which the respondent has recently threatened petitioner with bodily injury or has engaged in acts of domestic violence against the petitioner.

(3) The court shall hold an ex parte hearing in person or by telephone on the day the petition is filed or on the following judicial day.

(4) An ex parte temporary order for protection shall be effective for a fixed period not to exceed fourteen days or twenty-four days if the court has permitted service by publication under RCW 26.50.085. The ex parte order may be reissued. A full hearing, as provided in this chapter, shall be set for not later than fourteen days from the issuance of the temporary order or not later than twenty-four days if service by publication is permitted. Except as provided in RCW 26.50.050 and 26.50.085, the respondent shall be personally served with a copy of the ex parte order along with a copy of the petition and notice of the date set for the hearing. [1994 1st sp.s. c 7 § 458; 1992 c 143 § 3; 1989 c 411 § 2; 1984 c 263 § 8.]

Finding—Intent—Severability—1994 1st sp.s. c 7: See notes following RCW 43.70.540.

Effective date—1994 1st sp.s. c 7 §§ 401-410, 413-416, 418-437, and 439-460: See note following RCW 9.41.010.

Child abuse, temporary restraining order: RCW 26.44.063.

Orders prohibiting contact: RCW 10.99.040.

Temporary restraining order: RCW 26.09.060.

26.50.080 Issuance of order—Assistance of peace officer—Designation of appropriate law enforcement agency. When an order is issued under this chapter upon request of the petitioner, the court may order a peace officer

to accompany the petitioner and assist in placing the petitioner in possession of the dwelling or residence, or otherwise assist in the execution of the order of protection. Orders issued under this chapter shall include a designation of the appropriate law enforcement agency to execute, serve, or enforce the order. [1984 c 263 § 9.]

26.50.085 Hearing reset after ex parte order—Service by publication—Circumstances. (1) If the respondent was not personally served with the petition, notice of hearing, and ex parte order before the hearing, the court shall reset the hearing for twenty-four days from the date of entry of the order and may order service by publication instead of personal service under the following circumstances:

- (a) The sheriff or municipal officer files an affidavit stating that the officer was unable to complete personal service upon the respondent. The affidavit must describe the number and types of attempts the officer made to complete service;
- (b) The petitioner files an affidavit stating that the petitioner believes that the respondent is hiding from the server to avoid service. The petitioner's affidavit must state the reasons for the belief that the petitioner [respondent] is avoiding service;
- (c) The server has deposited a copy of the summons, in substantially the form prescribed in subsection (3) of this section, notice of hearing, and the ex parte order of protection in the post office, directed to the respondent at the respondent's last known address, unless the server states that the server does not know the respondent's address; and
- (d) The court finds reasonable grounds exist to believe that the respondent is concealing himself or herself to avoid service, and that further attempts to personally serve the respondent would be futile or unduly burdensome.

(2) The court shall reissue the temporary order of protection not to exceed another twenty-four days from the date of reissuing the ex parte protection order and order to provide service by publication.

(3) The publication shall be made in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the petition was brought and in the county of the last known address of the respondent once a week for three consecutive weeks. The newspaper selected must be one of the three most widely circulated papers in the county. The publication of summons shall not be made until the court orders service by publication under this section. Service of the summons shall be considered complete when the publication has been made for three consecutive weeks. The summons must be signed by the petitioner. The summons shall contain the date of the first publication, and shall require the respondent upon whom service by publication is desired, to appear and answer the petition on the date set for the hearing. The summons shall also contain a brief statement of the reason for the petition and a summary of the provisions under the ex parte order. The summons shall be essentially in the following form:

In the court of the state of Washington for the county of

. , Petitioner
vs. No.
. , Respondent

The state of Washington to (respondent):

You are hereby summoned to appear on the day of, 19. . . ., at a.m./p.m., and respond to the petition. If you fail to respond, an order of protection will be issued against you pursuant to the provisions of the domestic violence protection act, chapter 26.50 RCW, for a minimum of one year from the date you are required to appear. A temporary order of protection has been issued against you, restraining you from the following: (Insert a brief statement of the provisions of the ex parte order). A copy of the petition, notice of hearing, and ex parte order has been filed with the clerk of this court.

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Petitioner

[1992 c 143 § 4.]

26.50.090 Order—Service—Fees. (1) An order issued under this chapter shall be personally served upon the respondent, except as provided in subsections (6) and (8) of this section.

(2) The sheriff of the county or the peace officers of the municipality in which the respondent resides shall serve the respondent personally unless the petitioner elects to have the respondent served by a private party.

(3) If service by a sheriff or municipal peace officer is to be used, the clerk of the court shall have a copy of any order issued under this chapter forwarded on or before the next judicial day to the appropriate law enforcement agency specified in the order for service upon the respondent. Service of an order issued under this chapter shall take precedence over the service of other documents unless they are of a similar emergency nature.

(4) If the sheriff or municipal peace officer cannot complete service upon the respondent within ten days, the sheriff or municipal peace officer shall notify the petitioner. The petitioner shall provide information sufficient to permit notification.

(5) Returns of service under this chapter shall be made in accordance with the applicable court rules.

(6) If an order entered by the court recites that the respondent appeared in person before the court, the necessity for further service is waived and proof of service of that order is not necessary.

(7) Except in cases where the petitioner is granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis, municipal police departments serving documents as required under this chapter may collect the same fees for service and mileage authorized by RCW 36.18.040 to be collected by sheriffs.

(8) If the court previously entered an order allowing service by publication of the notice of hearing and temporary order of protection pursuant to RCW 26.50.085, the court may permit service by publication of the order of protection issued under RCW 26.50.060. Service by publication must comply with the requirements of RCW 26.50.085. The court order must state whether the court permitted service by publication. [1992 c 143 § 6; 1985 c 303 § 6; 1984 c 263 § 10.]

26.50.095 Order following service by publication. Following completion of service by publication as provided in RCW 26.50.085, if the respondent fails to appear at the hearing, the court may issue an order of protection as provided in RCW 26.50.060. That order must be served pursuant to RCW 26.50.090, and forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement agency pursuant to RCW 26.50.100. [1992 c 143 § 5.]

26.50.100 Order—Transmittal to law enforcement agency—Record in law enforcement information system—Enforceability. (1) A copy of an order for protection granted under this chapter shall be forwarded by the clerk of the court on or before the next judicial day to the appropriate law enforcement agency specified in the order.

Upon receipt of the order, the law enforcement agency shall forthwith enter the order into any computer-based criminal intelligence information system available in this state used by law enforcement agencies to list outstanding warrants. The law enforcement agency shall expunge expired orders from the computer system. Entry into the law enforcement information system constitutes notice to all law enforcement agencies of the existence of the order. The order is fully enforceable in any county in the state.

(2) The information entered into the computer-based system shall include notice to law enforcement whether the order was personally served or served by publication. [1992 c 143 § 7; 1984 c 263 § 11.]

26.50.110 Violation of order—Penalties. (1) Whenever an order for protection is granted under this chapter and the respondent or person to be restrained knows of the order, a violation of the restraint provisions or of a provision excluding the person from a residence is a misdemeanor. Upon conviction, and in addition to any other penalties provided by law, the court may require that the respondent submit to electronic monitoring. The court shall specify who shall provide the electronic monitoring services, and the terms under which the monitoring shall be performed. The order also may include a requirement that the respondent pay the costs of the monitoring. The court shall consider the ability of the convicted person to pay for electronic monitoring.

(2) A peace officer shall arrest without a warrant and take into custody a person whom the peace officer has probable cause to believe has violated an order issued under this chapter that restrains the person or excludes the person from a residence, if the person restrained knows of the order.

(3) A violation of an order for protection shall also constitute contempt of court, and is subject to the penalties prescribed by law.

(4) Any assault that is a violation of an order issued under this chapter and that does not amount to assault in the first or second degree under RCW 9A.36.011 or 9A.36.021 is a class C felony, and any conduct in violation of a protective order issued under this chapter that is reckless and creates a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to another person is a class C felony.

(5) Upon the filing of an affidavit by the petitioner or any peace officer alleging that the respondent has violated an order for protection granted under this chapter, the court may

issue an order to the respondent, requiring the respondent to appear and show cause within fourteen days why the respondent should not be found in contempt of court and punished accordingly. The hearing may be held in the court of any county or municipality in which the petitioner or respondent temporarily or permanently resides at the time of the alleged violation. [1992 c 86 § 5; 1991 c 301 § 6; 1984 c 263 § 12.]

Finding—1991 c 301: See note following RCW 10.99.020.

26.50.115 Enforcement of ex parte order—Knowledge of order prerequisite to penalties—Reasonable efforts to serve copy of order. (1) When the court issues an ex parte order pursuant to RCW 26.50.070 or an order of protection ordered issued pursuant to RCW 26.50.060, the court shall advise the petitioner that the respondent may not be subjected to the penalties set forth in RCW 26.50.110 for a violation of the order unless the respondent knows of the order.

(2) When a peace officer investigates a report of an alleged violation of an order for protection issued under this chapter the officer shall attempt to determine whether the respondent knew of the existence of the protection order. If the officer determines that the respondent did not or probably did not know about the protection order, the officer shall make reasonable efforts to obtain a copy of the protection order and serve it on the respondent during the investigation. [1992 c 143 § 8.]

26.50.120 Violation of order—Prosecuting attorney or attorney for municipality may be requested to assist—Costs and attorney's fee. When a party alleging a violation of an order for protection issued under this chapter states that the party is unable to afford private counsel and asks the prosecuting attorney for the county or the attorney for the municipality in which the order was issued for assistance, the attorney shall initiate and prosecute a contempt proceeding if there is probable cause to believe that the violation occurred. In this action, the court may require the violator of the order to pay the costs incurred in bringing the action, including a reasonable attorney's fee. [1984 c 263 § 13.]

26.50.125 Service by publication—Costs. The court may permit service by publication under this chapter only if the petitioner pays the cost of publication unless the county legislative authority allocates funds for service of process by publication for petitioners who are granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis. [1992 c 143 § 9.]

26.50.130 Order—Modification—Transmittal. Upon application with notice to all parties and after a hearing, the court may modify the terms of an existing order for protection. In any situation where an order is terminated or modified before its expiration date, the clerk of the court shall forward on or before the next judicial day a true copy of the modified order or the termination order to the appropriate law enforcement agency specified in the modified or termination order. Upon receipt of the order, the law enforcement agency shall promptly enter it in the law enforcement information system. [1984 c 263 § 14.]

26.50.140 Peace officers—Immunity. No peace officer may be held criminally or civilly liable for making an arrest under RCW 26.50.110 if the police officer acts in good faith and without malice. [1984 c 263 § 17.]

26.50.150 Domestic violence perpetrator programs. The department of social and health services shall adopt rules for standards of approval of domestic violence perpetrator programs that accept perpetrators of domestic violence into treatment to satisfy court orders or that represent the programs as ones that treat domestic violence perpetrators. The treatment must meet the following minimum qualifications:

(1) All treatment must be based upon a full, complete clinical intake including: Current and past violence history; a lethality risk assessment; a complete diagnostic evaluation; a substance abuse assessment; criminal history; assessment of cultural issues, learning disabilities, literacy, and special language needs; and a treatment plan that adequately and appropriately addresses the treatment needs of the individual.

(2) To facilitate communication necessary for periodic safety checks and case monitoring, the program must require the perpetrator to sign the following releases:

(a) A release for the program to inform the victim and victim's community and legal advocates that the perpetrator is in treatment with the program, and to provide information, for safety purposes, to the victim and victim's community and legal advocates;

(b) A release to prior and current treatment agencies to provide information on the perpetrator to the program; and

(c) A release for the program to provide information on the perpetrator to relevant legal entities including: Lawyers, courts, parole, probation, child protective services, and child welfare services.

(3) Treatment must be for a minimum treatment period defined by the secretary of the department by rule. The weekly treatment sessions must be in a group unless there is a documented, clinical reason for another modality. Any other therapies, such as individual, marital, or family therapy, substance abuse evaluations or therapy, medication reviews, or psychiatric interviews, may be concomitant with the weekly group treatment sessions described in this section but not a substitute for it.

(4) The treatment must focus primarily on ending the violence, holding the perpetrator accountable for his or her violence, and changing his or her behavior. The treatment must be based on nonvictim-blaming strategies and philosophies and shall include education about the individual, family, and cultural dynamics of domestic violence.

(5) Satisfactory completion of treatment must be contingent upon the perpetrator meeting specific criteria, defined by rule by the secretary of the department, and not just upon the end of a certain period of time or a certain number of sessions.

(6) The program must have policies and procedures for dealing with reoffenses and noncompliance.

(7) All evaluation and treatment services must be provided by, or under the supervision of, qualified personnel.

(8) The secretary of the department may adopt rules and establish fees as necessary to implement this section. [1991 c 301 § 7.]

Finding—1991 c 301: See note following RCW 10.99.020.

26.50.200 Title to real estate—Effect. Nothing in this chapter may affect the title to real estate: PROVIDED, That a judgment for costs or fees awarded under this chapter shall constitute a lien on real estate to the extent provided in chapter 4.56 RCW. [1985 c 303 § 7; 1984 c 263 § 15.]

26.50.210 Proceedings additional. Any proceeding under *this act is in addition to other civil or criminal remedies. [1984 c 263 § 16.]

***Reviser's note:** For translation of "this act" [1984 c 263] see Codification Tables, Volume 0.

26.50.220 Parenting plan—Designation of parent for other state and federal purposes. Solely for the purposes of all other state and federal statutes which require a designation or determination of custody, a parenting plan shall designate the parent with whom the child is scheduled to reside a majority of the time as the custodian of the child. However, this designation shall not affect either parent's rights and responsibilities under the parenting plan. In the absence of such a designation, the parent with whom the child is scheduled to reside the majority of the time shall be deemed to be the custodian of the child for the purposes of such federal and state statutes. [1989 c 375 § 26.]

Severability—1989 c 375: See RCW 26.09.914.

26.50.900 Short title. This chapter may be cited as the "Domestic Violence Prevention Act". [1984 c 263 § 1.]

26.50.901 Effective date—1984 c 263. Sections 1 through 29 of this act shall take effect on September 1, 1984. [1984 c 263 § 32.]

26.50.902 Severability—1984 c 263. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1984 c 263 § 33.]

26.50.903 Severability—1992 c 111. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1992 c 111 § 14.]

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27.04.010 Library created. There shall be a state library, and a state librarian as the chief executive officer in charge thereof. [1943 c 207 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1943 § 8225-1. Prior: See Reviser's note below.]

Reviser's note: For prior laws on this subject, see Laws 1929 c 159; 1921 c 7 § 13; 1913 c 72; 1903 c 171; 1901 c 43 and 46; 1893 c 63; 1891 c 37; Code 1881 §§ 2588-2613.

27.04.020 Library commission created—Terms, vacancies—Compensation and travel expenses. A state library commission is hereby created which shall consist of the superintendent of public instruction, who shall be ex officio chairman of the commission, and four commissioners appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a library trustee at the time of appointment and one a certified librarian actually engaged in library work at the time of appointment. The first appointments shall be for terms of one, two, three, and four years respectively, and thereafter one commissioner shall be appointed each year to serve for a four year term. Vacancies shall be filled by appointments for the unexpired terms. Each commissioner shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the actual performance of their duties in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. [1984 c 287 § 58; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34 § 66; 1967 c 198 § 1; 1963 c 202 § 1; 1961 c 45 § 1; 1941 c 5 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 10771-2. Prior: See Reviser's note following RCW 27.04.010.]

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Effective date—Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34: See notes following RCW 2.08.115.

27.04.030 Duties of commission—Qualifications of librarians. The state library commission:

(1) May make such rules under chapter 34.05 RCW as may be deemed necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

(2) Shall set general policy direction pursuant to the provisions of this chapter;

(3) Shall appoint a state librarian who shall serve at the pleasure of the commission;

(4) Shall adopt a recommended budget and submit it to the governor;

(5) Shall have authority to contract with any agency of the state of Washington for the purpose of providing library materials, supplies, and equipment and employing assistants as needed for the development, growth, and operation of any library facilities or services of such agency;

(6) Shall have authority to contract with any public library in the state for that library to render library service to the blind and/or physically handicapped throughout the state. The state library commission shall have authority to compensate such public library for the cost of the service it renders under such contract;

(7) May adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW for the allocation of any grants of state, federal, or private funds for library purposes;

(8) Shall have authority to accept and to expend in accordance with the terms thereof any grant of federal or private funds which may become available to the state for library purposes. For the purpose of qualifying to receive

such grants, the state library commission is authorized to make such applications and reports as may be required by the federal government or appropriate private entity as a condition thereto;

(9) Shall have the authority to provide for the sale of library material in accordance with RCW 27.12.305; and

(10) Shall have authority to establish rules and regulations for, and prescribe and hold examinations to test, the qualifications of those seeking certificates as librarians.

(a) The commission shall grant librarians' certificates without examination to applicants who are graduates of library schools accredited by the American library association for general library training, and shall grant certificates to other applicants when it has satisfied itself by examination that the applicant has attainments and abilities equivalent to those of a library school graduate and is qualified to carry on library work ably and efficiently.

(b) The commission shall require a fee of not less than one dollar nor greater than that required to recover the costs associated with the application to be paid by each applicant for a librarian's certificate. Money paid as fees shall be deposited with the state treasurer.

(c) A library serving a community having over four thousand population shall not have in its employ, in the position of librarian or in any other full-time professional library position, a person who does not hold a librarian's certificate issued by the commission or its predecessor.

(d) A full-time professional library position, as intended by this subsection, is one that requires, in the opinion of the commission, a knowledge of books and of library technique equivalent to that required for graduation from an accredited library school.

(e) The provisions of this subsection apply to every library serving a community having over four thousand population and to every library operated by the state or under its authority, including libraries of institutions of higher learning: PROVIDED, That nothing in this subsection applies to the state law library or to county law libraries. [1987 c 330 § 401; 1986 c 79 § 1; 1984 c 152 § 1; 1943 c 207 § 2; 1941 c 5 § 2; Rem. Supp. 1943 § 10771-3. Prior: See Reviser's note following RCW 27.04.010.]

Construction—Application of rules—Severability—1987 c 330: See notes following RCW 28B.12.050.

27.04.045 Duties of commission—Responsibility for certain functions—Expiration of subsection. The state library commission shall be responsible for the following functions:

(1) Maintaining a library at the state capitol grounds to effectively provide library and information services to members of the legislature, state officials, and state employees in connection with their official duties;

(2) Acquiring and making available information, publications, and source materials that pertain to the history of the state;

(3) Serving as the depository for newspapers published in the state of Washington thus providing a central location for a valuable historical record for scholarly, personal, and commercial reference and circulation;

(4) Collecting and distributing copies of state publications by ensuring that:

(a) The state library collects and makes available as part of its collection copies of any state publication, as defined in RCW 40.06.010, prepared by any state agency whenever fifteen or more copies are prepared for distribution. The state library commission, on recommendation of the state librarian, may provide by rule for deposit with the state library of up to three copies of such publication; and

(b) The state library maintains a division to serve as state publications distribution center, as provided in chapter 40.06 RCW;

(5) Providing advisory services to state agencies regarding their information needs;

(6) Providing for library and information service to residents and staff of state-supported residential institutions;

(7) Providing for library and information services to persons throughout the state who are blind and/or physically handicapped;

(8) Assisting individuals and groups such as libraries, library boards, governing bodies, and citizens throughout the state toward the establishment and development of library services;

(9) Making studies and surveys of library needs in order to provide, expand, enlarge, and otherwise improve access to library facilities and services throughout the state;

(10) Serving as a primary interlibrary loan, information, reference, and referral center for all libraries in the state;

(11) Assisting in the provision of direct library and information services to individuals;

(12) Overseeing of the Washington library network in accordance with chapters 27.26 and 43.105 RCW. This subsection shall expire on June 30, 1997. [1989 c 96 § 7; 1984 c 152 § 2.]

Findings—1989 c 96: See note following RCW 27.26.010.

Severability—1989 c 96: See RCW 27.26.900.

27.04.050 Duties of librarian. The state librarian shall advise the commission and shall be responsible for implementing policy set by the commission; shall be responsible for the general management and administration of the state library; shall have the authority to acquire library materials, equipment, and supplies by purchase, exchange, gift, or otherwise; and shall have the authority to employ and terminate personnel in accordance with chapter 41.06 RCW as may be necessary to implement the purposes of this chapter and the directions of the state library commission. [1984 c 152 § 3; 1943 c 207 § 3; Rem. Supp. 1943 § 8225-2. Prior: See Reviser's note following RCW 27.04.010.]

State reports to be filed with state library: RCW 40.07.030.

27.04.080 Sale of library materials authorized—Disposition of proceeds. See RCW 27.12.305.

27.04.100 Reimbursement of employees for offender or resident assaults. (1) In recognition of prison overcrowding and the hazardous nature of employment in state institutions and offices, the legislature hereby provides a supplementary program to reimburse employees of the state library for some of their costs attributable to their being the victims of offender or resident assaults. This program shall be limited to the reimbursement provided in this section.

(2) An employee is only entitled to receive the reimbursement provided in this section if the state librarian, or the state librarian's designee, finds that each of the following has occurred:

° (a) An offender or resident has assaulted the employee while the employee is performing the employee's official duties and as a result thereof the employee has sustained injuries which have required the employee to miss days of work; and

(b) The assault cannot be attributable to any extent to the employee's negligence, misconduct, or failure to comply with any rules or conditions of employment.

(3) The reimbursement authorized under this section shall be as follows:

(a) The employee's accumulated sick leave days shall not be reduced for the workdays missed;

(b) For each workday missed for which the employee is not eligible to receive compensation under chapter 51.32 RCW, the employee shall receive full pay; and

(c) With respect to workdays missed for which the employee will receive or has received compensation under chapter 51.32 RCW, the employee shall be reimbursed in an amount which, when added to that compensation, will result in the employee receiving full pay for the workdays missed.

(4) Reimbursement under this section may not last longer than three hundred sixty-five consecutive days after the date of the injury.

(5) The employee shall not be entitled to the reimbursement provided in subsection (3) of this section for any workday for which the state librarian, or the state librarian's designee, finds that the employee has not diligently pursued his or her compensation remedies under chapter 51.32 RCW.

(6) The reimbursement shall only be made for absences which the state librarian, or the state librarian's designee, believes are justified.

(7) While the employee is receiving reimbursement under this section, he or she shall continue to be classified as a state employee and the reimbursement amount shall be considered as salary or wages.

(8) All reimbursement payments required to be made to employees under this section shall be made by the state library. The payments shall be considered as a salary or wage expense and shall be paid by the state library in the same manner and from the same appropriations as other salary and wage expenses of the state library.

(9) Should the legislature revoke the reimbursement authorized under this section or repeal this section, no affected employee is entitled thereafter to receive the reimbursement as a matter of contractual right.

(10) For the purposes of this section, "offender or resident" means: (a) Inmate as defined in RCW 72.09.020, (b) offender as defined in RCW 9.94A.030, (c) any other person in the custody of or subject to the jurisdiction of the department of corrections, or (d) a resident of a state institution. [1990 c 68 § 1.]

27.04.110 Learn-in-libraries program. (1) The learn-in-libraries program is hereby created. The state library commission shall administer the program.

(2) The state library commission may provide grants, with funds appropriated for that purpose, to local libraries to

develop and implement learn-in-library programs that provide after school and vacation programs for children. Grant applicants shall be encouraged to develop programs that use older adult volunteers and other community volunteer resources. The programs shall be designed to increase literacy, improve reading skills, encourage reading, and provide homework assistance for school-age children who would otherwise be unsupervised. Applicants shall be encouraged to develop innovative models to provide services.

(3) In addition to grants provided under subsection (2) of this section, the state library commission may provide grants, with funds appropriated for that purpose, to local libraries to develop and implement other innovative programs for children throughout the year. Programs may be developed in cooperation with a school district and occur during the school day. Programs shall be designed to provide services to children or to help provide training to parents or other persons working with children in order to increase literacy, encourage reading, promote reading readiness, and improve reading and other learning skills. The commission shall encourage grant applicants to develop programs that use older adult volunteers and other community volunteer resources and to develop innovative models to provide services.

(4) The state library commission shall report to the legislature on the results of the program by December 1, 1991. [1991 c 91 § 1; 1990 c 290 § 2.]

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27.12.010 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

- (1) "Governmental unit" means any county, city, town, rural county library district, intercounty rural library district, rural partial-county library district, or island library district;
- (2) "Legislative body" means the body authorized to determine the amount of taxes to be levied in a governmental unit; in rural county library districts, in intercounty rural library districts, and in island library districts, the legislative body shall be the board of library trustees of the district;
- (3) "Library" means a free public library supported in whole or in part with money derived from taxation;
- (4) "Regional library" means a free public library maintained by two or more counties or other governmental units as provided in RCW 27.12.080;
- (5) "Rural county library district" means a library serving all the area of a county not included within the area of incorporated cities and towns: PROVIDED, That any city or town with a population of one hundred thousand or less

at the time of annexation may be included therein as provided in RCW 27.12.360 through 27.12.390;

(6) "Intercounty rural library district" means a municipal corporation organized to provide library service for all areas outside of incorporated cities and towns within two or more counties: PROVIDED, That any city or town with a population of one hundred thousand or less at the time of annexation may be included therein as provided in RCW 27.12.360 through 27.12.390;

(7) "Island library district" means a municipal corporation organized to provide library service for all areas outside of incorporated cities and towns on a single island only, and not all of the area of the county, in counties composed entirely of islands and having a population of less than twenty-five thousand at the time the island library district was created: PROVIDED, That any city or town with a population of one hundred thousand or less at the time of annexation may be included therein as provided in RCW 27.12.360 through 27.12.390; and

(8) "Rural partial-county library district" means a municipal corporation organized to provide library service for a portion of the unincorporated area of a county. Any city or town located in the same county as a rural partial-county library district may annex to the district if the city or town has a population of one hundred thousand or less at the time of annexation. [1994 c 198 § 1; 1993 c 284 § 2; 1982 c 123 § 1; 1981 c 26 § 1; 1977 ex.s. c 353 § 5; 1965 c 122 § 1; 1947 c 75 § 10; 1941 c 65 § 1; 1935 c 119 § 2; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 8226-2.]

27.12.020 Policy of state. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state, as a part of its provision for public education, to promote the establishment and development of public library service throughout its various subdivisions. [1935 c 119 § 1; RRS § 8226-1. FORMER PART OF SECTION: 1941 c 65 § 2; 1935 c 119 § 3; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 8226-3 now codified as RCW 27.12.025.]

27.12.025 Authorization. Any governmental unit has power to establish and maintain a library, either by itself or in cooperation with one or more other governmental units. [1941 c 65 § 2; 1935 c 119 § 3; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 8226-3. Formerly RCW 27.12.020, part.]

27.12.030 Libraries, how established. A library may be established in any county, city, or town either (1) by its legislative body of its own initiative; or (2) upon the petition of one hundred taxpayers of such a governmental unit, the legislative body shall submit to a vote of the qualified electors thereof, at the next municipal or special election held therein (in the case of a city or town) or the next general election or special election held therein (in the case of a county), the question whether a library shall be established; and if a majority of the electors voting on the question vote in favor of the establishment of a library, the legislative body shall forthwith establish one. [1965 c 122 § 2; 1941 c 65 § 3; 1935 c 119 § 4; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 8226-4. Prior: 1915 c 12 § 1; 1913 c 123 § 1; 1909 c 116 § 1; 1901 c 166 § 1.]

27.12.040 Rural library districts—Establishment.

The procedure for the establishment of a rural county library district shall be as follows:

(1) Petitions signed by at least ten percent of the registered voters of the county who voted in the last general election, outside of the area of incorporated cities and towns, asking that the question, "Shall a rural county library district be established?" be submitted to a vote of the people, shall be filed with the county legislative authority.

(2) The county legislative authority, after having determined that the petitions were signed by the requisite number of registered voters, shall place the proposition for the establishment of a rural county library district on the ballot for the vote of the people of the county, outside incorporated cities and towns, at the next succeeding general or special election.

(3) If a majority of those voting on the proposition vote in favor of the establishment of the rural county library district, the county legislative authority shall forthwith declare it established. [1990 c 259 § 1; 1955 c 59 § 4. Prior: 1947 c 75 § 11, part; 1943 c 251 § 1, part; 1941 c 65 § 4, part; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 8226-4a, part.]

Dissolution—Disposition of property: RCW 27.12.320.

Dissolution of island library district: RCW 27.12.450.

27.12.050 Rural library districts—Board of library trustees—Tax levies. After the board of county commissioners has declared a rural county library district established, it shall appoint a board of library trustees and provide funds for the establishment and maintenance of library service for the district by making a tax levy on the property in the district of not more than fifty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value per year sufficient for the library service as shown to be required by the budget submitted to the board of county commissioners by the board of library trustees, and by making a tax levy in such further amount as shall be authorized pursuant to RCW 27.12.222 or RCW 84.52.052 or 84.52.056. Such levies shall be a part of the general tax roll and shall be collected as a part of the general taxes against the property in the district. [1973 1st ex.s. c 195 § 5; 1955 c 59 § 5. Prior: 1947 c 75 § 11, part; 1943 c 251 § 1, part; 1941 c 65 § 4, part; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 8226-4a, part.]

Severability—Effective dates and termination dates—Construction—1973 1st ex.s. c 195: See notes following RCW 84.52.043.

Budget for capital outlays—Accumulation of funds: RCW 27.12.220.

Capital outlays—Bonds—Excess levies: RCW 27.12.222.

27.12.060 Rural library districts—General powers.

A rural county library district shall be a public corporation with such powers as are necessary to carry out its functions and for taxation purposes shall have the power vested in municipal corporations for such purposes. [1984 c 186 § 6; 1983 c 167 § 19; 1980 c 100 § 1; 1955 c 59 § 6. Prior: 1947 c 75 § 11, part; 1943 c 251 § 1, part; 1941 c 65 § 4, part; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 8226-4a, part.]

Purpose—1984 c 186: See note following RCW 39.46.110.

Liberal construction—Severability—1983 c 167: See RCW 39.46.010 and note following.

27.12.070 Rural county library districts or rural partial-county library districts—Disbursement of revenues and collection of taxes. The county treasurer of the county in which any rural county library district or rural partial-county library district is created shall receive and disburse all district revenues and collect all taxes levied under this chapter. [1993 c 284 § 3; 1984 c 186 § 7; 1973 1st ex.s. c 195 § 6; 1970 ex.s. c 42 § 2; 1955 c 59 § 7. Prior: 1947 c 75 § 11, part; 1943 c 251 § 1, part; 1941 c 65 § 4, part; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 8226-4a, part.]

Purpose—1984 c 186: See note following RCW 39.46.110.

Severability—Effective dates and termination dates—Construction—1973 1st ex.s. c 195: See notes following RCW 84.52.043.

Severability—Effective date—1970 ex.s. c 42: See notes following RCW 39.36.015.

Annual appropriations—Control of expenditures: RCW 27.12.240.

Capital outlays—General obligation bonds—Excess levies: RCW 27.12.222.

27.12.079 Disincorporation of district located in county with a population of two hundred ten thousand or more and inactive for five years. See chapter 57.90 RCW.

27.12.080 Regional libraries. Two or more counties, or other governmental units, by action of their legislative bodies, may join in establishing and maintaining a regional library under the terms of a contract to which all will agree. The expenses of the regional library shall be apportioned between or among the contracting parties concerned on such basis as shall be agreed upon in the contract. The treasurer of one of the governmental units, as shall be provided in the contract, shall have the custody of the funds of the regional library; and the treasurers of the other governmental units concerned shall transfer quarterly to him all moneys collected for free public library purposes in their respective governmental units. If the legislative body of any governmental unit decides to withdraw from a regional library contract, the governmental unit withdrawing shall be entitled to a division of the property on the basis of its contributions. [1941 c 65 § 5; 1935 c 119 § 5; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 8226-5.]

27.12.090 Intercounty rural library districts—Establishment. Intercounty rural library districts may be established to provide throughout several counties free public library service similar to that provided within a single county by a rural county library district. [1947 c 75 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 8246-1.]

Dissolution—Disposition of property: RCW 27.12.320.

27.12.100 Intercounty rural library districts—Establishment—Procedure. An intercounty rural library district shall be established by joint action of two or more counties proceeding by either of the following alternative methods:

(1) The boards of county commissioners of any two or more counties shall adopt identical resolutions proposing the formation of such a district to include all of the areas outside of incorporated cities or towns in such counties as may be designated in such resolutions. In lieu of such resolutions a petition of like purport signed by ten percent of the registered voters residing outside of incorporated cities or towns

of a county, may be filed with the county auditor thereof, and shall have the same effect as a resolution. The proposition for the formation of the district as stated on the petition shall be prepared by the attorney general upon request of the state library commission. Action to initiate the formation of such a district shall become ineffective in any county if corresponding action is not completed within one year thereafter by each other county included in such proposal. The county auditor in each county shall check the validity of the signatures on the petition and shall certify to the board of county commissioners the sufficiency of the signatures. If each petition contains the signatures of ten percent of the registered voters residing outside the incorporated cities and towns of the county, each board of county commissioners shall pass a resolution calling an election for the purpose of submitting the question to the voters and setting the date of said election. When such action has been taken in each of the counties involved, notification shall be made by each board of county commissioners to the board of county commissioners of the county having the largest population according to the last federal census, who shall give proper notification to each county auditor. At the next general or special election held in the respective counties there shall be submitted to the voters in the areas outside of incorporated cities and towns a question as to whether an intercounty rural library district shall be established as outlined in the resolutions or petitions. Notice of said election shall be given the county auditor pursuant to RCW 29.27.080. The county auditor shall provide for the printing of a separate ballot and shall provide for the distribution of ballots to the polling places pursuant to RCW 29.04.020. The county auditor shall instruct the election boards in split precincts. The respective county canvassing boards in each county to be included within the intercounty rural library district shall canvass the votes and certify the results to the county auditor pursuant to chapter 29.62 RCW; the result shall then be certified by each county auditor to the county auditor of the county having the largest population according to the last federal census. If a majority of the electors voting on the proposition in each of the counties affected shall vote in favor of such district it shall thereby become established, and the board of county commissioners of the county having the largest population according to the last federal census shall declare the intercounty rural library district established. If two or more of the counties affected are in an existing intercounty rural library district, then the electors in areas outside incorporated cities and towns in those counties shall vote as a unit and the electors in areas outside incorporated cities and towns in each of the other affected counties shall vote as separate units. If a majority of the electors voting on the proposition in the existing district and a majority of the voters in any of the other affected counties shall vote in favor of an expanded intercounty rural library district it shall thereby become established.

(2) The county commissioners of two or more counties meeting in joint session attended by a majority of the county commissioners of each county may, by majority vote of those present, order the establishment of an intercounty rural library district to include all of the area outside of incorporated cities and towns in as many of the counties represented at such joint meeting as shall be determined by resolution of such joint meeting. If two or more counties are in an

existing intercounty rural library district, then a majority vote of all of the commissioners present from those counties voting as a unit, and a majority vote of the commissioners present from any other county shall cause the joint session to order the establishment of an expanded intercounty rural library district. No county, however, shall be included in such district if a majority of its county commissioners vote against its inclusion in such district. [1965 c 63 § 1; 1961 c 82 § 1; 1947 c 75 § 2; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 8246-2.]

27.12.110 Intercounty rural library districts—Expansion of existing districts. An existing rural county library district may be expanded into an intercounty rural library district or an established intercounty rural library district may be expanded to include additional counties by joint action of all counties included in the proposed expanded district taken in the same manner as prescribed for the initiation of an intercounty rural library district. [1947 c 75 § 3; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 8246-3.]

27.12.120 Intercounty rural library districts—Assumption of property, assets, liabilities. All property, assets and liabilities of preexisting library districts within the area included in an intercounty rural library district shall pass to and be assumed by an intercounty rural library district: PROVIDED, That where within any intercounty rural library district heretofore or hereafter organized under the provisions of this chapter a preexisting library district had incurred a bonded indebtedness which was outstanding at the time of the formation of the intercounty rural library district, such preexisting library district shall retain its corporate existence insofar as is necessary for the purpose until the bonded indebtedness outstanding against it on and after the effective date of said formation has been paid in full: PROVIDED FURTHER, That a special election may be called by the board of trustees of the intercounty rural library district, to be held at the next general or special election held in the respective counties for the purpose of affording the voters residing within the area outside of the preexisting library district an opportunity to assume the obligation of the bonded indebtedness of the preexisting library district or the question may be submitted to the voters as a separate proposition at the election on the proposal for the formation of the intercounty rural library district. [1961 c 82 § 2; 1947 c 75 § 4; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 8246-4.]

27.12.130 Intercounty rural library districts—Board of trustees. Immediately following the establishment of an intercounty rural library district the boards of county commissioners of the counties affected shall jointly appoint a board of five or seven trustees for the district in accordance with RCW 27.12.190. The board of trustees shall appoint a librarian for the district. [1959 c 133 § 1; 1947 c 75 § 5; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 8246-5.]

27.12.140 Intercounty rural library districts—Name may be adopted. The board of trustees of an intercounty rural library district may adopt a name by which the district shall be known and under which it shall transact all of its business. [1947 c 75 § 6; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 8246-6.]

27.12.150 Intercounty rural library districts—Tax levies. Funds for the establishment and maintenance of the library service of the district shall be provided by the boards of county commissioners of the respective counties by means of an annual tax levy on the property in the district of not more than fifty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value per year. The tax levy in the several counties shall be at a uniform rate and shall be based on a budget to be compiled by the board of trustees of the intercounty rural library district who shall determine the uniform tax rate necessary and certify their determination to the respective boards of county commissioners.

Excess levies authorized pursuant to RCW 27.12.222 and RCW 84.52.052 or 84.52.056 shall be at a uniform rate which uniform rate shall be determined by the board of trustees of the intercounty rural library district and certified to the respective boards of county commissioners. [1973 1st ex.s. c 195 § 7; 1955 c 59 § 8; 1947 c 75 § 7; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 8246-7.]

Severability—Effective dates and termination dates—Construction—1973 1st ex.s. c 195: See notes following RCW 84.52.043.
Budget for capital outlays—Accumulation of funds: RCW 27.12.220.
Capital outlays—Bonds—Excess levies: RCW 27.12.222.

27.12.160 Intercounty rural library districts—District treasurer. The board of trustees of an intercounty rural library district shall designate the county treasurer of one of the counties included in the district to act as treasurer for the district. All moneys raised for the district by taxation within the participating counties or received by the district from any other sources shall be paid over to him, and he shall disburse the funds of the district upon warrants drawn thereon by the auditor of the county to which he belongs pursuant to vouchers approved by the trustees of the district. [1947 c 75 § 8; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 8246-8.]

Annual expenditures—Control of appropriations: RCW 27.12.240.

27.12.170 Intercounty rural library districts—Powers of board—Procedures. Except as otherwise specifically provided intercounty rural library districts and the trustees thereof shall have the same powers as are prescribed by RCW 27.12.040 through 27.12.070, for rural county library districts and shall follow the same procedures and be subject to the same limitations as are provided therein with respect to the contracting of indebtedness. [1947 c 75 § 9; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 8246-9.]

27.12.180 Contracts for library service. Instead of establishing or maintaining an independent library, the legislative body of any governmental unit authorized to maintain a library shall have power to contract to receive library service from an existing library, the board of trustees of which shall have reciprocal power to contract to render the service with the consent of the legislative body of its governmental unit. Such a contract shall require that the existing library perform all the functions of a library within the governmental unit wanting service. In like manner a legislative body may contract for library service from a library not owned by a public corporation but maintained for free public use: PROVIDED, That such a library be subject to inspection by the state librarian and be certified by him as

maintaining a proper standard. Any school district may contract for school library service from any existing library, such service to be paid for from funds available to the school district for library purposes. [1941 c 65 § 6; 1935 c 119 § 7; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 8226-7.]

27.12.190 Library trustees—Appointment, election, removal, compensation. The management and control of a library shall be vested in a board of either five or seven trustees as hereinafter in this section provided. In cities and towns five trustees shall be appointed by the mayor with the consent of the legislative body. In counties, rural county library districts, and island library districts, five trustees shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners. In a regional library district a board of either five or seven trustees shall be appointed by the joint action of the legislative bodies concerned. In intercounty rural library districts a board of either five or seven trustees shall be appointed by the joint action of the boards of county commissioners of each of the counties included in a district. The first appointments for boards comprised of but five trustees shall be for terms of one, two, three, four, and five years respectively, and thereafter a trustee shall be appointed annually to serve for five years. The first appointments for boards comprised of seven trustees shall be for terms of one, two, three, four, five, six, and seven years respectively, and thereafter a trustee shall be appointed annually to serve for seven years. No person shall be appointed to any board of trustees for more than two consecutive terms. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms as soon as possible in the manner in which members of the board are regularly chosen.

A library trustee shall not receive a salary or other compensation for services as trustee, but necessary expenses actually incurred shall be paid from the library funds.

A library trustee in the case of a city or town may be removed only by vote of the legislative body. A trustee of a county library, a rural county library district library, or an island library district library may be removed for just cause by the county commissioners after a public hearing upon a written complaint stating the ground for removal, which complaint, with a notice of the time and place of hearing, shall have been served upon the trustee at least fifteen days before the hearing. A trustee of an intercounty rural library district may be removed by the joint action of the board of county commissioners of the counties involved in the same manner as provided herein for the removal of a trustee of a county library. [1982 c 123 § 8; 1981 c 26 § 2; 1965 c 122 § 3; 1959 c 133 § 2; 1947 c 75 § 12; 1941 c 65 § 7; 1939 c 108 § 1; 1935 c 119 § 8; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 8226-8. Prior: 1915 c 12 § 2; 1909 c 116 § 4; 1901 c 166 § 4. Formerly RCW 27.12.190 and 27.12.200.]

27.12.210 Library trustees—Organization—Bylaws—Powers and duties. The trustees, immediately after their appointment or election, shall meet and organize by the election of such officers as they deem necessary. They shall:

(1) Adopt such bylaws, rules, and regulations for their own guidance and for the government of the library as they deem expedient;

(2) Have the supervision, care, and custody of all property of the library, including the rooms or buildings constructed, leased, or set apart therefor;

(3) Employ a librarian, and upon his recommendation employ such other assistants as may be necessary, all in accordance with the provisions of *RCW 27.08.010, prescribe their duties, fix their compensation, and remove them for cause;

(4) Submit annually to the legislative body a budget containing estimates in detail of the amount of money necessary for the library for the ensuing year; except that in a library district the board of library trustees shall prepare its budget, certify the same and deliver it to the board of county commissioners in ample time for it to make the tax levies for the purpose of the district;

(5) Have exclusive control of the finances of the library;

(6) Accept such gifts of money or property for library purposes as they deem expedient;

(7) Lease or purchase land for library buildings;

(8) Lease, purchase, or erect an appropriate building or buildings for library purposes, and acquire such other property as may be needed therefor;

(9) Purchase books, periodicals, maps, and supplies for the library; and

(10) Do all other acts necessary for the orderly and efficient management and control of the library. [1982 c 123 § 9; 1941 c 65 § 8; 1935 c 119 § 9; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 8226-9. Prior: 1909 c 116 § 5; 1901 c 166 § 5.]

*Reviser's note: RCW 27.08.010 was repealed by 1987 c 330 § 402. See RCW 27.04.030(10) for qualifications of librarians.

27.12.215 Job recruitment expenditures authorized.

The trustees of a library or a library district have the authority to spend funds to recruit job candidates. The trustees have the authority to reimburse job candidates for reasonable and necessary travel expenses including transportation, subsistence, and lodging. [1979 ex.s. c 40 § 1.]

27.12.220 Rural, island, and intercounty rural districts—Budget for capital outlays—Accumulation of funds. The trustees of any rural county library district, any island library district, or any intercounty rural library district may include in the annual budget of such district an item for the accumulation during such year of a specified sum of money to be expended in a future year for the acquisition, enlargement or improvement of real or personal property for library purposes. [1982 c 123 § 10; 1947 c 22 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 8246a.]

27.12.222 Rural, island, and intercounty rural districts—General obligation bonds—Excess levies. A rural county library district, intercounty rural library district, or island library district may contract indebtedness and issue general obligation bonds not to exceed an amount, together with any outstanding nonvoter approved general obligation indebtedness, equal to one-tenth of one percent of the value of the taxable property within the district, as the term "value of the taxable property" is defined in RCW 39.36.015. The maximum term of nonvoter approved general obligation bonds shall not exceed six years. A rural county library district, island library district, or intercounty rural library dis-

trict may additionally contract indebtedness and issue general obligation bonds for capital purposes only, together with any outstanding general indebtedness, not to exceed an amount equal to one-half of one percent of the value of the taxable property within the district, as the term "value of the taxable property" is defined in RCW 39.36.015 whenever a proposition authorizing the issuance of such bonds has been approved by the voters of the district pursuant to RCW 39.36.050, by three-fifths of the persons voting on the proposition at which election the number of persons voting on the proposition shall constitute not less than forty percent of the total number of votes cast in such taxing district at the last preceding general election. If the voters shall so authorize at an election held pursuant to RCW 39.36.050, the district may levy annual taxes in excess of normal legal limitations to pay the principal and interest upon such bonds as they shall become due. The excess levies mentioned in this section or in RCW 84.52.052 or 84.52.056 may be made notwithstanding anything contained in RCW 27.12.050 or 27.12.150 or any other statute pertaining to such library districts. [1984 c 186 § 8; 1982 c 123 § 11; 1970 ex.s. c 42 § 3; 1955 c 59 § 1.]

Purpose—1984 c 186: See note following RCW 39.46.110.

Severability—Effective date—1970 ex.s. c 42: See notes following RCW 39.36.015.

Island library districts—Tax levies: RCW 27.12.420.

27.12.223 Bonds—Sale—Security for deposit.

Bonds authorized by RCW 27.12.222 shall be issued and sold in accordance with chapter 39.46 RCW. All such bonds shall be legal securities for any bank or trust company for deposit with the state treasurer or any county or city treasurer as security for deposits in lieu of a surety bond under any law relating to deposits of public moneys. [1984 c 186 § 9; 1983 c 167 § 20; 1970 ex.s. c 56 § 6; 1969 ex.s. c 232 § 4; 1955 c 59 § 2.]

Purpose—1984 c 186: See note following RCW 39.46.110.

Liberal construction—Severability—1983 c 167: See RCW 39.46.010 and note following.

Purpose—1970 ex.s. c 56: See note following RCW 39.52.020.

Validation—Saving—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 232: See notes following RCW 39.52.020.

27.12.240 Annual appropriations—Control of expenditures.

After a library shall have been established or library service contracted for, the legislative body of the governmental unit for which the library was established or the service engaged, shall appropriate money annually for the support of the library. All funds for the library, whether derived from taxation or otherwise, shall be in the custody of the treasurer of the governmental unit, and shall be designated by him in some manner for identification, and shall not be used for any but library purposes. The board of trustees shall have the exclusive control of expenditures for library purposes subject to any examination of accounts required by the state and money shall be paid for library purposes only upon vouchers of the board of trustees, without further audit. The board shall not make expenditures or incur indebtedness in any year in excess of the amount of money appropriated and/or available for library purposes. [1965 c 122 § 4; 1941 c 65 § 9; 1939 c 108 § 3; 1935 c 119

§ 10; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 8226-10. Prior: 1909 c 116 § 3; 1901 c 166 § 3. Formerly RCW 27.12.240 and 27.12.250.]

27.12.260 Annual report of trustees. At the close of each year the board of trustees of every library shall make a report to the legislative body of the governmental unit wherein the board serves, showing the condition of their trust during the year, the sums of money received for the library fund from taxes and other sources, the sums of money expended and the purposes of the expenditures, the number of books and periodicals on hand, the number added during the year, the number retired, the number loaned out, and such other statistics and information and such suggestions as they deem of public interest. A copy of this report shall be filed with the state librarian. [1935 c 119 § 12; RRS § 8226-12. Prior: 1909 c 116 § 8; 1901 c 166 § 8.]

27.12.270 Rules and regulations—Free use of libraries. Every library established or maintained under *this act shall be free for the use of the inhabitants of the governmental unit in which it is located, subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the trustees find necessary to assure the greatest benefit to the greatest number, except that the trustees may charge a reasonable fee for the use of certain duplicate copies of popular books. [1935 c 119 § 13; RRS § 8226-13. Prior: 1909 c 116 § 9, part; 1901 c 166 § 9, part.]

***Reviser's note:** Term "this act" was first used in basic act, 1935 c 119 and appeared in subsequent amendments. Chapter 119, Laws of 1935 was codified in RCW 27.08.010, 27.12.010 through 27.12.080, 27.12.180 through 27.12.210, 27.12.230 through 27.12.280, 27.12.290 through 27.12.320, 27.12.330, and 27.12.340.

27.12.280 Use by nonresidents—Exchange of books. The board of trustees of a library, under such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary and upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, may allow nonresidents of the governmental unit in which the library is situated to use the books thereof, and may make exchanges of books with any other library, either permanently or temporarily. [1935 c 119 § 14; RRS § 8226-14. Prior: 1909 c 116 § 10; 1901 c 166 § 10.]

27.12.285 Library services for Indian tribes. The legislature finds that it is necessary to give the several boards of library trustees in this state additional powers in order to effectuate the state's policy with regard to libraries as set forth in RCW 27.12.020. On and after March 27, 1975 the board of library trustees in any county of this state, in addition to any other powers and duties, is hereby authorized to provide library services to Indian tribes recognized as such by the federal government or to supplement any existing library services of such an Indian tribe. The power granted by this section shall extend beyond the geographic limits of the library district and the county or counties in which the district is located. [1975 c 50 § 1.]

27.12.290 Violators may be excluded. A board of library trustees may exclude from the use of the library under its charge any person who wilfully and persistently violates any rule or regulation prescribed for the use of the

library or its facilities or any person whose physical condition is deemed dangerous or offensive to other library users. [1935 c 119 § 15; RRS § 8226-15. Prior: 1909 c 116 § 9, part; 1901 c 166 § 9, part.]

27.12.300 Gifts—Title to property. The title to money or property given to or for the use or benefit of a library shall vest in the board of trustees, to be held and used according to the terms of the gift. [1935 c 119 § 18; RRS § 8226-18. Prior: 1909 c 116 § 20; 1901 c 166 § 20.]

27.12.305 Sale of library materials authorized—Disposition of proceeds. Any public library, including the state library created pursuant to chapter 27.04 RCW, shall have the authority to provide for the sale of library materials developed by the library staff for its use but which are of value to others such as book catalogs, books published by the library, indexes, films, slides, book lists, and similar materials.

The library commission, board of library trustees, or other governing authority charged with the direct control of a public library shall determine the prices and quantities of materials to be prepared and offered for sale. Prices shall be limited to the publishing and preparation costs, exclusive of staff salaries and overhead. Any moneys received from the sales of such materials shall be placed in the appropriate library fund.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize any library to charge any resident for a library service nor to authorize any library to sell materials to a branch library or library which is part of a depository library system when such materials may be distributed free of cost to such library nor shall this section be construed to prevent, curtail, or inhibit any free distribution programs or exchange programs between libraries or between libraries and other agencies. [1972 ex.s. c 90 § 1.]

27.12.310 Charter provisions superseded. Every existing free public library shall be considered as if established under *this act, and the board of trustees and the legislative body of the governmental unit in which the library is located shall proceed forthwith to make such changes as may be necessary to effect compliance with the terms hereof; and every existing contract for library service shall continue in force and be subject to *this act until the contract be terminated or a library be established by the governmental unit for which the service was engaged. The provisions of *this act shall be construed as superseding the provisions of any municipal charter in conflict herewith. [1935 c 119 § 19; RRS § 8226-19.]

***Reviser's note:** "This act," see note following RCW 27.12.270.

27.12.320 Dissolution—Disposition of property. A library established or maintained under this chapter (except a regional or a rural county library district library, an intercounty rural library district library, or an island library district library) may be abolished only in pursuance of a vote of the electors of the governmental unit in which the library is located, taken in the manner prescribed in RCW 27.12.030 for a vote upon the establishment of a library. If a library of a city or town be abolished, the books and other printed

or written matter belonging to it shall go to the library of the county whereof the municipality is a part, if there be a county library, but if not, then to the state library. If a library of a county or region be abolished, the books and other printed matter belonging to it shall go to the state library. All other library property shall be disposed of as the legislative body of the governmental unit shall direct.

After a rural county library district, an island library district, or an intercounty rural library district has been in operation for three or more years, it may be dissolved pursuant to a majority vote of all of the qualified electors residing outside of incorporated cities and towns voting upon a proposition for its dissolution, at a general election, which proposition may be placed upon the ballot at any such election whenever a petition by ten percent or more qualified voters residing outside of incorporated cities or towns within a rural county library district, an island library district, or an intercounty rural library district requesting such dissolution shall be filed with the board of trustees of such district not less than ninety days prior to the holding of any such election. An island library district may also be dissolved pursuant to RCW 27.12.450.

If a rural county library district is dissolved, the books and other printed matter belonging to it shall go to the state library. All other library property shall be disposed of as the legislative body of the governmental unit shall direct. When an intercounty rural library district is dissolved, the books, funds and other property thereof shall be divided among the participating counties in the most equitable manner possible as determined by the state librarian, who shall give consideration to such items as the original source of property, the amount of funds raised from each county by the district, and the ability of the counties to make further use of such property or equipment for library purposes. Printed material which the state librarian finds will not be used by any of the participating counties for further library purposes shall be turned over to the state library.

When an island library district is dissolved pursuant to this section, the books and other printed matter belonging to it shall go to the state library. All other library property shall be disposed of as the legislative body of the governmental unit shall direct. When an island library district is dissolved due to the establishment of a county library district, pursuant to RCW 27.12.450, all property, assets, and liabilities of the preexisting island library district within the area included in the county rural library district shall pass to and be assumed by the county rural library district: **PROVIDED**, That where within any county rural library district heretofore or hereafter organized under the provisions of this chapter a preexisting island library district has incurred a bonded indebtedness which was outstanding at the time of the formation of the county rural library district, the preexisting island library district shall retain its corporate existence insofar as is necessary for the purpose until the bonded indebtedness outstanding against it on and after the effective date of the formation has been paid in full: **PROVIDED FURTHER**, That a special election may be called by the board of trustees of the county rural library district, to be held at the next general or special election held in the respective counties, for the purpose of affording the voters residing within the area outside of the preexisting island library district an opportunity to assume the obligation of the

bonded indebtedness of the preexisting island library district or the question may be submitted to the voters as a separate proposition at the election on the proposal for the formation of the county rural library district. [1982 c 123 § 12; 1965 c 122 § 5; 1947 c 75 § 13; 1935 c 119 § 20; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 8226-20. Prior: 1909 c 116 § 19; 1901 c 166 § 19.]

27.12.321 School district public libraries abolished—Disposition of assets. School district public libraries organized under chapter 119, Laws of 1935, as amended prior to *this 1965 amendatory act, are hereby abolished as of January 1, 1966.

All assets belonging to any school district public library abolished by this section shall go to the rural county library district of the county in which the school district public library is located. [1965 c 122 § 6.]

***Reviser's note:** "This 1965 amendatory act" [1965 ex.s. c 122] consists of the enactment of RCW 27.12.321, amendments to RCW 27.12.010, 27.12.030, 27.12.190, 27.12.240, and 27.12.320, and the repeal of RCW 27.12.230.

27.12.330 Penalty for injury to property. Whoever intentionally injures, defaces, or destroys any property belonging to or deposited in any public library, reading room, or other educational institution, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. [1935 c 119 § 16; RRS § 8226-16. Prior: 1909 c 116 § 11; 1901 c 166 § 11.]

27.12.340 Wilfully retaining books—Infraction. It is a class 4 civil infraction for any person to wilfully retain any book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, manuscript, or other property belonging in or to any public library, reading room, or other educational institution, for thirty days after notice in writing to return the same, given after the expiration of the time that by the rules of such institution such article or other property may be kept. [1987 c 456 § 29; 1935 c 119 § 17; RRS § 8226-17. Prior: 1909 c 116 § 12; 1901 c 166 § 12.]

Legislative finding—1987 c 456: See RCW 7.80.005.

Effective date—1987 c 456 §§ 9-31: See RCW 7.80.901.

27.12.350 Executory conditional sales contracts for purchase of property—Limit on indebtedness—Election, when. See RCW 39.30.010.

27.12.355 Rural county library district, island library district, or intercounty rural library district—Withdrawal or reannexation of areas. (1) As provided in this section, a rural county library district, island library district, or intercounty rural library district may withdraw areas from its boundaries, or reannex areas into the library district that previously had been withdrawn from the library district under this section.

(2) The withdrawal of an area shall be authorized upon: (a) Adoption of a resolution by the board of trustees requesting the withdrawal and finding that, in the opinion of the board, inclusion of this area within the library district will result in a reduction of the district's tax levy rate under the provisions of RCW 84.52.010; and (b) adoption of a resolution by the city or town council approving the withdrawal, if the area is located within the city or town, or adoption of

a resolution by the county legislative authority of the county within which the area is located approving the withdrawal, if the area is located outside of a city or town. A withdrawal shall be effective at the end of the day on the thirty-first day of December in the year in which the resolutions are adopted, but for purposes of establishing boundaries for property tax purposes, the boundaries shall be established immediately upon the adoption of the second resolution.

The authority of an area to be withdrawn from a library district as provided under this section is in addition, and not subject, to the provisions of RCW 27.12.380.

The withdrawal of an area from the boundaries of a library district shall not exempt any property therein from taxation for the purpose of paying the costs of redeeming any indebtedness of the library district existing at the time of the withdrawal.

(3) An area that has been withdrawn from the boundaries of a library district under this section may be reannexed into the library district upon: (a) Adoption of a resolution by the board of trustees proposing the reannexation; and (b) adoption of a resolution by the city or town council approving the reannexation, if the area is located within the city or town, or adoption of a resolution by the county legislative authority of the county within which the area is located approving the reannexation, if the area is located outside of a city or town. The reannexation shall be effective at the end of the day on the thirty-first day of December in the year in which the adoption of the second resolution occurs, but for purposes of establishing boundaries for property tax purposes, the boundaries shall be established immediately upon the adoption of the second resolution. Referendum action on the proposed reannexation may be taken by the voters of the area proposed to be reannexed if a petition calling for a referendum is filed with the city or town council, or county legislative authority, within a thirty-day period after the adoption of the second resolution, which petition has been signed by registered voters of the area proposed to be reannexed equal in number to ten percent of the total number of the registered voters residing in that area.

If a valid petition signed by the requisite number of registered voters has been so filed, the effect of the resolutions shall be held in abeyance and a ballot proposition to authorize the reannexation shall be submitted to the voters of the area at the next special election date specified in *RCW 29.13.020 that occurs forty-five or more days after the petitions have been validated. Approval of the ballot proposition authorizing the reannexation by a simple majority vote shall authorize the reannexation. [1987 c 138 § 1.]

*Reviser's note: As enacted by 1987 c 138 § 1, this section contained an apparently erroneous reference to RCW 29.13.030, a section repealed in 1965. Pursuant to RCW 1.08.015, this reference has been changed to RCW 29.13.020, a later enactment of the section repealed.

27.12.360 Annexation of city or town into rural county library district, island library district, or inter-county rural library district—Initiation procedure. Any city or town with a population of one hundred thousand or less at the time of annexation may become a part of any rural county library district, island library district, or inter-county rural library district lying contiguous thereto by annexation in the following manner: The inclusion of such a city or town may be initiated by the adoption of an

ordinance by the legislative authority thereof stating its intent to join the library district and finding that the public interest will be served thereby. Before adoption, the ordinance shall be submitted to the library board of the city or town for its review and recommendations. If no library board exists in the city or town, the state librarian shall be notified of the proposed ordinance. If the board of trustees of the library district concurs in the annexation, notification thereof shall be transmitted to the legislative authority or authorities of the counties in which the city or town is situated. [1982 c 123 § 13; 1981 c 26 § 3; 1977 ex.s. c 353 § 1.]

27.12.370 Annexation of city or town into library district—Special election procedure. The county legislative authority or authorities shall by resolution call a special election to be held in such city or town at the next date provided in RCW 29.13.010 but not less than forty-five days from the date of the declaration of such finding, and shall cause notice of such election to be given as provided for in RCW 29.27.080.

The election on the annexation of the city or town into the library district shall be conducted by the auditor of the county or counties in which the city or town is located in accordance with the general election laws of the state and the results thereof shall be canvassed by the canvassing board of the county or counties. No person shall be entitled to vote at such election unless he or she is registered to vote in said city or town for at least thirty days preceding the date of the election. The ballot proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

"Shall the city or town of be annexed to and be a part of library district?"

YES
NO

If a majority of the persons voting on the proposition shall vote in favor thereof, the city or town shall thereupon be annexed and shall be a part of such library district. [1982 c 123 § 14; 1977 ex.s. c 353 § 2.]

27.12.380 Annexation of city or town into library district—Withdrawal of annexed city or town. The legislative body of such a city or town which has annexed to such a library district, may, by resolution, present to the voters of such city or town a proposition to withdraw from said library district at any general election held at least three years following the annexation to the library district. [1982 c 123 § 15; 1977 ex.s. c 353 § 3.]

27.12.390 Annexation of city or town into library district—Tax levies. The annual tax levy authorized by RCW 27.12.050, 27.12.150, and 27.12.420 shall be imposed throughout the library district, including any city or town annexed thereto. Any city or town annexed to a rural library district, island library district, or inter-county rural library district shall be entitled to levy up to three dollars and sixty cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation less any regular levy made by such library district in the incorporated area, notwithstanding any other provision of law: PROVIDED, That the limitations upon regular property taxes imposed

by chapter 84.55 RCW shall apply. [1982 c 123 § 16; 1977 ex.s. c 353 § 4.]

27.12.395 Annexation of city or town into library district—Assumption of liabilities. (1) All liabilities of a city or town that is annexed to a rural county library district or intercounty rural library district, which liabilities were incurred for the purpose of or in the course of acquiring, operating, or maintaining a library or libraries, may, if provided for in the ordinance providing for annexation and in the resolution of the district consenting to annexation, pass to and be assumed by the rural county library district or intercounty rural library district. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the city or town has incurred any voted bonded indebtedness for the purpose of acquiring, operating, or maintaining a library or libraries, and if the indebtedness is outstanding at the time of the annexation, the voted bonded indebtedness shall not be assumed by the annexing district.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, if the annexed city or town has outstanding at the time of the annexation any voted bonded indebtedness incurred for the purpose of acquiring, operating, or maintaining a library or libraries, a special election may be called by the board of trustees of the rural county library district or intercounty rural library district, to be held at the next general or special election held in the applicable county or counties, for the purpose of affording the voters residing within the area of the district outside the annexed city or town an opportunity to assume the voted bonded indebtedness of the annexed city or town upon the assent of three-fifths of the voters. [1985 c 392 § 1.]

27.12.400 Island library districts—Establishment—Procedure. The procedure for the establishment of an island library district shall be as follows:

(1) Petitions signed by at least ten percent of the registered voters of the island, outside of the area of incorporated cities and towns, asking that the question, "Shall an island library district be established?" be submitted to a vote of the people of the island, shall be filed with the board of county commissioners.

(2) The board of county commissioners, after having determined that the petitions were signed by the requisite number of qualified petitioners, shall place the proposition for the establishment of an island library district on the ballot for the vote of the people of the island, outside incorporated cities and towns, at the next succeeding general or special election.

(3) If a majority of those voting on the proposition vote in favor of the establishment of the island library district, the board of county commissioners shall forthwith declare it established. [1982 c 123 § 2.]

27.12.410 Island library districts—Restrictions on establishment. An island library district may not be established if there is in existence a library district serving all of the area of the county not included within the area of incorporated cities and towns. [1982 c 123 § 3.]

27.12.420 Island library districts—Board of trustees—Tax levies. Immediately following the establishment

of an island library district, the board of county commissioners shall appoint a board of library trustees for the district in accordance with RCW 27.12.190. The board of trustees shall appoint a librarian for the district.

Funds for the establishment and maintenance of the library service of the district shall be provided by the board of county commissioners by means of an annual tax levy on the property in the district of not more than fifty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value per year. The tax levy shall be based on a budget to be compiled by the board of trustees of the island library district who shall determine the tax rate necessary and certify their determination to the board of county commissioners.

Excess levies authorized pursuant to RCW 27.12.222, 84.52.052, or 84.52.056 shall be at a rate determined by the board of trustees of the island library district and certified to the board of county commissioners. [1982 c 123 § 4.]

27.12.430 Island library districts—Name may be adopted. The board of trustees of an island library district may adopt a name by which the district shall be known and under which it shall transact all of its business. [1982 c 123 § 6.]

27.12.440 Island library districts—Powers and limitations for indebtedness. Except as otherwise specifically provided, island library districts and the trustees thereof shall have the same powers and limitations as are prescribed by RCW 27.12.060 through 27.12.070 for rural county library districts and shall follow the same procedures and be subject to the same limitations as are provided therein with respect to the contracting of indebtedness. [1982 c 123 § 5.]

27.12.450 Island library districts—Dissolution, when. If after an island library district serving a single island has been established, a rural county library district serving all of the area of the county not included within the area of incorporated cities and towns is established as provided in RCW 27.12.040, the district serving the single island in the county shall be dissolved. [1982 c 123 § 7.]

Dissolution of library districts: RCW 27.12.320.

27.12.470 Rural partial-county library districts. A rural partial-county library district may be created in a portion of the unincorporated area of a county as provided in this section if a rural county library district, intercounty rural library district, or island library district has not been created in the county.

The procedure to create a rural partial-county library district is initiated by the filing of petitions with the county auditor proposing the creation of the district that have been signed by at least ten percent of the registered voters residing in the area proposed to be included in the rural partial-county library district. The county auditor shall review the petitions and certify the sufficiency or insufficiency of the signatures to the county legislative authority.

If the petitions are certified as having sufficient valid signatures, the county legislative authority shall hold a public hearing on the proposed rural partial-county library district, may adjust the boundaries of the proposed district, and may cause a ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters of

the proposed rural partial-county library district authorizing its creation if the county legislative authority finds that the creation of the rural partial-county library district is in the public interest. A subsequent public hearing shall be held if additional territory is added to the proposed rural partial-county library district by action of the county legislative authority.

The rural partial-county library district shall be created if the ballot proposition authorizing the creation of the district is approved by a simple majority vote of the voters voting on the proposition. Immediately after creation of the rural partial-county library district the county legislative authority shall appoint a board of library trustees for the district as provided under RCW 27.12.190.

Except as provided in this section, a rural partial-county library district is subject to all the provisions of law applicable to a rural county library district and shall have all the powers, duties, and authorities of a rural county library district, including, but not limited to, the authority to impose property taxes, incur debt, and annex a city or town with a population of less than one hundred thousand at the time of the annexation that is located in the same county as the rural partial-county library district.

Adjacent unincorporated territory in the county may be annexed to a rural partial-county library district in the same manner as territory is annexed to a sewer district, except that an annexation is not subject to potential review by a boundary review board.

If, at the time of creation, a rural partial-county library district has an assessed valuation of less than fifty million dollars, it may provide library services only by contracting for the services through an interlocal agreement with an adjacent library district, or an adjacent city or town that maintains its own library. If the assessed valuation of the rural partial-county library district subsequently reaches fifty million dollars as a result of annexation or appreciation, the fifty million dollar limitation shall not apply.

If a ballot proposition is approved creating a rural county library district in the county, every rural partial-county library district in that county shall be dissolved and its assets and liabilities transferred to the rural county library district. Where a rural partial-county library district has annexed a city or town, the voters of the city or town shall be allowed to vote on the proposed creation of a rural county library district and, if created, the rural county library district shall include each city and town that was annexed to the rural partial-county library district.

Nothing in this section authorizes the consolidation of a rural partial-county library district with any rural county library district; island library district; city, county, or regional library; intercounty library district; or other rural partial-county library district, unless, in addition to any other requirements imposed by statute, the boards of all library districts involved approve the consolidation. [1994 c 198 § 2; 1993 c 284 § 1.]

Chapter 27.14

LIBRARY DISTRICT LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

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27.14.010 Definitions. As used in this chapter: "Library district" means a rural county library district, or intercounty rural library district. [1961 c 162 § 1.]

27.14.015 "Owner", "reputed owner"—Sufficiency of signatures. Whenever the terms "owner" or "reputed owner" of property are used in this chapter, such terms shall include the following:

- (1) The signature of a record owner, as determined by the records of the county auditor, shall be sufficient without the signature of his or her spouse.
- (2) In the case of mortgaged property, the signature of the mortgagor shall be sufficient.
- (3) In the case of property purchased on contract, the signature of the contract purchaser, as shown by the records of the county auditor, shall be deemed sufficient.
- (4) Any officer of a corporation owning land in the district duly authorized to execute deeds or encumbrances on behalf of the corporation may sign on behalf of such corporation, provided that there shall be attached to the petition a certified excerpt from the bylaws showing such authority.
- (5) If any property in the district stands in the name of a deceased person or any person for whom a guardian has been appointed the signature of the executor, administrator or guardian, as the case may be, shall be equivalent to the signature of the owner of the property. [1963 c 80 § 5.]

27.14.020 Petition or resolution method authorized—Procedure—Assessments. In any instance where the acquisition of land, buildings or capital equipment, or the construction of library buildings are of special benefit to part or all of the lands in the district, the governing board of the library district shall have authority to include such lands in a local improvement district, and to levy special assessments under a mode of annual installments extending over a period not exceeding twenty years on all property specially benefited by any local improvement, on the basis of the special benefits to pay in whole or in part the damages or costs of any such improvements ordered in such library district. For the purposes of this chapter, the duties devolving upon the county treasurer under said laws are imposed upon the county

treasurer serving the library district. Such local improvement districts may be initiated either by resolution of the governing board of the library district or by petition signed by the owners, according to the records of the office of the county auditor, of at least fifty-one percent of the area of the land within the local improvement district to be created excluding all federally owned or other nonassessable property.

In case the governing board of the library district shall desire to initiate the formation of a local improvement district by resolution, it shall first pass a resolution declaring its intention to order such improvement, setting forth the nature and territorial extent of such proposed improvement, designating the number of the proposed district, describing the boundaries thereof, stating the estimated cost and expenses of the improvement and the proportionate amount thereof which will be borne by the property within the proposed district, and fixing a date, time and place for a public hearing on the formation of the proposed district.

In case any such local improvement district shall be initiated by petition, such petition shall set forth the nature and territorial extent of such proposed improvement and the fact that the signers thereof are the owners according to the records of the county auditor of at least fifty-one percent of the area of land within the limits of the local improvement district to be created excluding all federally owned or other nonassessable property. Upon the filing of such petition with the secretary of the board of trustees of the library district, the board shall determine whether the same shall be sufficient, and the board's determination thereof shall be conclusive upon all persons. No person shall withdraw his name from said petition after the filing thereof with the secretary of the board of trustees. If the board shall find the petition to be sufficient, it shall proceed to adopt a resolution declaring its intention to order the improvement petitioned for, setting forth the nature and territorial extent of said improvement, designating the number of the proposed local districts describing the boundaries thereof, stating the estimated cost and expense of the improvement and the proportionate amount thereof which will be borne by the property within the proposed local district, and fixing a date, time and place for a public hearing on the formation of the proposed local district. [1963 c 80 § 1; 1961 c 162 § 2.]

27.14.030 Resolution of intention—Publication—Notice to property owners. The resolution of intention, whether adopted on the initiative of the board or pursuant to a petition of the property owners, shall be published in at least two consecutive issues of a newspaper of general circulation in the proposed local district, the date of the first publication to be at least fifteen days prior to the date fixed by such resolution for hearing before the board of library trustees. Notice of the adoption of the resolution of intention shall be given each owner or reputed owner of any lot, tract, parcel of land or other property within the proposed improvement district by mailing said notice at least fifteen days before the date fixed for the public hearing to the owner or reputed owner of the property as shown on the tax rolls of the county treasurer at the address shown thereon. The notice shall refer to the resolution of intention and designate the proposed improvement district by number. Said notice

shall also set forth the nature of the proposed improvement, the total estimated cost, the proportion of total cost to be borne by assessment, the estimated amount of the cost and expense of such improvement to be borne by the particular lot, tract or parcel, the date, time and place of the hearing before the board of library trustees; and in the case of improvements initiated by resolution, said notice shall also state that all persons desiring to object to the formation of the proposed district must file their written protests with the secretary of the board of library trustees within three weeks of the date said notice is mailed. [1963 c 80 § 2; 1961 c 162 § 3.]

27.14.035 Hearing—Boundaries—Protests—Divestment of jurisdiction—Powers and duties pursuant to finding for formation. Whether the improvement is initiated by petition or resolution, the board shall conduct a public hearing at the time and place designated in the notice to property owners. At this hearing the board shall hear objections from any person affected by the formation of the local district and may make such changes in the boundaries of the district or such modifications in plans for the proposed improvement as shall be deemed necessary: PROVIDED, That the board may not change the boundaries of the district to include property not previously included therein without first passing a new resolution of intention and giving a new notice to property owners in the manner and form and within the time herein provided for the original notice.

After said hearing the board shall have jurisdiction to overrule protests and proceed with any such improvement initiated by petition or resolution: PROVIDED, That the jurisdiction of the board to proceed with any improvement initiated by resolution shall be divested by protests filed with the secretary of the board pursuant to RCW 27.14.030, signed by the owners, according to the records of the county auditor, of at least forty percent of the area of land within the proposed local district, excluding all federally owned or other nonassessable property.

If the board finds that the district should be formed, they shall by resolution order the improvement, provide the general funds of the district to be applied thereto, adopt detailed plans of the local improvement district and declare the estimated cost thereof, acquire all necessary land therefor, pay all damages caused thereby, and commence in the name of the district such eminent domain proceedings and supplemental assessment or reassessment proceedings to pay all eminent domain awards as may be necessary to entitle the district to proceed with the work. The board shall proceed with the work and file with the county treasurer its roll levying special assessments in the amount to be paid by special assessment against the property situated within the local improvement district in proportion to the special benefits to be derived by the property therein from the improvement. [1963 c 80 § 3.]

27.14.040 Subsequent proceedings to be in accordance with sewer district law. All subsequent proceedings in connection with the local improvement, including but not limited to the levying, collection and enforcement of local improvement assessments, shall be in accordance with the provisions of law applicable to sewer district local improve-

ment district improvements set forth in chapter 56.20 RCW, and references therein to the board of sewer commissioners and secretary of the board of sewer commissioners shall be deemed references to the governing board of the library district and secretary of the governing board of the library district. [1963 c 80 § 4; 1961 c 162 § 4.]

27.14.050 Chapter may be used in conjunction with regional agreements. Library districts may use the provisions of this chapter for library district purposes alone or in conjunction with regional library agreements. [1961 c 162 § 5.]

Chapter 27.18

INTERSTATE LIBRARY COMPACT

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27.18.010 Definitions. As used in this chapter, except where the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "Compact" means the interstate library compact.
- (2) "Public library agency", with reference to this state, means the state library and any county or city library or any regional library, rural county library district library, island library district library, or intercounty rural library district library.
- (3) "State library agency", with reference to this state, means the commissioners of the state library. [1982 c 123 § 17; 1965 ex.s. c 93 § 1.]

27.18.020 Compact enacted—Provisions. The interstate library compact hereby is enacted into law and entered into by this state with all states legally joining therein in the form substantially as follows:

INTERSTATE LIBRARY COMPACT

ARTICLE I. POLICY AND PURPOSE

Because the desire for the services provided by libraries transcends governmental boundaries and can most effectively be satisfied by giving such services to communities and people regardless of jurisdictional lines, it is the policy of the states party to this compact to cooperate and share their responsibilities; to authorize cooperation and sharing with respect to those types of library facilities and services which can be more economically or efficiently developed and maintained on a cooperative basis; and to authorize cooperation and sharing among localities, states and others in providing joint or cooperative library services in areas where the distribution of population or of existing and potential library resources make the provision of library service on an interstate basis the most effective way of providing adequate and efficient service.

ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS

As used in this compact:

- (a) "Public library agency" means any unit or agency of local or state government operating or having power to operate a library.
- (b) "Private library agency" means any nongovernmental entity which operates or assumes a legal obligation to operate a library.
- (c) "Library agreement" means a contract establishing an interstate library district pursuant to this compact or providing for the joint or cooperative furnishing of library services.

ARTICLE III. INTERSTATE LIBRARY DISTRICTS

(a) Any one or more public library agencies in a party state in cooperation with any public library agency or agencies in one or more other party states may establish and maintain an interstate library district. Subject to the provisions of this compact and any other laws of the party states which pursuant hereto remain applicable, such district may establish, maintain and operate some or all of the library facilities and services for the area concerned in accordance with the terms of a library agreement therefor. Any private library agency or agencies within an interstate library district may cooperate therewith, assume duties, responsibilities and obligations thereto, and receive benefits therefrom as provided in any library agreement to which such agency or agencies become party.

(b) Within an interstate library district, and as provided by a library agreement, the performance of library functions may be undertaken on a joint or cooperative basis or may be undertaken by means of one or more arrangements between or among public or private library agencies for the extension of library privileges to the use of facilities or services operated or rendered by one or more of the individual library agencies.

(c) If a library agreement provides for joint establishment, maintenance or operation of library facilities or services by an interstate library district, such district shall have power to do any one or more of the following in accordance with such library agreement:

1. Undertake, administer and participate in programs or arrangements for securing, lending or servicing books and other publications, any other materials suitable to be kept or made available by libraries, library equipment or for the dissemination of information about libraries, the value and significance of particular items therein, and the use thereof.
2. Accept for any of its purposes under this compact any and all donations, and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services, (conditional or otherwise), from any state or the United States or any subdivision or agency thereof, or interstate agency, or from any institution, person, firm or corporation, and receive, utilize and dispose of the same.
3. Operate mobile library units or equipment for the purpose of rendering bookmobile service within the district.
4. Employ professional, technical, clerical and other personnel, and fix terms of employment, compensation and other appropriate benefits; and where desirable, provide for the inservice training of such personnel.
5. Sue and be sued in any court of competent jurisdiction.

6. Acquire, hold, and dispose of any real or personal property or any interest or interests therein as may be appropriate to the rendering of library service.

7. Construct, maintain and operate a library, including any appropriate branches thereof.

8. Do such other things as may be incidental to or appropriate for the carrying out of any of the foregoing powers.

**ARTICLE IV. INTERSTATE LIBRARY DISTRICTS,
GOVERNING BOARD**

(a) An interstate library district which establishes, maintains or operates any facilities or services in its own right shall have a governing board which shall direct the affairs of the district and act for it in all matters relating to its business. Each participating public library agency in the district shall be represented on the governing board which shall be organized and conduct its business in accordance with provision therefor in the library agreement. But in no event shall a governing board meet less often than twice a year.

(b) Any private library agency or agencies party to a library agreement establishing an interstate library district may be represented on or advise with the governing board of the district in such manner as the library agreement may provide.

ARTICLE V. STATE LIBRARY AGENCY COOPERATION

Any two or more state library agencies of two or more of the party states may undertake and conduct joint or cooperative library programs, render joint or cooperative library services, and enter into and perform arrangements for the cooperative or joint acquisition, use, housing and disposition of items or collections of materials which, by reason of expense, rarity, specialized nature, or infrequency of demand therefor would be appropriate for central collection and shared use. Any such programs, services or arrangements may include provision for the exercise on a cooperative or joint basis of any power exercisable by an interstate library district and an agreement embodying any such program, service or arrangement shall contain provisions covering the subjects detailed in Article VI of this compact for interstate library agreements.

ARTICLE VI. LIBRARY AGREEMENTS

(a) In order to provide for any joint or cooperative undertaking pursuant to this compact, public and private library agencies may enter into library agreements. Any agreement executed pursuant to the provisions of this compact shall, as among the parties to the agreement:

1. Detail the specific nature of the services, programs, facilities, arrangements or properties to which it is applicable.

2. Provide for the allocation of costs and other financial responsibilities.

3. Specify the respective rights, duties, obligations and liabilities of the parties.

4. Set forth the terms and conditions for duration, renewal, termination, abrogation, disposal of joint or common property, if any, and all other matters which may be appropriate to the proper effectuation and performance of the agreement.

(b) No public or private library agency shall undertake to exercise itself, or jointly with any other library agency, by means of a library agreement any power prohibited to such agency by the constitution or statutes of its state.

(c) No library agreement shall become effective until filed with the compact administrator of each state involved, and approved in accordance with Article VII of this compact.

ARTICLE VII. APPROVAL OF LIBRARY AGREEMENTS

(a) Every library agreement made pursuant to this compact shall, prior to and as a condition precedent to its entry into force, be submitted to the attorney general of each state in which a public library agency party thereto is situated, who shall determine whether the agreement is in proper form and compatible with the laws of his state. The attorneys general shall approve any agreement submitted to them unless they shall find that it does not meet the conditions set forth herein and shall detail in writing addressed to the governing bodies of the public library agencies concerned the specific respects in which the proposed agreement fails to meet the requirements of law. Failure to disapprove an agreement submitted hereunder within ninety days of its submission shall constitute approval thereof.

(b) In the event that a library agreement made pursuant to this compact shall deal in whole or in part with the provision of services or facilities with regard to which an officer or agency of the state government has constitutional or statutory powers of control, the agreement shall, as a condition precedent to its entry into force, be submitted to the state officer or agency having such power of control and shall be approved or disapproved by him or it as to all matters within his or its jurisdiction in the same manner and subject to the same requirements governing the action of the attorneys general pursuant to paragraph (a) of this article. This requirement of submission and approval shall be in addition to and not in substitution for the requirement of submission to and approval by the attorneys general.

ARTICLE VIII. OTHER LAWS APPLICABLE

Nothing in this compact or in any library agreement shall be construed to supersede, alter or otherwise impair any obligation imposed on any library by otherwise applicable law, nor to authorize the transfer or disposition of any property held in trust by a library agency in a manner contrary to the terms of such trust.

ARTICLE IX. APPROPRIATIONS AND AID

(a) Any public library agency party to a library agreement may appropriate funds to the interstate library district established thereby in the same manner and to the same extent as to a library wholly maintained by it and, subject to the laws of the state in which such public library agency is situated, may pledge its credit in support of an interstate library district established by the agreement.

(b) Subject to the provisions of the library agreement pursuant to which it functions and the laws of the states in which such district is situated, an interstate library district may claim and receive any state and federal aid which may be available to library agencies.

ARTICLE X. COMPACT ADMINISTRATOR

Each state shall designate a compact administrator with whom copies of all library agreements to which his state or any public library agency thereof is party shall be filed. The administrator shall have such other powers as may be conferred upon him by the laws of his state and may consult and cooperate with the compact administrators of other party states and take such steps as may effectuate the purposes of this compact. If the laws of a party state so provide, such state may designate one or more deputy compact administrators in addition to its compact administrator.

ARTICLE XI. ENTRY INTO FORCE AND WITHDRAWAL

(a) This compact shall enter into force and effect immediately upon its enactment into law by any two states. Thereafter, it shall enter into force and effect as to any other state upon the enactment thereof by such state.

(b) This compact shall continue in force with respect to a party state and remain binding upon such state until six months after such state has given notice to each other party state of the repeal thereof. Such withdrawal shall not be construed to relieve any party to a library agreement entered into pursuant to this compact from any obligation of that agreement prior to the end of its duration as provided therein.

ARTICLE XII. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

This compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any party state or of the United States or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any state party thereto, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining states and in full force and effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters. [1965 ex.s. c 93 § 2.]

27.18.030 Compact administrator—Deputies—Library agreements, submittal. The state librarian shall be the compact administrator pursuant to Article X of the compact. The state librarian shall appoint one or more deputy compact administrators. Every library agreement made pursuant to Article VI of the compact shall, as a condition precedent to its entry into force, be submitted to the state librarian for his recommendations. [1965 ex.s. c 93 § 3.]

27.18.040 Compliance with tax and bonding laws enjoined. No regional library, county library, rural county library district library, island library district library, inter-county rural library district library, or city library of this state shall be a party to a library agreement which provides for the construction or maintenance of a library pursuant to Article III, subdivision (c-7) of the compact, nor levy a tax or issue bonds to contribute to the construction or maintenance of such a library, except after compliance with any

laws applicable to regional libraries, county libraries, rural county library district libraries, island library district libraries, inter-county rural library district libraries, or city libraries relating to or governing the levying of taxes or the issuance of bonds. [1982 c 123 § 18; 1965 ex.s. c 93 § 4.]

27.18.050 Withdrawal—Compact administrator to send and receive notices. In the event of withdrawal from the compact the compact administrator shall send and receive any notices required by Article XI(b) of the compact. [1965 ex.s. c 93 § 5.]

Chapter 27.20**STATE LAW LIBRARY**

Sections

- 27.20.030 Library part of judicial branch.
27.20.040 State law librarian and assistants—Appointment, tenure, compensation.
27.20.050 Duties of law librarian.

27.20.030 Library part of judicial branch. The state law library shall be a part of the judicial branch of state government and shall be under the exclusive jurisdiction and control of the supreme court. [1959 c 188 § 1.]

Committee abolished: "The state law library committee is hereby abolished." [1959 c 188 § 5.] Provisions relating to the state law library committee were formerly codified in chapter 43.36 RCW but were repealed by 1959 c 188 § 6.

27.20.040 State law librarian and assistants—Appointment, tenure, compensation. The supreme court shall appoint a state law librarian, who may be removed at its pleasure. The librarian shall receive such compensation only as shall be fixed by the court.

The court may also appoint and fix the salaries of such assistants and clerical personnel as may be required. [1959 c 188 § 2.]

Rules of court: SAR 18.

27.20.050 Duties of law librarian. The duties of the state law librarian shall be as prescribed by statute and by rules of court. [1959 c 188 § 3.]

Duties of state law librarian relative to session laws, legislative journals and supreme court reports: Chapter 40.04 RCW.

Chapter 27.24**COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES**

Sections

- 27.24.010 Establishment.
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27.24.010 Establishment. Each county with a population of eight thousand or more shall have a county law library, which shall be governed and maintained as hereinafter provided. [1992 c 62 § 1; 1919 c 84 § 1; RRS § 8247.]

27.24.020 Board of trustees—Composition—Terms.

(1) Every county with a population of three hundred thousand or more must have a board of law library trustees consisting of five members to be constituted as follows: The chairman of the county legislative authority is an ex officio trustee, the judges of the superior court of the county shall choose two of their number to be trustees, and the members of the county bar association shall choose two members of the bar of the county to be trustees.

(2) Every county with a population of eight thousand or more but less than three hundred thousand must have a board of law library trustees consisting of five members to be constituted as follows: The chairman of the county legislative authority is an ex officio trustee, the judges of the superior court of the county shall choose one of their number to be a trustee, and the members of the county bar association shall choose three members of the county to be trustees. If there is no county bar association, then the lawyers of the county shall choose three of their number to be trustees.

(3) If a county has a population of less than eight thousand, then the provisions contained in RCW 27.24.068 shall apply to the establishment and operation of the county law library.

(4) If a regional law library is created pursuant to RCW 27.24.062, then it shall be governed by one board of trustees. The board shall consist of the following representatives from each county: The judges of the superior court of the county shall choose one of their number to be a trustee, the county legislative authority shall choose one of their number to be a trustee, and the members of the county bar association shall choose one member of the bar of the county to be a trustee. If there is no county bar association, then the lawyers of the county shall choose one of their number to be a trustee.

(5) The term of office of a member of the board who is a judge is for as long as he or she continues to be a judge, and the term of a member who is from the bar is four years. Vacancies shall be filled as they occur and in the manner directed in this section. The office of trustee shall be without salary or other compensation. The board shall elect one of their number president and the librarian shall act as secretary, except that in counties with a population of eight thousand or more but less than three hundred thousand, the board shall elect one of their number to act as secretary if no librarian is appointed. Meetings shall be held at least once per year, and if more often, then at such times as may be prescribed by rule. [1992 c 62 § 2; 1919 c 84 § 2; RRS § 8248.]

27.24.030 Powers of board. The board of law library trustees shall have power:

(1) To make and enforce rules for their own procedure and for the government, care and use of the library, and for the guidance of employees.

(2) To remove any trustee, except an ex officio trustee, for neglect to attend the meetings of the board.

(3) To employ a librarian and assistants and to prescribe their duties, fix their compensation and remove them at will.

(4) To purchase books, periodicals and other property suitable for the library and to accept gifts and bequests of money and property for the library, and to sell property which is unsuitable or not needed for the library.

(5) To examine and approve for payment claims and demands payable out of the county law library fund. [1919 c 84 § 3; RRS § 8249.]

27.24.040 Annual report. The board of law library trustees shall, on or before the first Monday in September of each year, make a report to the county legislative authority of their county giving the condition of their trust, with a full statement of all property received and how used, the number of books and other publications on hand, the number added by purchase, gift or otherwise during the preceding year, the number lost or missing, and such other information as may be of public interest, together with a financial report showing all receipts and disbursements of money. [1992 c 62 § 3; 1919 c 84 § 4; RRS § 8250.]

27.24.062 Establishment of regional law libraries.

Two or more counties each with a population of from eight thousand to less than one hundred twenty-five thousand may, by agreement of the respective law library boards of trustees, create a regional law library and establish and maintain one principal law library at such location as the regional board of trustees may determine will best suit the needs of the users: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That there shall be at all times a law library in such size as the board of trustees may determine necessary to be located at the courthouse where each superior court is located. [1992 c 62 § 4; 1991 c 363 § 18; 1971 ex.s. c 141 § 1; 1943 c 195 § 1; 1933 c 167 § 1; 1925 ex.s. c 94 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1943 § 8254-1.]

~~Purpose—Captions not law—1991 c 363:~~ See notes following RCW 2.32.180.

27.24.066 Library rooms and service. The county legislative authority of each county that is required to maintain a county law library shall upon demand by the board of law library trustees, provide a room suitable for the law library, with adequate heat, light, and janitor service. [1992 c 62 § 5; 1933 c 167 § 3, part; RRS § 8254-7.]

27.24.067 Free use of library. The use of the county law library shall be free to the judges of the state, to state and county officials, and to members of the bar, and to such others as the board of trustees may by rule provide. Residents of counties with a population of three hundred thousand or more shall have free use of the law library. [1992 c 62 § 6; 1933 c 167 § 3, part; RRS § 8254-8.]

27.24.068 Establishment of county law library—Trustee—Free use of library. In each county with a population of less than eight thousand, there may be a county law library which shall be governed and maintained by the prosecuting attorney who shall also serve as trustee of such library without additional salary or other compensation.

The use of the county law library shall be free to the judges of the state, to state and county officials, and to members of the bar, and to such others as the prosecuting attorney may by rule provide. [1991 c 363 § 19; 1975 c 37 § 1.]

Purpose—Captions not law—1991 c 363: See notes following RCW 2.32.180.

27.24.070 Portion of filing fees for county or regional law library. In each county pursuant to this chapter, the county treasurer shall deposit in the county or regional law library fund a sum equal to twelve dollars for every new probate or civil filing fee, including appeals, collected by the clerk of the superior court and six dollars for every fee collected for the commencement of a civil action in district court for the support of the law library in that county or the regional law library to which the county belongs: **PROVIDED,** That upon a showing of need the twelve dollar contribution may be increased up to fifteen dollars upon the request of the law library board of trustees and with the approval of the county legislative body or bodies. [1992 c 54 § 6; 1985 c 389 § 2; 1984 c 258 § 310; 1979 c 126 § 1; 1971 ex.s. c 141 § 3; 1969 c 25 § 2; 1961 c 304 § 9; 1957 c 31 § 1; 1953 c 249 § 1. Prior: (i) 1937 c 32 § 1, part; 1919 c 84 § 8, part; RRS § 8254, part. (ii) 1933 c 167 § 2, part; 1925 ex.s. c 94 § 3, part; RRS § 8254-3, part. (iii) 1943 c 195 § 2; Rem. Supp. 1943 § 8254-9.]

Effective date—1992 c 54: See note following RCW 36.18.020.

Effective date—1985 c 389: "Sections 2 through 9 of this act are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect July 1, 1985." [1985 c 389 § 10.]

Court Improvement Act of 1984—Effective dates—Severability—Short title—1984 c 258: See notes following RCW 3.30.010.

Intent—1984 c 258: See note following RCW 3.46.120.

County clerk's fees: RCW 36.18.020.

District courts, filing fees in civil cases: RCW 3.62.060.

27.24.090 Discontinuance of fees. The collection of the fees directed in RCW 27.24.070 shall be discontinued whenever the board of trustees of a county library or the prosecuting attorney, as the case may be, files with the county clerk and clerks of the district courts a written resolution to the effect that the county library fund in its county is sufficient for all present needs, which resolution shall remain effective until it is later rescinded. Upon its rescission, the county clerk and clerks of the district courts shall resume the collection of such fees. [1987 c 202 § 188; 1975 c 37 § 2; 1953 c 249 § 3; 1933 c 167 § 2, part; 1925 ex.s. c 94 § 3, part; RRS § 8254-3, part.]

Intent—1987 c 202: See note following RCW 2.04.190.

27.24.900 Effective date—1992 c 62. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect April 1, 1992. [1992 c 62 § 10.]

Chapter 27.26

WESTERN LIBRARY NETWORK (Formerly: Washington library network)

Sections

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27.26.010 Definitions. (Effective until June 30, 1997.) As used in this chapter, unless otherwise required by the context, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Western library network computer system" means the communication facilities, computers, and peripheral computer devices supporting the automated library system developed by the state of Washington;

(2) "Network" means the western library network which is an organization of autonomous, geographically dispersed participants using the western library network computer system, telecommunications systems, interlibrary systems, and reference and referral systems;

(3) "Resources" are library materials which include but are not limited to print, nonprint (e.g., audiovisual, realia, etc.), and microform formats; network resources such as software, hardware, and equipment; electronic and magnetic records; data bases; communication technology; facilities; and human expertise;

(4) "Telecommunications" includes any point to point transmission, emission, or reception of signs, signals, writing, images, and sounds or intelligence of any nature by wire, radio, microwave radio, optical, or other electromagnetic system, including any intervening processing and storage serving a point to point system;

(5) "Interlibrary loan system" means the accepted procedures among libraries by which library materials are made available in some format to users of another library;

(6) "Reference and referral system" pertains to procedures among libraries whereby subject or fact-oriented queries may be referred to another institution when the answering resource or subject expertise is unavailable in the institution originally queried;

(7) "Successor organization" means a private, nonprofit corporation created specifically to assume responsibility for providing the services now being provided by the western library network under this chapter. Any such private, nonprofit corporation shall qualify as a tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation under section 501(C) of the federal internal revenue code; shall include on its board of directors a majority of representation by public sector libraries or other public agencies; and shall agree to provide access to a bibliographic data base and related service to network users.

If no such corporation exists, which is capable, in the commission's opinion, of adequately assuming the network's operations, then another governmental entity, an organization created under the interlocal cooperation act, chapter 39.34 RCW, or a corporation currently providing automated bibliographic, telecommunications, computer network, or equivalent services to libraries in the state of Washington shall be the successor organization;

(8) "Commission" means the Washington state library commission. [1989 c 96 § 2; 1985 c 21 § 1; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 31 § 2.]

Findings—1989 c 96: "The legislature finds that automated bibliographic, computer-based telecommunications, interlibrary, reference, and referral systems and related library services have proven to be a benefit to the citizens of the state of Washington; that these services have been provided through a network of public and private information providers both inside and outside the state; that the current governance structure of the network restricts the ability of the network to meet the needs of the library community and the citizens of Washington; that changes in the governance structure will result in increased efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of the network, in preserving the technology developed by the network, and in serving the library community and the citizens of Washington better; that the network now requires a new governance structure that allows the necessary operational flexibility in order to foster the continued availability of the benefits of the network to the citizens of Washington; and that the operation of the network as a private, nonprofit corporation is the best method to achieve these goals." [1989 c 96 § 1.]

Effective date—1985 c 21: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect June 30, 1985." [1985 c 21 § 11.]

27.26.020 Network established. (Effective until June 30, 1997.) There is hereby established the western library network, hereinafter called the network, which shall consist of the western library network computer system, telecommunications systems, interlibrary systems, and reference and referral systems.

Responsibility for the network shall reside with the Washington state library commission. The commission shall adopt and promulgate policies, rules, and regulations consistent with the purposes and provisions of this chapter pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, the administrative procedure act, except that nothing in this chapter shall abrogate the authority of a participating library, institution, or organization to establish its own policies for collection development and use of its library resources. [1987 c 504 § 13; 1985 c 21 § 2; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 31 § 1.]

Severability—Effective date—1987 c 504: See RCW 43.105.901 and 43.105.902.

Effective date—1985 c 21: See note following RCW 27.26.010.

27.26.030 Western library network computer system revolving fund—Creation—Use. (Effective until June 30, 1997.) There is hereby created a fund within the state treasury to be known as the "western library network computer system revolving fund" referred to as the "fund."

The fund shall be credited with all receipts from the rental, sale, or distribution of supplies, equipment, computer software, products, and services rendered to users and licensees of the western library network computer system. All gifts, grants, donations, and other moneys received by the network shall be deposited in the fund. All expenditures from the fund shall be authorized by law. [1987 c 389 § 4;

1985 c 21 § 4; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 110 § 2. Formerly RCW 43.105.110.]

Severability—Effective date—1987 c 389: See notes following RCW 41.06.070.

Effective date—1985 c 21: See note following RCW 27.26.010.

Effective date—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 110: "This act shall take effect on July 1, 1977." [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 110 § 6.]

27.26.040 Schedule of user fees. (Effective until June 30, 1997.) The state library commission shall develop a schedule of user fees for users of the western library network computer system and a schedule of charges for the network's products and licenses for the purpose of distributing and apportioning to such users, buyers, and licensees the full cost of operation and continued development of data processing and data communication services related to the network. Such schedule shall generate sufficient revenue to cover the costs relating to the library network of:

(1) The payment of salaries, wages, and other costs including but not limited to the acquisition, operation, and administration of acquired information services, supplies, and equipment; and

(2) The promotion of network products and services.

As used in this section, the term "supplies" shall not be interpreted to delegate or abrogate the state purchasing and material control director's responsibilities and authority to purchase supplies as provided for in chapter 43.19 RCW. [1987 c 504 § 12; 1985 c 21 § 6; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 110 § 4. Formerly RCW 43.105.130.]

Severability—Effective date—1987 c 504: See RCW 43.105.901 and 43.105.902.

Effective date—1985 c 21: See note following RCW 27.26.010.

Effective date—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 110: See note following RCW 27.26.030.

27.26.050 Expenses related to promotion of products and services. (Effective until June 30, 1997.) The western library network may incur reasonable expenses directly related to the promotion of network products and services, including travel expenses, promotional publications, and exhibits. [1985 c 21 § 7. Formerly RCW 43.105.140.]

Effective date—1985 c 21: See note following RCW 27.26.010.

27.26.060 Contracts for promotion of network—Licenses for software. (Effective until June 30, 1997.) The western library network may enter into contracts with public or private vendors for a portion or portions of the promotion of the network when cost-effective or otherwise in the best interest of the users and may provide for the issuance of licenses for network software. [1985 c 21 § 8. Formerly RCW 43.105.150.]

Effective date—1985 c 21: See note following RCW 27.26.010.

27.26.070 Authority to establish private, nonprofit corporation—Termination of network services. (Effective until January 1, 1995.) (1) The commission may cooperate with other agencies both inside and outside the state of Washington to establish a private, nonprofit corporation for the purpose of providing automated bibliographic, computer-based telecommunications, interlibrary, reference, and referral systems, computer network services, and related li-

brary services that are equivalent to the services provided by the western library network on June 1, 1989. The commission may adopt policies and rules consistent with the purposes and provisions of RCW 27.26.070 through 27.26.090 and section 11, chapter 96, Laws of 1989 and RCW 42.18.221 pursuant to the administrative procedure act.

(2) The commission may terminate the services provided by the western library network before June 30, 1997, if a successor organization agrees to assume full responsibility for providing services that are equivalent to the services provided by the western library network on June 1, 1989, to the state library, other agencies of state and local government, and other users of the western library network. The commission may not terminate western library network services within six months after June 1, 1989. The commission may not enter into a contract with a successor organization for the delivery of network services after five and one-half years from June 1, 1989. [1989 c 96 § 3.]

Annual report—1989 c 96: "The commission shall submit an annual report on the status of the establishment of a successor organization to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives, no later than January 1 of each year, with a final report to be submitted no later than January 1, 1998." [1989 c 96 § 12.]

Findings—1989 c 96: See note following RCW 27.26.010.

27.26.070 Authority to establish private, nonprofit corporation—Termination of network services. (Effective January 1, 1995, until June 30, 1997.) (1) The commission may cooperate with other agencies both inside and outside the state of Washington to establish a private, nonprofit corporation for the purpose of providing automated bibliographic, computer-based telecommunications, interlibrary, reference, and referral systems, computer network services, and related library services that are equivalent to the services provided by the western library network on June 1, 1989. The commission may adopt policies and rules consistent with the purposes and provisions of RCW 27.26.070 through 27.26.090 and section 11, chapter 96, Laws of 1989 and chapter 42.52 RCW pursuant to the administrative procedure act.

(2) The commission may terminate the services provided by the western library network before June 30, 1997, if a successor organization agrees to assume full responsibility for providing services that are equivalent to the services provided by the western library network on June 1, 1989, to the state library, other agencies of state and local government, and other users of the western library network. The commission may not terminate western library network services within six months after June 1, 1989. The commission may not enter into a contract with a successor organization for the delivery of network services after five and one-half years from June 1, 1989. [1994 c 154 § 305; 1989 c 96 § 3.]

Parts and captions not law—Effective date—Severability—1994 c 154: See RCW 42.52.902, 42.52.904, and 42.52.905.

Annual report—1989 c 96: "The commission shall submit an annual report on the status of the establishment of a successor organization to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives, no later than January 1 of each year, with a final report to be submitted no later than January 1, 1998." [1989 c 96 § 12.]

Findings—1989 c 96: See note following RCW 27.26.010.

27.26.080 Establishment of successor organization—State not liable for successor organization. (Effective until June 30, 1997.) In order to accomplish the establishment of a successor organization, the commission may take all necessary and proper steps, including:

(1) Transfer any equipment, software, data base, other assets, or contracts for services to the successor organization under appropriate terms and conditions, including reasonable compensation deemed appropriate by the commission. However, the commission shall retain the right to repossess any such property transferred for a period of up to five years, in the event that the successor organization becomes bankrupt, insolvent, or is otherwise unable to provide network services that are satisfactory to a majority of the network users, or if the successor organization fails to comply with the provisions of any contract with the commission during the five-year period. In the event that the commission exercises its right to repossess under this section, any such property returned to the commission shall become the property of the state of Washington and shall be administered by the commission. If such a repossession occurs, the commission may provide western library network services;

(2) Unless otherwise provided by agreement, assign any membership agreements, software contracts, and other duties and responsibilities to the successor organization that are related to the western library network;

(3) Provide for personnel services by western library network employees, or other necessary support services to the successor organization under contract for up to a two-year period after the effective date of a contract between a successor organization and the commission for delivery of network services. The successor organization shall provide full reimbursement for all costs of services contracted for under this provision;

(4) Pay an annual membership fee to the successor organization not to exceed the value of services received; and

(5) Designate one or more persons to serve in the capacity of a member of the board of directors of a successor organization. The state shall not be liable for either the actions of the director in that capacity, nor for the actions of the successor organization. [1989 c 96 § 4.]

Findings—1989 c 96: See note following RCW 27.26.010.

27.26.090 Property, funds, and contracts not transferred to successor agency. (Effective until June 30, 1997.) At the time western library network services are terminated by the commission pursuant to RCW 27.26.070(2):

(1) Any supplies, equipment, or other property, whether tangible or intangible, not transferred to the successor organization shall remain the property of the state of Washington and shall be administered by the commission;

(2) Any funds remaining in the western library network computer system revolving fund shall be used by the commission to meet outstanding obligations of the network not transferred to the successor organization. At such time as all such obligations have been fulfilled, any remaining funds shall be transferred to the general fund;

(3) Any contracts or other obligations of the western library network not transferred to the successor organization shall be the obligation of the Washington state library. [1989 c 96 § 5.]

Findings—1989 c 96: See note following RCW 27.26.010.

27.26.900 Severability—1989 c 96. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1989 c 96 § 13.]

27.26.901 Effective date—1989 c 96. Sections 1 through 6 and 9 through 14 of this act are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect on June 1, 1989. [1989 c 96 § 15.]

27.26.950 Termination of network. (Effective until June 30, 1997.) The western library network and its powers and duties shall be terminated on June 30, 1997. [1989 c 96 § 9.]

Findings—1989 c 96: See note following RCW 27.26.010.

27.26.951 Repeal. The following acts or parts of acts, as now existing or hereafter amended, are each repealed, effective June 30, 1997:

(1) Section 2, chapter 31, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess., section 1, chapter 21, Laws of 1985, section 2, chapter 96, Laws of 1989 and RCW 27.26.010;

(2) Section 1, chapter 31, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess., section 2, chapter 21, Laws of 1985, section 13, chapter 504, Laws of 1987 and RCW 27.26.020;

(3) Section 2, chapter 110, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess., section 4, chapter 21, Laws of 1985, section 4, chapter 389, Laws of 1987 and RCW 27.26.030;

(4) Section 4, chapter 110, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess., section 6, chapter 21, Laws of 1985, section 12, chapter 504, Laws of 1987 and RCW 27.26.040;

(5) Section 7, chapter 21, Laws of 1985 and RCW 27.26.050;

(6) Section 8, chapter 21, Laws of 1985 and RCW 27.26.060;

(7) Section 1, chapter 96, Laws of 1989 (uncodified);

(8) Section 3, chapter 96, Laws of 1989 and RCW 27.26.070;

(9) Section 4, chapter 96, Laws of 1989 and RCW 27.26.080;

(10) [Section 4, chapter 426, Laws of 1987] Section 6, chapter 96, Laws of 1989 and RCW 27.26.— [*42.18.221];

(11) Section 9, chapter 96, Laws of 1989 and RCW 27.26.950; and

(12) Section 11, chapter 96, Laws of 1989 and RCW 27.26.— [uncodified]. [1989 c 96 § 10.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 42.18.221 was repealed by 1994 c 154 § 304, effective January 1, 1995.

Chapter 27.34

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETIES—HERITAGE COUNCIL—ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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Archaeological sites and resources: Chapter 27.53 RCW.

Historic preservation—Authority of county, city, or town to acquire property, borrow money, issue bonds, etc.: RCW 35.21.395, 36.32.435.

27.34.010 Purpose. The legislature finds that those articles and properties which illustrate the history of the state of Washington should be maintained and preserved for the use and benefit of the people of the state. It is the purpose of this chapter to designate the two state historical societies as trustees of the state for these purposes, and to establish:

- (1) A comprehensive and consistent state-wide policy pertaining to archaeology, history, historic preservation, and other historical matters;
 - (2) State-wide coordination of historical programs; and
 - (3) A coordinated budget for all state historical agencies.
- [1993 c 101 § 9; 1983 c 91 § 1.]

Findings—1993 c 101: "The legislature finds that:

(1) There is a strong community of interest between the Washington state historical society and the state capital historical association. This community of interest is expressed through many common goals, missions, and heritage programs, as well as a close geographic proximity between these two state historical agencies.

(2) The capacity to preserve our state's rich and diverse heritage and the unique political and cultural history of the state capital will be strengthened if the programs of both agencies are combined into a single, cohesive entity.

(3) In a time of limited state resources, operational efficiencies and savings can be achieved if the programs and personnel of both agencies are managed by a single entity.

It is, therefore, the purpose of this act to transfer the powers and duties of the state historical agency known as the state capital historical association to the Washington state historical society. However, it is the intent of the legislature that as the consolidation of these two agencies occurs, the unique missions and programs of the state capital historical

association and the state capital historical museum be preserved." [1993 c 101 § 1.]

27.34.020 Definitions. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter:

(1) "Advisory council" means the advisory council on historic preservation.

(2) "Department" means the *department of community development.

(3) "Director" means the *director of community development.

(4) "Federal act" means the national historic preservation act of 1966 (Public Law 89-655; 80 Stat. 915).

(5) "Heritage council" means the Washington state heritage council.

(6) "Historic preservation" includes the protection, rehabilitation, restoration, identification, scientific excavation, and reconstruction of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American and Washington state history, architecture, archaeology, or culture.

(7) "Office" means the office of archaeology and historic preservation within the *department of community development.

(8) "Preservation officer" means the state historic preservation officer as provided for in RCW 27.34.210.

(9) "Project" means programs leading to the preservation for public benefit of historical properties, whether by state and local governments or other public bodies, or private organizations or individuals, including the acquisition of title or interests in, and the development of, any district, site, building, structure, or object that is significant in American and Washington state history, architecture, archaeology, or culture, and property used in connection therewith, or for its development.

(10) "State historical agencies" means the state historical societies and the office of archaeology and historic preservation within the *department of community development.

(11) "State historical societies" means the Washington state historical society and the eastern Washington state historical society.

(12) "Cultural resource management plan" means a comprehensive plan which identifies and organizes information on the state of Washington's historic, archaeological, and architectural resources into a set of management criteria, and which is to be used for producing reliable decisions, recommendations, and advice relative to the identification, evaluation, and protection of these resources. [1993 c 101 § 10; 1986 c 266 § 9; 1983 c 91 § 2.]

***Reviser's note:** Powers, duties, and functions of the department of community development and the department of trade and economic development were transferred to the department of community, trade, and economic development by 1993 c 280, effective July 1, 1994.

Findings—1993 c 101: See note following RCW 27.34.010.

Severability—1986 c 266: See note following RCW 38.52.005.

Transfer of powers and duties of office of archaeology and historic preservation—Construction of statutory references: See note following RCW 38.52.005.

27.34.060 State historical societies—Budget requests. Each state historical society shall submit its budget

requests to the heritage council for review and comment. [1983 c 91 § 6.]

27.34.070 State historical societies—Powers and duties. (1) Each state historical society is designated a trustee for the state whose powers and duties include but are not limited to the following:

(a) To collect, catalog, preserve, and interpret objects, manuscripts, sites, photographs, and other materials illustrative of the cultural, artistic, and natural history of this state;

(b) To operate state museums and assist and encourage cultural and historical studies and museum interpretive efforts throughout the state, including those sponsored by local historical organizations, and city, county, and state agencies;

(c) To engage in cultural, artistic, and educational activities, including classes, exhibits, seminars, workshops, and conferences if these activities are related to the basic purpose of the society;

(d) To plan for and conduct celebrations of significant events in the history of the state of Washington and to give assistance to and coordinate with state agencies, local governments, and local historical organizations in planning and conducting celebrations;

(e) To create one or more classes of membership in the society;

(f) To engage in the sale of various articles which are related to the basic purpose of the society;

(g) To engage in appropriate fund-raising activities for the purpose of increasing the self-support of the society;

(h) To accept gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and devises, of real or personal property, or both, in trust or otherwise, and sell, lease, exchange, invest, or expend the same or the proceeds, rents, profits, and income therefrom except as limited by the donor's terms. The governing boards of the state historical societies shall adopt rules to govern and protect the receipt and expenditure of the proceeds, rents, profits, and income of all such gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and devises;

(i) To accept on loan or lend objects of historical interest, and sell, exchange, divest itself of, or refuse to accept, items which do not enhance the collection;

(j) To charge general or special admission fees to its museums or exhibits and to waive or decrease such fees as it finds appropriate; and

(k) To work with the heritage council in developing the plan under *RCW 27.34.050.

(2) All objects, sites, manuscripts, photographs, and all property, including real property, now held or hereafter acquired by the state historical societies shall be held by the societies in trust for the use and benefit of the people of Washington state. [1983 c 91 § 7.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 27.34.050 was repealed by 1994 1st sp.s. c 9 § 858, effective July 1, 1994.

27.34.075 Educational publications printing. The provisions of chapter 43.78 RCW shall not apply to the printing of educational publications of the state historical societies. [1994 c 82 § 2.]

27.34.080 State historical societies—Appointment of directors—Removal. The governing board of each state historical society shall appoint its respective director with the consent of the governor. The governor may remove a director for cause or if a majority of the society's governing board votes for removal. [1983 c 91 § 8.]

27.34.200 Archaeology and historic preservation—Legislative declaration. The legislature hereby finds that the promotion, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of structures, sites, districts, buildings, and objects of historic, archaeological, architectural, and cultural significance is desirable in the interest of the public pride and general welfare of the people of the state; and the legislature further finds that the economic, cultural, and aesthetic standing of the state can be maintained and enhanced by protecting the heritage of the state and by preventing the destruction or defacement of these assets; therefore, it is hereby declared by the legislature to be the public policy and in the public interest of the state to designate, preserve, protect, enhance, and perpetuate those structures, sites, districts, buildings, and objects which reflect outstanding elements of the state's historic, archaeological, architectural, or cultural heritage, for the inspiration and enrichment of the citizens of the state. [1983 c 91 § 10.]

27.34.210 Office of archaeology and historic preservation—Preservation officer—Qualifications. There is hereby established the office of archaeology and historic preservation within the *department of community development.

The director shall appoint the preservation officer to assist the director in implementing this chapter. The preservation officer shall have a background in program administration, an active involvement in historic preservation, and a knowledge of the national, state, and local preservation programs as they affect the state of Washington. [1986 c 266 § 10; 1983 c 91 § 11.]

***Reviser's note:** Powers, duties, and functions of the department of community development and the department of trade and economic development were transferred to the department of community, trade, and economic development by 1993 c 280, effective July 1, 1994.

Severability—1986 c 266: See note following RCW 38.52.005.

Identification of historic properties and sites in need of rehabilitation or renovation—Use of conservation corps members: RCW 43.220.180.

27.34.220 Director—Powers. The director or the director's designee is authorized:

(1) To promulgate and maintain a state register of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American or Washington state history, architecture, archaeology, and culture, and to prepare comprehensive state-wide historic surveys and plans and research and evaluation of surveyed resources for the preparation of nominations to the state and national registers of historic places, in accordance with criteria approved by the advisory council established under RCW 27.34.250. The nominations shall comply with any standards and regulations promulgated by the United States secretary of the interior for the preservation, acquisition, and development of such properties.

(2) To establish a program of matching grants-in-aid to public agencies, public or private organizations, or individu-

als for projects having as their purpose the preservation for public benefit of properties that are significant in American or Washington state history, architecture, archaeology, and culture.

(3) To promote historic preservation efforts throughout the state, including private efforts and those of city, county, and state agencies.

(4) To enhance the effectiveness of the state preservation program through the initiation of legislation, the use of varied funding sources, the creation of special purpose programs, and contact with state, county, and city officials, civic groups, and professionals.

(5) To spend funds, subject to legislative appropriation and the availability of funds, where necessary to assist the Indian tribes of Washington state in removing prehistoric human remains for scientific examination and reburial, if the human remains have been unearthed inadvertently or through vandalism and if no other public agency is legally responsible for their preservation.

(6) To consult with the governor and the legislature on issues relating to the conservation of the man-made environment and their impact on the well-being of the state and its citizens.

(7) To charge fees for professional and clerical services provided by the office.

(8) To adopt such rules, in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW, as are necessary to carry out RCW 27.34.200 through 27.34.280. [1987 c 505 § 8; 1986 c 266 § 11; 1985 c 64 § 2; 1983 c 91 § 12.]

Severability—1986 c 266: See note following RCW 38.52.005.

27.34.230 Director—Duties. The director or the director's designee shall:

(1) Submit the budget requests for the office to the heritage council for review and comment;

(2) Receive, administer, and disburse such gifts, grants, and endowments from private sources as may be made in trust or otherwise for the purposes of RCW 27.34.200 through *27.34.290 or the federal act; and

(3) Develop and implement a cultural resource management plan. [1986 c 266 § 12; 1983 c 91 § 13.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 27.34.290 was repealed by 1986 c 266 § 53.

Severability—1986 c 266: See note following RCW 38.52.005.

27.34.240 Apportionment of grants. The amounts made available for grants to the public agencies, public or private organizations, or individuals for projects for each fiscal year shall be apportioned among program applicants by the director or the director's designee, with the advice of the preservation officer, in accordance with needs' as contained in state-wide archaeology and historic preservation plans developed by the department. [1986 c 266 § 13; 1983 c 91 § 14.]

Severability—1986 c 266: See note following RCW 38.52.005.

27.34.250 Advisory council on historic preservation—Members. (1) There is hereby established an advisory council on historic preservation, which shall be composed of nine members appointed by the governor as follows:

(a) The director of a state historical society or the director's designee to be selected from (i) the director of the

Washington state historical society and (ii) the director of the Eastern Washington state historical society, to each serve on the council for one year on a rotating basis, the order of rotation to be determined by the governor;

(b) Six members of the public who are interested and experienced in matters to be considered by the council including the fields of history, architecture, and archaeology;

(c) A representative from the Washington archaeological community; and

(d) A native American.

(2) Each member of the council appointed under subsection (1)(b), (c), and (d) of this section shall serve a four-year term, except that those members first appointed shall serve for terms of from one to four years as designated by the governor at the time of appointment, it being the purpose of this subsection to assure staggered terms of office.

(3) A vacancy in the council shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term.

(4) The chairperson of the council shall be designated by the governor.

(5) Five members of the council shall constitute a quorum. [1993 c 185 § 1; 1993 c 101 § 12; 1983 c 91 § 15.]

Reviser's note: This section was amended by 1993 c 101 § 12 and by 1993 c 185 § 1, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Effective date—1993 c 185: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect June 30, 1993." [1993 c 185 § 2.]

Findings—1993 c 101: See note following RCW 27.34.010.

27.34.260 Advisory council—Compensation and reimbursement of members. The directors of the state historical societies shall serve as members of the advisory council on historic preservation without additional compensation. All other members of the advisory council shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of the council in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. [1983 c 91 § 18.]

27.34.270 Advisory council—Duties. The advisory council shall:

(1) Advise the governor and the department on matters relating to historic preservation; recommend measures to coordinate activities of state and local agencies, private institutions, and individuals relating to historic preservation; and advise on the dissemination of information pertaining to such activities; and

(2) Review and recommend nominations for the state and national registers of historic places to the preservation officer and the director. [1986 c 266 § 14; 1983 c 91 § 17.]

Severability—1986 c 266: See note following RCW 38.52.005.

27.34.280 Advisory council, heritage council—Financial and administrative services. The department shall provide administrative and financial services to the advisory council on historic preservation and to the Wash-

ington state heritage council. [1986 c 266 § 15; 1983 c 91 § 16.]

Severability—1986 c 266: See note following RCW 38.52.005.

27.34.300 Bicentennial celebration of maritime accomplishments—Advisory committee. (1) The Washington state historical society shall plan and implement an appropriate commemorative celebration of the bicentennials of the maritime accomplishments in 1792 of Robert Gray and George Vancouver, and the establishment of a Spanish outpost at Neah Bay.

(2) To accomplish this purpose, the society shall:

(a) Coordinate its activities with the Grays Harbor Tall Ships construction program;

(b) Organize museum exhibitions, including components that can travel to all sections of the state;

(c) Conduct a maritime heritage markers program along the Pacific coast, Puget Sound, and waterways in the Columbia river basin;

(d) Issue publications, organize festivals and scholarly symposia, and conduct other activities as may be appropriate.

(3) The society shall cooperate with the entities in the state of Oregon and the province of British Columbia that are planning similar activities.

(4) The society shall create an advisory committee to review and comment upon the society's commemorative plan and implementation. The committee shall have nine members, five of whom shall be citizens from areas of the state which have a special affinity to the explorations being commemorated and shall be appointed by the society. Four members shall be legislators. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one member from each caucus and the president of the senate shall appoint one member from each caucus. Vacancies in the committee may be filled in accordance with original appointment procedures. [1989 c 82 § 2.]

Findings—1989 c 82: "(1) The legislature finds that:

(a) Robert Gray's discovery of the Columbia river and Gray's Harbor in 1792 provided the foundation for American claims to sovereignty over the Oregon country;

(b) George Vancouver, following in the tradition of scientific discovery inaugurated by Captain Cook, commanded an expedition that made many contributions to the understanding of world geography, including the existence of Puget Sound, which he explored in 1792;

(c) The Spanish/Mexican outpost at Neah Bay, founded in 1792 to establish a southern limit to Russian and English encroachment on presumed Spanish prerogatives in the north Pacific, was the first European settlement in the state of Washington.

(2) The legislature intends for the Washington state historical society to plan and implement an appropriate commemoration and celebration of the bicentennials of the epic maritime accomplishments of 1792, which separately and collectively represent the multicultural nature of Euroamerican exploration in the Northwest and the onset of sustained contact with Washington's native people." [1989 c 82 § 1.]

27.34.310 Inventory of state-owned properties—Definitions. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following definitions apply throughout RCW 27.34.320.

(1) "Agency" means the state agency, department, or institution that has ownership of historic property.

(2) "Historic properties" means those buildings, sites, objects, structures, and districts that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

(3) "Office" means the office of archaeology and historic preservation within the *department of community development. [1993 c 325 § 3.]

***Reviser's note:** Powers, duties, and functions of the department of community development and the department of trade and economic development were transferred to the department of community, trade, and economic development by 1993 c 280, effective July 1, 1994.

Purpose—1993 c 325 §§ 3, 4: "It is the purpose of sections 3 and 4 of this act to give authority to the office of archaeology and historic preservation to identify and record all state-owned facilities to determine which of these facilities may be considered historically significant and to require the office to provide copies of the inventory to departments, agencies, and institutions that have jurisdiction over the buildings and sites listed." [1993 c 325 § 2.]

27.34.320 Inventory of state-owned properties—Procedure—Grants. (1) By January 2, 1994, the office shall provide each agency with a list of the agency's properties currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. By January 2, 1995, agencies that own property shall provide to the office a list of those properties that are either at least fifty years old or that may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. If funding is available, the office may provide grants to state agencies to assist in the development of the agency's list. By June 30, 1995, the office shall compile and disseminate an inventory of state-owned historic properties.

(2) The office shall provide technical information to agency staff involved with the identification of historic properties, including the criteria for facilities to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. [1993 c 325 § 4.]

Purpose—1993 c 325 §§ 3, 4: See note following RCW 27.34.310.

27.34.900 State capital historical museum. The building and grounds designated as Block 2, Grainger's Addition to the City of Olympia, County of Thurston, acquired by the state under senate joint resolution No. 18, session of 1939, is hereby designated a part of the state capitol, to be known as the state capital historical museum. This structure is to be used to house and interpret the collection of the Washington state historical society. This section does not limit the society's use of other structures. [1993 c 101 § 13; 1981 c 253 § 3; 1941 c 44 § 3; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 8265-6. Formerly RCW 27.36.020.]

Findings—1993 c 101: See note following RCW 27.34.010.

27.34.906 Pickett House—In trust—Reverter. Said chapter, by acceptance of such conveyance, shall be deemed to have agreed to hold said property in trust for the state of Washington, and to maintain and keep the same open to the public as an historical site, and, in case of its failure so to do, title to said property shall revert to the state of Washington. [1965 c 31 § 2. Formerly RCW 27.28.022.]

27.34.910 Effective date—1983 c 91. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect June 30, 1983. [1983 c 91 § 27.]

27.34.915 Severability—1993 c 101. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is

held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1993 c 101 § 16.]

27.34.916 Effective date—1993 c 101. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect July 1, 1993. [1993 c 101 § 17.]

Chapter 27.40

THOMAS BURKE MEMORIAL WASHINGTON STATE MUSEUM OF UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

(Formerly: Museum of University of Washington)

Sections

- 27.40.010 Thomas Burke Memorial Washington State Museum constituted state natural history and anthropology museum.
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- 27.40.036 Sale or trade of acquired documents or materials—Use of proceeds.
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27.40.010 Thomas Burke Memorial Washington State Museum constituted state natural history and anthropology museum. The Thomas Burke Memorial Washington State Museum of the University of Washington is hereby constituted the state natural history and anthropology museum as a repository for the preservation, exhibition, interpretation, and conservation of documents and objects of a systematic anthropological, geological, and zoological character for the state. [1985 c 29 § 1; 1899 c 30 § 1; RRS § 8255.]

Effective date—1985 c 29: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect on June 30, 1985." [1985 c 29 § 3.]

27.40.030 Acceptance of materials from private sources. This museum may receive all such above named documents or material for preservation and exhibition from any private person under such rules and regulations as the board of regents of the University of Washington may deem proper to make for the care of the aforesaid museum. [1899 c 30 § 3; RRS § 8257.]

27.40.034 Permanent acquisition of documents and materials on loan to museum, procedure—Return of stolen documents and materials to owner. The board of regents may provide, by rule or regulation, for:

(1) The permanent acquisition of documents or materials on loan to the state museum at the University of Washington, if the documents or materials have not been claimed by the owner thereof within ninety days after notice is sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner at his last known address by the board of regents and if the certified letter be returned because it could not be delivered to the addressee, public notice shall be published by the

University of Washington once each week during two successive weeks in a newspaper circulating in the city of Seattle and the county of King describing the unclaimed documents or materials, giving the name of the reputed owner thereof and requesting all persons who may have any knowledge of the whereabouts of the owner to contact the office of the museum of the University of Washington: PROVIDED HOWEVER, That more than one item may be described in each of the notices;

(2) The return to the rightful owner of documents or materials in the possession of the museum, which documents or materials are determined to have been stolen: PROVIDED, That any person claiming to be the rightful legal owner of the documents or materials who wishes to challenge the determination by the board shall have the right to commence a declaratory judgment action pursuant to chapter 7.24 RCW in the superior court for King county to determine the validity of his claim of ownership to the documents or materials. [1985 c 469 § 13; 1975 1st ex.s. c 159 § 1.]

27.40.036 Sale or trade of acquired documents or materials—Use of proceeds. Documents or materials acquired under the provisions of RCW 27.40.034 may be sold, or may be traded for other documents or materials. The proceeds from the sale of any such documents or materials may be used to acquire additional documents or materials or may be used to defray the cost of operating the museum. [1975 1st ex.s. c 159 § 2.]

27.40.040 Management in board of regents. The board of regents of the University of Washington ex officio shall have full charge and management of the state museum hereby created. [1899 c 30 § 4; RRS § 8258.]

Chapter 27.44

INDIAN GRAVES AND RECORDS

Sections

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27.44.020 Examination permitted—Removal to archaeological repository. Any archaeologist or interested person may copy and examine such glyptic or painted records or examine the surface of any such cairn or grave, but no such record or archaeological material from any such cairn or grave may be removed unless the same shall be destined for reburial or perpetual preservation in a duly recognized archaeological repository and permission for scientific research and removal of specimens of such records and material has been granted by the state historic preservation officer. Whenever a request for permission to remove records or material is received, the state historic preservation officer shall notify the affected Indian tribe or tribes. [1985 c 64 § 1; 1977 ex.s. c 169 § 6; 1941 c 216 § 2; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 3207-11.]

(1994 Ed.)

Severability—Nomenclature—Savings—1977 ex.s. c 169: See notes following RCW 28B.10.016.

27.44.030 Intent. The legislature hereby declares that:

(1) Native Indian burial grounds and historic graves are acknowledged to be a finite, irreplaceable, and nonrenewable cultural resource, and are an intrinsic part of the cultural heritage of the people of Washington. The legislature recognizes the value and importance of respecting all graves, and the spiritual significance of such sites to the people of this state;

(2) There have been reports and incidents of deliberate interference with native Indian and historic graves for profit-making motives;

(3) There has been careless indifference in cases of accidental disturbance of sites, graves, and burial grounds;

(4) Indian burial sites, cairns, glyptic markings, and historic graves located on public and private land are to be protected and it is therefore the legislature's intent to encourage voluntary reporting and respectful handling in cases of accidental disturbance and provide enhanced penalties for deliberate desecration. [1989 c 44 § 1.]

27.44.040 Protection of Indian graves—Penalty. (1)

Any person who knowingly removes, mutilates, defaces, injures, or destroys any cairn or grave of any native Indian, or any glyptic or painted record of any tribe or peoples is guilty of a class C felony punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW. Persons disturbing native Indian graves through inadvertence, including disturbance through construction, mining, logging, agricultural activity, or any other activity, shall reinter the human remains under the supervision of the appropriate Indian tribe. The expenses of reinterment are to be paid by the office of archaeology and historic preservation pursuant to RCW 27.34.220.

(2) Any person who sells any native Indian artifacts or any human remains that are known to have been taken from an Indian cairn or grave, is guilty of a class C felony punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

(3) This section does not apply to:

(a) The possession or sale of native Indian artifacts discovered in or taken from locations other than native Indian cairns or graves, or artifacts that were removed from cairns or graves as may be authorized by RCW 27.53.060 or by other than human action; or

(b) Actions taken in the performance of official law enforcement duties.

(4) It shall be a complete defense in the prosecution under this section if the defendant can prove by a preponderance of evidence that the alleged acts were accidental or inadvertent and that reasonable efforts were made to preserve the remains, glyptic, or painted records, or artifacts accidentally disturbed or discovered, and that the accidental discovery or disturbance was properly reported. [1989 c 44 § 2.]

27.44.050 Civil action by Indian tribe or member—Time for commencing action—Venue—Damages—Attorneys' fees. (1) Apart from any criminal prosecution, an Indian tribe or enrolled member thereof, shall have a civil action to secure an injunction, damages, or other appropriate

relief against any person who is alleged to have violated RCW 27.44.040. The action must be brought within two years of the discovery of the violation by the plaintiff. The action may be filed in the superior or tribal court of the county in which the grave, cairn, remains, or artifacts are located, or in the superior court of the county within which the defendant resides.

(2) Any conviction pursuant to RCW 27.44.040 shall be prima facie evidence in an action brought under this section.

(3) If the plaintiff prevails:

(a) The court may award reasonable attorneys' fees to the plaintiff;

(b) The court may grant injunctive or such other equitable relief as is appropriate, including forfeiture of any artifacts or remains acquired or equipment used in the violation. The court shall order the disposition of any items forfeited as the court sees fit, including the reinterment of human remains;

(c) The plaintiff shall recover imputed damages of five hundred dollars or actual damages, whichever is greater. Actual damages include special and general damages, which include damages for emotional distress;

(d) The plaintiff may recover punitive damages upon proof that the violation was willful. Punitive damages may be recovered without proof of actual damages. All punitive damages shall be paid by the defendant to the office of archaeology and historic preservation for the purposes of Indian historic preservation and to cover the cost of reinterment expenses by the office; and

(e) An award of imputed or punitive damages may be made only once for a particular violation by a particular person, but shall not preclude the award of such damages based on violations by other persons or on other violations.

(4) If the defendant prevails, the court may award reasonable attorneys' fees to the defendant. [1989 c 44 § 3.]

27.44.900 Captions not law—1989 c 44. Section captions used in this act do not constitute any part of the law. [1989 c 44 § 10.]

27.44.901 Liberal construction—1989 c 44. This act is to be liberally construed to achieve the legislature's intent. [1989 c 44 § 11.]

Chapter 27.48

PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATERIALS

Sections

27.48.010 Public purpose declared—Powers of counties and municipalities.

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27.48.010 Public purpose declared—Powers of counties and municipalities. The storage, preservation and exhibit of historical materials, including, but not restricted to, books, maps, writings, newspapers, ancient articles, and tools of handicraft, antiques, artifacts, and relics is declared to be a public project carried on for public purpose and the legislative body of any county, city or town, may provide quarters therefor within the territorial limits thereof and may provide

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funds necessary for the proper operation of any such institution already in operation, or otherwise provide for the preservation of historical material covered by this chapter. [1957 c 47 § 1; 1949 c 160 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1949 § 8265-9.]

Chapter 27.53

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND RESOURCES

Sections

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27.53.900 Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 134.

27.53.901 Severability—1988 c 124.

Office of archaeology and historic preservation: RCW 27.34.200 through 27.34.240.

27.53.010 Declaration. The legislature hereby declares that the public has an interest in the conservation, preservation, and protection of the state's archaeological resources, and the knowledge to be derived and gained from the scientific study of these resources. [1975 1st ex.s. c 134 § 1.]

27.53.020 Archaeological resource preservation, etc., declared public functions—Archaeological research center designated state agency—Cooperation enjoined. The discovery, identification, excavation, and study of the state's archaeological resources, the providing of information on archaeological sites for their nomination to the state and national registers of historic places, the maintaining of a complete inventory of archaeological sites and collections, and the providing of information to state, federal, and private construction agencies regarding the possible impact of construction activities on the state's archaeological resources, are proper public functions; and the Washington archaeological research center, created under the authority of chapter 39.34 RCW as now existing or hereafter amended, is hereby designated as an appropriate agency to carry out these functions. The director, in consultation with the Washington archaeological research center, shall provide guidelines for the selection of depositories designated by the state for

archaeological resources. The legislature directs that there shall be full cooperation amongst the department, the Washington archaeological research center, and other agencies of the state. [1986 c 266 § 16; 1977 ex.s. c 195 § 12; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 82 § 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 134 § 2.]

Severability—1986 c 266: See note following RCW 38.52.005.

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 195: "If any provision of this 1977 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1977 ex.s. c 195 § 20.]

27.53.030 Definitions. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions contained in this section shall apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Archaeology" means systematic, scientific study of man's past through material remains.

(2) "Archaeological object" means an object that comprises the physical evidence of an indigenous and subsequent culture including material remains of past human life including monuments, symbols, tools, facilities, and technological by-products.

(3) "Archaeological site" means a geographic locality in Washington, including but not limited to, submerged and submersible lands and the bed of the sea within the state's jurisdiction, that contains archaeological objects.

(4) "Department" means the *department of community development.

(5) "Director" means the *director of community development or the director's designee.

(6) "Historic" means peoples and cultures who are known through written documents in their own or other languages. As applied to underwater archaeological resources, the term historic shall include only those properties which are listed in or eligible for listing in the Washington State Register of Historic Places (RCW 27.34.220) or the National Register of Historic Places as defined in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Title 1, Sec. 101, Public Law 89-665; 80 Stat. 915; 16 U.S.C. Sec. 470) as now or hereafter amended.

(7) "Prehistoric" means peoples and cultures who are unknown through contemporaneous written documents in any language.

(8) "Professional archaeologist" means a person who has met the educational, training, and experience requirements of the society of professional archaeologists.

(9) "Qualified archaeologist" means a person who has had formal training and/or experience in archaeology over a period of at least three years, and has been certified in writing to be a qualified archaeologist by two professional archaeologists.

(10) "Amateur society" means any organization composed primarily of persons who are not professional archaeologists, whose primary interest is in the archaeological resources of the state, and which has been certified in writing by two professional archaeologists.

(11) "Historic archaeological resources" means those properties which are listed in or eligible for listing in the Washington State Register of Historic Places (RCW 27.34.220) or the National Register of Historic Places as defined in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Title 1, Sec. 101, Public Law 89-665; 80 Stat. 915; 16 U.S.C. Sec. 470) as now or hereafter amended. [1989 c 44

§ 6; 1988 c 124 § 2; 1986 c 266 § 17; 1983 c 91 § 20; 1977 ex.s. c 195 § 13; 1975 1st ex.s. c 134 § 3.]

***Reviser's note:** Powers, duties, and functions of the department of community development and the department of trade and economic development were transferred to the department of community, trade, and economic development by 1993 c 280, effective July 1, 1994.

Intent—1989 c 44: See RCW 27.44.030.

Captions not law—Liberal construction—1989 c 44: See RCW 27.44.900 and 27.44.901.

Intent—1988 c 124: "It is the intent of the legislature that those historic archaeological resources located on state-owned aquatic lands that are of importance to the history of our state, or its communities, be protected for the people of the state. At the same time, the legislature also recognizes that divers have long enjoyed the recreation of diving near shipwrecks and picking up artifacts from the state-owned aquatic lands, and it is not the intent of the legislature to regulate these occasional, recreational activities except in areas where necessary to protect underwater historic archaeological sites. The legislature also recognizes that salvors who invest in a project to salvage underwater archaeological resources on state-owned aquatic lands should be required to obtain a state permit for their operation in order to protect the interest of the people of the state, as well as to protect the interest of the salvors who have invested considerable time and money in the salvage expedition." [1988 c 124 § 1.]

Application—1988 c 124: "This act shall not affect any ongoing salvage effort in which the state has entered into separate contracts or agreements prior to March 18, 1988." [1988 c 124 § 13.] For codification of "this act," see Codification Tables, Volume 0.

Severability—1986 c 266: See note following RCW 38.52.005.

Effective date—1983 c 91: See RCW 27.34.910.

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 195: See note following RCW 27.53.020.

27.53.040 Archaeological resources—Declaration.

All sites, objects, structures, artifacts, implements, and locations of prehistorical or archaeological interest, whether previously recorded or still unrecognized, including, but not limited to, those pertaining to prehistoric and historic American Indian or aboriginal burials, campsites, dwellings, and habitation sites, including rock shelters and caves, their artifacts and implements of culture such as projectile points, arrowheads, skeletal remains, grave goods, baskets, pestles, mauls and grinding stones, knives, scrapers, rock carvings and paintings, and other implements and artifacts of any material that are located in, on, or under the surface of any lands or waters owned by or under the possession, custody, or control of the state of Washington or any county, city, or political subdivision of the state are hereby declared to be archaeological resources. [1975 1st ex.s. c 134 § 4.]

27.53.045 Abandoned archaeological resources—

Declaration. All historic archaeological resources abandoned for thirty years or more in, on, or under the surface of any public lands or waters owned by or under the possession, custody, or control of the state of Washington, including, but not limited to all ships, or aircraft, and any part or the contents thereof, and all treasure trove is hereby declared to be the property of the state of Washington. [1988 c 124 § 3.]

Intent—Application—1988 c 124: See notes following RCW 27.53.030.

27.53.060 Disturbing, etc., archaeological resource or site without written permit or permission unlawful—Conditions allowed—Exceptions. (1) On the private and public lands of this state it shall be unlawful for any person,

firm, corporation, or any agency or institution of the state or a political subdivision thereof to knowingly remove, alter, dig into, or excavate by use of any mechanical, hydraulic, or other means, or to damage, deface, or destroy any historic or prehistoric archaeological resource or site, or remove any archaeological object from such site, except for Indian graves or cairns, or any glyptic or painted record of any tribe or peoples, or historic graves as defined in chapter 68.05 RCW, disturbances of which shall be a class C felony punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW, without having obtained a written permit from the director for such activities.

(2) The director must obtain the consent of the private or public property owner or agency responsible for the management thereof, prior to issuance of the permit. The property owner or agency responsible for the management of such land may condition its consent on the execution of a separate agreement, lease, or other real property conveyance with the applicant as may be necessary to carry out the legal rights or duties of the public property landowner or agency. The director, in consultation with the affected tribes, shall develop guidelines for the issuance and processing of permits. Such written permit and any agreement or lease or other conveyance required by any public property owner or agency responsible for management of such land shall be physically present while any such activity is being conducted. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the removal of artifacts found exposed on the surface of the ground which are not historic archaeological resources or sites. [1989 c 44 § 7; 1988 c 124 § 4; 1986 c 266 § 18; 1977 ex.s. c 195 § 14; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 82 § 2; 1975 1st ex.s. c 134 § 6.]

Intent—1989 c 44: See RCW 27.44.030.

Captions not law—Liberal construction—1989 c 44: See RCW 27.44.900 and 27.44.901.

Intent—Application—1988 c 124: See notes following RCW 27.53.030.

Severability—1986 c 266: See note following RCW 38.52.005.

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 195: See note following RCW 27.53.020.

27.53.070 Field investigations—Communication of site or resource location to research center. It is the declared intention of the legislature that field investigations on privately owned lands should be discouraged except in accordance with both the provisions and spirit of this chapter and persons having knowledge of the location of archaeological sites or resources are encouraged to communicate such information to the Washington archaeological research center. Such information shall not constitute a public record which requires disclosure pursuant to the exception authorized in RCW 42.17.310, as now or hereafter amended, to avoid site deprecation. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 82 § 3; 1975 1st ex.s. c 134 § 7.]

27.53.080 Archaeological activities upon public lands—Entry—Agreement—Approval of activities. Qualified or professional archaeologists, in performance of their duties, are hereby authorized to enter upon public lands of the state of Washington and its political subdivisions, at such times and in such manner as not to interfere with the normal management thereof, for the purposes of doing

archaeological resource location and evaluation studies, including site sampling activities. Scientific excavations are to be carried out only after appropriate agreement has been made between a professional archaeologist or an institution of higher education and the agency or political subdivision responsible for such lands. Notice of such agreement shall be filed with the Washington archaeological research center and by them to the department. Amateur societies may engage in such activities by submitting and having approved by the responsible agency or political subdivision a written proposal detailing the scope and duration of the activity. Before approval, a proposal from an amateur society shall be submitted to the Washington archaeological research center for review and recommendation. [1986 c 266 § 19; 1977 ex.s. c 195 § 15; 1975 1st ex.s. c 134 § 8.]

Severability—1986 c 266: See note following RCW 38.52.005.

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 195: See note following RCW 27.53.020.

27.53.090 Violations—Penalty. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Each day of continued violation of any provision of this chapter shall constitute a distinct and separate offense. Offenses shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency or to the director. [1986 c 266 § 20; 1977 ex.s. c 195 § 16; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 82 § 4; 1975 1st ex.s. c 134 § 9.]

Severability—1986 c 266: See note following RCW 38.52.005.

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 195: See note following RCW 27.53.020.

27.53.100 Historic archaeological resources on state-owned aquatic lands—Discovery and report—Right of first refusal. Persons, firms, corporations, institutions, or agencies which discover a previously unreported historic archaeological resource on state-owned aquatic lands and report the site or location of such resource to the department shall have a right of first refusal to future salvage permits granted for the recovery of that resource, subject to the provisions of RCW 27.53.110. Such right of first refusal shall exist for five years from the date of the report. Should another person, firm, corporation, institution, or agency apply for a permit to salvage that resource, the reporting entity shall have sixty days to submit its own permit application and exercise its first refusal right, or the right shall be extinguished. [1988 c 124 § 5.]

Intent—Application—1988 c 124: See notes following RCW 27.53.030.

27.53.110 Contracts for discovery and salvage of state-owned historic archaeological resources. The director is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with other state agencies or institutions and with qualified private institutions, persons, firms, or corporations for the discovery and salvage of state-owned historic archaeological resources. Such contracts shall include but are not limited to the following terms and conditions:

(1) Historic shipwrecks:

(a) The contract shall provide for fair compensation to a salvor. "Fair compensation" means an amount not less than ninety percent of the appraised value of the objects recovered following successful completion of the contract.

(b) The salvor may retain objects with a value of up to ninety percent of the appraised value of the total objects recovered, or cash, or a combination of objects and cash. In no event may the total of objects and cash exceed ninety percent of the total appraised value of the objects recovered. A salvor shall not be entitled to further compensation from any state sources.

(c) The contract shall provide that the state will be given first choice of which objects it may wish to retain for display purposes for the people of the state from among all the objects recovered. The state may retain objects with a value of up to ten percent of the appraised value of the total objects recovered. If the state chooses not to retain recovered objects with a value of up to ten percent of the appraised value, the state shall be entitled to receive its share in cash or a combination of recovered objects and cash so long as the state's total share does not exceed ten percent of the appraised value of the objects recovered.

(d) The contract shall provide that both the state and the salvor shall have the right to select a single appraiser or joint appraisers.

(e) The contract shall also provide that title to the objects shall pass to the salvor when the permit is issued. However, should the salvor fail to fully perform under the terms of the contract, title to all objects recovered shall revert to the state.

(2) Historic aircraft:

(a) The contract shall provide that historic aircraft belonging to the state of Washington may only be recovered if the purpose of that salvage operation is to recover the aircraft for a museum, historical society, nonprofit organization, or governmental entity.

(b) Title to the aircraft may only be passed by the state to one of the entities listed in (a) of this subsection.

(c) Compensation to the salvor shall only be derived from the sale or exchange of the aircraft to one of the entities listed in (a) of this subsection or such other compensation as one of the entities listed in (a) of this subsection and the salvor may arrange. The salvor shall not have a claim to compensation from state funds.

(3) Other historic archaeological resources: The director, in his or her discretion, may negotiate the terms of such contracts. [1988 c 124 § 6.]

Intent—Application—1988 c 124: See notes following RCW 27.53.030.

27.53.120 Recovery of property from historic archaeological sites—Mitigation of damage—Refusal to issue salvage permit to prevent destruction of resource. The salvor shall agree to mitigate any archaeological damage which occurs during the salvage operation. The department shall have access to all property recovered from historic archaeological sites for purposes of scholarly research and photographic documentation for a period to be agreed upon by the parties following completion of the salvage operation. The department shall also have the right to publish scientific papers concerning the results of all research conducted as project mitigation.

The director has the right to refuse to issue a permit for salvaging an historic archaeological resource if that resource would be destroyed beyond mitigation by the proposed salvage operation. Any agency, institution, person, firm, or

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corporation which has been denied a permit because the resource would be destroyed beyond mitigation by their method of salvage shall have a right of first refusal for that permit at a future date should technology be found which would make salvage possible without destroying the resource. Such right of first refusal shall be in effect for sixty days after the director has determined that salvage can be accomplished by a subsequent applicant without destroying the resource.

No person, firm, or corporation may conduct such salvage or recovery operation herein described without first obtaining such contract. [1988 c 124 § 7.]

Intent—Application—1988 c 124: See notes following RCW 27.53.030.

27.53.130 List of areas requiring permits. The *department of community development shall publish annually and update as necessary a list of those areas where permits are required to protect historic archaeological sites on aquatic lands. [1988 c 124 § 10.]

***Reviser's note:** Powers, duties, and functions of the department of community development and the department of trade and economic development were transferred to the department of community, trade, and economic development by 1993 c 280, effective July 1, 1994.

Intent—Application—1988 c 124: See notes following RCW 27.53.030.

27.53.140 Rule-making authority. The *department of community development shall have such rule-making authority as is necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. [1988 c 124 § 11.]

***Reviser's note:** Powers, duties, and functions of the department of community development and the department of trade and economic development were transferred to the department of community, trade, and economic development by 1993 c 280, effective July 1, 1994.

Intent—Application—1988 c 124: See notes following RCW 27.53.030.

27.53.150 Proceeds from state's property—Deposit and use. Any proceeds from the state's share of property under this chapter shall be transmitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the general fund to be used only for the purposes of historic preservation and underwater archaeology. [1988 c 124 § 12.]

Intent—Application—1988 c 124: See notes following RCW 27.53.030.

27.53.900 Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 134. If any provision of this chapter, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the chapter, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1975 1st ex.s. c 134 § 10.]

27.53.901 Severability—1988 c 124. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1988 c 124 § 14.]

Chapter 27.60

1989 WASHINGTON CENTENNIAL

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27.60.010 Intent—Commemoration of centennial encouraged. November 11, 1989, will mark the centennial of Washington's admission to the Union. It is fitting that an event of this magnitude should be commemorated by the state of Washington. Such an event symbolizes achievement and growth and should remind the people of Washington that the past shapes our present and gives hope for a productive future. Therefore, every community of the state is encouraged to commemorate this historic event. [1982 c 90 § 1.]

27.60.020 1989 Washington centennial commission created. (1) There is established the 1989 Washington centennial commission composed of twenty-five members selected as follows:

(a) Four members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, two from each political party;

(b) Four members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate, two from each political party;

(c) Seventeen citizens of the state, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the governor, including a person from a minority culture to represent the state's minority communities, at least one person to represent small towns and rural areas, at least one person representing a state-wide historic preservation organization, and at least one person representing a state historical society.

(2) The chairperson of the commission shall be appointed by the governor from among the citizen members.

(3) The commission shall meet at such times as it is called by the governor or by the chairperson of the commission. [1985 c 291 § 1; 1984 c 120 § 1; 1982 c 90 § 2.]

27.60.030 Travel expenses. Subject to legislative appropriation or grant, nonlegislative members of the commission shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now or hereafter amended. Legislative members shall be reimbursed as provided in RCW 44.04.120 as now or hereafter amended. [1982 c 90 § 3.]

27.60.040 Duties of commission—Program for centennial. The 1989 Washington centennial commission shall develop a comprehensive program for celebrating the centennial of Washington's admission to the union in 1889. The program shall be developed to represent the contributions of all peoples and cultures to Washington state history and to the maximum feasible extent shall be designed to

encourage and support participation in the centennial by all interested communities in the state. Program elements shall include:

(1) An annual report to the governor and the legislature incorporating the commission's specific recommendations for the centennial celebration. The report shall recommend projects and activities including, but not limited to:

(a) Restoration of historic properties, with emphasis on those properties appropriate for use in the observance of the centennial;

(b) State and local historic preservation programs and activities;

(c) State and local archaeological programs and activities;

(d) Publications, films, and other educational materials;

(e) Bibliographical and documentary projects;

(f) Conferences, lectures, seminars, and other programs;

(g) Museum, library, cultural center, and park improvements, services, and exhibits, including mobile exhibits;

(h) Destination tourism attractions. Such destination tourism attractions (i) shall be based upon the heritage of the state, (ii) shall be sponsored and owned by the state, a municipal corporation thereof, or a nonprofit corporation which has qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code, and (iii) shall satisfy economic development criteria established in cooperation with the *director of trade and economic development in accordance with the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW; and

(i) Ceremonies and celebrations.

(2) The implementation of programs as supported by legislative appropriation, gifts and grants provided for the purposes of this chapter, and earned income as provided in **RCW 27.60.060, for a Pacific celebration, centennial games, centennial publications, audio-visual productions, and local celebrations throughout the state. [1987 c 195 § 1; 1985 c 291 § 2; 1982 c 90 § 4.]

Reviser's note: *(1) Powers, duties, and functions of the department of community development and the department of trade and economic development were transferred to the department of community, trade, and economic development by 1993 c 280, effective July 1, 1994.

** (2) RCW 27.60.060 was repealed by 1991 sp.s. c 13 § 122, effective July 1, 1991.

27.60.050 Staff for the commission. The commission may employ a staff to implement this chapter, subject to legislative appropriation or grant. The governor may designate an agency of state government for additional staff support. [1982 c 90 § 5.]

27.60.070 Program to observe anniversaries of adoption of federal and state Constitutions. (1) The 1989 Washington centennial commission shall implement or assist in the implementation of a program to observe the two hundredth anniversary of the adoption of the United States Constitution and the one hundredth anniversary of the adoption of the state Constitution. This program shall be designed to promote public education concerning the United States Constitution and the state Constitution and shall include the development of opportunities to explore the relationship between the federal and state Constitutions.

(2) In carrying out its responsibilities under this section, the commission may cooperate with, assist, or sponsor private organizations which are conducting programs consistent with this chapter. Such assistance may include securing the necessary recognition, support, and financial resources to ensure implementation of these educational programs on a state-wide basis.

(3) The commission may appoint an advisory committee for the purpose of advising the commission on matters relating to its duties under this section. [1985 c 291 § 4.]

27.60.090 Use of logos, emblems, slogans, etc., adopted by commission—Limitations—Penalties. (1) Except as authorized by the commission in writing, the manufacture, reproduction, or use of any logos, emblems, symbols, slogans, or marks originated under and adopted by authority of the commission in connection with the commemoration and celebration of the 1989 Washington state centennial, or any facsimile thereof, or any combination or simulation thereof tending to suggest official connection with the centennial or centennial activities, shall constitute unfair practice under chapter 19.86 RCW. At the request of the commission, the attorney general shall bring such action as may be necessary under chapter 19.86 RCW, including but not limited to action to recover all profits from unauthorized use of centennial insignia and marks.

(2) Except as authorized by the commission in writing, any person or entity who knowingly or wilfully manufactures, reproduces, or uses any logos, emblems, symbols, slogans or marks originated under and adopted by authority of the commission in connection with the commemoration and celebration of the 1989 Washington state centennial, or any facsimile thereof, or any combination or simulation thereof tending to suggest official connection with the centennial or centennial activities, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

(3) Enforcement action under subsection (1) or (2) of this section is authorized only with respect to logos, emblems, symbols, slogans, or marks for which notice of adoption by the commission has been published in the Washington state register.

(4) *This act shall not be construed to prevent the commission from seeking such other remedies as it may be entitled to under applicable state or federal trademark or copyright registration laws with respect to any symbol or mark. [1986 c 157 § 2.]

***Reviser's note:** This act consists of this section and the note following this section.

Legislative intent—1986 c 157: "The legislature intends that the celebration of the centennial should be of high quality, and that the centennial may generate revenues to help support such programs and plans. The legislature is concerned, as other states' legislatures and the congress have been, that large but transitory celebrations such as the bicentennial, Olympic games, or centennials, may present an opportunity for inappropriate commercial activity or outright theft of the valuable public property represented by the celebration and its associated symbols. To this end, it is declared to be in the public interest to provide for the protection of officially adopted centennial symbols, marks, and graphic insignia, and to assist the commission with the prevention of unauthorized use of such symbols." [1986 c 157 § 1.]

27.60.900 Termination of commission. The 1989 Washington centennial commission as established by this

chapter shall cease to exist on June 30, 1990. [1989 c 82 § 3; 1985 c 268 § 3; 1982 c 90 § 6.]

Findings—1989 c 82: See note following RCW 27.34.300.

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28A.150.010 Public schools. Public schools shall mean the common schools as referred to in Article IX of the state Constitution and those schools and institutions of learning having a curriculum below the college or university level as now or may be established by law and maintained at public expense. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.01.055. Formerly RCW 28A.01.055.]

28A.150.020 Common schools. "Common schools" means schools maintained at public expense in each school district and carrying on a program from kindergarten through the twelfth grade or any part thereof including vocational educational courses otherwise permitted by law. [1969 ex.s.

c 223 § 28A.01.060. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 261 § 1, part; RRS § 4680, part; prior: 1897 c 118 § 64, part; 1890 p 371 § 44, part. Formerly RCW 28A.01.060, 28.58.190, part, 28.01.060.]

28A.150.030 School day. A school day shall mean each day of the school year on which pupils enrolled in the common schools of a school district are engaged in educational activity planned by and under the direction of the school district staff, as directed by the administration and board of directors of the district. [1971 ex.s. c 161 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.01.010. Prior: (i) 1909 c 97 p 262 § 3, part; RRS § 4687, part; prior: 1903 c 104 § 22, part; 1897 c 118 § 66, part; 1890 p 372 § 46. Formerly RCW 28.01.010, part. (ii) 1917 c 127 § 1, part; RRS § 5098, part. Cf. 1911 c 82 § 1, part; 1909 c 97 p 371 subchapter 19, part; 1897 c 118 § 181, part. Formerly RCW 28A.01.010, 28.35.030, part.]

28A.150.040 School year—Beginning—End. The school year shall begin on the first day of September and end with the last day of August: PROVIDED, That any school district may elect to commence the minimum annual school term as required under RCW 28A.150.220 in the month of August of any calendar year and in such case the operation of a school district for such period in August shall be credited by the superintendent of public instruction to the succeeding school year for the purpose of the allocation and distribution of state funds for the support of such school district. [1990 c 33 § 101; 1982 c 158 § 5; 1977 ex.s. c 286 § 1; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 22; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.01.020. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 262 § 4; RRS § 4688; prior: 1897 c 118 § 67; 1890 p 373 § 49. Formerly RCW 28A.01.020, 28.01.020.]

Severability—1982 c 158: See note following RCW 28A.150.220.

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

28A.150.050 School holidays. The following are school holidays, and school shall not be taught on these days: Sunday; the first day of January, commonly called New Year's Day; the third Monday of January, being celebrated as the anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr.; the third Monday in February to be known as Presidents' Day and to be celebrated as the anniversary of the births of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington; the last Monday in May, commonly known as Memorial Day; the fourth day of July, being the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence; the first Monday in September, to be known as Labor Day; the eleventh day of November, to be known as Veterans' Day, the fourth Thursday in November, commonly known as Thanksgiving Day; the day immediately following Thanksgiving Day; the twenty-fifth day of December, commonly called Christmas Day: PROVIDED, That no reduction from the teacher's time or salary shall be made by reason of the fact that a school day happens to be one of the days referred to in this section as a day on which school shall not be taught. [1989 c 233 § 11; 1985 c 189 § 2; 1984 c 92 § 1; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 24 § 2; 1973 c 32 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 283 § 13. Prior: 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.02.060;

prior: 1955 c 20 § 2; 1909 c 97 p 308 § 6; RRS § 4853. Formerly RCW 28A.02.061, 28A.02.060, 28.02.060.]

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 283: "If any provision of this 1969 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1969 ex.s. c 283 § 59.]

"Legal holidays": RCW 1.16.050.

28A.150.060 Certificated employee. The term "certificated employee" as used in RCW 28A.195.010, 28A.150.060, 28A.150.260, 28A.405.100, 28A.405.210, 28A.405.240, 28A.405.250, 28A.405.300 through 28A.405.380, and chapter 41.59 RCW, shall include those persons who hold certificates as authorized by rule or regulation of the state board of education or the superintendent of public instruction. [1990 c 33 § 102; 1977 ex.s. c 359 § 17; 1975 1st ex.s. c 288 § 21; 1973 1st ex.s. c 105 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.01.130.]

Effective date—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 359: See notes following RCW 28A.150.200.

Effective dates—1975 1st ex.s. c 288: See RCW 41.59.940.

Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 288: See RCW 41.59.950.

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Construction of chapter—Employee's rights preserved: RCW 41.59.920.

Construction of chapter—Employer's responsibilities and rights preserved: RCW 41.59.930.

28A.150.070 General public school system—Administration. The administration of the public school system shall be entrusted to such state and local officials, boards, and committees as the state Constitution and the laws of the state shall provide. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.02.020. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 230 § 2; RRS § 4519; prior: 1897 c 118 § 19; 1890 p 348 § 2; Code 1881 §§ 3154, 3155; 1861 p 55 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.02.020, 28.02.020.]

28A.150.080 Superintendent of the school district. "Superintendent of the school district", if there be no such superintendent, shall mean such other administrative or certificated employee as the school district board of directors shall so designate. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.01.100. Formerly RCW 28A.01.100.]

28A.150.100 Basic education certificated instructional staff—Definition—Ratio to students. (1) For the purposes of this section and RCW 28A.150.410 and 28A.400.200, "basic education certificated instructional staff" shall mean all full time equivalent certificated instructional staff in the following programs as defined for state-wide school district accounting purposes: Basic education, secondary vocational education, general instructional support, and general supportive services.

(2) In the 1988-89 school year and thereafter, each school district shall maintain a ratio of at least forty-six basic education certificated instructional staff to one thousand annual average full time equivalent students. [1990 c 33 § 103; 1987 1st ex.s. c 2 § 203. Formerly RCW 28A.41.110.]

Intent—Severability—Effective date—1987 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 84.52.0531.

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28A.150.200 Basic Education Act—Program contents—As meeting constitutional requirements. *This 1977 amendatory act shall be known and may be cited as "The Washington Basic Education Act of 1977." The program evolving from the Basic Education Act shall include (1) the goal of the school system as defined in RCW 28A.150.210, (2) those program requirements enumerated in RCW 28A.150.220, and (3) the determination and distribution of state resources as defined in RCW 28A.150.250 and 28A.150.260.

The requirements of the Basic Education Act are deemed by the legislature to comply with the requirements of Article IX, section 1 of the state Constitution, which states that "It is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders, without distinction or preference on account of race, color, caste, or sex," and are adopted pursuant to Article IX, section 2 of the state Constitution, which states that "The legislature shall provide for a general and uniform system of public schools." [1990 c 33 § 104; 1977 ex.s. c 359 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.750.]

***Reviser's note:** For codification of "this 1977 amendatory act" [1977 ex.s. c 359], see Codification Tables, Volume 0.

Effective date—1977 ex.s. c 359: "This 1977 amendatory act shall take effect September 1, 1978." [1977 ex.s. c 359 § 22.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 359: "If any provision of this 1977 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1977 ex.s. c 359 § 21.]

The above two annotations apply to 1977 ex.s. c 359. For codification of that act, see Codification Tables, Volume 0.

28A.150.205 Definition. (Contingent effective date.) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definition in this section applies throughout RCW 28A.150.200 through 28A.150.295.

"Instructional hours" means those hours students are provided the opportunity to engage in educational activity planned by and under the direction of school district staff, as directed by the administration and board of directors of the district, inclusive of intermissions for class changes, recess, and teacher/parent-guardian conferences that are planned and scheduled by the district for the purpose of discussing students' educational needs or progress, and exclusive of time actually spent for meals. [1992 c 141 § 502.]

Contingent effective date—1993 c 336 §§ 502-504, 506, 507; 1992 c 141 §§ 501-507: "Sections 502 through 504, 506, and 507 of this act shall take effect September 1, 2000. However, these sections shall not take effect if, by September 1, 2000, a law is enacted stating that a school accountability and academic assessment system is not in place." [1993 c 336 § 1202; 1992 c 141 § 509.]

Findings—Part headings—Severability—1992 c 141: See notes following RCW 28A.410.040.

28A.150.210 Basic Education Act—Goal. The goal of the Basic Education Act for the schools of the state of Washington set forth in this chapter shall be to provide students with the opportunity to become responsible citizens, to contribute to their own economic well-being and to that of their families and communities, and to enjoy productive and satisfying lives. To these ends, the goals of each school

district, with the involvement of parents and community members, shall be to provide opportunities for all students to develop the knowledge and skills essential to:

(1) Read with comprehension, write with skill, and communicate effectively and responsibly in a variety of ways and settings;

(2) Know and apply the core concepts and principles of mathematics; social, physical, and life sciences; civics and history; geography; arts; and health and fitness;

(3) Think analytically, logically, and creatively, and to integrate experience and knowledge to form reasoned judgments and solve problems; and

(4) Understand the importance of work and how performance, effort, and decisions directly affect future career and educational opportunities. [1993 c 336 § 101; (1992 c 141 § 501 repealed by 1993 c 336 § 1203); 1977 ex.s. c 359 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.752.]

Findings—Intent—1993 c 336: "The legislature finds that student achievement in Washington must be improved to keep pace with societal changes, changes in the workplace, and an increasingly competitive international economy.

To increase student achievement, the legislature finds that the state of Washington needs to develop a public school system that focuses more on the educational performance of students, that includes high expectations for all students, and that provides more flexibility for school boards and educators in how instruction is provided.

The legislature further finds that improving student achievement will require:

(1) Establishing what is expected of students, with standards set at internationally competitive levels;

(2) Parents to be primary partners in the education of their children, and to play a significantly greater role in local school decision making;

(3) Students taking more responsibility for their education;

(4) Time and resources for educators to collaboratively develop and implement strategies for improved student learning;

(5) Making instructional programs more relevant to students' future plans;

(6) All parties responsible for education to focus more on what is best for students; and

(7) An educational environment that fosters mutually respectful interactions in an atmosphere of collaboration and cooperation.

It is the intent of the legislature to provide students the opportunity to achieve at significantly higher levels, and to provide alternative or additional instructional opportunities to help students who are having difficulty meeting the essential academic learning requirements in RCW 28A.630.885.

It is also the intent of the legislature that students who have met or exceeded the essential academic learning requirements be provided with alternative or additional instructional opportunities to help advance their educational experience.

The provisions of chapter 336, Laws of 1993 shall not be construed to change current state requirements for students who receive home-based instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW, or for students who attend state-approved private schools under chapter 28A.195 RCW." [1993 c 336 § 1.]

Effective date—1993 c 336 § 101: "Section 101 of this act shall take effect September 1, 1994." [1993 c 336 § 102.]

Part headings not law—1993 c 336: "Part headings as used in this act constitute no part of the law." [1993 c 336 § 1204.]

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

Findings—Part headings—Severability—1992 c 141: See notes following RCW 28A.410.040.

Effective date—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 359: See notes following RCW 28A.150.200.

28A.150.211 Values and traits recognized. The legislature also recognizes that certain basic values and character traits are essential to individual liberty, fulfillment, and happiness. However, these values and traits are not intended to be assessed or be standards for graduation. The

legislature intends that local communities have the responsibility for determining how these values and character traits are learned as determined by consensus at the local level. These values and traits include the importance of:

(1) Honesty, integrity, and trust;

(2) Respect for self and others;

(3) Responsibility for personal actions and commitments;

(4) Self-discipline and moderation;

(5) Diligence and a positive work ethic;

(6) Respect for law and authority;

(7) Healthy and positive behavior; and

(8) Family as the basis of society. [1994 c 245 § 10.]

Effective date—1994 c 245 § 10: "Section 10 of this act shall take effect September 1, 1994." [1994 c 245 § 15.]

28A.150.220 Basic Education Act—Definitions—Program requirements—Program accessibility—Rules and regulations. (Contingent expiration date.) (1) For the purposes of this section and RCW 28A.150.250 and 28A.150.260:

(a) The term "total program hour offering" shall mean those hours when students are provided the opportunity to engage in educational activity planned by and under the direction of school district staff, as directed by the administration and board of directors of the district, inclusive of intermissions for class changes, recess and teacher/parent-guardian conferences which are planned and scheduled by the district for the purpose of discussing students' educational needs or progress, and exclusive of time actually spent for meals.

(b) "Instruction in work skills" shall include instruction in one or more of the following areas: Industrial arts, home and family life education, business and office education, distributive education, agricultural education, health occupations education, vocational education, trade and industrial education, technical education and career education.

(2) Satisfaction of the basic education goal identified in RCW 28A.150.210 shall be considered to be implemented by the following program requirements:

(a) Each school district shall make available to students in kindergarten at least a total program offering of four hundred fifty hours. The program shall include reading, arithmetic, language skills and such other subjects and such activities as the school district shall determine to be appropriate for the education of the school district's students enrolled in such program;

(b) Each school district shall make available to students in grades one through three, at least a total program hour offering of two thousand seven hundred hours. A minimum of ninety-five percent of the total program hour offerings shall be in the basic skills areas of reading/language arts (which may include languages other than English, including American Indian languages), mathematics, social studies, science, music, art, health and physical education. The remaining five percent of the total program hour offerings may include such subjects and activities as the school district shall determine to be appropriate for the education of the school district's students in such grades;

(c) Each school district shall make available to students in grades four through six at least a total program hour offering of two thousand nine hundred seventy hours. A

minimum of ninety percent of the total program hour offerings shall be in the basic skills areas of reading/language arts (which may include languages other than English, including American Indian languages), mathematics, social studies, science, music, art, health and physical education. The remaining ten percent of the total program hour offerings may include such subjects and activities as the school district shall determine to be appropriate for the education of the school district's students in such grades;

(d) Each school district shall make available to students in grades seven through eight, at least a total program hour offering of one thousand nine hundred eighty hours. A minimum of eighty-five percent of the total program hour offerings shall be in the basic skills areas of reading/language arts (which may include languages other than English, including American Indian languages), mathematics, social studies, science, music, art, health and physical education. A minimum of ten percent of the total program hour offerings shall be in the area of work skills. The remaining five percent of the total program hour offerings may include such subjects and activities as the school district shall determine to be appropriate for the education of the school district's students in such grades;

(e) Each school district shall make available to students in grades nine through twelve at least a total program hour offering of four thousand three hundred twenty hours. A minimum of sixty percent of the total program hour offerings shall be in the basic skills areas of language arts, languages other than English, which may be American Indian languages, mathematics, social studies, science, music, art, health and physical education. A minimum of twenty percent of the total program hour offerings shall be in the area of work skills. The remaining twenty percent of the total program hour offerings may include traffic safety or such subjects and activities as the school district shall determine to be appropriate for the education of the school district's students in such grades, with not less than one-half thereof in basic skills and/or work skills: PROVIDED, That each school district shall have the option of including grade nine within the program hour offering requirements of grades seven and eight so long as such requirements for grades seven through nine are increased to two thousand nine hundred seventy hours and such requirements for grades ten through twelve are decreased to three thousand two hundred forty hours.

(3) In order to provide flexibility to the local school districts in the setting of their curricula, and in order to maintain the intent of this legislation, which is to stress the instruction of basic skills and work skills, any local school district may establish minimum course mix percentages that deviate by up to five percentage points above or below those minimums required by subsection (2) of this section, so long as the total program hour requirement is still met.

(4) Nothing contained in subsection (2) of this section shall be construed to require individual students to attend school for any particular number of hours per day or to take any particular courses.

(5) Each school district's kindergarten through twelfth grade basic educational program shall be accessible to all students who are five years of age, as provided by RCW 28A.225.160, and less than twenty-one years of age and shall consist of a minimum of one hundred eighty school days per school year in such grades as are conducted by a school

district, and one hundred eighty half-days of instruction, or equivalent, in kindergarten: PROVIDED, That effective May 1, 1979, a school district may schedule the last five school days of the one hundred and eighty day school year for noninstructional purposes in the case of students who are graduating from high school, including, but not limited to, the observance of graduation and early release from school upon the request of a student, and all such students may be claimed as a full time equivalent student to the extent they could otherwise have been so claimed for the purposes of RCW 28A.150.250 and 28A.150.260.

(6) The state board of education shall adopt rules to implement and ensure compliance with the program requirements imposed by this section, RCW 28A.150.250 and 28A.150.260, and such related supplemental program approval requirements as the state board may establish: PROVIDED, That each school district board of directors shall establish the basis and means for determining and monitoring the district's compliance with the basic skills and work skills percentage and course requirements of this section. The certification of the board of directors and the superintendent of a school district that the district is in compliance with such basic skills and work skills requirements may be accepted by the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education.

(7) Handicapped education programs, vocational-technical institute programs, state institution and state residential school programs, all of which programs are conducted for the common school age, kindergarten through secondary school program students encompassed by this section, shall be exempt from the basic skills and work skills percentage and course requirements of this section in order that the unique needs, abilities or limitations of such students may be met.

(8) Any school district may petition the state board of education for a reduction in the total program hour offering requirements for one or more of the grade level groupings specified in this section. The state board of education shall grant all such petitions that are accompanied by an assurance that the minimum total program hour offering requirements in one or more other grade level groupings will be exceeded concurrently by no less than the number of hours of the reduction. [1993 c 371 § 1; 1990 c 33 § 105; 1982 c 158 § 1; 1979 ex.s. c 250 § 1; 1977 ex.s. c 359 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.58.754.]

Severability—1982 c 158: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1982 c 158 § 8.] For codification of 1982 c 158, see Codification Tables, Volume 0.

Effective date—1979 ex.s. c 250: "This amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of section 1, and section 2 of this amendatory act, shall take effect August 15, 1979." [1979 ex.s. c 250 § 10.]

Severability—1979 ex.s. c 250: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1979 ex.s. c 250 § 11.]

The above two annotations apply to 1979 ex.s. c 250. For codification of that act, see Codification Tables, Volume 0.

Effective date—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 359: See notes following RCW 28A.150.200.

28A.150.220 Basic Education Act—Program requirements—Program accessibility—Rules. (Contingent effective date.) (1) Satisfaction of the basic education program requirements identified in RCW 28A.150.210 shall be considered to be implemented by the following program:

(a) Each school district shall make available to students enrolled in kindergarten at least a total instructional offering of four hundred fifty hours. The program shall include instruction in the essential academic learning requirements under RCW 28A.630.885 and such other subjects and such activities as the school district shall determine to be appropriate for the education of the school district's students enrolled in such program;

(b) Each school district shall make available to students enrolled in grades one through twelve, at least a district-wide annual average total instructional hour offering of one thousand hours. The state board of education may define alternatives to classroom instructional time for students in grades nine through twelve enrolled in alternative learning experiences. The state board of education shall establish rules to determine annual average instructional hours for districts including fewer than twelve grades. The program shall include the essential academic learning requirements under RCW 28A.630.885 and such other subjects and such activities as the school district shall determine to be appropriate for the education of the school district's students enrolled in such group;

(c) If the essential academic learning requirements include a requirement of languages other than English, the requirement may be met by students receiving instruction in one or more American Indian languages.

(2) Nothing contained in subsection (1) of this section shall be construed to require individual students to attend school for any particular number of hours per day or to take any particular courses.

(3) Each school district's kindergarten through twelfth grade basic educational program shall be accessible to all students who are five years of age, as provided by RCW 28A.225.160, and less than twenty-one years of age and shall consist of a minimum of one hundred eighty school days per school year in such grades as are conducted by a school district, and one hundred eighty half-days of instruction, or equivalent, in kindergarten: PROVIDED, That effective May 1, 1979, a school district may schedule the last five school days of the one hundred and eighty day school year for noninstructional purposes in the case of students who are graduating from high school, including, but not limited to, the observance of graduation and early release from school upon the request of a student, and all such students may be claimed as a full time equivalent student to the extent they could otherwise have been so claimed for the purposes of RCW 28A.150.250 and 28A.150.260.

(4) The state board of education shall adopt rules to implement and ensure compliance with the program requirements imposed by this section, RCW 28A.150.250 and 28A.150.260, and such related supplemental program approval requirements as the state board may establish. [1993 c 371 § 2; 1992 c 141 § 503; 1990 c 33 § 105; 1982 c 158 § 1; 1979 ex.s. c 250 § 1; 1977 ex.s. c 359 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.58.754.]

Contingent effective date—1993 c 371 § 2: "Section 2 of this act shall take effect September 1, 2000. However, section 2 of this act shall not

take effect if, by September 1, 2000, a law is enacted stating that a school accountability and academic assessment system is not in place." [1993 c 371 § 5.]

Contingent effective date—1993 c 336 §§ 502-504, 506, 507; 1992 c 141 §§ 501-507: See note following RCW 28A.150.205.

Findings—Part headings—Severability—1992 c 141: See notes following RCW 28A.410.040.

Severability—1982 c 158: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1982 c 158 § 8.] For codification of 1982 c 158, see Codification Tables, Volume 0.

Effective date—1979 ex.s. c 250: "This amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of section 1, and section 2 of this amendatory act, shall take effect August 15, 1979." [1979 ex.s. c 250 § 10.]

Severability—1979 ex.s. c 250: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1979 ex.s. c 250 § 11.]

The above two annotations apply to 1979 ex.s. c 250. For codification of that act, see Codification Tables, Volume 0.

Effective date—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 359: See notes following RCW 28A.150.200.

28A.150.230 Basic Education Act—District school directors as accountable for proper operation of district—Scope—Responsibilities. (1) It is the intent and purpose of this section to guarantee that each common school district board of directors, whether or not acting through its respective administrative staff, be held accountable for the proper operation of their district to the local community and its electorate. In accordance with the provisions of Title 28A RCW, as now or hereafter amended, each common school district board of directors shall be vested with the final responsibility for the setting of policies ensuring quality in the content and extent of its educational program and that such program provide students with the opportunity to achieve those skills which are generally recognized as requisite to learning.

(2) In conformance with the provisions of Title 28A RCW, as now or hereafter amended, it shall be the responsibility of each common school district board of directors to adopt policies to:

(a) Establish performance criteria and an evaluation process for its certificated personnel, including administrative staff, and for all programs constituting a part of such district's curriculum;

(b) Determine the final assignment of staff, certificated or classified, according to board enumerated classroom and program needs;

(c) Determine the amount of instructional hours necessary for any student to acquire a quality education in such district, in not less than an amount otherwise required in RCW 28A.150.220, or rules and regulations of the state board of education;

(d) Determine the allocation of staff time, whether certificated or classified;

(e) Establish final curriculum standards consistent with law and rules and regulations of the state board of education, relevant to the particular needs of district students or the unusual characteristics of the district, and ensuring a quality education for each student in the district; and

(f) Evaluate teaching materials, including text books, teaching aids, handouts, or other printed material, in public hearing upon complaint by parents, guardians or custodians of students who consider dissemination of such material to students objectionable. [1994 c 245 § 9; 1991 c 61 § 1; 1990 c 33 § 106; 1979 ex.s. c 250 § 7; 1977 ex.s. c 359 § 18. Formerly RCW 28A.58.758.]

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 250: See notes following RCW 28A.150.220.

Effective date—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 359: See notes following RCW 28A.150.200.

28A.150.240 Basic Education Act—Certificated teaching and administrative staff as accountable for classroom teaching—Scope—Responsibilities—Penalty.

(1) It is the intended purpose of this section to guarantee that the certificated teaching and administrative staff in each common school district be held accountable for the proper and efficient conduct of classroom teaching in their school which will provide students with the opportunity to achieve those skills which are generally recognized as requisite to learning.

(2) In conformance with the other provisions of Title 28A RCW, it shall be the responsibility of the certificated teaching and administrative staff in each common school to:

(a) Implement the district's prescribed curriculum and enforce, within their area of responsibility, the rules and regulations of the school district, the state superintendent of public instruction, and the state board of education, taking into due consideration individual differences among students, and maintain and render appropriate records and reports pertaining thereto.

(b) Maintain good order and discipline in their classrooms at all times.

(c) Hold students to a strict accountability while in school for any disorderly conduct while under their supervision.

(d) Require excuses from the parents, guardians, or custodians of minor students in all cases of absence, late arrival to school, or early dismissal.

(e) Give careful attention to the maintenance of a healthful atmosphere in the classroom.

(f) Give careful attention to the safety of the student in the classroom and report any doubtful or unsafe conditions to the building administrator.

(g) Evaluate each student's educational growth and development and make periodic reports thereon to parents, guardians, or custodians and to school administrators.

Failure to carry out such requirements as set forth in subsection (2) (a) through (g) above shall constitute sufficient cause for discharge of any member of such teaching or administrative staff. [1979 ex.s. c 250 § 5; 1977 ex.s. c 359 § 19. Formerly RCW 28A.58.760.]

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 250: See notes following RCW 28A.150.220.

Effective date—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 359: See notes following RCW 28A.150.200.

28A.150.250 Annual basic education allocation of funds according to average FTE student enrollment—Student/teacher ratio standard. From those funds made available by the legislature for the current use of the com-

mon schools, the superintendent of public instruction shall distribute annually as provided in RCW 28A.510.250 to each school district of the state operating a program approved by the state board of education an amount which, when combined with an appropriate portion of such locally available revenues, other than receipts from federal forest revenues distributed to school districts pursuant to RCW 28A.520.010 and 28A.520.020, as the superintendent of public instruction may deem appropriate for consideration in computing state equalization support, excluding excess property tax levies, will constitute a basic education allocation in dollars for each annual average full time equivalent student enrolled, based upon one full school year of one hundred eighty days, except that for kindergartens one full school year shall be one hundred eighty half days of instruction, or the equivalent as provided in RCW 28A.150.220.

Basic education shall be considered to be fully funded by those amounts of dollars appropriated by the legislature pursuant to RCW 28A.150.250 and 28A.150.260 to fund those program requirements identified in RCW 28A.150.220 in accordance with the formula and ratios provided in RCW 28A.150.260 and those amounts of dollars appropriated by the legislature to fund the salary requirements of RCW 28A.150.100 and 28A.150.410.

Operation of a program approved by the state board of education, for the purposes of this section, shall include a finding that the ratio of students per classroom teacher in grades kindergarten through three is not greater than the ratio of students per classroom teacher in grades four and above for such district: PROVIDED, That for the purposes of this section, "classroom teacher" shall be defined as an instructional employee possessing at least a provisional certificate, but not necessarily employed as a certificated employee, whose primary duty is the daily educational instruction of students: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the state board of education shall adopt rules and regulations to insure compliance with the student/teacher ratio provisions of this section, and such rules and regulations shall allow for exemptions for those special programs and/or school districts which may be deemed unable to practicably meet the student/teacher ratio requirements of this section by virtue of a small number of students.

If a school district's basic education program fails to meet the basic education requirements enumerated in RCW 28A.150.250, 28A.150.260, and 28A.150.220, the state board of education shall require the superintendent of public instruction to withhold state funds in whole or in part for the basic education allocation until program compliance is assured: PROVIDED, That the state board of education may waive this requirement in the event of substantial lack of classroom space. [1990 c 33 § 107; 1987 1st ex.s. c 2 § 201; 1986 c 144 § 1; 1983 c 3 § 30; 1982 c 158 § 3; 1982 c 158 § 2; 1980 c 154 § 12; 1979 ex.s. c 250 § 2; 1977 ex.s. c 359 § 4; 1975 1st ex.s. c 211 § 1; 1973 2nd ex.s. c 4 § 1; 1973 1st ex.s. c 195 § 9; 1973 c 46 § 2. See also 1973 1st ex.s. c 195 §§ 136, 137, 138 and 139. Prior: 1972 ex.s. c 124 § 1; 1972 ex.s. c 105 § 2; 1971 ex.s. c 294 § 19; 1969 c 138 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.41.130; prior: 1967 ex.s. c 140 § 3; 1965 ex.s. c 171 § 1; 1965 ex.s. c 154 § 2; prior: (i) 1949 c 212 § 1, part; 1945 c 141 § 4, part; 1923 c 96 § 1, part; 1911 c 118 § 1, part; 1909 c 97 p 312 §§ 7-10, part; Rem. Supp. 1949 § 4940-4, part. (ii) 1949 c 212 § 2, part;

1945 c 141 § 5, part; 1909 c 97 p 312 §§ 7-10, part; Rem. Supp. 1949 § 4940-5, part. Formerly RCW 28A.41.130, 28.41.130.]

Fiscal study committee—Recommendations for new funding model—1994 c 245; 1993 c 336: "(1) A legislative fiscal study committee is hereby created. The committee shall be comprised of three members from each caucus of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate, and three members from each caucus of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. In consultation with the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the committee shall study the common school funding system.

(2) By December 15, 1995, the committee shall report to the full legislature on its findings and any recommendations for a new funding model for the common school system.

(3) This section shall expire December 31, 1995." [1994 c 245 § 12; 1993 c 336 § 1007.]

Intent—Severability—Effective date—1987 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 84.52.0531.

Effective date—1986 c 144: "Section 1 of this act shall be effective September 1, 1987." [1986 c 144 § 2.]

Severability—1982 c 158: See note following RCW 28A.150.220.

Purpose—Effective dates—Savings—Disposition of certain funds—Severability—1980 c 154: See notes following chapter 82.45 RCW digest.

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 250: See notes following RCW 28A.150.220.

Effective date—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 359: See notes following RCW 28A.150.200.

Emergency—Effective date—1973 2nd ex.s. c 4: See notes following RCW 84.52.043.

Severability—Effective dates and termination dates—Construction—1973 1st ex.s. c 195: See notes following RCW 84.52.043.

Effective date—1972 ex.s. c 124: "This 1972 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and sections 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 11 shall take effect immediately [February 25, 1972]; sections 1, 8, 9 and 10 hereof shall take effect July 1, 1973; and section 5 hereof shall take effect July 1, 1974." [1972 ex.s. c 124 § 12.] For codification of 1972 ex.s. c 124, see Codification Tables, Volume 0.

Severability—1972 ex.s. c 124: "If any provision of this 1972 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1972 ex.s. c 124 § 13.]

Effective date—1972 ex.s. c 105: "This act except for section 4 will take effect July 1, 1973." [1972 ex.s. c 105 § 5.] Section 4 was codified as RCW 28A.41.170.

Severability—1972 ex.s. c 105: "If any provision of this 1972 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1972 ex.s. c 105 § 6.]

Basic Education Act, RCW 28A.150.250 as part of: RCW 28A.150.200.

Distribution of forest reserve funds—As affects basic education allocation: RCW 28A.520.020.

28A.150.260 Annual basic education allocation of funds according to average FTE student enrollment—Procedure to determine distribution formula—Submittal to legislature—Enrollment, FTE student, certificated and classified staff, defined—Minimum classroom contact hours—Waiver. (Contingent expiration date.) The basic education allocation for each annual average full time equivalent student shall be determined in accordance with the following procedures:

(1) The governor shall and the superintendent of public instruction may recommend to the legislature a formula based on a ratio of students to staff for the distribution of a basic education allocation for each annual average full time

equivalent student enrolled in a common school. The distribution formula shall have the primary objective of equalizing educational opportunities and shall provide appropriate recognition of the following costs among the various districts within the state:

(a) Certificated instructional staff and their related costs;
(b) Certificated administrative staff and their related costs;

(c) Classified staff and their related costs;

(d) Nonsalary costs;

(e) Extraordinary costs of remote and necessary schools and small high schools, including costs of additional certificated and classified staff; and

(f) The attendance of students pursuant to RCW 28A.335.160 and 28A.225.250 who do not reside within the servicing school district.

(2)(a) This formula for distribution of basic education funds shall be reviewed biennially by the superintendent and governor. The recommended formula shall be subject to approval, amendment or rejection by the legislature. The formula shall be for allocation purposes only. While the legislature intends that the allocations for additional instructional staff be used to increase the ratio of such staff to students, nothing in this section shall require districts to reduce the number of administrative staff below existing levels.

(b) The formula adopted by the legislature shall reflect the following ratios at a minimum: (i) Forty-nine certificated instructional staff to one thousand annual average full time equivalent students enrolled in grades kindergarten through three; (ii) forty-six certificated instructional staff to one thousand annual average full time equivalent students in grades four through twelve; (iii) four certificated administrative staff to one thousand annual average full time equivalent students in grades kindergarten through twelve; and (iv) sixteen and sixty-seven one-hundredths classified personnel to one thousand annual average full time equivalent students enrolled in grades kindergarten through twelve.

(c) In the event the legislature rejects the distribution formula recommended by the governor, without adopting a new distribution formula, the distribution formula for the previous school year shall remain in effect: PROVIDED, That the distribution formula developed pursuant to this section shall be for state apportionment and equalization purposes only and shall not be construed as mandating specific operational functions of local school districts other than those program requirements identified in RCW 28A.150.220 and 28A.150.100. The enrollment of any district shall be the annual average number of full time equivalent students and part time students as provided in RCW 28A.150.350, enrolled on the first school day of each month and shall exclude full time equivalent handicapped students recognized for the purposes of allocation of state funds for programs under RCW 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100. The definition of full time equivalent student shall be determined by rules and regulations of the superintendent of public instruction: PROVIDED, That the definition shall be included as part of the superintendent's biennial budget request: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That any revision of the present definition shall not take effect until approved by the house appropriations committee and the senate ways and means committee: PROVIDED, FUR-

THAT the office of financial management shall make a monthly review of the superintendent's reported full time equivalent students in the common schools in conjunction with RCW 43.62.050.

(3)(a) Certificated instructional staff shall include those persons employed by a school district who are nonsupervisory employees within the meaning of RCW 41.59.020(8): PROVIDED, That in exceptional cases, people of unusual competence but without certification may teach students so long as a certificated person exercises general supervision: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the hiring of such noncertificated people shall not occur during a labor dispute and such noncertificated people shall not be hired to replace certificated employees during a labor dispute.

(b) Certificated administrative staff shall include all those persons who are chief executive officers, chief administrative officers, confidential employees, supervisors, principals, or assistant principals within the meaning of RCW 41.59.020(4).

(4) Each annual average full time equivalent certificated classroom teacher's direct classroom contact hours shall average at least twenty-five hours per week. Direct classroom contact hours shall be exclusive of time required to be spent for preparation, conferences, or any other nonclassroom instruction duties. Up to two hundred minutes per week may be deducted from the twenty-five contact hour requirement, at the discretion of the school district board of directors, to accommodate authorized teacher/parent-guardian conferences, recess, passing time between classes, and informal instructional activity. Implementing rules to be adopted by the state board of education pursuant to RCW 28A.150.220(4) shall provide that compliance with the direct contact hour requirement shall be based upon teachers' normally assigned weekly instructional schedules, as assigned by the district administration. Additional record-keeping by classroom teachers as a means of accounting for contact hours shall not be required. Waivers from contact hours may be requested under RCW 28A.305.140. [1992 c 141 § 303; 1991 c 116 § 10; 1990 c 33 § 108; 1987 1st ex.s. c 2 § 202; 1985 c 349 § 5; 1983 c 229 § 1; 1979 ex.s. c 250 § 3; 1979 c 151 § 12; 1977 ex.s. c 359 § 5; 1969 ex.s. c 244 § 14. Prior: 1969 ex.s. c 217 § 3; 1969 c 130 § 7; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.41.140; prior: 1965 ex.s. c 154 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.41.140, 28.41.140.]

Findings—Part headings—Severability—1992 c 141: See notes following RCW 28A.410.040.

Intent—Severability—Effective date—1987 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 84.52.0531.

Severability—1985 c 349: See note following RCW 28A.630.800.

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 250: See notes following RCW 28A.150.220.

Effective date—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 359: See notes following RCW 28A.150.200.

Basic Education Act, RCW 28A.150.260 as part of: RCW 28A.150.200.

Distribution of forest reserve funds—As affects basic education allocation: RCW 28A.520.020.

28A.150.260 Annual basic education allocation of funds according to average FTE student enrollment—Procedure to determine distribution formula—Submittal to legislature—Enrollment, FTE student, certificated and

classified staff, defined. (Contingent effective date.) The basic education allocation for each annual average full time equivalent student shall be determined in accordance with the following procedures:

(1) The governor shall and the superintendent of public instruction may recommend to the legislature a formula based on a ratio of students to staff for the distribution of a basic education allocation for each annual average full time equivalent student enrolled in a common school. The distribution formula shall have the primary objective of equalizing educational opportunities and shall provide appropriate recognition of the following costs among the various districts within the state:

(a) Certificated instructional staff and their related costs;
(b) Certificated administrative staff and their related costs;

(c) Classified staff and their related costs;

(d) Nonsalary costs;

(e) Extraordinary costs of remote and necessary schools and small high schools, including costs of additional certificated and classified staff; and

(f) The attendance of students pursuant to RCW 28A.335.160 and 28A.225.250 who do not reside within the servicing school district.

(2)(a) This formula for distribution of basic education funds shall be reviewed biennially by the superintendent and governor. The recommended formula shall be subject to approval, amendment or rejection by the legislature. The formula shall be for allocation purposes only. While the legislature intends that the allocations for additional instructional staff be used to increase the ratio of such staff to students, nothing in this section shall require districts to reduce the number of administrative staff below existing levels.

(b) The formula adopted by the legislature shall reflect the following ratios at a minimum: (i) Forty-nine certificated instructional staff to one thousand annual average full time equivalent students enrolled in grades kindergarten through three; (ii) forty-six certificated instructional staff to one thousand annual average full time equivalent students in grades four through twelve; (iii) four certificated administrative staff to one thousand annual average full time equivalent students in grades kindergarten through twelve; and (iv) sixteen and sixty-seven one-hundredths classified personnel to one thousand annual average full time equivalent students enrolled in grades kindergarten through twelve.

(c) In the event the legislature rejects the distribution formula recommended by the governor, without adopting a new distribution formula, the distribution formula for the previous school year shall remain in effect: PROVIDED, That the distribution formula developed pursuant to this section shall be for state apportionment and equalization purposes only and shall not be construed as mandating specific operational functions of local school districts other than those program requirements identified in RCW 28A.150.220 and 28A.150.100. The enrollment of any district shall be the annual average number of full time equivalent students and part time students as provided in RCW 28A.150.350, enrolled on the first school day of each month and shall exclude full time equivalent handicapped students recognized for the purposes of allocation of state funds for programs under RCW 28A.155.010 through

28A.155.100. The definition of full time equivalent student shall be determined by rules and regulations of the superintendent of public instruction: PROVIDED, That the definition shall be included as part of the superintendent's biennial budget request: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That any revision of the present definition shall not take effect until approved by the house appropriations committee and the senate ways and means committee: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the office of financial management shall make a monthly review of the superintendent's reported full time equivalent students in the common schools in conjunction with RCW 43.62.050.

(3)(a) Certificated instructional staff shall include those persons employed by a school district who are nonsupervisory employees within the meaning of RCW 41.59.020(8): PROVIDED, That in exceptional cases, people of unusual competence but without certification may teach students so long as a certificated person exercises general supervision: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the hiring of such noncertificated people shall not occur during a labor dispute and such noncertificated people shall not be hired to replace certificated employees during a labor dispute.

(b) Certificated administrative staff shall include all those persons who are chief executive officers, chief administrative officers, confidential employees, supervisors, principals, or assistant principals within the meaning of RCW 41.59.020(4). [1992 c 141 § 507; 1992 c 141 § 303; 1991 c 116 § 10; 1990 c 33 § 108; 1987 1st ex.s. c 2 § 202; 1985 c 349 § 5; 1983 c 229 § 1; 1979 ex.s. c 250 § 3; 1979 c 151 § 12; 1977 ex.s. c 359 § 5; 1969 ex.s. c 244 § 14. Prior: 1969 ex.s. c 217 § 3; 1969 c 130 § 7; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.41.140; prior: 1965 ex.s. c 154 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.41.140, 28.41.140.]

Contingent effective date—1993 c 336 §§ 502-504, 506, 507; 1992 c 141 §§ 501-507: See note following RCW 28A.150.205.

Findings—Part headings—Severability—1992 c 141: See notes following RCW 28A.410.040.

Intent—Severability—Effective date—1987 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 84.52.0531.

Severability—1985 c 349: See note following RCW 28A.630.800.

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 250: See notes following RCW 28A.150.220.

Effective date—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 359: See notes following RCW 28A.150.200.

Basic Education Act, RCW 28A.150.260 as part of: RCW 28A.150.200.

Distribution of forest reserve funds—As affects basic education allocation: RCW 28A.520.020.

28A.150.270 Annual basic education allocation of funds according to average FTE student enrollment—Procedure for crediting portion for school building purposes. The board of directors of a school district may, by properly executed resolution, request that the superintendent of public instruction direct a portion of the district's basic education allocation be credited to the district's capital projects fund and/or bond redemption fund. Moneys so credited shall be used solely for school building purposes. [1985 c 7 § 89; 1980 c 154 § 13. Formerly RCW 28A.41.143.]

Purpose—Effective dates—Savings—Disposition of certain funds—Severability—1980 c 154: See notes following chapter 82.45 RCW digest.

School funds enumerated—Deposits—Uses: RCW 28A.320.330.

28A.150.275 Annual basic education allocation for students in technical colleges. The basic education allocation, including applicable vocational entitlements and handicapped student program money, generated under this chapter and under state appropriation acts by school districts for students enrolled in a technical college program established by an interlocal agreement under RCW 28B.50.533 shall be allocated in amounts as determined by the superintendent of public instruction to the serving college rather than to the school district, unless the college chooses to continue to receive the allocations through the school districts. This section does not apply to students enrolled in the running start program established in RCW 28A.600.310. [1993 c 223 § 1.]

28A.150.280 Reimbursement for acquisition of approved transportation equipment—Method. Costs of acquisition of approved transportation equipment purchased prior to September 1, 1982, shall be reimbursed up to one hundred percent of the cost to be reimbursed over the anticipated life of the vehicle, as determined by the state superintendent: PROVIDED, That commencing with the 1980-81 school year, reimbursement shall be at one hundred percent or as close thereto as reasonably possible: PROVIDED FURTHER, That reimbursements for the acquisition of approved transportation equipment received by school districts shall be placed in the transportation vehicle fund for the current or future purchase of approved transportation equipment and for major transportation equipment repairs consistent with rules and regulations authorized in RCW 28A.160.130. [1993 c 111 § 1. Prior: 1990 c 33 § 110; 1990 c 33 § 109; 1981 c 343 § 1; 1981 c 265 § 9; 1981 c 265 § 8; 1977 ex.s. c 359 § 6; 1977 c 80 § 3; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 60; 1972 ex.s. c 85 § 1; 1971 c 48 § 14; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.41.160; prior: 1965 ex.s. c 154 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.41.160, 28.41.160.]

Reviser's note: *(1) Chapter 340, Laws of 1981, the state operating budget act, is uncodified.

(2) RCW 28A.150.280 was amended twice during the 1981 regular legislative session, each without reference to the other. For rule of construction concerning sections amended more than once at any session of the same legislature, see RCW 1.12.025.

Effective date—Severability—1981 c 265: See notes following RCW 28A.160.150.

Effective date—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 359: See notes following RCW 28A.150.200.

Severability—1977 c 80: See note following RCW 28A.160.030.

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

Additional programs for which legislative appropriations must or may be made: RCW 28A.150.370.

Basic Education Act, RCW 28A.150.280 as part of: RCW 28A.150.200.

Transportation vehicle fund—Deposits in—Use—Rules for establishment and use: RCW 28A.160.130.

28A.150.290 State superintendent to make rules and regulations—Unforeseen conditions or actions to be recognized—Paperwork limited. (Contingent expiration date.) (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall have the power and duty to make such rules and regulations as are necessary for the proper administration of this chapter

and RCW 28A.160.150 through *28A.160.220, 28A.300.170, and 28A.500.010 not inconsistent with the provisions thereof, and in addition to require such reports as may be necessary to carry out his or her duties under this chapter and RCW 28A.160.150 through *28A.160.220, 28A.300.170, and 28A.500.010.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall have the authority to make rules and regulations which establish the terms and conditions for allowing school districts to receive state basic education moneys as provided in RCW 28A.150.250 when said districts are unable to fulfill for one or more schools as officially scheduled the requirement of a full school year of one hundred eighty days or the total program hour offering, teacher contact hour, or course mix and percentage requirements imposed by RCW 28A.150.220 and 28A.150.260 due to one or more of the following conditions:

(a) An unforeseen natural event, including, but not necessarily limited to, a fire, flood, explosion, storm, earthquake, epidemic, or volcanic eruption that has the direct or indirect effect of rendering one or more school district facilities unsafe, unhealthy, inaccessible, or inoperable; and

(b) An unforeseen mechanical failure or an unforeseen action or inaction by one or more persons, including negligence and threats, that (i) is beyond the control of both a school district board of directors and its employees and (ii) has the direct or indirect effect of rendering one or more school district facilities unsafe, unhealthy, inaccessible, or inoperable. Such actions, inactions or mechanical failures may include, but are not necessarily limited to, arson, vandalism, riots, insurrections, bomb threats, bombings, delays in the scheduled completion of construction projects, and the discontinuance or disruption of utilities such as heating, lighting and water: PROVIDED, That an unforeseen action or inaction shall not include any labor dispute between a school district board of directors and any employee of the school district.

A condition is foreseeable for the purposes of this subsection to the extent a reasonably prudent person would have anticipated prior to August first of the preceding school year that the condition probably would occur during the ensuing school year because of the occurrence of an event or a circumstance which existed during such preceding school year or a prior school year. A board of directors of a school district is deemed for the purposes of this subsection to have knowledge of events and circumstances which are a matter of common knowledge within the school district and of those events and circumstances which can be discovered upon prudent inquiry or inspection.

(3) The superintendent of public instruction shall make every effort to reduce the amount of paperwork required in administration of this chapter and RCW 28A.160.150 through *28A.160.220, 28A.300.170, and 28A.500.010; to simplify the application, monitoring and evaluation processes used; to eliminate all duplicative requests for information from local school districts; and to make every effort to integrate and standardize information requests for other state education acts and federal aid to education acts administered by the superintendent of public instruction so as to reduce paperwork requirements and duplicative information requests. [1990 c 33 § 111; 1981 c 285 § 1; 1979 ex.s. c 250 § 6; 1973 1st ex.s. c 78 § 1; 1972 ex.s. c 105 § 4; 1971 c 46 §

1; 1969 ex.s. c 3 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.41.170. Prior: 1965 ex.s. c 154 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.41.170, 28A.41.170.]

*Reviser's note: RCW 28A.160.220 was recodified as RCW 28A.300.035 pursuant to 1994 c 113 § 2.

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 250: See notes following RCW 28A.150.220.

Effective date—Severability—1972 ex.s. c 105: See notes following RCW 28A.150.250.

28A.150.290 State superintendent to make rules and regulations—Unforeseen conditions or actions to be recognized—Paperwork limited. (Contingent effective date.) (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall have the power and duty to make such rules and regulations as are necessary for the proper administration of this chapter and RCW 28A.160.150 through *28A.160.220, 28A.300.170, and 28A.500.010 not inconsistent with the provisions thereof, and in addition to require such reports as may be necessary to carry out his or her duties under this chapter and RCW 28A.160.150 through *28A.160.220, 28A.300.170, and 28A.500.010.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall have the authority to make rules and regulations which establish the terms and conditions for allowing school districts to receive state basic education moneys as provided in RCW 28A.150.250 when said districts are unable to fulfill for one or more schools as officially scheduled the requirement of a full school year of one hundred eighty days or the annual average total instructional hour offering imposed by RCW 28A.150.220 and 28A.150.260 due to one or more of the following conditions:

(a) An unforeseen natural event, including, but not necessarily limited to, a fire, flood, explosion, storm, earthquake, epidemic, or volcanic eruption that has the direct or indirect effect of rendering one or more school district facilities unsafe, unhealthy, inaccessible, or inoperable; and

(b) An unforeseen mechanical failure or an unforeseen action or inaction by one or more persons, including negligence and threats, that (i) is beyond the control of both a school district board of directors and its employees and (ii) has the direct or indirect effect of rendering one or more school district facilities unsafe, unhealthy, inaccessible, or inoperable. Such actions, inactions or mechanical failures may include, but are not necessarily limited to, arson, vandalism, riots, insurrections, bomb threats, bombings, delays in the scheduled completion of construction projects, and the discontinuance or disruption of utilities such as heating, lighting and water: PROVIDED, That an unforeseen action or inaction shall not include any labor dispute between a school district board of directors and any employee of the school district.

A condition is foreseeable for the purposes of this subsection to the extent a reasonably prudent person would have anticipated prior to August first of the preceding school year that the condition probably would occur during the ensuing school year because of the occurrence of an event or a circumstance which existed during such preceding school year or a prior school year. A board of directors of a school district is deemed for the purposes of this subsection to have knowledge of events and circumstances which are a matter of common knowledge within the school district and of those

events and circumstances which can be discovered upon prudent inquiry or inspection.

(3) The superintendent of public instruction shall make every effort to reduce the amount of paperwork required in administration of this chapter and RCW 28A.160.150 through *28A.160.220, 28A.300.170, and 28A.500.010; to simplify the application, monitoring and evaluation processes used; to eliminate all duplicative requests for information from local school districts; and to make every effort to integrate and standardize information requests for other state education acts and federal aid to education acts administered by the superintendent of public instruction so as to reduce paperwork requirements and duplicative information requests. [1992 c 141 § 504; 1990 c 33 § 111; 1981 c 285 § 1; 1979 ex.s. c 250 § 6; 1973 1st ex.s. c 78 § 1; 1972 ex.s. c 105 § 4; 1971 c 46 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 3 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.41.170. Prior: 1965 ex.s. c 154 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.41.170, 28.41.170.]

*Reviser's note: RCW 28A.160.220 was recodified as RCW 28A.300.035 pursuant to 1994 c 113 § 2.

Contingent effective date—1993 c 336 §§ 502-504, 506, 507; 1992 c 141 §§ 501-507: See note following RCW 28A.150.205.

Findings—Part headings—Severability—1992 c 141: See notes following RCW 28A.410.040.

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 250: See notes following RCW 28A.150.220.

Effective date—Severability—1972 ex.s. c 105: See notes following RCW 28A.150.250.

28A.150.295 General public school system—Maintained. A general and uniform system of public schools embracing the common schools shall be maintained throughout the state of Washington in accordance with Article IX of the state Constitution. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.02.010. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 230 § 1; RRS § 4518; prior: 1897 c 118 § 1; 1890 p 348 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.02.010, 28.02.010.]

28A.150.300 Corporal punishment prohibited—Adoption of policy. The use of corporal punishment in the common schools is prohibited. The state board of education, in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction, shall develop and adopt a policy prohibiting the use of corporal punishment in the common schools. The policy shall be adopted by the state board of education no later than February 1, 1994, and shall take effect in all school districts September 1, 1994. [1993 c 68 § 1.]

APPROPRIATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS

28A.150.350 Part time students—Defined—Enrollment authorized—Reimbursement for costs—Funding authority recognition—Rules, regulations. (1) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) "Private school student" shall mean any student enrolled full time in a private school;

(b) "School" shall mean any primary, secondary or vocational school;

(c) "School funding authority" shall mean any nonfederal governmental authority which provides moneys to common schools;

(d) "Part time student" shall mean and include: Any student enrolled in a course of instruction in a private school and taking courses at and/or receiving ancillary services offered by any public school not available in such private school; or any student who is not enrolled in a private school and is receiving home-based instruction under RCW 28A.225.010 which instruction includes taking courses at or receiving ancillary services from the local school district or both; or any student involved in any work training program and taking courses in any public school, which work training program is approved by the school board of the district in which such school is located.

(2) The board of directors of any school district is authorized and, in the same manner as for other public school students, shall permit the enrollment of and provide ancillary services for part time students: PROVIDED, That this section shall only apply to part time students who would be otherwise eligible for full time enrollment in the school district.

(3) The superintendent of public instruction shall recognize the costs to each school district occasioned by enrollment of and/or ancillary services provided for part time students authorized by subsection (2) of this section and shall include such costs in the distribution of funds to school districts pursuant to RCW 28A.150.260. Each school district shall be reimbursed for the costs or a portion thereof, occasioned by attendance of and/or ancillary services provided for part time students on a part time basis, by the superintendent of public instruction, according to law.

(4) Each school funding authority shall recognize the costs occasioned to each school district by enrollment of and ancillary services provided for part time students authorized by subsection (2) of this section, and shall include said costs in funding the activities of said school districts.

(5) The superintendent of public instruction is authorized to adopt rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of RCW 28A.150.260 and 28A.150.350. [1990 c 33 § 112; 1985 c 441 § 5; 1977 ex.s. c 359 § 8; 1972 ex.s. c 14 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 217 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.41.145.]

Severability—1985 c 441: See note following RCW 28A.225.010.

Effective date—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 359: See notes following RCW 28A.150.200.

Severability—1972 ex.s. c 14: "If any provision of this 1972 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is held invalid." [1972 ex.s. c 14 § 2.]

Basic Education Act, RCW 28A.150.350 as part of: RCW 28A.150.200.

28A.150.360 Adjustments to meet emergencies. In the event of an unforeseen emergency, in the nature of either an unavoidable cost to a district or unexpected variation in anticipated revenues to a district, the state superintendent is authorized, for not to exceed two years, to make such an adjustment in the allocation of funds as is consistent with the intent of RCW 28A.150.100 through *28A.150.430, 28A.160.150 through **28A.160.220, 28A.300.170, and 28A.500.010 in providing an equal educational opportunity for the children of such district or districts. [1990 c 33 §

113; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.41.150. Prior: 1965 ex.s. c 154 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.41.150, 28.41.150.]

Reviser's note: *(1) RCW 28A.150.430 was repealed by 1991 c 116 § 26.

** (2) RCW 28A.160.220 was recodified as RCW 28A.300.035 pursuant to 1994 c 113 § 2.

28A.150.370 Additional programs for which legislative appropriations must or may be made. In addition to those state funds provided to school districts for basic education, the legislature shall appropriate funds for pupil transportation, in accordance with RCW 28A.150.100 through *28A.150.430, 28A.160.150 through **28A.160.220, 28A.300.170, and 28A.500.010, and for programs for handicapped students, in accordance with RCW 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100. The legislature may appropriate funds to be distributed to school districts for population factors such as urban costs, enrollment fluctuations and for special programs, including but not limited to, vocational-technical institutes, compensatory programs, bilingual education, urban, rural, racial and disadvantaged programs, programs for gifted students, and other special programs. [1990 c 33 § 114; 1982 1st ex.s. c 24 § 1; 1977 ex.s. c 359 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.41.162.]

Reviser's note: *(1) RCW 28A.150.430 was repealed by 1991 c 116 § 26.

** (2) RCW 28A.160.220 was recodified as RCW 28A.300.035 pursuant to 1994 c 113 § 2.

Effective date—1982 1st ex.s. c 24: "Sections 2 and 3 of this amendatory act shall take effect September 1, 1982." [1982 1st ex.s. c 24 § 6.]

Severability—1982 1st ex.s. c 24: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1982 1st ex.s. c 24 § 7.]

The above two annotations apply to 1982 1st ex.s. c 24. For codification of that act, see Codification Tables, Volume 0.

Effective date—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 359: See notes following RCW 28A.150.200.

Basic Education Act, RCW 28A.150.370 as part of: RCW 28A.150.200.

28A.150.380 Appropriations by legislature. The state legislature shall, at each regular session in an odd-numbered year, appropriate from the state general fund for the current use of the common schools such amounts as needed for state support to the common schools during the ensuing biennium as provided in RCW 28A.150.100 through *28A.150.430, 28A.160.150 through **28A.160.220, 28A.300.170, and 28A.500.010. [1990 c 33 § 115; 1980 c 6 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.41.050. Prior: 1945 c 141 § 2; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 4940-2. Formerly RCW 28A.41.050, 28.41.050.]

Reviser's note: *(1) RCW 28A.150.430 was repealed by 1991 c 116 § 26.

** (2) RCW 28A.160.220 was recodified as RCW 28A.300.035 pursuant to 1994 c 113 § 2.

Severability—1980 c 6: See note following RCW 28A.515.320.

28A.150.390 Appropriations for handicapped programs. The superintendent of public instruction shall submit to each regular session of the legislature during an odd-numbered year a programmed budget request for handicapped programs. Funding for programs operated by

local school districts shall be on an excess cost basis from appropriations provided by the legislature for handicapped programs and shall take account of state funds accruing through RCW 28A.150.250, 28A.150.260, federal medical assistance and private funds accruing under RCW 74.09.5249 through 74.09.5253 and 74.09.5254 through 74.09.5256, and other state and local funds, excluding special excess levies. [1994 c 180 § 8; 1993 c 149 § 9; 1990 c 33 § 116; 1989 c 400 § 2; 1980 c 87 § 5; 1971 ex.s. c 66 § 11. Formerly RCW 28A.41.053.]

Conflict with federal requirements—Severability—1994 c 180: See notes following RCW 74.09.5243.

Conflict with federal requirements—Severability—Effective dates—1993 c 149: See notes following RCW 74.09.5241.

Intent—1989 c 400: "The legislature finds that there is increasing demand for school districts' special education programs to include medical services necessary for handicapped children's participation and educational progress. In some cases, these services could qualify for federal funding under Title XIX of the social security act. The legislature intends to establish a process for school districts to obtain reimbursement for eligible services from medical assistance funds. In this way, state dollars for handicapped education can be leveraged to generate federal matching funds, thereby increasing the overall level of resources available for school districts' special education programs." [1989 c 400 § 1.]

Severability—Effective date—1971 ex.s. c 66: See notes following RCW 28A.155.010.

28A.150.400 Apportionment factors to be based on current figures—Rules and regulations. State and county funds which may become due and apportionable to school districts shall be apportioned in such a manner that any apportionment factors used shall utilize data and statistics derived in the school year that such funds are paid: PROVIDED, That the superintendent of public instruction may make necessary administrative provision for the use of estimates, and corresponding adjustments to the extent necessary: PROVIDED FURTHER, That as to those revenues used in determining the amount of state funds to be apportioned to school districts pursuant to RCW 28A.150.250, any apportionment factors shall utilize data and statistics derived in an annual period established pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the superintendent of public instruction in cooperation with the department of revenue. [1990 c 33 § 117; 1972 ex.s. c 26 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.41.055. Prior: 1955 c 350 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.41.055, 28.41.055.]

Severability—1972 ex.s. c 26: "If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1972 ex.s. c 26 § 4.]

28A.150.410 Basic education certificated instructional staff—Salary allocation schedule—Limits on post-graduate credits. (1) The legislature shall establish for each school year in the appropriations act a state-wide salary allocation schedule, for allocation purposes only, to be used to distribute funds for basic education certificated instructional staff salaries under RCW 28A.150.260.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall calculate salary allocations for state funded basic education certificated instructional staff by determining the district average salary for basic education instructional staff using the salary allocation schedule established pursuant to this section. However, no district shall receive an allocation

based upon an average basic education certificated instructional staff salary which is less than the average of the district's 1986-87 actual basic education certificated instructional staff salaries, as reported to the superintendent of public instruction prior to June 1, 1987, and the legislature may grant minimum salary increases on that base: PROVIDED, That the superintendent of public instruction may adjust this allocation based upon the education and experience of the district's certificated instructional staff.

(3) Beginning January 1, 1992, no more than ninety college quarter-hour credits received by any employee after the baccalaureate degree may be used to determine compensation allocations under the state salary allocation schedule and LEAP documents referenced in the biennial appropriations act, or any replacement schedules and documents, unless:

(a) The employee has a masters degree; or

(b) The credits were used in generating state salary allocations before January 1, 1992. [1990 c 33 § 118; 1989 1st ex.s. c 16 § 1; 1987 3rd ex.s. c 1 § 4; 1987 1st ex.s. c 2 § 204. Formerly RCW 28A.41.112.]

Intent—Severability—Effective date—1987 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 84.52.0531.

28A.150.420 Reimbursement for classes provided outside regular school year. The superintendent of public instruction shall establish procedures to allow school districts to claim basic education allocation funds for students attending classes that are provided outside the regular school year to the extent such attendance is in lieu of attendance during the regular school year: PROVIDED, That nothing in this section shall be construed to alter the basic education allocation for which the district is otherwise eligible. [1989 c 233 § 10. Formerly RCW 28A.41.172.]

28A.150.500 Educational agencies offering vocational education programs—Local advisory committees—Advice on current job needs. (1) Each local education agency or college district offering vocational educational programs shall establish local advisory committees to provide that agency or district with advice on current job needs and on the courses necessary to meet these needs.

(2) The local program committees shall:

(a) Participate in the determination of program goals;

(b) Review and evaluate program curricula, equipment, and effectiveness;

(c) Include representatives of business and labor who reflect the local industry, and the community; and

(d) Actively consult with other representatives of business, industry, labor, and agriculture. [1991 c 238 § 76.]

Effective dates—Severability—1991 c 238: See RCW 28B.50.917 and 28B.50.918.

Chapter 28A.155

SPECIAL EDUCATION

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28A.155.010 Purpose. It is the purpose of RCW 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100, 28A.160.030, and 28A.150.390 to ensure that all handicapped children as defined in RCW 28A.155.020 shall have the opportunity for an appropriate education at public expense as guaranteed to them by the Constitution of this state. [1990 c 33 § 120; 1971 ex.s. c 66 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.13.005.]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 66: "If any provision of this 1971 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1971 ex.s. c 66 § 13.]

Effective date—1971 ex.s. c 66: "This 1971 amendatory act will take effect July 1, 1973." [1971 ex.s. c 66 § 14.]

28A.155.020 Administrative section or unit for the education of children with handicapping conditions—"Handicapped children" and "appropriate education" defined—Approval when child under jurisdiction of juvenile court. There is established in the office of the superintendent of public instruction an administrative section or unit for the education of children with handicapping conditions.

Handicapped children are those children in school or out of school who are temporarily or permanently retarded in normal educational processes by reason of physical or mental handicap, or by reason of emotional maladjustment, or by reason of other handicap, and those children who have specific learning and language disabilities resulting from perceptual-motor handicaps, including problems in visual and auditory perception and integration.

The superintendent of public instruction shall require each school district in the state to insure an appropriate educational opportunity for all handicapped children between the ages of three and twenty-one, but when the twenty-first birthday occurs during the school year, the educational program may be continued until the end of that school year. The superintendent of public instruction, by rule and regulation, shall establish for the purpose of excess cost funding, as provided in RCW 28A.150.390, 28A.160.030, and 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100, functional definitions of the various types of handicapping conditions and eligibility criteria for handicapped programs. For the purposes of RCW 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100, an appropriate education is defined as an education directed to the unique needs, abilities, and limitations of the handicapped children.

School districts are strongly encouraged to provide parental training in the care and education of the children and to involve parents in the classroom.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit the establishment or continuation of existing cooperative programs between school districts or contracts with other agencies approved by the superintendent of public instruction, which can meet the obligations of school districts to provide education for handicapped children, or prohibit the continuation of needed related services to school districts by the department of social and health services.

This section shall not be construed as in any way limiting the powers of local school districts set forth in RCW 28A.155.070.

No child shall be removed from the jurisdiction of juvenile court for training or education under RCW 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100 without the approval of the superior court of the county. [1990 c 33 § 121; 1985 c 341 § 4; 1984 c 160 § 1; 1971 ex.s. c 66 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 2 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.13.010. Prior: 1951 c 92 § 1; prior: (i) 1943 c 120 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1943 § 4679-25. (ii) 1943 c 120 § 2, part; Rem. Supp. 1943 § 4679-26, part. Formerly RCW 28A.13.010, 28.13.010.]

Effective date—1985 c 341 §§ 4, 13: "Sections 4 and 13 of this act shall take effect August 1, 1985." [1985 c 341 § 18.]

Severability—1984 c 160: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1984 c 160 § 6.]

Severability—Effective date—1971 ex.s. c 66: See notes following RCW 28A.155.010.

28A.155.030 Division administrative officer—

Appointment—Duties. The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint an administrative officer of the division. The administrative officer, under the direction of the superintendent of public instruction, shall coordinate and supervise the program of special education for all handicapped children in the school districts of the state. He or she shall cooperate with the educational service district superintendents and local school district superintendents and with all other interested school officials in ensuring that all school districts provide an appropriate educational opportunity for all handicapped children and shall cooperate with the state secretary of social and health services and with county and regional officers on cases where medical examination or other attention is needed. [1990 c 33 § 122; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 52; 1972 ex.s. c 10 § 1. Prior: 1971 ex.s. c 66 § 3; 1971 c 48 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.13.020; prior: 1943 c 120 § 3; Rem. Supp. 1943 § 4679-27. Formerly RCW 28A.13.020, 28.13.020.]

Severability—Effective date—1971 ex.s. c 66: See notes following RCW 28A.155.010.

28A.155.040 Authority of districts—Participation of department of social and health services. The board of directors of each school district, for the purpose of compliance with the provisions of RCW 28A.150.390, 28A.160.030, and 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100, shall cooperate with the superintendent of public instruction and with the administrative officer and shall provide an appropriate educational opportunity and give other appropriate aid

and special attention to handicapped children in regular or special school facilities within the district or shall contract for such services with other agencies as provided in RCW 28A.155.060 or shall participate in an interdistrict arrangement in accordance with RCW 28A.335.160 and 28A.225.220 and/or 28A.225.250 and 28A.225.260.

In carrying out their responsibilities under this chapter, school districts severally or jointly with the approval of the superintendent of public instruction are authorized to establish, operate, support and/or contract for residential schools and/or homes approved by the department of social and health services for aid and special attention to handicapped children.

The cost of board and room in facilities approved by the department of social and health services shall be provided by the department of social and health services for those handicapped students eligible for such aid under programs of the department. The cost of approved board and room shall be provided for those handicapped students not eligible under programs of the department of social and health services but deemed in need of the same by the superintendent of public instruction: PROVIDED, That no school district shall be financially responsible for special aid programs for students who are attending residential schools operated by the department of social and health services: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the provisions of RCW 28A.150.390, 28A.160.030, and 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100 shall not preclude the extension by the superintendent of public instruction of special education opportunities to handicapped children in residential schools operated by the department of social and health services. [1990 c 33 § 123; 1971 ex.s. c 66 § 4; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.13.030. Prior: 1959 c 122 § 1; 1953 c 135 § 1; 1943 c 120 § 4; Rem. Supp. 1943 § 4679-28. Formerly RCW 28A.13.030, 28.13.030.]

Severability—Effective date—1971 ex.s. c 66: See notes following RCW 28A.155.010.

28A.155.050 Aid for children unable to attend school—Apportionment—Allocations from state excess funds. Any child who is not able to attend school and who is eligible for special excess cost aid programs authorized under RCW 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100 shall be given such aid at home or at such other place as determined by the board of directors of the school district in which such child resides. Any school district within which such a child resides shall thereupon be granted regular apportionment of state and county school funds and, in addition, allocations from state excess funds made available for such special services for such period of time as such special aid program is given: PROVIDED, That should such child or any other handicapped child attend and participate in a special aid program operated by another school district in accordance with the provisions of RCW 28A.225.210, 28A.225.220, and/or 28A.225.250, such regular apportionment shall be granted to the receiving school district, and such receiving school district shall be reimbursed by the district in which such student resides in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the superintendent of public instruction for the entire approved excess cost not reimbursed from such regular apportionment. [1990 c 33 § 124; 1971 ex.s. c 66 § 5; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.13.040. Prior: 1943 c 120 § 5;

Rem. Supp. 1943 § 4679-29. Formerly RCW 28A.13.040, 28.13.040.]

Severability—Effective date—1971 ex.s. c 66: See notes following RCW 28A.155.010.

28A.155.060 District authority to contract with approved agencies—Approval standards. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of RCW 28A.155.020 through 28A.155.050, the board of directors of every school district shall be authorized to contract with agencies approved by the state board of education for operating handicapped programs. Approval standards for such agencies shall conform substantially with those promulgated for approval of special education aid programs in the common schools. [1990 c 33 § 125; 1971 ex.s. c 66 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.13.045.]

Severability—Effective date—1971 ex.s. c 66: See notes following RCW 28A.155.010.

28A.155.070 Services to handicapped children of preschool age—Apportionment—Allocations from state excess cost funds. Special educational and training programs provided by the state and the school districts thereof for handicapped children may be extended to include children of preschool age. School districts which extend such special programs to children of preschool age shall be entitled to the regular apportionments from state and county school funds, as provided by law, and in addition to allocations from state excess cost funds made available for such special services for those handicapped children who are given such special services. [1971 ex.s. c 66 § 7; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.13.050. Prior: 1951 c 92 § 2; 1949 c 186 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1949 § 4901-3. Formerly RCW 28A.13.050, 28.13.050.]

Severability—Effective date—1971 ex.s. c 66: See notes following RCW 28A.155.010.

28A.155.080 Appeal from superintendent's denial of educational program. Where a handicapped child as defined in RCW 28A.155.020 has been denied the opportunity of an educational program by a local school district superintendent under the provisions of RCW 28A.225.010, or for any other reason there shall be an affirmative showing by the school district superintendent in a writing directed to the parents or guardian of such a child within ten days of such decision that

(1) No agency or other school district with whom the district may contract under RCW 28A.155.040 can accommodate such child, and

(2) Such child will not benefit from an alternative educational opportunity as permitted under RCW 28A.155.050.

There shall be a right of appeal by the parent or guardian of such child to the superintendent of public instruction pursuant to procedures established by the superintendent and in accordance with RCW 28A.155.090. [1990 c 33 § 126; 1971 ex.s. c 66 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.13.060.]

Severability—Effective date—1971 ex.s. c 66: See notes following RCW 28A.155.010.

28A.155.090 Superintendent of public instruction's duty and authority. The superintendent of public instruction shall have the duty and authority, through the administrative section or unit for the education of children with handicapping conditions, to:

(1) Assist school districts in the formation of total school programs to meet the needs of handicapped children;

(2) Develop interdistrict cooperation programs for handicapped children as authorized in RCW 28A.225.250;

(3) Provide, upon request, to parents or guardians of handicapped children, information as to the handicapped programs offered within the state;

(4) Assist, upon request, the parent or guardian of any handicapped child in the placement of any handicapped child who is eligible for but not receiving special educational aid for handicapped children;

(5) Approve school district and agency programs as being eligible for special excess cost financial aid to handicapped children;

(6) Adjudge, upon appeal by a parent or guardian of a handicapped child who is not receiving an educational program, whether the decision of a local school district superintendent under RCW 28A.155.080 to exclude such handicapped child was justified by the available facts and consistent with the provisions of RCW 28A.150.390, 28A.160.030, and 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100; [.] If the superintendent of public instruction shall decide otherwise he or she shall apply sanctions as provided in RCW 28A.155.100 until such time as the school district assures compliance with the provisions [of] RCW 28A.150.390, 28A.160.030, and 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100; and

(7) Promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the several provisions of RCW 28A.150.390, 28A.160.030, and 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100 and to ensure educational opportunities within the common school system for all handicapped children who are not institutionalized. [1990 c 33 § 127; 1985 c 341 § 5; 1971 ex.s. c 66 § 9. Formerly RCW 28A.13.070.]

Severability—Effective date—1971 ex.s. c 66: See notes following RCW 28A.155.010.

28A.155.100 Sanctions applied to noncomplying districts. The superintendent of public instruction is hereby authorized and directed to establish appropriate sanctions to be applied to any school district of the state failing to comply with the provisions of RCW 28A.150.390, 28A.160.030, and 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100 to be applied beginning upon the effective date thereof, which sanctions shall include withholding of any portion of state aid to such district until such time as compliance is assured. [1990 c 33 § 128; 1971 ex.s. c 66 § 12. Formerly RCW 28A.13.080.]

Severability—Effective date—1971 ex.s. c 66: See notes following RCW 28A.155.010.

28A.155.140 Curriculum-based assessment procedures for programs for children with handicapping conditions. School districts may use curriculum-based assessment procedures as measures for developing academic early intervention programs and curriculum planning: PROVIDED, That the use of curriculum-based assessment

procedures shall not deny a student the right to an assessment to determine eligibility or participation in learning disabilities programs as provided by RCW 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100. [1991 c 116 § 4; 1990 c 33 § 131; 1987 c 398 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.03.367.]

Chapter 28A.160

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

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28A.160.010 Operation of student transportation program—Responsibility of local district—Scope—Transporting of elderly—Insurance. The operation of each local school district's student transportation program is declared to be the responsibility of the respective board of

directors, and each board of directors shall determine such matters as which individual students shall be transported and what routes shall be most efficiently utilized. State moneys allocated to local districts for student transportation shall be spent only for student transportation activities, but need not be spent by the local district in the same manner as calculated and allocated by the state.

A school district is authorized to provide for the transportation of students enrolled in the school or schools of the district both in the case of students who reside within the boundaries of the district and of students who reside outside the boundaries of the district.

When children are transported from one school district to another the board of directors of the respective districts may enter into a written contract providing for a division of the cost of such transportation between the districts.

School districts may use school buses and drivers hired by the district or commercial chartered bus service for the transportation of school children and the school employees necessary for their supervision to and from any school activities within or without the school district during or after school hours and whether or not a required school activity, so long as the school board has officially designated it as a school activity. For any extra-curricular uses, the school board shall charge an amount sufficient to reimburse the district for its cost.

In addition to the right to contract for the use of buses provided in RCW 28A.160.080 and 28A.160.090, any school district may contract to furnish the use of school buses of that district to other users who are engaged in conducting an educational or recreational program supported wholly or in part by tax funds or programs for elderly persons at times when those buses are not needed by that district and under such terms as will fully reimburse such school district for all costs related or incident thereto: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no such use of school district buses shall be permitted except where other public or private transportation certificated or licensed by the Washington utilities and transportation commission is not reasonably available to the user: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no user shall be required to accept any charter bus for services which the user believes might place the health or safety of the children or elderly persons in jeopardy.

Whenever any persons are transported by the school district in its own motor vehicles and by its own employees, the board may provide insurance to protect the district against loss, whether by reason of theft, fire or property damage to the motor vehicle or by reason of liability of the district to persons from the operation of such motor vehicle.

The board may provide insurance by contract purchase for payment of hospital and medical expenses for the benefit of persons injured while they are on, getting on, or getting off any vehicles enumerated herein without respect to any fault or liability on the part of the school district or operator. This insurance may be provided without cost to the persons notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 28A.400.350.

If the transportation of children or elderly persons is arranged for by contract of the district with some person, the board may require such contractor to procure such insurance as the board deems advisable. [1990 c 33 § 132; 1986 c 32 § 1; 1983 1st ex.s. c 61 § 1; 1981 c 265 § 10; 1980 c 122 § 2; 1973 c 45 § 1; 1971 c 24 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 153 § 3; 1969

ex.s. c 223 § 28A.24.055. Prior: (i) 1969 c 53 § 1; 1967 ex.s. c 29 § 1, part; 1967 c 12 § 1, part; 1965 ex.s. c 49 § 1, part; 1963 c 104 § 1, part; 1963 c 5 § 1, part; 1961 c 305 § 1, part; 1961 c 237 § 1, part; 1961 c 66 § 1, part; 1955 c 68 § 2, part; prior: 1943 c 52 § 1, part; 1941 c 179 § 1, part; 1939 c 131 § 1, part; 1925 ex.s. c 57 § 1, part; 1919 c 90 § 3, part; 1915 c 44 § 1, part; 1909 c 97 p 285 § 2, part; 1907 c 240 § 5, part; 1903 c 104 § 17, part; Rem. Supp. 1943 § 4776, part. Formerly RCW 28.58.100, part. (ii) 1965 ex.s. c 86 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.24.055, 28.58.421.]

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 61: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1983 1st ex.s. c 61 § 9.]

Effective date—Severability—1981 c 265: See notes following RCW 28A.160.150.

Elderly persons defined—Program limitation: RCW 28A.160.070.

28A.160.020 Authorization for private school students to ride buses—Conditions. Every school district board of directors may authorize children attending a private school approved in accordance with RCW 28A.195.010 to ride a school bus or other student transportation vehicle to and from school so long as the following conditions are met:

(1) The board of directors shall not be required to alter those bus routes or stops established for transporting public school students;

(2) Private school students shall be allowed to ride on a seat-available basis only; and

(3) The board of directors shall charge an amount sufficient to reimburse the district for the actual per seat cost of providing such transportation. [1990 c 33 § 133; 1981 c 307 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.24.065.]

Severability—1981 c 307: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1981 c 307 § 2.]

28A.160.030 Authorizing individual transportation or other arrangements. Individual transportation, board and room, and other arrangements may be authorized or provided and, in whole or part, paid for or reimbursed by a school district, when approved by the educational service district superintendent or his or her designee pursuant to rules promulgated by the superintendent of public instruction for that purpose: PROVIDED, That the total of payments for board and room and transportation incidental thereto shall not exceed the amount which would otherwise be paid for such individual transportation. [1981 c 265 § 11; 1977 c 80 § 2; 1971 ex.s. c 66 § 10; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.24.100. Prior: 1965 ex.s. c 154 § 9. Formerly RCW 28A.24.100, 28.24.100.]

Effective date—Severability—1981 c 265: See notes following RCW 28A.160.150.

Severability—1977 c 80: "If any provision of this 1977 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1977 c 80 § 5.]

Severability—Effective date—1971 ex.s. c 66: See notes following RCW 28A.155.010.

28A.160.040 Lease of buses to transport handicapped children and elderly—Limitation. The directors of school districts are authorized to lease school buses to nonprofit organizations to transport handicapped children and elderly persons to and from the site of activities or programs deemed beneficial to such persons by such organizations: PROVIDED, That commercial bus transportation is not reasonably available for such purposes. [1973 c 45 § 2; 1971 c 78 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.24.110.]

Elderly persons defined—Program limitation: RCW 28A.160.070.

28A.160.050 Lease of buses to transport handicapped children and elderly—Directors to authorize. The directors of school districts may authorize leases under RCW 28A.160.040 through 28A.160.060: PROVIDED, That such leases do not conflict with regular school purposes. [1990 c 33 § 134; 1971 c 78 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.24.111.]

28A.160.060 Lease of buses to transport handicapped children and elderly—Lease at local level—Criteria. The lease of the equipment shall be handled by the school directors at a local level. The school directors may establish criteria for bus use and lease, including, but not limited to, minimum costs, and driver requirements. [1971 c 78 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.24.112.]

28A.160.070 Lease of buses to transport handicapped children and elderly—Elderly persons defined—Program limitation. For purposes of RCW 28A.160.010 and 28A.160.040, "elderly person" shall mean a person who is at least sixty years of age. No school district funds may be used for the operation of such a program. [1990 c 33 § 135; 1973 c 45 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.24.120.]

28A.160.080 School buses, rental or lease for emergency purposes—Authorization. It is the intent of the legislature and the purpose of RCW 28A.160.010, 28A.160.080, and 28A.160.090 that in the event of major forest fires, floods, or other natural emergencies that boards of directors of school districts, in their discretion, may rent or lease school buses to governmental agencies for the purposes of transporting personnel, supplies and/or evacuees. [1990 c 33 § 136; 1971 c 24 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.24.170.]

28A.160.090 School buses, rental or lease for emergency purposes—Board to determine district policy—Conditions if rent or lease. Each school district board shall determine its own policy as to whether or not its school buses will be rented or leased for the purposes of RCW 28A.160.080, and if the board decision is to rent or lease, under what conditions, subject to the following:

(1) Such renting or leasing may take place only after the *state director of community development or any of his or her agents so authorized has, at the request of an involved governmental agency, declared that an emergency exists in a designated area insofar as the need for additional transport is concerned.

(2) The agency renting or leasing the school buses must agree, in writing, to reimburse the school district for all costs

and expenses related to their use and also must provide an indemnity agreement protecting the district against any type of claim or legal action whatsoever, including all legal costs incident thereto. [1990 c 33 § 137; 1986 c 266 § 21; 1985 c 7 § 88; 1974 ex.s. c 171 § 1; 1971 c 24 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.24.172.]

***Reviser's note:** Powers, duties, and functions of the department of community development and the department of trade and economic development were transferred to the department of community, trade, and economic development by 1993 c 280, effective July 1, 1994.

Severability—1986 c 266: See note following RCW 38.52.005.

28A.160.100 School buses, transport of general public to interscholastic activities—Limitations. In addition to the authority otherwise provided in RCW 28A.160.010 through 28A.160.120 to school districts for the transportation of persons, whether school children, school personnel, or otherwise, any school district authorized to use school buses and drivers hired by the district for the transportation of school children to and from a school activity, along with such school employees as necessary for their supervision, shall, if such school activity be an interscholastic activity, be authorized to transport members of the general public to such event and utilize the school district's buses, transportation equipment and facilities, and employees therefor: **PROVIDED**, That provision shall be made for the reimbursement and payment to the school district by such members of the general public of not less than the district's actual costs and the reasonable value of the use of the district's buses and facilities provided in connection with such transportation: **PROVIDED FURTHER**, That wherever private transportation certified or licensed by the utilities and transportation commission or public transportation is reasonably available as determined by rule and regulation of the state board of education, this section shall not apply. [1990 c 33 § 138; 1980 c 91 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.24.175.]

28A.160.110 School buses, authorization for parent, guardian or custodian of a student to ride—Limitations. Every school district board of directors may authorize any parent, guardian or custodian of a student enrolled in the district to ride a school bus or other student transportation vehicle at the request of school officials or employees designated by the board: **PROVIDED**, That excess seating space is available on the vehicle after the transportation needs of students have been met: **PROVIDED FURTHER**, That private or other public transportation of the parent, guardian or custodian is not reasonable in the board's judgment. [1980 c 122 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.24.178.]

28A.160.115 Bus routes. On highways divided into separate roadways as provided in RCW 46.61.150 and highways with three or more marked traffic lanes, public school district bus routes and private school bus routes shall serve each side of the highway so that students do not have to cross the highway, unless there is a traffic control signal as defined in RCW 46.04.600 or an adult crossing guard within three hundred feet of the bus stop to assist students while crossing such multiple-lane highways. [1990 c 241 § 11.]

28A.160.120 Agreements with other governmental entities for transportation of public or other noncommon school purposes—Limitations. Any school district board of directors or any intermediate school district board may enter into agreements pursuant to chapter 39.34 RCW or chapter 35.58 RCW, as now or hereafter amended, with any city, town, county, metropolitan municipal corporation, and any federal or other state governmental entity, or any combination of the foregoing, for the purpose of providing for the transportation of students and/or members of the public through the use, in whole or part, of the school district's buses, transportation equipment and facilities, and employees: **PROVIDED**, That any agreement entered into for purposes of transportation pursuant to this section shall conform with the provisions of RCW 35.58.250 where applicable and shall provide for the reimbursement and payment to the school district of not less than the district's actual costs and the reasonable value of the use of the district's buses, and transportation equipment and supplies which are incurred and otherwise provided in connection with the transportation of members of the public or other noncommon school purposes: **PROVIDED FURTHER**, That wherever public transportation, or private transportation certified or licensed by the Washington utilities and transportation commission is not reasonably available, the school district or intermediate school district may transport members of the public so long as they are reimbursed for the cost of such transportation, and such transportation has been approved by any metropolitan municipal corporation performing public transportation pursuant to chapter 35.58 RCW in the area to be served by the district. [1974 ex.s. c 93 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.24.180.]

28A.160.130 Transportation vehicle fund—Deposits in—Use—Rules for establishment and use. (1) There is created a fund on deposit with each county treasurer for each school district of the county, which shall be known as the transportation vehicle fund. Money to be deposited into the transportation vehicle fund shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) The balance of accounts held in the general fund of each school district for the purchase of approved transportation equipment and for major transportation equipment repairs under RCW 28A.150.280. The amount transferred shall be the balance of the account as of September 1, 1982;

(b) Reimbursement payments provided for in RCW 28A.160.200 except those provided under RCW 28A.160.200(4) that are necessary for contracted payments to private carriers;

(c) Earnings from transportation vehicle fund investments as authorized in RCW 28A.320.300; and

(d) The district's share of the proceeds from the sale of transportation vehicles, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction.

(2) Funds in the transportation vehicle fund may be used for the following purposes:

(a) Purchase of pupil transportation vehicles pursuant to RCW 28A.160.200 and 28A.150.280;

(b) Payment of conditional sales contracts as authorized in RCW 28A.335.200 or payment of obligations authorized

in RCW 28A.530.080, entered into or issued for the purpose of pupil transportation vehicles;

(c) Major repairs to pupil transportation vehicles.

The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules which shall establish the standards, conditions, and procedures governing the establishment and use of the transportation vehicle fund. The rules shall not permit the transfer of funds from the transportation vehicle fund to any other fund of the district. [1991 c 114 § 2; 1990 c 33 § 139; 1981 c 265 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.58.428.]

Effective date—Severability—1981 c 265: See notes following RCW 28A.160.150.

28A.160.140 Contract for pupil transportation services with private nongovernmental entity—Competitive bid procedures. As a condition of entering into a pupil transportation services contract with a private nongovernmental entity, each school district shall engage in an open competitive process at least once every five years. This requirement shall not be construed to prohibit a district from entering into a pupil transportation services contract of less than five years in duration with a district option to renew, extend, or terminate the contract, if the district engages in an open competitive process at least once every five years after July 26, 1987. As used in this section:

(1) "Open competitive process" means either one of the following, at the choice of the school district:

(a) The solicitation of bids or quotations and the award of contracts under RCW 28A.335.190; or

(b) The competitive solicitation of proposals and their evaluation consistent with the process and criteria recommended or required, as the case may be, by the office of financial management for state agency acquisition of personal service contractors;

(2) "Pupil transportation services contract" means a contract for the operation of privately owned or school district owned school buses, and the services of drivers or operators, management and supervisory personnel, and their support personnel such as secretaries, dispatchers, and mechanics, or any combination thereof, to provide students with transportation to and from school on a regular basis; and

(3) "School bus" means a motor vehicle as defined in RCW 46.04.521 and under the rules of the superintendent of public instruction. [1990 c 33 § 140; 1987 c 141 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.133.]

Severability—1987 c 141: See note following RCW 28A.335.170.

28A.160.150 Student transportation allocation—Operating costs, determination and funding. Funds allocated for transportation costs shall be in addition to the basic education allocation. The distribution formula developed in RCW 28A.160.150 through 28A.160.180 shall be for allocation purposes only and shall not be construed as mandating specific levels of pupil transportation services by local districts. Operating costs as determined under RCW 28A.160.150 through 28A.160.180 shall be funded at one hundred percent or as close thereto as reasonably possible for transportation of an eligible student to and from school as defined in RCW 28A.160.160(3). [1990 c 33 § 141; 1983 1st ex.s. c 61 § 2; 1981 c 265 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.41.505.]

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 61: See note following RCW 28A.160.010.

Effective date—1981 c 265: "With the exception of sections 8 and 13 of this amendatory act, the effective date of this amendatory act is September 1, 1982. The superintendent of public instruction and the office thereof prior to the effective date of this amendatory act may take such actions as necessary for the orderly implementation thereof and during such period may carry out such data collection activities and district notification provisions as provided for herein." [1981 c 265 § 16.] For codification of 1981 c 265, see Codification Tables, Volume 0.

Severability—1981 c 265: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1981 c 265 § 17.]

28A.160.160 Student transportation allocation—Definitions. For purposes of RCW 28A.160.150 through 28A.160.190, except where the context shall clearly indicate otherwise, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Eligible student" means any student served by the transportation program of a school district or compensated for individual transportation arrangements authorized by RCW 28A.160.030 whose route stop is more than one radius mile from the student's school, except if the student to be transported: (a) Is handicapped under RCW 28A.155.020 and is either not ambulatory or not capable of protecting his or her own welfare while traveling to or from the school or agency where special education services are provided, in which case no mileage distance restriction applies; or (b) qualifies for an exemption due to hazardous walking conditions.

(2) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of public instruction.

(3) "To and from school" means the transportation of students for the following purposes:

(a) Transportation to and from route stops and schools;

(b) Transportation to and from schools pursuant to an interdistrict agreement pursuant to RCW 28A.335.160;

(c) Transportation of students between schools and learning centers for instruction specifically required by statute; and

(d) Transportation of handicapped students to and from schools and agencies for special education services.

Extended day transportation shall not be considered part of transportation of students "to and from school" for the purposes of *this 1983 act.

(4) "Hazardous walking conditions" means those instances of the existence of dangerous walkways documented by the board of directors of a school district which meet criteria specified in rules adopted by the superintendent of public instruction. A school district that receives an exemption for hazardous walking conditions should demonstrate that good faith efforts are being made to alleviate the problem and that the district, in cooperation with other state and local governing authorities, is attempting to reduce the incidence of hazardous walking conditions. The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint an advisory committee to prepare guidelines and procedures for determining the existence of hazardous walking conditions. The committee shall include but not be limited to representatives from law enforcement agencies, school districts, the department of transportation, city and county government, the insurance industry, parents, school directors and legislators. [1990 c

33 § 142; 1983 1st ex.s. c 61 § 3; 1981 c 265 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.41.510.]

***Reviser's note:** "This 1983 act" [1983 1st ex.s. c 61] consisted of the amendments to RCW 28A.24.055, 28A.41.505, 28A.41.510, 28A.41.515, 28A.41.520, 28A.41.525, and 28A.44.220, and the repeal of RCW 28A.04.350.

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 61: See note following RCW 28A.160.010.

Effective date—Severability—1981 c 265: See notes following RCW 28A.160.150.

28A.160.170 Student transportation allocation—District's annual report to superintendent. Each district shall submit to the superintendent of public instruction during October of each year a report containing the following:

(1)(a) The number of eligible students transported to and from school as provided for in RCW 28A.160.150 for the current school year and the number of miles estimated to be driven for pupil transportation services, along with a map describing student route stop locations and school locations, and (b) the number of miles driven for pupil transportation services as authorized in RCW 28A.160.150 the previous school year; and

(2) Other operational data and descriptions as required by the superintendent to determine allocation requirements for each district.

Each district shall submit the information required in this section on a timely basis as a condition of the continuing receipt of school transportation moneys. [1990 c 33 § 143; 1983 1st ex.s. c 61 § 4; 1981 c 265 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.41.515.]

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 61: See note following RCW 28A.160.010.

Effective date—Severability—1981 c 265: See notes following RCW 28A.160.150.

28A.160.180 Student transportation allocation—Allocation rates, adjustment—District-owned passenger cars—Report. Each district's annual student transportation allocation shall be based on differential rates determined by the superintendent of public instruction in the following manner:

(1) The superintendent shall annually calculate a standard student mile allocation rate for determining the transportation allocation for those services provided for in RCW 28A.160.150. "Standard student mile allocation rate," as used in this chapter, means the per mile allocation rate for transporting an eligible student. The standard student mile allocation rate may be adjusted to include such additional differential factors as distance; restricted passenger load; circumstances that require use of special types of transportation vehicles; handicapped student load; and small fleet maintenance.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall annually calculate allocation rate(s), which shall include vehicle amortization, for determining the transportation allocation for transporting students in district-owned passenger cars, as defined in RCW 46.04.382, pursuant to RCW 28A.160.010 for services provided for in RCW 28A.160.150 if a school district deems it advisable to use such vehicles after the school district board of directors has considered the

safety of the students being transported as well as the economy of utilizing a district-owned passenger car in lieu of a school bus.

(3) Prior to June 1st of each year the superintendent shall submit to the office of financial management, and the committees on education and ways and means of the senate and house of representatives a report outlining the methodology and rationale used in determining the allocation rates to be used the following year. [1990 c 33 § 144; 1985 c 59 § 1; 1983 1st ex.s. c 61 § 5; 1982 1st ex.s. c 24 § 2; 1981 c 265 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.41.520.]

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 61: See note following RCW 28A.160.010.

Effective date—Severability—1982 1st ex.s. c 24: See notes following RCW 28A.150.370.

Effective date—Severability—1981 c 265: See notes following RCW 28A.160.150.

28A.160.190 Student transportation allocation—Notice—Revised eligible student data, when—Allocation payments, amounts, when. The superintendent shall notify districts of their student transportation allocation before January 15th. If the number of eligible students in a school district changes ten percent or more from the October report, and the change is maintained for a period of twenty consecutive school days or more, the district may submit revised eligible student data to the superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent shall, to the extent funds are available, recalculate the district's allocation for the transportation of pupils to and from school.

The superintendent shall make the student transportation allocation in accordance with the apportionment payment schedule in RCW 28A.510.250. Such allocation payments may be based on estimated amounts for payments to be made in September, October, November, December, and January. [1990 c 33 § 145; 1985 c 59 § 2; 1983 1st ex.s. c 61 § 6; 1982 1st ex.s. c 24 § 3; 1981 c 265 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.41.525.]

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 61: See note following RCW 28A.160.010.

Effective date—Severability—1982 1st ex.s. c 24: See notes following RCW 28A.150.370.

Effective date—Severability—1981 c 265: See notes following RCW 28A.160.150.

28A.160.200 Student transportation vehicle acquisition allocation—Determining vehicle categories and purchase price—Reimbursement schedule—Standards for operation and maintenance—Depreciation schedule. The superintendent shall determine the vehicle acquisition allocation in the following manner:

(1) By May 1st of each year, the superintendent shall develop preliminary categories of student transportation vehicles to ensure adequate student transportation fleets for districts. The superintendent shall take into consideration the types of vehicles purchased by individual school districts in the state. The categories shall include, but not be limited to, variables such as vehicle capacity, type of chassis, type of fuel, engine and body type, special equipment, and life of vehicle. The categories shall be developed in conjunction with the local districts and shall be applicable to the following school year. The categories shall be designed to produce

minimum long-range operating costs, including costs of equipment and all costs incurred in operating the vehicles. Each category description shall include the estimated state-determined purchase price, which shall be based on the actual costs of the vehicles purchased for that comparable category in the state during the preceding twelve months and the anticipated market price for the next school fiscal year. By June 15th of each year, the superintendent shall notify districts of the preliminary vehicle categories and state-determined purchase price for the ensuing school year. By October 15th of each year, the superintendent shall finalize the categories and the associated state-determined purchase price and shall notify districts of any changes. While it is the responsibility of each district to select each student transportation vehicle to be purchased by the district, each district shall be paid a sum based only on the amount of the state-determined purchase price and inflation as recognized by the reimbursement schedule established in this section as set by the superintendent for the category of vehicle purchased.

(2) The superintendent shall develop a reimbursement schedule to pay districts for the cost of student transportation vehicles purchased after September 1, 1982. The accumulated value of the payments and the potential investment return thereon shall be designed to be equal to the replacement value of the vehicle less its salvage value at the end of its anticipated lifetime. The superintendent shall revise at least annually the reimbursement payments based on the current and anticipated future cost of comparable categories of transportation equipment. Reimbursements to school districts for approved transportation equipment shall be placed in a separate vehicle transportation fund established for each school district under RCW 28A.160.130. However, educational service districts providing student transportation services pursuant to RCW 28A.310.180(4) and receiving moneys generated pursuant to this section shall establish and maintain a separate vehicle transportation account in the educational service district's general expense fund for the purposes and subject to the conditions under RCW 28A.160.130 and 28A.320.300.

(3) To the extent possible, districts shall operate vehicles acquired under this section not less than the number of years or useful lifetime now, or hereafter, assigned to the class of vehicles by the superintendent. School districts shall properly maintain the transportation equipment acquired under the provisions of this section, in accordance with rules established by the office of the superintendent of public instruction. If a district fails to follow generally accepted standards of maintenance and operation, the superintendent of public instruction shall penalize the district by deducting from future reimbursements under this section an amount equal to the original cost of the vehicle multiplied by the fraction of the useful lifetime or miles the vehicle failed to operate.

(4) The superintendent shall annually develop a depreciation schedule to recognize the cost of depreciation to districts contracting with private carriers for student transportation. Payments on this schedule shall be a straight line depreciation based on the original cost of the appropriate category of vehicle. [1990 c 33 § 146; 1987 c 508 § 4; 1981 c 265 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.41.540.]

Effective date—Severability—1981 c 265: See notes following RCW 28A.160.150.

Transportation vehicle fund—Deposits in—Use—Rules for establishment and use: RCW 28A.160.130.

28A.160.210 School bus drivers, training and qualifications—Rules and regulations for. In addition to other powers and duties, the state board of education shall adopt rules and regulations governing the training and qualifications of school bus drivers. Such rules and regulations shall be designed to insure that persons will not be employed to operate school buses unless they possess such physical health and driving skills as are necessary to safely operate school buses: **PROVIDED,** That such rules and regulations shall insure that school bus drivers are provided a due process hearing before any certification required by such rules and regulations is cancelled: **PROVIDED FURTHER,** That such rules and regulations shall not conflict with the authority of the department of licensing to license school bus drivers in accordance with chapter 46.25 RCW. The state board of education may obtain a copy of the driving record, as maintained by the department of licensing, for consideration when evaluating a school bus driver's driving skills. [1989 c 178 § 20; 1981 c 200 § 1; 1979 c 158 § 89; 1969 ex.s. c 153 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.04.131.]

Severability—Effective dates—1989 c 178: See RCW 46.25.900 and 46.25.901.

Chapter 28A.165

LEARNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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28A.165.010 Intent. The legislature finds that an important and effective means of improving the educational performance of many students with special needs is to improve the general education program. The legislature also finds that there is a continuum of educational program needs among students with learning problems or poor academic performance. The legislature wants to encourage school districts to serve students with special needs within the regular classroom. Therefore, the legislature intends to replace the remediation program with a broader range of program options, without reducing special instructional programs when those services are both necessary and appropriate. The legislature intends to enhance the ability of basic education teachers to identify and address learning problems within the regular classroom. The legislature further intends to stimulate development by local schools and school districts of innovative and effective means of serving students with special needs. The goal is to increase the achievement of students with special needs in a shorter period of time using processes that are more timely, appro-

priate and effective in producing better outcomes. [1989 c 233 § 1; 1987 c 478 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.120.010.]

28A.165.012 Program created. There is hereby created a state-wide program designed to enhance educational opportunities for public school students who are deficient in basic skills achievement. This program shall be known as the learning assistance program. [1987 c 478 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.120.012.]

28A.165.030 Definitions. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise the definitions in this section apply throughout RCW 28A.165.010 through 28A.165.090.

(1) "Basic skills" means reading, mathematics, and language arts as well as readiness activities associated with such skills.

(2) "Placement testing" means the administration of objective measures by a school district for the purposes of diagnosing the basic skills achievement levels, determining the basic skills areas of greatest need, and establishing the learning assistance needs of individual students in conformance with instructions established by the superintendent of public instruction for such purposes.

(3) "Approved program" means a program conducted pursuant to a plan submitted by a district and approved by the superintendent of public instruction under RCW 28A.165.040.

(4) "Participating student" means a student in kindergarten through grade nine who scores below grade level in basic skills, as determined by placement testing, and who is identified under RCW 28A.165.050 to receive additional services or support under an approved program.

(5) "Basic skills tests" means state-wide tests at the fourth and eighth grade levels established pursuant to RCW 28A.230.190. [1990 c 33 § 148; 1987 c 478 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.120.014.]

28A.165.040 Application for state funds—Needs assessment—Plan. Each school district which applies for state funds distributed pursuant to RCW 28A.165.070 shall conduct a needs assessment and, on the basis of its findings, shall develop a plan for the use of these funds. The plan may incorporate plans developed by each eligible school. Districts are encouraged to place special emphasis on addressing the needs of students in the early grades. The needs assessment and plan shall be updated at least biennially, and shall be determined in consultation with an advisory committee including but not limited to members of the following groups: Parents, including parents of students served by the program; teachers; principals; administrators; and school directors. The district shall submit a biennial application specifying this plan to the office of the superintendent of public instruction for approval. Plans shall include:

(1) The means which the district will use to identify participating students to receive additional services or support under the proposed program;

(2) The specific services or activities which the funds will be used to support, and their estimated costs;

(3) A plan for annual evaluation of the program by the district, based on performance objectives related to basic

skills achievement of participating students, and a plan for reporting the results of this evaluation to the superintendent of public instruction;

(4) Procedures for recordkeeping or other program documentation as may be required by the superintendent of public instruction; and

(5) The approval of the local school district board of directors. [1990 c 33 § 149; 1989 c 233 § 2; 1987 c 478 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.120.016.]

28A.165.050 Identification of students—Coordination of use of funds. Identification of participating students for an approved program of learning assistance shall be determined in each district through the implementation of the findings of the district's needs assessment and through placement testing. School districts are encouraged to coordinate the use of funds from federal, state, and local sources in serving students who are below grade level in basic skills, and to make efficient use of these resources in meeting the needs of students with the greatest academic deficits. [1987 c 478 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.120.018.]

28A.165.060 Services or activities under program. Services or activities which may be supported under an approved program of learning assistance shall include but not be limited to:

(1) Consultant teachers to assist classroom teachers in meeting the needs of participating students;

(2) Instructional support staff and instructional assistants to assist classroom teachers in meeting the needs of participating students;

(3) In-service training for classroom teachers, instructional support staff, and instructional assistants in multicultural differences and the identification of learning problems or in instructional methods for teaching students with learning problems;

(4) Special instructional programs for participating students, of sufficient size, scope, and quality to address the needs of these students and to give reasonable promise of substantial progress toward meeting their educational objectives;

(5) Tutoring assistance during or after school or on Saturday provided by instructional support staff, a student tutor, teacher, or instructional assistant;

(6) In-service training for parents of participating students; and

(7) Counseling, with an emphasis on services for elementary students who are in need of learning assistance, provided by instructional support staff such as school counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, and school social workers. Pursuant to the provisions of *section 4(2) of this act, learning assistance funds may be used to provide counseling for students who in the absence of counseling would likely become in need of such learning assistance. [1989 c 233 § 3; 1987 c 478 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.120.020.]

*Reviser's note: Section 4(2) of this act was vetoed by the governor.

28A.165.070 Eligibility for funds—Distribution of funds. Each school district which has established an

approved program shall be eligible, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, for state funds made available for the purposes of such programs.

(1) For the 1993-94 and 1994-95 school years, the superintendent of public instruction shall distribute funds appropriated for the learning assistance program in accordance with the biennial appropriations act.

(2) For the 1995-96 school year and thereafter and unless modified under subsection (4) of this section, the superintendent of public instruction shall make use of data derived from the basic skills tests in determining the amount of funds for which a district may be eligible. Funds shall be distributed according to the district's total full-time equivalent enrollment in kindergarten through grade nine and the percentage of the district's students taking the basic skills tests who scored in the lowest quartile as compared with national norms. In making this calculation, the superintendent of public instruction may use an average over the immediately preceding five or fewer years of the district's percentage scoring in the lowest quartile. The superintendent of public instruction shall also deduct the number of students at these age levels who are identified as specific learning disabled and are generating state funds for special education programs conducted pursuant to RCW 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100, in distributing state funds for learning assistance.

(3) The distribution formula in this section is for allocation purposes only.

(4) The superintendent of public instruction shall recommend to the legislature a new allocation formula for use in the 1995-97 fiscal biennium that uses additional elements consistent with performance-based education and the new assessment system developed by the commission on student learning. The superintendent may request a delay in development of the new allocation formula if the commission's assessment system is not available for use in the 1995-97 biennium. [1993 sp.s. c 24 § 520; 1990 c 33 § 150; 1987 c 478 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.120.022.]

Severability—1993 sp.s. c 24: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1993 sp.s. c 24 § 932.]

Effective dates—1993 sp.s. c 24: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect July 1, 1993, except for section 308(5) of this act which shall take effect immediately [May 28, 1993]." [1993 sp.s. c 24 § 933.]

28A.165.080 Monitoring. In order to insure that school districts are meeting the requirements of an approved program, the superintendent of public instruction shall monitor such programs no less than once every three years. The results of the evaluations required by RCW 28A.165.040 shall be transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction annually. Individual student records shall be maintained at the school district. [1990 c 33 § 151; 1987 c 478 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.120.024.]

28A.165.090 Rules. The superintendent of public instruction shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW which he or she deems necessary to implement RCW

28A.165.010 through 28A.165.080. [1990 c 33 § 152; 1987 c 478 § 9. Formerly RCW 28A.120.026.]

Chapter 28A.170

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS PROGRAM

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28A.170.010 Program established—Goals. The citizens of the state of Washington recognize the serious impact of alcohol and drug abuse on a student's self-concept and on the ability of students to learn. Therefore, the substance abuse awareness program is established: (1) To aid students in the development of skills that will assist them in making informed decisions concerning the use of drugs and alcohol; (2) to contribute to the development and support of a drug-free educational environment; and (3) to help school districts in the development of comprehensive drug and alcohol policies leading to the implementation of drug and alcohol programs that contain prevention, intervention, and aftercare components. [1987 c 518 § 205. Formerly RCW 28A.120.030.]

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property: RCW 28A.210.310.

28A.170.020 Rules—Grants—Program areas eligible for funding. The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules to implement this section, RCW 28A.170.010, and 28A.170.030 through 28A.170.070 and shall distribute to school districts on a grant basis, from moneys appropriated for the purposes of this section, RCW 28A.170.010, and 28A.170.030 through 28A.170.070, funds for the development and implementation of educational and disciplinary policies leading to the implementation of prevention, intervention, and aftercare activities regarding the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol. The following program areas may be funded through moneys made available for this section, RCW 28A.170.010, and 28A.170.030 through 28A.170.070, including but not limited to:

- (1) Comprehensive program development;
- (2) Prevention programs directed at addressing addictive substances such as alcohol, drugs, and nicotine;
- (3) Elementary identification and intervention programs including counseling programs;
- (4) Secondary identification and intervention programs including counseling programs;

- (5) School drug and alcohol core team development and training;
- (6) Development of referral and preassessment procedures;
- (7) Aftercare;
- (8) Drug and alcohol specialist;
- (9) Staff, parent, student, and community training; and
- (10) Coordination with law enforcement, community service providers, other school districts, educational service districts, and drug and alcohol treatment facilities. [1990 c 33 § 153; 1989 c 233 § 5; 1987 c 518 § 206. Formerly RCW 28A.120.032.]

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

28A.170.030 Application for funding—Procedure.

(1) School districts interested in implementing a substance abuse awareness program shall file an application for state funds with the superintendent of public instruction. The application shall include the following:

(a) A letter of commitment from the board of directors to adopt a comprehensive written policy on drugs and alcohol, and a proposed substance awareness abuse program and implementation plan, within six months of receipt of state funding. The comprehensive policy and program shall address the issues of prevention, intervention, aftercare, and disciplinary policies, and shall emphasize cooperation and coordination of services among public and private agencies, including law enforcement agencies. If the district's board of directors has already adopted a comprehensive policy and plan, the district shall submit a copy of the comprehensive policy and plan;

(b) A letter of commitment from the board of directors to appoint a school and community substance abuse advisory committee if such a committee has not been established. The advisory committee shall include representatives of at least the following: The school district instructional staff, students, parents, state and local government law enforcement personnel, and the county coordinator of alcohol and drug treatment, or his or her designee, or a representative of other treatment service providers. If the district has already established an advisory committee but its membership does not include members representing any of the groups identified in this subsection, the board of directors shall appoint an additional member or members, if necessary, accordingly. The advisory committee shall work to help coordinate school district programs and services with programs and services available within the community and thereby contribute toward the development of a continuum of prevention, intervention, and after care services within the total community and to avoid the duplication of services; and

(c) A copy of the district's assessment of the scope of the problem of drug and alcohol abuse within the district, as such use and abuse by individuals affects the learning environment in each school.

(2) The district shall demonstrate its plan to provide local matching funds of an amount equal to at least twenty percent of the state funds that the district is eligible to receive. Matching funds may be funds received from federal programs, other funds available to the district, or in-kind

contributions: PROVIDED, That in-kind contributions shall be not more than one-half of the minimum matching funds required.

(3) The district shall provide an outline of procedures for evaluating the effectiveness of the district's substance abuse awareness program.

(4) Joint applications and programs may be undertaken by school districts. Districts which elect to participate in a joint program may file a joint application and establish a joint school and community substance abuse advisory committee. [1987 c 518 § 207. Formerly RCW 28A.120.034.]

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

28A.170.040 Application for continued funding—

Contents. School districts may apply on an annual basis to the superintendent of public instruction for continued funding of a local substance abuse awareness program meeting the provisions of RCW 28A.170.020 through 28A.170.070 and shall submit an application that includes: (1) Verification of the adoption of comprehensive district policies; (2) proposed changes to the district's substance abuse awareness program, where necessary; (3) proposed areas of expenditures; (4) the district's plan to provide matching funds of an amount to equal at least twenty percent of the state funds for which the district is eligible; (5) a plan for program evaluation; and (6) a report evaluating the effectiveness of the previously funded program one year after the program is implemented, including all the information required in this section. [1990 c 33 § 154; 1987 c 518 § 208. Formerly RCW 28A.120.036.]

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

28A.170.050 Advisory committee—Members—

Duties. The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint a substance abuse advisory committee comprised of: Representatives of certificated and noncertificated staff; administrators; parents; students; school directors; the bureau of alcohol and substance abuse within the department of social and health services; the traffic safety commission; and county coordinators of alcohol and drug treatment. The committee shall advise the superintendent on matters of local program development, coordination, and evaluation. [1987 c 518 § 209. Formerly RCW 28A.120.038.]

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

28A.170.060 Information about programs and penalties—Duties of superintendent of public instruction.

The superintendent of public instruction shall collect and disseminate to all school districts and other interested parties information about effective substance abuse programs and the penalties for manufacturing, selling, delivering, or possessing controlled substances on or within one thousand feet of a school or school bus route stop under RCW 69.50.435 and distributing a controlled substance to a person under the age of eighteen under RCW 69.50.406. [1994 c

245 § 5; 1989 c 271 § 113; 1987 c 518 § 210. Formerly RCW 28A.120.040.]

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1989 c 271: See note following RCW 9.94A.310.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

28A.170.070 Conflict with federal laws—RCW 28A.170.020 through 28A.170.060. If any part of RCW 28A.170.020 through 28A.170.060 is found to be in conflict with federal requirements which are a prescribed condition to the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of RCW 28A.170.020 through 28A.170.060 is hereby declared to be inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with respect to the agencies directly affected, and such finding or determination shall not affect the operation of the remainder of RCW 28A.170.020 through 28A.170.060 in its application to the agencies concerned. The rules under RCW 28A.170.020 through 28A.170.060 shall meet federal requirements which are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal funds by the state. [1990 c 33 § 155; 1987 c 518 § 211. Formerly RCW 28A.120.050.]

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

28A.170.075 Findings—Intent. (1) The legislature finds that the provision of drug and alcohol counseling and related prevention and intervention services in schools will enhance the classroom environment for students and teachers, and better enable students to realize their academic and personal potentials.

(2) The legislature finds that it is essential that resources be made available to school districts to provide early drug and alcohol prevention and intervention services to students and their families; to assist in referrals to treatment providers; and to strengthen the transition back to school for students who have had problems of drug and alcohol abuse.

(3) New and existing substance abuse awareness programs funded pursuant to RCW 28A.170.010 through 28A.170.070 do not fall within the definition of basic education for purposes of Article IX of the state Constitution and the state's funding duty thereunder.

(4) The legislature intends to provide grants for drug and alcohol abuse prevention and intervention in schools, targeted to those schools with the highest concentrations of students at risk. [1990 c 33 § 156; 1989 c 271 § 310. Formerly RCW 28A.120.080.]

Severability—1989 c 271: See note following RCW 9.94A.310.

28A.170.080 Grants—Substance abuse intervention.

(1) Grants provided under RCW 28A.170.090 may be used solely for services provided by a substance abuse intervention specialist or for dedicated staff time for counseling and intervention services provided by any school district certificated employee who has been trained by and has access to consultation with a substance abuse intervention specialist. Services shall be directed at assisting students in kindergarten through twelfth grade in overcoming problems of drug and alcohol abuse, and in preventing abuse and addiction to such substances, including nicotine. The grants shall require

local matching funds so that the grant amounts support a maximum of eighty percent of the costs of the services funded. The services of a substance abuse intervention specialist may be obtained by means of a contract with a state or community services agency or a drug treatment center. Services provided by a substance abuse intervention specialist may include:

(a) Individual and family counseling, including preventive counseling;

(b) Assessment and referral for treatment;

(c) Referral to peer support groups;

(d) Aftercare;

(e) Development and supervision of student mentor programs;

(f) Staff training, including training in the identification of high-risk children and effective interaction with those children in the classroom; and

(g) Development and coordination of school drug and alcohol core teams, involving staff, students, parents, and community members.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "substance abuse intervention specialist" means any one of the following, except that diagnosis and assessment, counseling and aftercare specifically identified with treatment of chemical dependency shall be performed only by personnel who meet the same qualifications as are required of a qualified chemical dependency counselor employed by an alcoholism or drug treatment program approved by the department of social and health services.

(a) An educational staff associate employed by a school district or educational service district who holds certification as a school counselor, school psychologist, school nurse, or school social worker under state board of education rules adopted pursuant to RCW 28A.305.130;

(b) An individual who meets the definition of a qualified drug or alcohol counselor established by the bureau of alcohol and substance abuse;

(c) A counselor, social worker, or other qualified professional employed by the department of social and health services;

(d) A psychologist licensed under chapter 18.83 RCW;

or
(e) A children's mental health specialist as defined in RCW 71.34.020. [1990 c 33 § 157; 1989 c 271 § 311. Formerly RCW 28A.120.082.]

Severability—1989 c 271: See note following RCW 9.94A.310.

28A.170.090 Selection of grant recipients—Program rules.

(1) The superintendent of public instruction shall select school districts and cooperatives of school districts to receive grants for drug and alcohol abuse prevention and intervention programs for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade, from funds appropriated by the legislature for this purpose. The minimum annual grant amount per district or cooperative of districts shall be twenty thousand dollars. Factors to be used in selecting proposals for funding and in determining grant awards shall be developed in consultation with the substance abuse advisory committee appointed under RCW 28A.170.050, with the intent of targeting funding to districts with high-risk populations. These factors may include:

(a) Characteristics of the school attendance areas to be served, such as the number of students from low-income families, truancy rates, juvenile justice referrals, and social services caseloads;

(b) The total number of students who would have access to services; and

(c) Participation of community groups and law enforcement agencies in drug and alcohol abuse prevention and intervention activities.

(2) The application procedures for grants under this section shall be consistent with the application procedures for other grants for substance abuse awareness programs under RCW 28A.170.020, including provisions for comprehensive planning, establishment of a school and community substance abuse advisory committee, and documentation of the district's needs assessment. Planning and application for grants under this section may be integrated with the development of other substance abuse awareness programs by school districts, and other grants under RCW 28A.170.010 through 28A.170.040 shall not require a separate application. School districts shall, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinate the use of grants provided under this section with other funding available for substance abuse awareness programs. School districts should allocate resources giving emphasis to drug and alcohol abuse intervention services for students in grades five through nine. Grants may be used to provide services for students who are enrolled in approved private schools.

(3) School districts receiving grants under this section shall be required to establish a means of accessing formal assessment services for determining treatment needs of students with drug and alcohol problems. The grant applications submitted by districts shall identify the districts' plan for meeting this requirement.

(4) School districts receiving grants under this section shall be required to perform biennial evaluations of their drug and alcohol abuse prevention and intervention programs, and to report on the results of these evaluations to the superintendent of public instruction.

(5) The superintendent of public instruction may adopt rules to implement RCW 28A.170.080 through 28A.170.100. [1990 c 33 § 158; 1989 c 271 § 312. Formerly RCW 28A.120.084.]

Severability—1989 c 271: See note following RCW 9.94A.310.

28A.170.100 Promotion of parent and community involvement—Program review. (1) School districts are encouraged to promote parent and community involvement in drug and alcohol abuse prevention and intervention programs, through parent visits under RCW 28A.605.020 and through any school involvement program established by the district.

(2) Districts are further encouraged to review drug and alcohol prevention and intervention programs as part of the self-study procedures required under RCW 28A.320.200 and as part of any annual goal-setting process the district may have established under *RCW 28A.320.220. [1991 c 116 § 24; 1990 c 33 § 159; 1989 c 271 § 313. Formerly RCW 28A.120.086.]

*Reviser's note: RCW 28A.320.220 was repealed by 1991 c 116 § 26.

Severability—1989 c 271: See note following RCW 9.94A.310.

Chapter 28A.175

DROPOUT PREVENTION AND RETRIEVAL PROGRAM

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28A.175.010 Educational progress information—Reporting requirements—Rules—Reports to legislature. Each school district shall account for the educational progress of each of its students. To achieve this, school districts shall be required to report annually to the superintendent of public instruction:

(1) For students enrolled in each of a school district's high school programs:

(a) The number of students eligible for graduation in fewer than four years;

(b) The number of students who graduate in four years;

(c) The number of students who remain in school for more than four years but who eventually graduate and the number of students who remain in school for more than four years but do not graduate;

(d) The number of students who transfer to other schools;

(e) The number of students who enter from other schools;

(f) The number of students in the ninth through twelfth grade who drop out of school over a four-year period; and

(g) The number of students whose status is unknown.

(2) Dropout rates of students in each of the grades nine through twelve.

(3) Dropout rates for student populations in each of the grades nine through twelve by:

(a) Ethnicity;

(b) Gender;

(c) Socioeconomic status; and

(d) Disability status.

(4) The causes or reasons, or both, attributed to students for having dropped out of school in grades nine through twelve.

(5) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW to assure uniformity in the information districts are required to report under subsections (1) through (4) of this section. In developing rules, the superintendent of public instruction shall consult with school districts, including administrative and counseling personnel, with regard to the methods through which information is to be collected and reported.

(6) In reporting on the causes or reasons, or both, attributed to students for having dropped out of school, school building officials shall, to the extent reasonably

practical, obtain such information directly from students. In lieu of obtaining such information directly from students, building principals and counselors shall identify the causes or reasons, or both, based on their professional judgment.

(7) The superintendent of public instruction shall report annually to the legislature the information collected under subsections (1) through (4) of this section. [1991 c 235 § 4; 1986 c 151 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.087.]

28A.175.020 Intent. To encourage youth who are considering dropping out of school to remain in school, or youth who have dropped out of school to return to school, it is the intent of the legislature to aid in the planning and implementation of educational programs for such youth. Furthermore, in recognition that effective assistance at the elementary school level will likely reduce the need for dropout intervention at the secondary level, the legislature intends to encourage early identification of and assistance to students not succeeding in school in the elementary grades. [1987 c 518 § 213. Formerly RCW 28A.120.060.]

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

28A.175.030 Grants for program development—Distribution of funds. (1) The superintendent of public instruction is authorized and shall grant funds to selected school districts to assist in the development of student motivation, retention, and retrieval programs for youth who are at risk of dropping out of school or who have dropped out of school. The purpose of the state assistance for such school district programs is to provide districts the necessary money which will encourage the development by districts or cooperatives of districts of integrated programs for students who are at risk of dropping out of school or who have dropped out of school.

(2) Funds as may be appropriated for the purposes of this section and RCW 28A.175.040 through 28A.175.070 shall be distributed to qualifying school districts for initial planning, development, and implementation of educational programs designed to motivate, retain, and retrieve students.

(3) Funds shall be distributed among qualifying school districts on a per pupil basis in accordance with the following state funding formula: To determine the per pupil allocation, the appropriation for this purpose shall be divided by the total full-time equivalent student population of all qualifying districts as determined on October 1 of the first year of each biennium. The resulting dollar amount shall be multiplied by the current school year October 1 total full-time equivalent student population of each qualifying school district to determine the maximum grant that each qualifying school district is eligible to receive. No district may receive more than is necessary for planning and implementation activities outlined in the district's grant application.

(4) The eligibility of a school district or cooperative of school districts to receive program implementation funds shall be determined once every two years.

(5) Should one or more eligible school districts not request funds available under subsection (3) of this section, the funds may be expended or allocated to other qualifying school districts on a nonformula grant basis by the su-

perintendent of public instruction for the purpose of furthering student motivation, retention, and retrieval programs. [1990 c 33 § 160; 1989 c 209 § 1; 1987 c 518 § 214. Formerly RCW 28A.120.062.]

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

28A.175.040 Priorities in awarding grants—Grants to cooperatives—Limitation on total amount of grants.

(1) In distributing grant funds, the superintendent of public instruction shall first award funds to each school district with a dropout rate which, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, is over time in the top twenty-five percent of all districts' dropout rates.

(2) The superintendent may grant funds to a cooperative of districts which may include one district, or more, whose dropout rate is not in the top twenty-five percent of all districts' dropout rates.

(3) The sum of all grants awarded pursuant to RCW 28A.175.030 through 28A.175.070 for a particular biennium shall not exceed the amount appropriated by the legislature for such purposes. [1990 c 33 § 161; 1989 c 209 § 2; 1987 c 518 § 215. Formerly RCW 28A.120.064.]

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

28A.175.050 Rules. The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of RCW 28A.175.030 through 28A.175.070. The rules adopted by the superintendent of public instruction shall include but not be limited to:

(1) Providing for an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the program;

(2) Requiring that no less than twenty percent of the moneys from the program implementation grant be used for identification and intervention programs in elementary and middle schools;

(3) Establishing procedures allowing school districts to claim basic education allocation funds for students attending a program conducted under RCW 28A.175.030 through 28A.175.070 outside the regular school-year calendar, to the extent such attendance is in lieu of attendance within the regular school-year calendar; and

(4) Evaluating the number of children within an applicant district who fail to complete their elementary and secondary education with priority going to districts with dropout rates over time in the top twenty-five percent of all districts' dropout rates. [1990 c 33 § 162; 1987 c 518 § 217. Formerly RCW 28A.120.068.]

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

28A.175.060 Task force—Members—Purpose. The governor and superintendent of public instruction shall jointly appoint the governor's school dropout prevention task force, cochaired by the governor and the superintendent. The purpose of the task force shall be to make the public aware of the high number of Washington youth who drop

out of school, the lifelong economic impact of the decision to drop out, and to encourage all segments of the community to devise new strategies to encourage youth to remain in school.

The task force shall be made up of respected representatives from business, sports, education, the media, students, the legislature, and other sectors of the community. The task force shall promote staying in school through public exposure of the problem and encouraging all sectors of the community to become involved in addressing this serious problem. [1987 c 518 § 218. Formerly RCW 28A.120.070.]

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

28A.175.070 Information about programs—Duties of superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent of public instruction shall collect and disseminate to all school districts and other interested parties information about effective student motivation, retention, and retrieval programs. [1994 c 245 § 6; 1987 c 518 § 219. Formerly RCW 28A.120.072.]

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

28A.175.080 High school programs encouraged. The legislature finds that high schools and high school programs designed to meet the diverse needs of students can be an important factor in decreasing the dropout rate. The development of alternative high schools, schools-within-schools, student-centered collaborative learning communities utilizing interdisciplinary strategies, and subject-matter-related schools is encouraged.

High schools are also encouraged to develop programs providing for flexibility in daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly schedules. High schools are further encouraged to develop flexible teaching arrangements, including tutor programs which may include the use of adults, high school students, or college students as tutors, with particular encouragement to consider seeking persons from ethnic and racial minority groups to serve as tutors.

High schools are also encouraged to use research that has been proven effective and has produced significant outcomes in working with both potential dropouts and dropouts. [1989 c 233 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.120.090.]

28A.175.090 Attendance at nonresident high schools—Expiration of section. (1) Beginning with the 1989-1990 school year and concluding at the end of the 1993-1994 school year, any student who has dropped out of high school for six weeks or longer, or has returned from participation in a substance abuse treatment program, or is about to become or is a teen parent, or has returned from hospitalization due to a mental health problem may choose to attend any other high school in the state regardless of residence. Students may attend high school in a nonresident school district only if they are accepted by the high school and pursuant to policies and procedures of the nonresident school district. Receiving school districts may not charge nonresident students tuition. Schools and districts are

encouraged to accept students who choose to transfer if they meet these conditions. Basic education funding allocations from the state shall follow the students.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall report to the legislature and the governor by December 1, 1994, on the student enrollment patterns pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(3) This section shall expire December 31, 1994. [1989 c 233 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.120.092.]

Chapter 28A.180

TRANSITIONAL BILINGUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

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28A.180.070	Transitional bilingual instruction program—School districts may enrich.
28A.180.080	Transitional bilingual instruction program—Budget request for—Allocation of moneys, priorities—English language skills test—Gifts and donations.

28A.180.010 Transitional bilingual instruction program—Short title—Purpose. RCW 28A.180.010 through 28A.180.080 shall be known and cited as "The Transitional Bilingual Instruction Act." The legislature finds that there are large numbers of children who come from homes where the primary language is other than English. The legislature finds that a transitional bilingual education program can meet the needs of these children. Pursuant to the policy of this state to insure equal educational opportunity to every child in this state, it is the purpose of RCW 28A.180.010 through 28A.180.080 to provide for the implementation of transitional bilingual education programs in the public schools, and to provide supplemental financial assistance to school districts to meet the extra costs of these programs. [1990 c 33 § 163; 1984 c 124 § 1; 1979 c 95 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.800.]

Severability—1979 c 95: "If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1979 c 95 § 9.]

28A.180.020 Transitional bilingual instruction program—Annual report by superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent of public instruction shall review annually the transitional bilingual instruction program and shall submit a report of such review to the legislature on or before January 1 of each year. [1984 c 124 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.58.801.]

28A.180.030 Transitional bilingual instruction program—Definitions. As used in RCW 28A.180.010

through 28A.180.080, unless the context thereof indicates to the contrary:

(i) "Transitional bilingual instruction" means:

(a) A system of instruction which uses two languages, one of which is English, as a means of instruction to build upon and expand language skills to enable the pupil to achieve competency in English. Concepts and information are introduced in the primary language and reinforced in the second language: PROVIDED, That the program shall include testing in the subject matter in English; or

(b) In those cases in which the use of two languages is not practicable as established by the superintendent of public instruction and unless otherwise prohibited by law, an alternative system of instruction which may include English as a second language and is designed to enable the pupil to achieve competency in English.

(2) "Primary language" means the language most often used by the student for communication in his/her home.

(3) "Eligible pupil" means any enrollee of the school district whose primary language is other than English and whose English language skills are sufficiently deficient or absent to impair learning. [1990 c 33 § 164; 1984 c 124 § 2; 1979 c 95 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.802.]

Severability—1979 c 95: See note following RCW 28A.180.010.

28A.180.040 Transitional bilingual instruction program—School board duties. Every school district board of directors shall:

(1) Make available to each eligible pupil transitional bilingual instruction to achieve competency in English, in accord with rules of the superintendent of public instruction.

(2) Wherever feasible, ensure that communications to parents emanating from the schools shall be appropriately bilingual for those parents of pupils in the bilingual instruction program.

(3) Determine, by administration of an English test approved by the superintendent of public instruction the number of eligible pupils enrolled in the school district at the beginning of a school year and thereafter during the year as necessary in individual cases. If, however, a preliminary interview indicates little or no English speaking ability, eligibility testing shall not be necessary.

(4) Before the conclusion of each school year, measure each eligible pupil's improvement in learning the English language by means of a test approved by the superintendent of public instruction.

(5) Provide in-service training for teachers, counselors, and other staff, who are involved in the district's transitional bilingual program. Such training shall include appropriate instructional strategies for children of culturally different backgrounds, use of curriculum materials, and program models. [1984 c 124 § 3; 1979 c 95 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.58.804.]

Effective date—1979 c 95 § 3: "Section 3 of this act shall take effect September 1, 1980." [1979 c 95 § 7.] Section 3 of this act [1979 c 95], was codified as RCW 28A.58.804.

Severability—1979 c 95: See note following RCW 28A.180.010.

28A.180.050 Transitional bilingual instruction program—Advisory committee participation. Every school district board of directors may appoint, maintain, and

receive recommendations from an advisory committee which includes parents whose children are in the transitional bilingual instruction program, teachers, and other staff members. [1984 c 124 § 4; 1979 c 95 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.58.806.]

Severability—1979 c 95: See note following RCW 28A.180.010.

28A.180.060 Transitional bilingual instruction program—Guidelines and rules. The superintendent of public instruction shall:

(1) Promulgate and issue program development guidelines to assist school districts in preparing their programs;

(2) Promulgate rules for implementation of RCW 28A.180.010 through 28A.180.080 in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW. The rules shall be designed to maximize the role of school districts in selecting programs appropriate to meet the needs of eligible students. The rules shall identify the process and criteria to be used to determine when a student is no longer eligible for transitional bilingual instruction pursuant to RCW 28A.180.010 through 28A.180.080. [1990 c 33 § 165; 1984 c 124 § 5; 1979 c 95 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.58.808.]

Severability—1979 c 95: See note following RCW 28A.180.010.

28A.180.070 Transitional bilingual instruction program—School districts may enrich. School districts may enrich the programs required by RCW 28A.180.010 through 28A.180.080: PROVIDED, That such enrichment shall not constitute a basic education responsibility of the state. [1990 c 33 § 166; 1984 c 124 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.58.809.]

28A.180.080 Transitional bilingual instruction program—Budget request for—Allocation of moneys, priorities—English language skills test—Gifts and donations. The superintendent of public instruction shall prepare and submit biennially to the governor and the legislature a budget request for bilingual instruction programs. Moneys appropriated by the legislature for the purposes of RCW 28A.180.010 through 28A.180.080 shall be allocated by the superintendent of public instruction to school districts for the sole purpose of operating an approved bilingual instruction program; priorities for funding shall exist for the early elementary grades. No moneys shall be allocated pursuant to this section to fund more than three school years of bilingual instruction for each eligible pupil within a district: PROVIDED, That such moneys may be allocated to fund more than three school years of bilingual instruction for any pupil who fails to demonstrate improvement in English language skills adequate to remove impairment of learning when taught only in English. The superintendent of public instruction shall set standards and approve a test for the measurement of such English language skills. School districts are hereby empowered to accept grants, gifts, donations, devices and other gratuities from private and public sources to aid in accomplishing the purposes of RCW 28A.180.010 through 28A.180.080. [1990 c 33 § 167; 1979 c 95 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.58.810.]

Severability—1979 c 95: See note following RCW 28A.180.010.

**Chapter 28A.185
HIGHLY CAPABLE STUDENTS**

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28A.185.030	Programs—Authority of local school districts— Selection of students.
28A.185.040	Contracts with University of Washington for education of highly capable students at early entrance program or transition school—Allocation of funds— Rules.

28A.185.010 Program—Duties of superintendent of public instruction. Pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the superintendent of public instruction for the administration of this chapter, the superintendent of public instruction shall carry out a program for highly capable students. Such program may include conducting, coordinating and aiding in research (including pilot programs), disseminating information to local school districts, providing statewide staff development, and allocating to school districts supplementary funds for additional costs of district programs, as provided by RCW 28A.185.020. [1984 c 278 § 12. Formerly RCW 28A.16.040.]

Severability—1984 c 278: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1984 c 278 § 24.]

28A.185.020 Funding. Supplementary funds as may be provided by the state for this program, in accordance with RCW 28A.150.370, shall be categorical funding on an excess cost basis based upon a per student amount not to exceed three percent of any district's full-time equivalent enrollment. [1990 c 33 § 168; 1984 c 278 § 14. Formerly RCW 28A.16.050.]

Severability—1984 c 278: See note following RCW 28A.185.010.

28A.185.030 Programs—Authority of local school districts—Selection of students. Local school districts may establish and operate, either separately or jointly, programs for highly capable students. Such authority shall include the right to employ and pay special instructors and to operate such programs jointly with a public institution of higher education. Local school districts which establish and operate programs for highly capable students shall adopt identification procedures and provide educational opportunities as follows:

(1) In accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the superintendent of public instruction, school districts shall implement procedures for nomination, assessment and selection of their most highly capable students. Nominations shall be based upon data from teachers, other staff, parents, students, and members of the community. Assessment shall be based upon a review of each student's capability as shown by multiple criteria intended to reveal, from a wide variety of sources and data, each student's unique needs and capabilities. Selection shall be made by a broadly based committee of professionals, after consideration of the results of the multiple criteria assessment.

(2) Students selected pursuant to procedures outlined in this section shall be provided, to the extent feasible, an educational opportunity which takes into account each student's unique needs and capabilities and the limits of the resources and program options available to the district, including those options which can be developed or provided by using funds allocated by the superintendent of public instruction for that purpose. [1984 c 278 § 13. Formerly RCW 28A.16.060.]

Severability—1984 c 278: See note following RCW 28A.185.010.

28A.185.040 Contracts with University of Washington for education of highly capable students at early entrance program or transition school—Allocation of funds—Rules. (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall contract with the University of Washington for the education of highly capable students below eighteen years of age who are admitted or enrolled at such early entrance program or transition school as are now or hereafter established and maintained by the University of Washington.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall allocate directly to the University of Washington all of the state basic education allocation moneys, state categorical moneys excepting categorical moneys provided for the highly capable students program under RCW 28A.185.010 through 28A.185.030, and federal moneys generated by a student while attending an early entrance program or transition school at the University of Washington. The allocations shall be according to each student's school district of residence. The expenditure of such moneys shall be limited to selection of students, precollege instruction, special advising, and related activities necessary for the support of students while attending a transition school or early entrance program at the University of Washington. Such allocations may be supplemented with such additional payments by other parties as necessary to cover the actual and full costs of such instruction and other activities.

(3) The provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall apply during the first three years a student is attending a transition school or early entrance program at the University of Washington or through the academic school year in which the student turns eighteen, whichever occurs first. No more than thirty students shall be admitted and enrolled in the transition school at the University of Washington in any one year.

(4) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt or amend rules pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW implementing subsection (2) of this section before August 31, 1989. [1990 c 33 § 169; 1989 c 233 § 9; 1987 c 518 § 222. Formerly RCW 28A.58.217.]

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

**Chapter 28A.190
RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

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28A.190.010 Educational program for juveniles in detention facilities. A program of education shall be provided for by the department of social and health services and the several school districts of the state for common school age persons who have been admitted to facilities staffed and maintained by the department of social and health services for the education and treatment of juveniles who have been diverted or who have been found to have committed a juvenile offense. The division of duties, authority, and liabilities of the department of social and health services and the several school districts of the state respecting the educational programs shall be the same in all respects as set forth in RCW 28A.190.030 through 28A.190.060 respecting programs of education for state residential school residents. For the purposes of this section, the term "residential school" or "schools" as used in RCW 28A.190.030 through 28A.190.060 shall be construed to mean a facility staffed and maintained by the department of social and health services for the education and treatment of juvenile offenders on probation or parole. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a school district from utilizing the services of an educational service district subject to RCW 28A.310.180. [1990 c 33 § 170; 1983 c 98 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.58.765.]

Juvenile facilities, educational programs: RCW 13.04.145.

28A.190.020 Educational programs for residential school residents—"Residential school" defined. The term "residential school" as used in RCW 28A.190.020 through 28A.190.060, 72.01.200, 72.05.010 and 72.05.130, each as now or hereafter amended, shall mean Green Hill school, Maple Lane school, Naselle Youth Camp, Cedar Creek Youth Camp, Mission Creek Youth Camp, Echo Glen, Lakeland Village, Rainier school, Yakima Valley school, Interlake school, Fircrest school, Francis Haddon Morgan Center, the Child Study and Treatment Center and Secondary School of Western State Hospital, and such other schools, camps, and centers as are now or hereafter established by the department of social and health services for the diagnosis, confinement and rehabilitation of juveniles committed by the courts or for the care and treatment of persons who are exceptional in their needs by reason of mental and/or physical deficiency: PROVIDED, That the term shall not include the state schools for the deaf and blind or adult correctional institutions. [1990 c 33 § 171; 1979 ex.s. c 217 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.770.]

Effective date—1979 ex.s. c 217: "This act shall take effect on September 1, 1979." [1979 ex.s. c 217 § 16.]

Severability—1979 ex.s. c 217: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1979 ex.s. c 217 § 17.]

28A.190.030 Educational programs for residential school residents—School district to conduct—Scope of duties and authority. Each school district within which there is located a residential school shall, singly or in concert with another school district pursuant to RCW 28A.335.160 and 28A.225.250 or pursuant to chapter 39.34 RCW, conduct a program of education, including related student activities, for residents of the residential school. Except as otherwise provided for by contract pursuant to RCW 28A.190.050, the duties and authority of a school district and its employees to conduct such a program shall be limited to the following:

(1) The employment, supervision and control of administrators, teachers, specialized personnel and other persons, deemed necessary by the school district for the conduct of the program of education;

(2) The purchase, lease or rental and provision of textbooks, maps, audio-visual equipment, paper, writing instruments, physical education equipment and other instructional equipment, materials and supplies, deemed necessary by the school district for the conduct of the program of education;

(3) The development and implementation, in consultation with the superintendent or chief administrator of the residential school or his or her designee, of the curriculum;

(4) The conduct of a program of education, including related student activities, for residents who are three years of age and less than twenty-one years of age, and have not met high school graduation requirements as now or hereafter established by the state board of education and the school district which includes:

(a) Not less than one hundred and eighty school days each school year;

(b) Special education pursuant to RCW 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100, and vocational education, as necessary to address the unique needs and limitations of residents; and

(c) Such courses of instruction and school related student activities as are provided by the school district for nonresidential school students to the extent it is practical and judged appropriate for the residents by the school district after consultation with the superintendent or chief administrator of the residential school: PROVIDED, That a preschool special education program may be provided for handicapped residential school students;

(5) The control of students while participating in a program of education conducted pursuant to this section and the discipline, suspension or expulsion of students for violation of reasonable rules of conduct adopted by the school district; and

(6) The expenditure of funds for the direct and indirect costs of maintaining and operating the program of education that are appropriated by the legislature and allocated by the superintendent of public instruction for the exclusive purpose of maintaining and operating residential school programs of education, and funds from federal and private grants, bequests and gifts made for the purpose of maintaining and operating the program of education. [1990 c 33 § 172; 1985

c 341 § 13; 1984 c 160 § 3; 1979 ex.s. c 217 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.772.]

Effective date—1985 c 341 §§ 4, 13: See note following RCW 28A.155.020.

Severability—1984 c 160: See note following RCW 28A.155.020.

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 217: See notes following RCW 28A.190.020.

28A.190.040 Educational programs for residential school residents—Duties and authority of DSHS and residential school superintendent. The duties and authority of the department of social and health services and of each superintendent or chief administrator of a residential school to support each program of education conducted by a school district pursuant to RCW 28A.190.030, shall include the following:

(1) The provision of transportation for residential school students to and from the sites of the program of education through the purchase, lease or rental of school buses and other vehicles as necessary;

(2) The provision of safe and healthy building and playground space for the conduct of the program of education through the construction, purchase, lease or rental of such space as necessary;

(3) The provision of furniture, vocational instruction machines and tools, building and playground fixtures, and other equipment and fixtures for the conduct of the program of education through construction, purchase, lease or rental as necessary;

(4) The provision of heat, lights, telephones, janitorial services, repair services, and other support services for the vehicles, building and playground spaces, equipment and fixtures provided for in this section;

(5) The employment, supervision and control of persons to transport students and to maintain the vehicles, building and playground spaces, equipment and fixtures, provided for in this section;

(6) Clinical and medical evaluation services necessary to a determination by the school district of the educational needs of residential school students; and

(7) Such other support services and facilities as are reasonably necessary for the conduct of the program of education. [1990 c 33 § 173; 1979 ex.s. c 217 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.58.774.]

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 217: See notes following RCW 28A.190.020.

28A.190.050 Educational programs for residential school residents—Contracts between school district and DSHS—Scope. Each school district required to conduct a program of education pursuant to RCW 28A.190.030, and the department of social and health services shall hereafter negotiate and execute a written contract for each school year or such longer period as may be agreed to which delineates the manner in which their respective duties and authority will be cooperatively performed and exercised, and any disputes and grievances resolved. Any such contract may provide for the performance of duties by a school district in addition to those set forth in RCW 28A.190.030 (1) through (5), including duties imposed upon the department of social and health services and its agents pursuant to RCW 28A.190.040: PROVIDED, That funds identified in RCW

28A.190.030(6) and/or funds provided by the department of social and health services are available to fully pay the direct and indirect costs of such additional duties and the district is otherwise authorized by law to perform such duties in connection with the maintenance and operation of a school district. [1990 c 33 § 174; 1979 ex.s. c 217 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.58.776.]

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 217: See notes following RCW 28A.190.020.

28A.190.060 Educational programs for residential school residents—DSHS to give notice when need for reduction of staff—Liability upon failure. The department of social and health services shall provide written notice on or before April 15th of each school year to the superintendent of each school district conducting a program of education pursuant to RCW 28A.190.030 through 28A.190.050 of any foreseeable residential school closure, reduction in the number of residents, or any other cause for a reduction in the school district's staff for the next school year. In the event the department of social and health services fails to provide notice as prescribed by this section, the department shall be liable and responsible for the payment of the salary and employment related costs for the next school year of each school district employee whose contract the school district would have nonrenewed but for the failure of the department to provide notice. [1990 c 33 § 175; 1979 ex.s. c 217 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.58.778.]

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 217: See notes following RCW 28A.190.020.

Chapter 28A.195 PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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28A.195.010 Private schools—Extension programs for parents to teach children in their custody—Scope of state control. The legislature hereby recognizes that private schools should be subject only to those minimum state controls necessary to insure the health and safety of all the students in the state and to insure a sufficient basic education to meet usual graduation requirements. The state, any agency or official thereof, shall not restrict or dictate any specific educational or other programs for private schools except as hereinafter in this section provided.

Principals of private schools or superintendents of private school districts shall file each year with the state superintendent of public instruction a statement certifying that the minimum requirements hereinafter set forth are being met, noting any deviations. After review of the statement, the state superintendent will notify schools or school

districts of those deviations which must be corrected. In case of major deviations, the school or school district may request and the state board of education may grant provisional status for one year in order that the school or school district may take action to meet the requirements. Minimum requirements shall be as follows:

(1) The minimum school year for instructional purposes shall consist of no less than one hundred eighty school days or the equivalent in annual minimum program hour offerings as prescribed in RCW 28A.150.220.

(2) The school day shall be the same as that required in RCW 28A.150.030 and 28A.150.220, except that the percentages of total program hour offerings as prescribed in RCW 28A.150.220 for basic skills, work skills, and optional subjects and activities shall not apply to private schools or private sectarian schools.

(3) All classroom teachers shall hold appropriate Washington state certification except as follows:

(a) Teachers for religious courses or courses for which no counterpart exists in public schools shall not be required to obtain a state certificate to teach those courses.

(b) In exceptional cases, people of unusual competence but without certification may teach students so long as a certified person exercises general supervision. Annual written statements shall be submitted to the office of the superintendent of public instruction reporting and explaining such circumstances.

(4) An approved private school may operate an extension program for parents, guardians, or persons having legal custody of a child to teach children in their custody. The extension program shall require at a minimum that:

(a) The parent, guardian, or custodian be under the supervision of an employee of the approved private school who is certified under chapter 28A.410 RCW;

(b) The planning by the certified person and the parent, guardian, or person having legal custody include objectives consistent with this subsection and subsections (1), (2), (5), (6), and (7) of this section;

(c) The certified person spend a minimum average each month of one contact hour per week with each student under his or her supervision who is enrolled in the approved private school extension program;

(d) Each student's progress be evaluated by the certified person; and

(e) The certified employee shall not supervise more than thirty students enrolled in the approved private school's extension program.

(5) Appropriate measures shall be taken to safeguard all permanent records against loss or damage.

(6) The physical facilities of the school or district shall be adequate to meet the program offered by the school or district: PROVIDED, That each school building shall meet reasonable health and fire safety requirements. However, the state board shall not require private school students to meet the student learning goals, obtain a certificate of mastery to graduate from high school, to master the essential academic learning requirements, or to be assessed pursuant to RCW 28A.630.885. However, private schools may choose, on a voluntary basis, to have their students master these essential academic learning requirements, take these assessments, and obtain certificates of mastery. A residential dwelling of the parent, guardian, or custodian shall be deemed to be an

adequate physical facility when a parent, guardian, or person having legal custody is instructing his or her child under subsection (4) of this section.

(7) Private school curriculum shall include instruction of the basic skills of occupational education, science, mathematics, language, social studies, history, health, reading, writing, spelling, and the development of appreciation of art and music, all in sufficient units for meeting state board of education graduation requirements.

(8) Each school or school district shall be required to maintain up-to-date policy statements related to the administration and operation of the school or school district.

All decisions of policy, philosophy, selection of books, teaching material, curriculum, except as in subsection (7) above provided, school rules and administration, or other matters not specifically referred to in this section, shall be the responsibility of the administration and administrators of the particular private school involved. [1993 c 336 § 1101; (1992 c 141 § 505 repealed by 1993 c 336 § 1102); 1990 c 33 § 176. Prior: 1985 c 441 § 4; 1985 c 16 § 1; 1983 c 56 § 1; 1977 ex.s. c 359 § 9; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 71; 1974 ex.s. c 92 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.02.201.]

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

Findings—Part headings—Severability—1992 c 141: See notes following RCW 28A.410.040.

Severability—1985 c 441: See note following RCW 28A.225.010.

Severability—1983 c 56: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1983 c 56 § 18.]

Effective date—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 359: See notes following RCW 28A.150.200.

Authorization for private school students to ride buses—Conditions: RCW 28A.160.020.

Basic Education Act, RCW 28A.195.010 as part of: RCW 28A.150.200.

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Surplus school property, rental, lease or use of—Authorized—Limitations: RCW 28A.335.040.

Surplus texts and other educational aids, notice of availability—Student priority as to texts: RCW 28A.335.180.

28A.195.020 Private schools—Rights recognized. The state recognizes the following rights of every private school:

(1) To teach their religious beliefs and doctrines, if any; to pray in class and in assemblies; to teach patriotism including requiring students to salute the flag of the United States if that be the custom of the particular private school.

(2) To require that there shall be on file the written consent of parents or guardians of students prior to the administration of any psychological test or the conduct of any type

of group therapy. [1974 ex.s. c 92 § 3; 1971 ex.s. c 215 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.02.220.]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 215: "If any provision of this 1971 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1971 ex.s. c 215 § 8.]

28A.195.030 Private schools—Actions appealable under Administrative Procedure Act. Any private school may appeal the actions of the state superintendent of public instruction or state board of education as provided in chapter 34.05 RCW. [1974 ex.s. c 92 § 4; 1971 ex.s. c 215 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.02.230.]

28A.195.040 Private schools—Board rules for enforcement—Racial segregation or discrimination prohibited. The state board of education shall promulgate rules and regulations for the enforcement of RCW 28A.195.010 through 28A.195.040, 28A.225.010, and 28A.305.130, including a provision which denies approval to any school engaging in a policy of racial segregation or discrimination. [1990 c 33 § 177; 1983 c 3 § 29; 1974 ex.s. c 92 § 5; 1971 ex.s. c 215 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.02.240.]

28A.195.050 Private school advisory committee. The superintendent of public instruction is hereby directed to appoint a private school advisory committee that is broadly representative of educators, legislators, and various private school groups in the state of Washington. [1984 c 40 § 1; 1974 ex.s. c 92 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.02.250.]

Severability—1984 c 40: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1984 c 40 § 17.]

28A.195.060 Private schools must report attendance. It shall be the duty of the administrative or executive authority of every private school in this state to report to the educational service district superintendent on or before the thirtieth day of June in each year, on a form to be furnished, such information as may be required by the superintendent of public instruction, to make complete the records of education work pertaining to all children residing within the state. [1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 70; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 111; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.48.055. Prior: 1933 c 28 § 14; 1913 c 158 § 1; 1909 c 97 p 313 § 6; RRS § 4876. Formerly RCW 28A.48.055, 28.48.055, 28.27.020.]

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

Chapter 28A.200

HOME-BASED INSTRUCTION

Sections

28A.200.010	Home-based instruction—Duties of parents.
28A.200.020	Home-based instruction—Certain decisions responsibility of parent unless otherwise specified.

28A.200.010 Home-based instruction—Duties of parents. Each parent whose child is receiving home-based

instruction under RCW 28A.225.010(4) shall have the duty to:

(1) File annually a signed declaration of intent that he or she is planning to cause his or her child to receive home-based instruction. The statement shall include the name and age of the child, shall specify whether a certificated person will be supervising the instruction, and shall be written in a format prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction. Each parent shall file the statement by September 15 of the school year or within two weeks of the beginning of any public school quarter, trimester, or semester with the superintendent of the public school district within which the parent resides;

(2) Ensure that test scores or annual academic progress assessments and immunization records, together with any other records that are kept relating to the instructional and educational activities provided, are forwarded to any other public or private school to which the child transfers. At the time of a transfer to a public school, the superintendent of the local school district in which the child enrolls may require a standardized achievement test to be administered and shall have the authority to determine the appropriate grade and course level placement of the child after consultation with parents and review of the child's records; and

(3) Ensure that a standardized achievement test approved by the state board of education is administered annually to the child by a qualified individual or that an annual assessment of the student's academic progress is written by a certificated person who is currently working in the field of education. The state board of education shall not require these children to meet the student learning goals, master the essential academic learning requirements, to take the assessments, or to obtain a certificate of mastery pursuant to RCW 28A.630.885. The standardized test administered or the annual academic progress assessment written shall be made a part of the child's permanent records. If, as a result of the annual test or assessment, it is determined that the child is not making reasonable progress consistent with his or her age or stage of development, the parent shall make a good faith effort to remedy any deficiency.

Failure of a parent to comply with the duties in this section shall be deemed a failure of such parent's child to attend school without valid justification under RCW 28A.225.020. Parents who do comply with the duties set forth in this section shall be presumed to be providing home-based instruction as set forth in RCW 28A.225.010(4). [1993 c 336 § 1103; 1990 c 33 § 178; 1985 c 441 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.27.310.]

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

Severability—1985 c 441: See note following RCW 28A.225.010.

Part-time students—Defined—Enrollment in public schools authorized: RCW 28A.150.350.

Private schools—Extension programs for parents to teach children in their custody: RCW 28A.195.010.

28A.200.020 Home-based instruction—Certain decisions responsibility of parent unless otherwise specified. The state hereby recognizes that parents who are causing their children to receive home-based instruction under RCW 28A.225.010(4) shall be subject only to those

minimum state laws and regulations which are necessary to insure that a sufficient basic educational opportunity is provided to the children receiving such instruction. Therefore, all decisions relating to philosophy or doctrine, selection of books, teaching materials and curriculum, and methods, timing, and place in the provision or evaluation of home-based instruction shall be the responsibility of the parent except for matters specifically referred to in this chapter. [1990 c 33 § 179; 1985 c 441 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.27.320.]

Severability—1985 c 441: See note following RCW 28A.225.010.

Chapter 28A.205

EDUCATION CENTERS

(Formerly: Educational clinics)

Sections

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28A.205.010 "Education center," "basic academic skills," defined—Certification as education center and withdrawal thereof. (1) As used in this chapter, unless the context thereof shall clearly indicate to the contrary:

"Education center" means any private school operated on a profit or nonprofit basis which does the following:

(a) Is devoted to the teaching of basic academic skills, including specific attention to improvement of student motivation for achieving, and employment orientation.

(b) Operates on a clinical, client centered basis. This shall include, but not be limited to, performing diagnosis of individual educational abilities, determination and setting of individual goals, prescribing and providing individual courses of instruction therefor, and evaluation of each individual client's progress in his or her educational program.

(c) Conducts courses of instruction by professionally trained personnel certificated by the state board of education according to rules and regulations promulgated for the purposes of this chapter and providing, for certification purposes, that a year's teaching experience in an education center shall be deemed equal to a year's teaching experience in a common or private school.

(2) For purposes of this chapter, basic academic skills shall include the study of mathematics, speech, language, reading and composition, science, history, literature and

political science or civics; it shall not include courses of a vocational training nature and shall not include courses deemed nonessential to the accrediting of the common schools or the approval of private schools under RCW 28A.305.130.

(3) The state board of education shall certify an education center only upon application and (a) determination that such school comes within the definition thereof as set forth in subsection (1) above and (b) demonstration on the basis of actual educational performance of such applicants' students which shows after consideration of their students' backgrounds, educational gains that are a direct result of the applicants' educational program. Such certification may be withdrawn if the board finds that a center fails to provide adequate instruction in basic academic skills. No education center certified by the state board of education pursuant to this section shall be deemed a common school under RCW 28A.150.020 or a private school for the purposes of RCW 28A.195.010 through 28A.195.050. [1993 c 211 § 1; 1990 c 33 § 180; 1983 c 3 § 38; 1977 ex.s. c 341 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.97.010.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 341: "If any provision of this 1977 act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1977 ex.s. c 341 § 7.]

28A.205.020 Reimbursement only for eligible common school dropouts. Only eligible common school dropouts shall be enrolled in a certified education center for reimbursement by the superintendent of public instruction as provided in RCW 28A.205.040. No person shall be considered an eligible common school dropout who (1) has completed high school, (2) who has not reached his or her thirteenth birthday or has passed his or her twentieth birthday, or (3) shows proficiency beyond the high school level in a test approved by the superintendent of public instruction to be given as part of the initial diagnostic procedure, or (4) until one month has passed after he or she has dropped out of any common school and the education center has received written verification from a school official of the common school last attended in this state that such person is no longer in attendance at such school, unless such center has been requested to admit such person by written communication of the board of directors or its designee, of that common school, or unless such person is unable to attend a particular common school because of disciplinary reasons, including suspension and/or expulsion therefrom. The fact that any person may be subject to RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.150, 28A.200.010, and 28A.200.020 shall not affect his or her qualifications as an eligible common school dropout under this chapter. [1993 c 211 § 2; 1990 c 33 § 181; 1979 ex.s. c 174 § 1; 1977 ex.s. c 341 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.97.020.]

Severability—1979 ex.s. c 174: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1979 ex.s. c 174 § 4.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 341: See note following RCW 28A.205.010.

28A.205.030 Reentry of prior dropouts into common schools, rules—Eligibility for GED test. The

superintendent of public instruction shall adopt, by rules, policies and procedures to permit a prior common school dropout to reenter at the grade level appropriate to such individual's ability: PROVIDED, That such individual shall be placed with the class he or she would be in had he or she not dropped out and graduate with that class, if the student's ability so permits notwithstanding any loss of credits prior to reentry and if such student earns credits at the normal rate subsequent to reentry.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any certified education center student sixteen years of age or older, upon completion of an individual student program, shall be eligible to take the general educational development test as given throughout the state. [1993 c 218 § 2; 1993 c 211 § 3; 1990 c 33 § 182; 1977 ex.s. c 341 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.97.030.]

Reviser's note: This section was amended by 1993 c 211 § 3 and by 1993 c 218 § 2, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 341: See note following RCW 28A.205.010.

28A.205.040 Reimbursement procedure—Schedule of fees, revision—Priority for payment—Review of clinic's records. From funds appropriated for that purpose, the superintendent of public instruction shall pay to a certified clinic on a monthly basis for each student enrolled in compliance with RCW 28A.205.020, fees in accordance with the following conditions:

(1)(a) The fee for the initial diagnostic procedure shall be not more than fifty dollars per student, and hourly fees for each student shall be sixteen dollars if the class size is no greater than one, ten dollars if the class size is at least two and no greater than five, and five dollars if the class size is at least six: PROVIDED, That revisions in such fees proposed by an education clinic shall become effective after thirty days notice unless the superintendent finds such a revision is unreasonable in which case the revision shall not take effect: PROVIDED FURTHER, That an education clinic may, within fifteen days after such a finding by the superintendent, file notification of appeal with the state board of education which shall, no later than its second regularly scheduled meeting following notification of such appeal, either grant or deny the proposed revision: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That the administration of any general education development test shall not be a part of such initial diagnostic procedure.

(b) Reimbursements shall not be made for students who are absent.

(c) No clinic shall make any charge to any student, or the student's parent, guardian or custodian, for whom a fee is being received under the provisions of this section.

(2) Payments shall be made from available funds first to those clinic(s) which have in the judgment of the superintendent demonstrated superior performance based upon consideration of students' educational gains taking into account such students' backgrounds, and upon consideration of cost effectiveness. In considering the cost effectiveness of nonprofit clinics the superintendent shall take into account not only payments made under this section but also factors such as tax exemptions, direct and indirect subsidies or any

other cost to taxpayers at any level of government which result from such nonprofit status.

(3) To be eligible for such payment, every such clinic, without prior notice, shall permit a review of its accounting records by personnel of the state auditor during normal business hours.

(4) If total funds for this purpose approach depletion, the superintendent shall notify the clinics of the date after which further funds for reimbursement of the clinics' services will be exhausted. [1990 c 33 § 183; 1979 ex.s. c 174 § 2; 1977 ex.s. c 341 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.97.040.]

Severability—1979 ex.s. c 174: See note following RCW 28A.205.020.

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 341: See note following RCW 28A.205.010.

28A.205.050 Rules and regulations—Legislative review of criteria utilized for reimbursement purposes. In accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW, the administrative procedure act, the state board of education with respect to the matter of certification, and the superintendent of public instruction with respect to all other matters, shall have the power and duty to make the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the purpose and intent of this chapter.

Criteria as promulgated by the state board of education or superintendent of public instruction for determining if any education center is providing adequate instruction in basic academic skills or demonstrating superior performance in student educational gains for funding under RCW 28A.205.040 shall be subject to review by four members of the legislature, one from each caucus of each house, including the chairs of the respective education committees. [1993 c 211 § 4; 1990 c 33 § 184; 1977 ex.s. c 341 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.97.050.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 341: See note following RCW 28A.205.010.

28A.205.060 Report to legislature by superintendent of public instruction—Contents—Update. The superintendent of public instruction shall prepare a report on education centers that:

(1) Identifies a funding level that is adequate to fund the enrollment served by education centers during the previous fiscal year;

(2) Identifies locales in the state which are served by education centers but where demand for education center services will support additional service, and recommends the funding level necessary to serve such demand;

(3) Identifies locales in the state which are not served by education centers but where demand will support operation of centers, and recommends the funding level necessary to serve such demand; and

(4) Identifies locales in the state that are either underserved or not served by existing public school programs for drop-outs or for drop-out prevention, but where demand will support such services and recommends the funding level necessary to serve such demand.

The report shall be submitted to the legislature by January 1 in the year following June 27, 1985, and updates of the report shall be submitted with each biennial budget request until such time as funding levels reach the levels recommended in subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

[1993 c 211 § 5; 1985 c 434 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.97.110.]

Intent—1985 c 434: "It is the intent of this act to provide for an equitable distribution of funds appropriated for educational clinics, to stabilize existing programs, and to provide a system for orderly expansion or retrenchment in the event of future increases or reductions in program appropriations." [1985 c 434 § 1.]

28A.205.070 Allocation of funds—Criteria—Duties of superintendent. In allocating funds appropriated for education centers, the superintendent of public instruction shall:

(1) Place priority upon stability and adequacy of funding for education centers that have demonstrated superior performance as defined in RCW 28A.205.040(2).

(2) Initiate and maintain a competitive review process to select new or expanded center programs in unserved or underserved areas. The criteria for review of competitive proposals for new or expanded education center services shall include but not be limited to:

(a) The proposing organization shall have obtained certification from the state board of education as provided in RCW 28A.205.010;

(b) The cost-effectiveness of the proposal; and

(c) The availability of committed nonstate funds to support, enrich, or otherwise enhance the basic program.

(3) In selecting areas for new or expanded education center programs, the superintendent of public instruction shall consider factors including but not limited to:

(a) The proportion and total number of dropouts unserved by existing center programs, if any;

(b) The availability within the geographic area of programs other than education centers which address the basic educational needs of dropouts; and

(c) Waiting lists or other evidence of demand for expanded education center programs.

(4) In the event of any curtailment of services resulting from lowered legislative appropriations, the superintendent of public instruction shall issue pro rata reductions to all centers funded at the time of the lowered appropriation. Individual centers may be exempted from such pro rata reductions if the superintendent finds that such reductions would impair the center's ability to operate at minimally acceptable levels of service. In the event of such exceptions, the superintendent shall determine an appropriate rate for reduction to permit the center to continue operation.

(5) In the event that an additional center or centers become certified and apply to the superintendent for funds to be allocated from a legislative appropriation which does not increase from the immediately preceding biennium, or does not increase sufficiently to allow such additional center or centers to operate at minimally acceptable levels of service without reducing the funds available to previously funded centers, the superintendent shall not provide funding for such additional center or centers from such appropriation. [1993 c 211 § 6; 1990 c 33 § 185; 1985 c 434 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.97.120.]

Intent—1985 c 434: See note following RCW 28A.205.060.

28A.205.080 Legislative findings—Distribution of funds—Cooperation with school districts. The legislature recognizes that education centers provide a necessary and

effective service for students who have dropped out of common school programs. Education centers have demonstrated success in preparing such youth for productive roles in society and are an integral part of the state's program to address the needs of students who have dropped out of school. The superintendent of public instruction shall distribute funds, consistent with legislative appropriations, allocated specifically for education centers in accord with chapter 28A.205 RCW. The legislature encourages school districts to explore cooperation with education centers. [1993 c 211 § 7; 1990 c 33 § 186; 1987 c 518 § 220. Formerly RCW 28A.97.125.]

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

28A.205.090 Inclusion of education centers program in biennial budget request—Quarterly plans—Funds—Payment. The superintendent shall include the education centers program in the biennial budget request. Contracts between the superintendent of public instruction and the education centers shall include quarterly plans which provide for relatively stable student enrollment but take into consideration anticipated seasonal variations in enrollment in the individual centers. Funds which are not expended by a center during the quarter for which they were planned may be carried forward to subsequent quarters of the fiscal year. The superintendent shall make payments to the centers on a monthly basis pursuant to RCW 28A.205.040. [1993 c 211 § 8; 1990 c 33 § 187; 1985 c 434 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.97.130.]

Intent—1985 c 434: See note following RCW 28A.205.060.

Chapter 28A.210

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28A.210.005 Transfer of duties to the department of health. The powers and duties of the department of social and health services and the secretary of social and health services under this chapter shall be performed by the department of health and the secretary of health. [1989 1st ex.s. c 9 § 239. Formerly RCW 28A.31.005.]

Effective date—Severability—1989 1st ex.s. c 9: See RCW 43.70.910 and 43.70.920.

28A.210.010 Contagious diseases, limiting contact—Rules and regulations. The state board of health, after consultation with the superintendent of public instruction, shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations regarding the presence of persons on or about any school premises who have, or who have been exposed to, contagious diseases deemed by the state board of health as dangerous to the public health. Such rules and regulations shall specify reasonable and precautionary procedures as to such presence and/or readmission of such persons and may include the requirement for a certificate from a licensed physician that there is no danger of contagion. The superintendent of public instruction shall print and distribute the rules and regulations of the state board of health above provided to appropriate school officials and personnel. [1971 c 32 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.31.010. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 262 § 5; RRS § 4689; prior: 1897 c 118 § 68; 1890 p 372 § 47. Formerly RCW 28A.31.010, 28.31.010.]

28A.210.020 Visual and auditory screening of pupils—Rules and regulations. Every board of school directors shall have the power, and it shall be its duty to provide for and require screening for the visual and auditory acuity of all children attending schools in their districts to ascertain which if any of such children have defects suf-

ficient to retard them in their studies. Auditory and visual screening shall be made in accordance with procedures and standards adopted by rule or regulation of the state board of health. Prior to the adoption or revision of such rules or regulations the state board of health shall seek the recommendations of the superintendent of public instruction regarding the administration of visual and auditory screening and the qualifications of persons competent to administer such screening. [1971 c 32 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.31.030. Prior: 1941 c 202 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 4689-1. Formerly RCW 28A.31.030, 28.31.030.]

28A.210.030 Visual and auditory screening of pupils—Record of screening—Forwarding of records, recommendations and data. The person or persons completing the screening prescribed in RCW 28A.210.020 shall promptly prepare a record of the screening of each child found to have, or suspected of having, reduced visual and/or auditory acuity in need of attention, including the special education services provided by RCW 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100, and send copies of such records and recommendations to the parents or guardians of such children and shall deliver the original records to the appropriate school official who shall preserve such records and forward to the superintendent of public instruction and the secretary of health visual and auditory data as requested by such officials. [1991 c 3 § 289; 1990 c 33 § 188; 1971 c 32 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.31.040. Prior: 1941 c 202 § 2; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 4689-2. Formerly RCW 28A.31.040, 28.31.040.]

28A.210.040 Visual and auditory screening of pupils—Rules and regulations, forms used in screenings, distribution. The superintendent of public instruction shall print and distribute to appropriate school officials the rules and regulations adopted by the state board of health pursuant to RCW 28A.210.020 and the recommended records and forms to be used in making and reporting such screenings. [1990 c 33 § 189; 1973 c 46 § 1. Prior: 1971 c 48 § 12; 1971 c 32 § 4; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.31.050; prior: 1941 c 202 § 3; RRS § 4689-3. Formerly RCW 28A.31.050, 28.31.050.]

Severability—1973 c 46: "If any provision of this 1973 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1973 c 46 § 5.]

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

28A.210.050 Sight-saving equipment. In order to enable children in public schools who have defective vision to enjoy comparable educational opportunities with children of normal sight, the superintendent of public instruction shall provide for the benefit of such children sight-saving equipment as may be deemed necessary to accomplish such purpose. Any equipment so purchased shall be the property of the superintendent of public instruction and shall be loaned to public schools for the use of children with defective vision where the number of such children does not warrant the establishment of a sight-saving class or as otherwise required. Such sight-saving equipment shall be made available upon the recommendation of an eye physi-

cian that such equipment is necessary to enable a child to enjoy educational opportunities equal to those of children of normal sight. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.31.060. Prior: 1941 c 251 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 4689-4. Formerly RCW 28A.31.060, 28.31.060.]

28A.210.060 Immunization program—Purpose. In enacting RCW 28A.210.060 through 28A.210.170, it is the judgment of the legislature that it is necessary to protect the health of the public and individuals by providing a means for the eventual achievement of full immunization of school-age children against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. [1990 c 33 § 190; 1984 c 40 § 3; 1979 ex.s. c 118 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.31.100.]

Severability—1984 c 40: See note following RCW 28A.195.050.

Effective date—1979 ex.s. c 118: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect on September 1, 1979." [1979 ex.s. c 118 § 13.]

Severability—1979 ex.s. c 118: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1979 ex.s. c 118 § 16.]

Immunization plan: RCW 43.70.525.

28A.210.070 Immunization program—Definitions. As used in RCW 28A.210.060 through 28A.210.170:

(1) "Chief administrator" shall mean the person with the authority and responsibility for the immediate supervision of the operation of a school or day care center as defined in this section or, in the alternative, such other person as may hereafter be designated in writing for the purposes of RCW 28A.210.060 through 28A.210.170 by the statutory or corporate board of directors of the school district, school, or day care center or, if none, such other persons or person with the authority and responsibility for the general supervision of the operation of the school district, school or day care center.

(2) "Full immunization" shall mean immunization against certain vaccine-preventable diseases in accordance with schedules and with immunizing agents approved by the state board of health.

(3) "Local health department" shall mean the city, town, county, district or combined city-county health department, board of health, or health officer which provides public health services.

(4) "School" shall mean and include each building, facility, and location at or within which any or all portions of a preschool, kindergarten and grades one through twelve program of education and related activities are conducted for two or more children by or in behalf of any public school district and by or in behalf of any private school or private institution subject to approval by the state board of education pursuant to RCW 28A.305.130(6), 28A.195.010 through 28A.195.050, and 28A.410.120.

(5) "Day care center" shall mean an agency which regularly provides care for a group of thirteen or more children for periods of less than twenty-four hours and is licensed pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW.

(6) "Child" shall mean any person, regardless of age, in attendance at a public or private school or a licensed day

care center. [1990 c 33 § 191; 1985 c 49 § 2; 1984 c 40 § 4; 1979 ex.s. c 118 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.31.102.]

Severability—1984 c 40: See note following RCW 28A.195.050.

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 118: See notes following RCW 28A.210.060.

28A.210.080 Immunization program—Attendance of child conditioned upon presentation of alternative proofs. The attendance of every child at every public and private school in the state and licensed day care center shall be conditioned upon the presentation before or on each child's first day of attendance at a particular school or center, of proof of either (1) full immunization, (2) the initiation of and compliance with a schedule of immunization, as required by rules of the state board of health, or (3) a certificate of exemption as provided for in RCW 28A.210.090. The attendance at the school or the day care center during any subsequent school year of a child who has initiated a schedule of immunization shall be conditioned upon the presentation of proof of compliance with the schedule on the child's first day of attendance during the subsequent school year. Once proof of full immunization or proof of completion of an approved schedule has been presented, no further proof shall be required as a condition to attendance at the particular school or center. [1990 c 33 § 192; 1985 c 49 § 1; 1979 ex.s. c 118 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.31.104.]

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 118: See notes following RCW 28A.210.060.

28A.210.090 Immunization program—Exemptions from on presentation of alternative certifications. Any child shall be exempt in whole or in part from the immunization measures required by RCW 28A.210.060 through 28A.210.170 upon the presentation of any one or more of the following, on a form prescribed by the department of health:

(1) A written certification signed by any physician licensed to practice medicine pursuant to chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW that a particular vaccine required by rule of the state board of health is, in his or her judgment, not advisable for the child: PROVIDED, That when it is determined that this particular vaccine is no longer contraindicated, the child will be required to have the vaccine;

(2) A written certification signed by any parent or legal guardian of the child or any adult in loco parentis to the child that the religious beliefs of the signator are contrary to the required immunization measures; and

(3) A written certification signed by any parent or legal guardian of the child or any adult in loco parentis to the child that the signator has either a philosophical or personal objection to the immunization of the child. [1991 c 3 § 290; 1990 c 33 § 193; 1984 c 40 § 5; 1979 ex.s. c 118 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.31.106.]

Severability—1984 c 40: See note following RCW 28A.195.050.

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 118: See notes following RCW 28A.210.060.

28A.210.100 Immunization program—Source of immunizations—Written records. The immunizations required by RCW 28A.210.060 through 28A.210.170 may be

obtained from any private or public source desired: PROVIDED, That the immunization is administered and records are made in accordance with the regulations of the state board of health. Any person or organization administering immunizations shall furnish each person immunized, or his or her parent or legal guardian, or any adult in loco parentis to the child, with a written record of immunization given in a form prescribed by the state board of health. [1990 c 33 § 194; 1984 c 40 § 7; 1979 ex.s. c 118 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.31.110.]

Severability—1984 c 40: See note following RCW 28A.195.050.

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 118: See notes following RCW 28A.210.060.

28A.210.110 Immunization program—Administrator's duties upon receipt of proof of immunization or certification of exemption. A child's proof of immunization or certification of exemption shall be presented to the chief administrator of the public or private school or day care center or to his or her designee for that purpose. The chief administrator shall:

(1) Retain such records pertaining to each child at the school or day care center for at least the period the child is enrolled in the school or attends such center;

(2) Retain a record at the school or day care center of the name, address, and date of exclusion of each child excluded from school or the center pursuant to RCW 28A.210.120 for not less than three years following the date of a child's exclusion;

(3) File a written annual report with the department of health on the immunization status of students or children attending the day care center at a time and on forms prescribed by the department of health; and

(4) Allow agents of state and local health departments access to the records retained in accordance with this section during business hours for the purposes of inspection and copying. [1991 c 3 § 291; 1990 c 33 § 195; 1979 ex.s. c 118 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.31.112.]

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 118: See notes following RCW 28A.210.060.

28A.210.120 Immunization program—Prohibiting child's presence, when—Notice to parent, guardian or adult in loco parentis, contents. It shall be the duty of the chief administrator of every public and private school and day care center to prohibit the further presence at the school or day care center for any and all purposes of each child for whom proof of immunization, certification of exemption, or proof of compliance with an approved schedule of immunization has not been provided in accordance with RCW 28A.210.080 and to continue to prohibit the child's presence until such proof of immunization, certification of exemption, or approved schedule has been provided. The exclusion of a child from a school shall be accomplished in accordance with rules of the state board of education. The exclusion of a child from a day care center shall be accomplished in accordance with rules of the department of social and health services. Prior to the exclusion of a child, each school or day care center shall provide written notice to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of each child or to the adult(s) in loco parentis to each child, who is not in compliance with the

requirements of RCW 28A.210.080. The notice shall fully inform such person(s) of the following: (1) The requirements established by and pursuant to RCW 28A.210.060 through 28A.210.170; (2) the fact that the child will be prohibited from further attendance at the school unless RCW 28A.210.080 is complied with; (3) such procedural due process rights as are hereafter established pursuant to RCW 28A.210.160 and/or 28A.210.170, as appropriate; and (4) the immunization services that are available from or through the local health department and other public agencies. [1990 c 33 § 196; 1985 c 49 § 3; 1984 c 40 § 8; 1979 ex.s. c 118 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.31.114.]

Severability—1984 c 40: See note following RCW 28A.195.050.

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 118: See notes following RCW 28A.210.060.

28A.210.130 Immunization program—Superintendent of public instruction to provide information. The superintendent of public instruction shall provide for information about the immunization program and requirements under RCW 28A.210.060 through 28A.210.170 to be widely available throughout the state in order to promote full use of the program. [1990 c 33 § 197; 1985 c 49 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.31.115.]

28A.210.140 Immunization program—State board of health rules, contents. The state board of health shall adopt and is hereby empowered to adopt rules pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW which establish the procedural and substantive requirements for full immunization and the form and substance of the proof thereof, to be required pursuant to RCW 28A.210.060 through 28A.210.170. [1990 c 33 § 198; 1984 c 40 § 9; 1979 ex.s. c 118 § 9. Formerly RCW 28A.31.116.]

Severability—1984 c 40: See note following RCW 28A.195.050.

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 118: See notes following RCW 28A.210.060.

28A.210.150 Immunization program—Superintendent of public instruction by rule to adopt procedures for verifying records. The superintendent of public instruction by rule shall provide procedures for schools to quickly verify the immunization records of students transferring from one school to another before the immunization records are received. [1985 c 49 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.31.117.]

28A.210.160 Immunization program—State board of education rules, contents. The state board of education shall and is hereby empowered to adopt rules pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW which establish the procedural and substantive due process requirements governing the exclusion of children from public and private schools pursuant to RCW 28A.210.120. [1990 c 33 § 199; 1979 ex.s. c 118 § 10. Formerly RCW 28A.31.118.]

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 118: See notes following RCW 28A.210.060.

28A.210.170 Immunization program—Department of social and health services' rules, contents. The department of social and health services shall and is hereby

empowered to adopt rules pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW which establish the procedural and substantive due process requirements governing the exclusion of children from day care centers pursuant to RCW 28A.210.120. [1990 c 33 § 200; 1979 ex.s. c 118 § 11. Formerly RCW 28A.31.120.]

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 118: See notes following RCW 28A.210.060.

28A.210.180 Screening program for scoliosis—

Purpose. The legislature recognizes that the condition known as scoliosis, a lateral curvature of the spine commonly appearing in adolescents, can develop into a permanent, crippling disability if left untreated. Early diagnosis and referral can often result in the successful treatment of this condition and greatly reduce the need for major surgery. Therefore, the purpose of RCW 28A.210.180 through 28A.210.250 is to recognize that a school screening program is an invaluable tool for detecting the number of adolescents with scoliosis. It is the intent of the legislature to insure that the superintendent of public instruction provide and require screening of children for the condition known as scoliosis, to ascertain which, if any, of these children have defects requiring corrective treatment. [1991 c 86 § 1; 1990 c 33 § 201; 1985 c 216 § 1; 1979 c 47 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.31.130.]

Severability—1979 c 47: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1979 c 47 § 8.]

28A.210.190 Screening program for scoliosis—

Definitions. As used in RCW 28A.210.180 through 28A.210.250, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

(1) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of public instruction of public schools in the state, or the superintendent's designee.

(2) "Pupil" means a student enrolled in the public school system in the state.

(3) "Scoliosis" includes idiopathic scoliosis and kyphosis.

(4) "Screening" means an examination to be performed for the purpose of detecting the condition known as scoliosis.

(5) "Public schools" means the common schools referred to in Article IX of the state Constitution and those schools and institutions of learning having a curriculum below the college or university level as now or may be established by law and maintained at public expense. [1991 c 86 § 2; 1990 c 33 § 202; 1985 c 216 § 2; 1979 c 47 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.31.132.]

Severability—1979 c 47: See note following RCW 28A.210.180.

28A.210.200 Screening program for scoliosis—

Examination of children—Personnel making examinations, training for. The superintendent shall provide for and require the examination of children attending public schools at least three times between grades four and eleven in accordance with procedures and standards adopted by rule of the state board of health in cooperation with the superintendent of public instruction and the department of health. The examination shall be made by a school physician, school nurse, qualified licensed health practitioner, or physical

education instructor or by other school personnel. Proper training of the personnel in the screening process for scoliosis shall be provided by the superintendent. [1991 c 86 § 3; 1990 c 33 § 203; 1985 c 216 § 3; 1979 c 47 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.31.134.]

Severability—1979 c 47: See note following RCW 28A.210.180.

28A.210.210 Screening program for scoliosis—

Records—Parents or guardians notification, contents. Every person performing the screening under RCW 28A.210.200 shall promptly prepare a record of the screening of each child found to have or suspected of having scoliosis and shall send copies of the records to the parents or guardians of the children. The notification shall include an explanation of scoliosis, the significance of treating it at an early stage, and the services generally available from a qualified licensed health practitioner for the treatment after diagnosis. [1990 c 33 § 204; 1985 c 216 § 4; 1979 c 47 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.31.136.]

Severability—1979 c 47: See note following RCW 28A.210.180.

28A.210.220 Screening program for scoliosis—

Distribution of rules, records and forms. The superintendent shall print and distribute to appropriate school officials the rules adopted by the state board of health in cooperation with the superintendent of public instruction under RCW 28A.210.200 and the recommended records and forms to be used in making and reporting the screenings. [1990 c 33 § 205; 1979 c 47 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.31.138.]

Severability—1979 c 47: See note following RCW 28A.210.180.

28A.210.240 Screening program for scoliosis—

Pupils exempt, when. Any pupil shall be exempt from the examination upon written request of his or her parent or guardian if the parent or guardian certifies that:

(1) The screening conflicts with the philosophical or religious beliefs; or

(2) The student is presently under the care of a health care provider for spinal curvature or a related medical condition. [1985 c 216 § 5; 1979 c 47 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.31.140.]

Severability—1979 c 47: See note following RCW 28A.210.180.

28A.210.250 Screening program for scoliosis—

Sanctions against school officials failing to comply. The superintendent may establish appropriate sanctions to be applied to any school officials of the state failing to comply with RCW 28A.210.200 through 28A.210.240 which sanctions may include withholding of any portion of state aid to the district until such time as compliance is assured. [1990 c 33 § 207; 1979 c 47 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.31.142.]

Severability—1979 c 47: See note following RCW 28A.210.180.

28A.210.260 Public and private schools—

Administration of oral medication by—Conditions. Public school districts and private schools which conduct any of grades kindergarten through the twelfth grade may provide for the administration of oral medication of any nature to students who are in the custody of the school

district or school at the time of administration, but are not required to do so by this section, subject to the following conditions:

(1) The board of directors of the public school district or the governing board of the private school or, if none, the chief administrator of the private school shall adopt policies which address the designation of employees who may administer oral medications to students, the acquisition of parent requests and instructions, and the acquisition of dentist and physician requests and instructions regarding students who require medication for more than fifteen consecutive school days, the identification of the medication to be administered, the means of safekeeping medications with special attention given to the safeguarding of legend drugs as defined in chapter 69.41 RCW, and the means of maintaining a record of the administration of such medication;

(2) The board of directors shall seek advice from one or more licensed physicians or nurses in the course of developing the foregoing policies;

(3) The public school district or private school is in receipt of a written, current and unexpired request from a parent, or a legal guardian, or other person having legal control over the student to administer the medication to the student;

(4) The public school district or the private school is in receipt of (a) a written, current and unexpired request from a licensed physician or dentist for administration of the medication, as there exists a valid health reason which makes administration of such medication advisable during the hours when school is in session or the hours in which the student is under the supervision of school officials, and (b) written, current and unexpired instructions from such physician or dentist regarding the administration of prescribed medication to students who require medication for more than fifteen consecutive work days;

(5) The medication is administered by an employee designated by or pursuant to the policies adopted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section and in substantial compliance with the prescription of a physician or dentist or the written instructions provided pursuant to subsection (4) of this section;

(6) The medication is first examined by the employee administering the same to determine in his or her judgment that it appears to be in the original container and to be properly labeled; and

(7) The board of directors shall designate a professional person licensed pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW or chapter 18.79 RCW as it applies to registered nurses and advanced registered nurse practitioners, to train and supervise the designated school district personnel in proper medication procedures. [1994 1st sp.s. c 9 § 720; 1982 c 195 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.31.150.]

Severability—Headings and captions not law—Effective date—1994 1st sp.s. c 9: See RCW 18.79.900 through 18.79.902.

Severability—1982 c 195: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1982 c 195 § 4.]

28A.210.270 Public and private schools—Administration of oral medication by—Immunity from

liability—Discontinuance, procedure. (1) In the event a school employee administers oral medication to a student pursuant to RCW 28A.210.260 in substantial compliance with the prescription of the student's physician or dentist or the written instructions provided pursuant to RCW 28A.210.260(4), and the other conditions set forth in RCW 28A.210.260 have been substantially complied with, then the employee, the employee's school district or school of employment, and the members of the governing board and chief administrator thereof shall not be liable in any criminal action or for civil damages in their individual or marital or governmental or corporate or other capacities as a result of the administration of the medication.

(2) The administration of oral medication to any student pursuant to RCW 28A.210.260 may be discontinued by a public school district or private school and the school district or school, its employees, its chief administrator, and members of its governing board shall not be liable in any criminal action or for civil damages in their governmental or corporate or individual or marital or other capacities as a result of the discontinuance of such administration: PROVIDED, That the chief administrator of the public school district or private school, or his or her designee, has first provided actual notice orally or in writing in advance of the date of discontinuance to a parent or legal guardian of the student or other person having legal control over the student. [1990 c 33 § 208; 1982 c 195 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.31.155.]

Severability—1982 c 195: See note following RCW 28A.210.260.

28A.210.280 Catheterization of public and private school students.

(1) Public school districts and private schools that offer classes for any of grades kindergarten through twelve may provide for clean, intermittent bladder catheterization of students, or assisted self-catheterization of students pursuant to RCW 18.79.290, if the catheterization is provided for in substantial compliance with:

(a) Rules adopted by the state nursing care quality assurance commission and the instructions of a registered nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner issued under such rules; and

(b) Written policies of the school district or private school which shall be adopted in order to implement this section and shall be developed in accordance with such requirements of chapters 41.56 and 41.59 RCW as may be applicable.

(2) This section does not require school districts to provide intermittent bladder catheterization of students. [1994 1st sp.s. c 9 § 721; 1988 c 48 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.31.160.]

Severability—Headings and captions not law—Effective date—1994 1st sp.s. c 9: See RCW 18.79.900 through 18.79.902.

28A.210.290 Catheterization of public and private school students—Immunity from liability.

(1) In the event a school employee provides for the catheterization of a student pursuant to RCW 18.79.290 and 28A.210.280 in substantial compliance with (a) rules adopted by the state nursing care quality assurance commission and the instructions of a registered nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner issued under such rules, and (b) written policies

of the school district or private school, then the employee, the employee's school district or school of employment, and the members of the governing board and chief administrator thereof shall not be liable in any criminal action or for civil damages in their individual, marital, governmental, corporate, or other capacity as a result of providing for the catheterization.

(2) Providing for the catheterization of any student pursuant to RCW 18.79.290 and 28A.210.280 may be discontinued by a public school district or private school and the school district or school, its employees, its chief administrator, and members of its governing board shall not be liable in any criminal action or for civil damages in their individual, marital, governmental, corporate, or other capacity as a result of the discontinuance: PROVIDED, That the chief administrator of the public school district or private school, or his or her designee, has first provided actual notice orally or in writing in advance of the date of discontinuance to a parent or legal guardian of the student or other person having legal control over the student: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the public school district otherwise provides for the catheterization of the student to the extent required by federal or state law. [1994 1st sp.s. c 9 § 722; 1990 c 33 § 209; 1988 c 48 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.31.165.]

Severability—Headings and captions not law—Effective date—1994 1st sp.s. c 9: See RCW 18.79.900 through 18.79.902.

28A.210.300 School physician or school nurse may be employed. The board of directors of any school district of the second class may employ a regularly licensed physician or a licensed public health nurse for the purpose of protecting the health of the children in said district. [1975 c 43 § 20; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.60.320. Prior: 1937 c 60 § 1; RRS § 4776-4. Formerly RCW 28A.60.320, 28.31.080.]

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

28A.210.310 Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property. To protect children in the public schools of this state from exposure to the addictive substance of nicotine, each school district board of directors shall adopt a written policy mandating a prohibition on the use of all tobacco products on public school property. A total ban on the use of all tobacco products shall be enforced by September 1, 1991. The policy may allow for exemptions from this prohibition with regard to alternative educational programs. [1989 c 233 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.31.170.]

Chapter 28A.215

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NURSERY SCHOOLS, PRESCHOOLS, AND BEFORE-AND-AFTER SCHOOL CARE

28A.215.010 Authority of school boards. The board of directors of any school district shall have the power to establish and maintain nursery schools and to provide before-and-after-school and vacation care in connection with the common schools of said district located at such points as the board shall deem most suitable for the convenience of the public, for the care and instruction of infants and children residing in said district. The board shall establish such courses, activities, rules, and regulations governing nursery schools and before-and-after-school care as it may deem best: PROVIDED, That these courses and activities shall meet the minimum standard for such nursery schools as established by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, or its successor agency, and the state board of education. Except as otherwise provided by state or federal law, the board of directors may fix a reasonable charge for the care and instruction of children attending such schools. The board may, if necessary, supplement such funds as are received for the superintendent of public instruction or any agency of the federal government, by an appropriation from the general school fund of the district. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.34.010. Prior: 1945 c 247 § 1; 1943 c 220 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 5109-1. Formerly RCW 28A.34.010, 28.34.010.]

28A.215.020 Allocations of state or federal funds—Regulations by state board. Expenditures under federal funds and/or state appropriations made to carry out the purposes of RCW 28A.215.010 through 28A.215.050 and 28A.215.300 through 28A.215.330 shall be made by war-

rants issued by the state treasurer upon order of the superintendent of public instruction. The state board of education shall make necessary rules and regulations to carry out the purpose of RCW 28A.215.010. [1990 c 33 § 210; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.34.020. Prior: 1943 c 220 § 2; Rem. Supp. 1943 § 5109-2. Formerly RCW 28A.34.020, 28.34.020, 28.34.030.]

28A.215.030 Allocations pending receipt of federal funds. In the event the legislature appropriates any moneys to carry out the purposes of RCW 28A.215.010 through 28A.215.050 and 28A.215.300 through 28A.215.330, allocations therefrom may be made to school districts for the purpose of underwriting allocations made or requested from federal funds until such federal funds are available. Any school district may allocate a portion of its funds for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of RCW 28A.215.010 through 28A.215.050 and 28A.215.300 through 28A.215.330 pending the receipt of reimbursement from funds made available by acts of congress. [1990 c 33 § 211; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.34.040. Prior: 1943 c 220 § 3; Rem. Supp. 1943 § 5109-3. Formerly RCW 28A.34.040, 28.34.040.]

28A.215.040 Establishment and maintenance discretionary. Every board of directors shall have power to establish, equip and maintain nursery schools and/or provide before-and-after-school care for children of working parents, in cooperation with the federal government or any of its agencies, when in their judgment the best interests of their district will be subserved thereby. [1973 1st ex.s. c 154 § 45; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.34.050. Prior: 1943 c 220 § 5; Rem. Supp. 1943 § 5109-5. Formerly RCW 28A.34.050, 28.34.050.]

Severability—1973 1st ex.s. c 154: See note following RCW 2.12.030.

28A.215.050 Additional authority—Contracts with private and public entities—Charges—Transportation services. As a supplement to the authority otherwise granted by RCW 28A.215.010 through 28A.215.050 and 28A.215.300 through 28A.215.330 respecting the care or instruction, or both, of children in general, the board of directors of any school district may only utilize funds outside the state basic education appropriation and the state school transportation appropriation to:

(1) Contract with public and private entities to conduct all or any portion of the management and operation of a child care program at a school district site or elsewhere;

(2) Establish charges based upon costs incurred under this section and provide for the reduction or waiver of charges in individual cases based upon the financial ability of the parents or legal guardians of enrolled children to pay the charges, or upon their provision of other valuable consideration to the school district; and

(3) Transport children enrolled in a child care program to the program and to related sites using district-owned school buses and other motor vehicles, or by contracting for such transportation and related services: PROVIDED, That no child three years of age or younger shall be transported under the provisions of this section unless accompanied by

a parent or guardian. [1990 c 33 § 212; 1987 c 487 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.34.150.]

EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

28A.215.100 Intent. It is the intent of the legislature to establish an early childhood state education and assistance program. This special assistance program is a voluntary enrichment program to help prepare some children to enter the common school system and shall be offered only as funds are available. This program is not a part of the basic program of education which must be fully funded by the legislature under Article IX, section 1 of the state Constitution. [1994 c 166 § 1; 1985 c 418 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.34A.010.]

Effective date—1994 c 166: "This act shall take effect July 1, 1994." [1994 c 166 § 12.]

28A.215.110 Definitions. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout RCW 28A.215.100 through 28A.215.200 and 28A.215.900 through 28A.215.908.

(1) "Advisory committee" means the advisory committee under RCW 28A.215.140.

(2) "Department" means the department of community, trade, and economic development.

(3) "Eligible child" means a child not eligible for kindergarten whose family income is at or below one hundred percent of the federal poverty level, as published annually by the federal department of health and human services, and includes a child whose family is eligible for public assistance, and who is not a participant in a federal or state program providing comprehensive services and may include children who are eligible under rules adopted by the department if the number of such children equals not more than ten percent of the total enrollment in the early childhood program. Priority for enrollment shall be given to children from families with the lowest income or to eligible children from families with multiple needs.

(4) "Approved programs" means those state-supported education and special assistance programs which are recognized by the department of community, trade, and economic development as meeting the minimum program rules adopted by the department to qualify under RCW 28A.215.100 through 28A.215.200 and 28A.215.900 through 28A.215.908 and are designated as eligible for funding by the department under RCW 28A.215.160 and 28A.215.180.

(5) "Comprehensive" means an assistance program that focuses on the needs of the child and includes education, health, and family support services.

(6) "Family support services" means providing opportunities for parents to:

(a) Actively participate in their child's early childhood program;

(b) Increase their knowledge of child development and parenting skills;

(c) Further their education and training;

(d) Increase their ability to use needed services in the community;

(e) Increase their self-reliance. [1994 c 166 § 2; 1990 c 33 § 213; 1988 c 174 § 2; 1985 c 418 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.34A.020.]

Effective date—1994 c 166: See note following RCW 28A.215.100.

Findings—1994 c 166; 1988 c 174: "The legislature finds that the early childhood education and assistance program provides for the educational, social, health, nutritional, and cultural development of children at risk of failure when they reach school age. The long-term benefits to society in the form of greater educational attainment, employment, and projected lifetime earnings as well as the savings to be realized, from lower crime rates, welfare support, and reduced teenage pregnancy, have been demonstrated through lifelong research of at-risk children and early childhood programs.

The legislature intends to encourage development of community partnerships for children at risk by authorizing a program of voluntary grants and contributions from business and community organizations to increase opportunities for children to participate in early childhood education." [1994 c 166 § 3; 1988 c 174 § 1.]

28A.215.120 Department of community, trade, and economic development to administer program—Admission and funding. The department of community, trade, and economic development shall administer a state-supported early childhood education and assistance program to assist eligible children with educational, social, health, nutritional, and cultural development to enhance their opportunity for success in the common school system. Eligible children shall be admitted to approved early childhood programs to the extent that the legislature provides funds, and additional eligible children may be admitted to the extent that grants and contributions from community sources provide sufficient funds for a program equivalent to that supported by state funds. [1994 c 166 § 4; 1988 c 174 § 3; 1985 c 418 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.34A.030.]

Effective date—1994 c 166: See note following RCW 28A.215.100.

Findings—1994 c 166; 1988 c 174: See note following RCW 28A.215.110.

28A.215.130 Approved early childhood programs—Entities eligible to conduct—Use of funds—Requirements for applicants. Approved early childhood programs shall receive state-funded support through the department. Public or private nonsectarian organizations, including, but not limited to school districts, educational service districts, community and technical colleges, local governments, or nonprofit organizations, are eligible to participate as providers of the state early childhood program. Funds appropriated for the state program shall be used to continue to operate existing programs or to establish new or expanded early childhood programs, and shall not be used to supplant federally supported head start programs. Funds obtained by providers through voluntary grants or contributions from individuals, agencies, corporations, or organizations may be used to expand or enhance preschool programs so long as program standards established by the department are maintained, but shall not be used to supplant federally supported head start programs or state-supported early childhood programs. Persons applying to conduct the early childhood program shall identify targeted groups and the number of children to be served, program components, the qualifications of instructional and special staff, the source and amount of grants or contributions from sources other than state funds, facilities and equipment support, and transporta-

tion and personal care arrangements. [1994 c 166 § 5; 1988 c 174 § 4; 1985 c 418 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.34A.040.]

Effective date—1994 c 166: See note following RCW 28A.215.100.

Findings—1994 c 166; 1988 c 174: See note following RCW 28A.215.110.

28A.215.140 Advisory committee—Composition. The department shall establish an advisory committee composed of interested parents and representatives from the state board of education, the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the division of children and family services within the department of social and health services, early childhood education and development staff preparation programs, the head start programs, school districts, and such other community and business organizations as deemed necessary by the department to assist with the establishment of the preschool program and advise the department on matters regarding the on-going promotion and operation of the program. [1988 c 174 § 5; 1985 c 418 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.34A.050.]

Findings—1994 c 166; 1988 c 174: See note following RCW 28A.215.110.

28A.215.150 Rules. The department shall adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW for the administration of the early childhood program. Approved early childhood programs shall conduct needs assessments of their service area, identify any targeted groups of children, to include but not be limited to children of seasonal and migrant farmworkers and native American populations living either on or off reservation, and provide to the department a service delivery plan, to the extent practicable, that addresses these targeted populations.

The department in developing rules for the early childhood program shall consult with the advisory committee, and shall consider such factors as coordination with existing head start and other early childhood programs, the preparation necessary for instructors, qualifications of instructors, adequate space and equipment, and special transportation needs. The rules shall specifically require the early childhood programs to provide for parental involvement in participation with their child's program, in local program policy decisions, in development and revision of service delivery systems, and in parent education and training. [1994 c 166 § 6; 1988 c 174 § 6; 1987 c 518 § 101; 1985 c 418 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.34A.060.]

Effective date—1994 c 166: See note following RCW 28A.215.100.

Findings—1994 c 166; 1988 c 174: See note following RCW 28A.215.110.

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: "The long-term social, community welfare, and economic interests of the state will be served by an investment in our children. Conclusive studies and experiences show that providing children with developmental experiences and providing parents with effective parental partnership, empowerment, opportunities for involvement with their child's developmental learning, and expanding parenting skills, learning, and training can greatly improve children's performance in school as well as increase the likelihood of children's success as adults. National studies have also confirmed that special attention to, and educational assistance for, children, their school environment, and their families are the most effective ways in which to meet the state's social and economic goals.

The legislature intends to enhance the readiness to learn of certain children and students by: Providing for an expansion of the state early childhood education and assistance program for children from low-income families and establishing an adult literacy program for certain parents;

assisting school districts to establish elementary counseling programs; instituting a program to address learning problems due to drug and alcohol use and abuse; and establishing a program directed at students who leave school before graduation.

The legislature intends further to establish programs that will allow for parental, business, and community involvement in assisting the school systems throughout the state to enhance the ability of children to learn." [1994 c 166 § 7; 1987 c 518 § 1.]

Severability—1987 c 518: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1987 c 518 § 411.]

28A.215.160 Review of applications—Award of funds. The department shall review applications from public or private nonsectarian organizations for state funding of early childhood education and assistance programs and award funds as determined by department rules and based on local community needs and demonstrated capacity to provide services. [1994 c 166 § 8; 1988 c 174 § 7; 1985 c 418 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.34A.070.]

Effective date—1994 c 166: See note following RCW 28A.215.100.

Findings—1994 c 166; 1988 c 174: See note following RCW 28A.215.110.

28A.215.170 Governor's report. The governor shall report to the legislature before each regular session of the legislature convening in an odd-numbered year, on the current status of the program, the state-wide need for early childhood program services, and the plans to address these needs. The department shall consult with the office of the superintendent of public instruction in the preparation of the biennial report and on all issues of mutual concern addressed in the report.

The governor's report shall include specific recommendations on at least the following issues:

(1) The desired relationships of a state-funded early childhood education and assistance program with the common school system;

(2) The types of children and their needs that the program should serve;

(3) The appropriate level of state support for implementing a comprehensive early childhood education and assistance program for all eligible children, including related programs to prepare instructors and provide facilities, equipment, and transportation;

(4) The state administrative structure necessary to implement the program; and

(5) The establishment of a system to examine and monitor the effectiveness of early childhood educational and assistance services for eligible children to measure, among other elements, if possible, how the average level of performance of children completing this program compare to the average level of performance of all state students in their grade level, and to the average level of performance of those eligible students who did not have access to this program. The evaluation system shall examine how the percentage of these children needing access to special education or remedial programs compares to the overall percentage of children needing such services and compares to the percentage of eligible students who did not have access to this program needing such services. [1994 c 166 § 9; 1988 c 174 § 8; 1985 c 418 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.34A.080.]

Effective date—1994 c 166: See note following RCW 28A.215.100.

Findings—1994 c 166; 1988 c 174: See note following RCW 28A.215.110.

28A.215.180 State support—Priorities—Program funding levels. For the purposes of RCW 28A.215.100 through 28A.215.200 and 28A.215.900 through 28A.215.908, the department may award state support under RCW 28A.215.100 through 28A.215.160 to increase the numbers of eligible children assisted by the federal or state-supported early childhood programs in this state. Priority shall be given to those geographical areas which include a high percentage of families qualifying under the "eligible child" criteria. The overall program funding level shall be based on an average grant per child consistent with state appropriations made for program costs: **PROVIDED**, That programs addressing special needs of selected groups or communities shall be recognized in the department's rules. [1994 c 166 § 10; 1990 c 33 § 214; 1987 c 518 § 102; 1985 c 418 § 9. Formerly RCW 28A.34A.090.]

Effective date—1994 c 166: See note following RCW 28A.215.100.

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

28A.215.190 Expenses of advisory committee—Reimbursement. The department from funds appropriated for the administration of the program under *this act shall reimburse the expenses of the advisory committee. [1985 c 418 § 10. Formerly RCW 28A.34A.100.]

*Reviser's note: For codification of "this act" [1985 c 418], see Codification Tables, Volume 0.

28A.215.200 Authority to solicit gifts, grants, and support. The department may solicit gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests and devises for the use or benefit of the early childhood state education and assistance program established by RCW 28A.215.100 through 28A.215.200 and 28A.215.900 through 28A.215.908. The department shall actively solicit support from business and industry and from the federal government for the state early childhood education and assistance program and shall assist local programs in developing partnerships with the community for eligible children. [1994 c 166 § 11; 1990 c 33 § 215; 1988 c 174 § 9; 1985 c 418 § 11. Formerly RCW 28A.34A.110.]

Effective date—1994 c 166: See note following RCW 28A.215.100.

Findings—1994 c 166; 1988 c 174: See note following RCW 28A.215.110.

VOLUNTARY ACCREDITATION OF PRESCHOOLS

28A.215.300 Voluntary accreditation for preschools—Intent. The legislature intends to establish a process for public or nonpublic preschool programs to seek voluntarily accreditation, by the state board of education, of their child development and educational offerings. The purpose of the accreditation is to give parents and other consumers of preschool programs some standard to use to assess the quality of preschool programs. [1986 c 150 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.34.100.]

28A.215.310 Definition of preschool. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the definition used in this section shall apply throughout RCW 28A.215.010 through 28A.215.050 and 28A.215.300 through 28A.215.330.

"Preschool" means educational programs that emphasize readiness skills and that enroll children of preschool age on a regular basis for four hours per day or less. [1990 c 33 § 216; 1986 c 150 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.34.110.]

28A.215.320 Standards for accreditation—Option to establish advisory committee. The state board of education shall establish standards and procedures for the accreditation of all public and nonpublic preschools. Such schools are hereby encouraged to apply for such accreditation. In developing standards, the state board of education shall use nationally developed standards if, in the judgment of the state board of education, such national standards adequately protect the children and parents who are the consumers of preschool education. If the state board of education establishes an advisory committee to assist in the development or selection of standards, at least one member of the advisory committee shall represent private preschools. [1986 c 150 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.34.120.]

28A.215.330 Voluntary accreditation of preschools—Prohibited practices by public or nonpublic entities. No public or nonpublic entity may advertise that it has an accredited preschool unless its educational program has been accredited under RCW 28A.215.010 through 28A.215.050 and 28A.215.300 through 28A.215.330. Any person with a pecuniary interest in the operation of a preschool who intentionally and falsely advertises that such preschool is accredited by the state board of education shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, the fine for which shall be no more than one hundred dollars. Each day that the violation continues shall be considered a separate violation. [1990 c 33 § 217; 1986 c 150 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.34.130.]

28A.215.900 Short title—1985 c 418. This act shall be known as the early childhood assistance act of 1985. [1985 c 418 § 13. Formerly RCW 28A.34A.904.]

28A.215.904 Contingency—Effective date—1985 c 418. If specific funding for the purposes of this act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by the legislature by July 1, 1987, this act shall be null and void. This act shall be of no effect until such specific funding is provided. If such funding is so provided, this act shall take effect when the legislation providing the funding takes effect. [1985 c 418 § 12. Formerly RCW 28A.34A.900.]

Reviser's note: (1) 1986 c 312 § 211 provides specific funding for the purposes of this act.

(2) 1986 c 312 took effect April 4, 1986.

28A.215.906 Severability—1985 c 418. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1985 c 418 § 14. Formerly RCW 28A.34A.906.]

28A.215.908 Severability—1988 c 174. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1988 c 174 § 11. Formerly RCW 28A.34A.908.]

Chapter 28A.220 TRAFFIC SAFETY

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28A.220.010 Legislative declaration. It is the purpose of *this 1977 amendatory act to provide the students of the state with an improved quality traffic safety education program and to develop in the youth of this state a knowledge of the motor vehicle laws, an acceptance of personal responsibility on the public highways, an understanding of the causes and consequences of traffic accidents, and to provide training in the skills necessary for the safe operation of motor vehicles; to provide financial assistance to the various school districts while permitting them to achieve economies through options in the choice of course content and methods of instructions by adopting in whole or with modifications, a program prepared by the office of the superintendent of public instruction, and keeping to a minimum the amount of estimating, bookkeeping and reporting required of said school districts for financial reimbursement for such traffic safety education programs. [1977 c 76 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.08.005, 46.81.005.]

***Reviser's note:** This 1977 amendatory act consists of RCW 46.81.005 and the 1977 amendments to RCW 46.81.010, 46.81.020, and 46.81.070. Chapter 46.81 RCW has been recodified as chapter 28A.08 RCW pursuant to RCW 1.08.015 and subsequently recodified as chapter 28A.220 RCW pursuant to 1990 c 33 § 4.

Severability—1977 c 76: "If any provision of this 1977 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1977 c 76 § 5.]

28A.220.020 Definitions. The following words and phrases whenever used in chapter 28A.220 RCW shall have the following meaning:

(1) "Superintendent" or "state superintendent" shall mean the superintendent of public instruction.

(2) "Traffic safety education course" shall mean an accredited course of instruction in traffic safety education which shall consist of two phases, classroom instruction, and laboratory experience. "Laboratory experience" shall include on-street, driving range, or simulator experience or some combination thereof. Each phase shall meet basic course requirements which shall be established by the superintendent of public instruction and each part of said course shall be taught by a qualified teacher of traffic safety education. Any

portions of the course may be taught after regular school hours or on Saturdays as well as on regular school days or as a summer school course, at the option of the local school districts.

(3) "Qualified teacher of traffic safety education" shall mean an instructor certificated under the provisions of chapter 28A.410 RCW and certificated by the superintendent of public instruction to teach either the classroom phase or the laboratory phase of the traffic safety education course, or both, under regulations promulgated by the superintendent: PROVIDED, That the laboratory experience phase of the traffic safety education course may be taught by instructors certificated under rules promulgated by the superintendent of public instruction, exclusive of any requirement that the instructor be certificated under the provisions of chapter 28A.410 RCW. Professional instructors certificated under the provisions of chapter 46.82 RCW, and participating in this program, shall be subject to reasonable qualification requirements jointly adopted by the superintendent of public instruction and the director of licensing.

(4) "Realistic level of effort" means the classroom and laboratory student learning experiences considered acceptable to the superintendent of public instruction that must be satisfactorily accomplished by the student in order to successfully complete the traffic safety education course. [1990 c 33 § 218; 1979 c 158 § 195; 1977 c 76 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 218 § 1; 1963 c 39 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.08.010, 46.81.010.]

Severability—1977 c 76: See note following RCW 28A.220.010.

28A.220.030 Administration of program—Powers and duties of school officials. (1) The superintendent of public instruction is authorized to establish a section of traffic safety education, and through such section shall: Define a "realistic level of effort" required to provide an effective traffic safety education course, establish a level of driving competency required of each student to successfully complete the course, and ensure that an effective state-wide program is implemented and sustained, administer, supervise, and develop the traffic safety education program and shall assist local school districts in the conduct of their traffic safety education programs. The superintendent shall adopt necessary rules and regulations governing the operation and scope of the traffic safety education program; and each school district shall submit a report to the superintendent on the condition of its traffic safety education program: PROVIDED, That the superintendent shall monitor the quality of the program and carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(2) The board of directors of any school district maintaining a secondary school which includes any of the grades 10 to 12, inclusive, may establish and maintain a traffic safety education course. If a school district elects to offer a traffic safety education course and has within its boundaries a private accredited secondary school which includes any of the grades 10 to 12, inclusive, at least one class in traffic safety education shall be given at times other than regular school hours if there is sufficient demand therefor.

(3) The board of directors of a school district, or combination of school districts, may contract with any drivers' school licensed under the provisions of chapter

46.82 RCW to teach the laboratory phase of the traffic safety education course. Instructors provided by any such contracting drivers' school must be properly qualified teachers of traffic safety education under the joint qualification requirements adopted by the superintendent of public instruction and the director of licensing. [1979 c 158 § 196; 1977 c 76 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 218 § 2; 1963 c 39 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.08.020, 46.81.020.]

Severability—1977 c 76: See note following RCW 28A.220.010.

28A.220.040 Fiscal support—Reimbursement to school districts—Enrollment fees—Deposit. (1) Each school district shall be reimbursed from funds appropriated for traffic safety education: PROVIDED, That the state superintendent shall determine the per pupil reimbursement amount for the traffic safety education course to be funded by the state. Each school district offering an approved standard traffic safety education course shall be reimbursed or granted an amount up to the level established by the superintendent of public instruction as may be appropriated.

(2) The board of directors of any school district or combination of school districts may establish a traffic safety education fee, which fee when imposed shall be required to be paid by any duly enrolled student in any such school district prior to or while enrolled in a traffic safety education course. Traffic safety education fees collected by a school district shall be deposited with the county treasurer to the credit of such school district, to be used to pay costs of the traffic safety education course. [1984 c 258 § 331; 1977 c 76 § 4; 1969 ex.s. c 218 § 6; 1967 ex.s. c 147 § 5; 1963 c 39 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.08.070, 46.81.070.]

Court Improvement Act of 1984—Effective dates—Severability—Short title—1984 c 258: See notes following RCW 3.30.010.

Intent—1984 c 258: See note following RCW 3.46.120.

Severability—1977 c 76: See note following RCW 28A.220.010.

Traffic safety commission: Chapter 43.59 RCW.

28A.220.050 Information on proper use of left-hand lane. The superintendent of public instruction shall include information on the proper use of the left-hand lane on multilane highways in instructional material used in traffic safety education courses. [1986 c 93 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.08.080.]

Keep right except when passing, etc: RCW 46.61.100.

28A.220.060 Information on effects of alcohol and drug use. The superintendent of public instruction shall include information on the effects of alcohol and drug use on motor vehicle operators, including information on drug and alcohol related traffic injury and mortality rates in the state of Washington, and current penalties for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol in instructional material used in traffic safety education courses. [1991 c 217 § 2.]

28A.220.900 Purpose. It is the purpose of this act to provide the financial assistance necessary to enable each high school district to offer a course in traffic safety education and by that means to develop in the youth of this state a knowledge of the motor vehicle laws, an acceptance of personal responsibility on the public highways, and an understanding of the causes and consequences of traffic

accidents, with an emphasis on the consequences, both physical and legal, of the use of drugs or alcohol in relation to operating a motor vehicle. The course in traffic safety education shall further provide to the youthful drivers of this state training in the skills necessary for the safe operation of motor vehicles. [1991 c 217 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 218 § 7; 1963 c 39 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.08.900, 46.81.900.]

Chapter 28A.225

COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND ADMISSION

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28A.225.005 Compulsory education, requirements—Informing students and parents annually. Each school within a school district shall inform the students and the parents of the students enrolled in the school about the compulsory education requirements under this chapter. The school shall distribute the information at least annually. [1992 c 205 § 201.]

Part headings not law—Severability—1992 c 205: See notes following RCW 13.40.010.

28A.225.010 Attendance mandatory—Age—Persons having custody shall cause child to attend public school—Child responsible for attending school—Exceptions—Excused temporary absences. (1) All parents in this state of any child eight years of age and under eighteen years of age shall cause such child to attend the public school of the district in which the child resides and such child shall have the responsibility to and therefore shall attend for the full time when such school may be in session unless:

(a) The child is attending an approved private school for the same time or is enrolled in an extension program as provided in RCW 28A.195.010(4);

(b) The child is receiving home-based instruction as provided in subsection (4) of this section; or

(c) The school district superintendent of the district in which the child resides shall have excused such child from attendance because the child is physically or mentally unable to attend school, is attending a residential school operated by the department of social and health services, or has been temporarily excused upon the request of his or her parents for purposes agreed upon by the school authorities and the parent: **PROVIDED**, That such excused absences shall not be permitted if deemed to cause a serious adverse effect upon the student's educational progress: **PROVIDED FURTHER**, That students excused for such temporary absences may be claimed as full time equivalent students to the extent they would otherwise have been so claimed for the purposes of RCW 28A.150.250 and 28A.150.260 and shall not affect school district compliance with the provisions of RCW 28A.150.220;

(d) The child is fifteen years of age or older and:

(i) The school district superintendent determines that such child has already attained a reasonable proficiency in the branches required by law to be taught in the first nine grades of the public schools of this state;

(ii) The child is regularly and lawfully engaged in a useful or remunerative occupation;

(iii) The child has already met graduation requirements in accordance with state board of education rules and regulations; or

(iv) The child has received a certificate of educational competence under rules and regulations established by the state board of education under RCW 28A.305.190.

(2) A parent for the purpose of this chapter means a parent, guardian, or person having legal custody of a child.

(3) An approved private school for the purposes of this chapter and chapter 28A.200 RCW shall be one approved under regulations established by the state board of education pursuant to RCW 28A.305.130.

(4) For the purposes of this chapter and chapter 28A.200 RCW, instruction shall be home-based if it consists of planned and supervised instructional and related educational activities, including a curriculum and instruction in the basic skills of occupational education, science, mathematics, language, social studies, history, health, reading, writing, spelling, and the development of an appreciation of art and music, provided for a number of hours equivalent to the total annual program hours per grade level established for approved private schools under RCW 28A.195.010 and 28A.195.040 and if such activities are:

(a) Provided by a parent who is instructing his or her child only and are supervised by a certificated person. A certificated person for purposes of this chapter and chapter 28A.200 RCW shall be a person certified under chapter 28A.410 RCW. For purposes of this section, "supervised by a certificated person" means: The planning by the certificated person and the parent of objectives consistent with this subsection; a minimum each month of an average of one contact hour per week with the child being supervised by the certificated person; and evaluation of such child's progress by the certificated person. The number of children supervised by the certificated person shall not exceed thirty for purposes of this subsection; or

(b) Provided by a parent who is instructing his or her child only and who has either earned forty-five college level quarter credit hours or its equivalent in semester hours or has completed a course in home-based instruction at a postsecondary institution or a vocational-technical institute; or

(c) Provided by a parent who is deemed sufficiently qualified to provide home-based instruction by the superintendent of the local school district in which the child resides.

(5) The legislature recognizes that home-based instruction is less structured and more experiential than the instruction normally provided in a classroom setting. Therefore, the provisions of subsection (4) of this section relating to the nature and quantity of instructional and related educational activities shall be liberally construed. [1990 c 33 § 219; 1986 c 132 § 1; 1985 c 441 § 1; 1980 c 59 § 1; 1979 ex.s. c 201 § 4; 1973 c 51 § 1; 1972 ex.s. c 10 § 2. Prior: 1971 ex.s. c 215 § 2; 1971 ex.s. c 51 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 109 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.27.010; prior: 1909 p 364 § 1; RRS § 5072; prior: 1907 c 240 § 7; 1907 c 231 § 1; 1905 c 162 § 1; 1903 c 48 § 1; 1901 c 177 § 11; 1899 c 140 § 1; 1897 c 118 § 71. Formerly RCW 28A.27.010, 28.27.010.]

Severability—1985 c 441: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1985 c 441 § 6.]

Severability—1973 c 51: "If any provision of this 1973 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1973 c 51 § 5.]

Private schools: RCW 28A.305.130(6), 28A.195.010 through 28A.195.050.

Work permits for minors required: RCW 49.12.123.

28A.225.020 School's duties upon juvenile's failure to attend school—Generally. If a juvenile required to attend school under the laws of the state of Washington fails to attend school without valid justification, the juvenile's school shall:

(1) Inform the juvenile's custodial parent, parents or guardian by a notice in writing or by telephone that the juvenile has failed to attend school without valid justification after one unexcused absence within any month during the current school year;

(2) Schedule a conference or conferences with the custodial parent, parents or guardian and juvenile at a time and place reasonably convenient for all persons included for the purpose of analyzing the causes of the juvenile's absences after two unexcused absences within any month during the current school year. If a regularly scheduled parent-teacher conference day is to take place within thirty days of the second unexcused absence, then the school district may schedule this conference on that day; and

(3) Take steps to eliminate or reduce the juvenile's absences. These steps shall include, where appropriate, adjusting the juvenile's school program or school or course assignment, providing more individualized or remedial instruction, preparing the juvenile for employment with specific vocational courses or work experience, or both, and assisting the parent or student to obtain supplementary services that might eliminate or ameliorate the cause or causes for the absence from school. [1992 c 205 § 202; 1986 c 132 § 2; 1979 ex.s. c 201 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.27.020.]

Part headings not law—Severability—1992 c 205: See notes following RCW 13.40.010.

28A.225.030 Petition to juvenile court for violations by a parent or child—Applicability of chapter. If action taken by a school pursuant to RCW 28A.225.020 is not successful in substantially reducing a student's absences from school, any of the following actions may be taken after five or more unexcused absences during the current school year: (1) The attendance officer of the school district through its attorney may petition the juvenile court to assume jurisdiction under RCW 28A.200.010, 28A.200.020, and 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.150 for the purpose of alleging a violation of RCW 28A.225.010 by the parent; or (2) a petition alleging a violation of RCW 28A.225.010 by a child may be filed with the juvenile court by the parent of such child or by the attendance officer of the school district through its attorney at the request of the parent. If the court assumes jurisdiction in such an instance, the provisions of RCW 28A.200.010, 28A.200.020, and 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.150, except where otherwise stated, shall apply. [1992 c 205 § 203; 1990 c 33 § 220; 1986 c 132 § 3; 1979 ex.s. c 201 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.27.022.]

Part headings not law—Severability—1992 c 205: See notes following RCW 13.40.010.

28A.225.040 School district superintendent to provide teacher with census—Report of truants, incorrigibles. It shall be the duty of the school district superintendent, at the beginning of each school year, to provide each teacher with a copy of that portion of the last

census of school children taken in his or her school district which would be pertinent to the grade or grades such teacher is instructing and it shall be the duty of every teacher to report to the proper attendance officer, all cases of truancy or incorrigibility in his or her school, immediately after the offense or offenses shall have been committed: PROVIDED, That if there is a principal the report by the teacher shall be made to the principal and by the principal transmitted to the attendance officer: PROVIDED FURTHER, That if there is a city superintendent, the principal shall transmit such report to said city superintendent, who shall transmit such report to the proper attendance officer of his or her district. [1990 c 33 § 221; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.27.030. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 367 § 6; RRS § 5077; prior: 1907 c 231 § 6; 1905 c 162 § 6; 1903 c 48 §§ 2, 3, 4. Formerly RCW 28A.27.030, 28.27.030.]

28A.225.050 Attendance enforcement officers— Authority—Record and report. To aid in the enforcement of RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140, attendance officers shall be appointed and employed as follows: In incorporated city districts the board of directors shall annually appoint one or more attendance officers. In all other districts the educational service district superintendent shall appoint one or more attendance officers or may act as such himself or herself.

The compensation of attendance officer in city districts shall be fixed and paid by the board appointing him or her. The compensation of attendance officers when appointed by the educational service district superintendents shall be paid by the respective districts. An educational service district superintendent shall receive no extra compensation if acting as attendance officer.

Any sheriff, constable, city marshal or regularly appointed police officer may be appointed attendance officer.

The attendance officer shall be vested with police powers, the authority to make arrests and serve all legal processes contemplated by RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140, and shall have authority to enter all places in which children may be employed, for the purpose of making such investigations as may be necessary for the enforcement of RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140. The attendance officer is authorized to take into custody the person of any child eight years of age and not over fourteen years of age, who may be a truant from school, and to conduct such child to his or her parents, for investigation and explanation, or to the school which he or she should properly attend. The attendance officer shall institute proceedings against any officer, parent, guardian, person, company or corporation violating any provisions of RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140, and shall otherwise discharge the duties prescribed in RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140, and shall perform such other services as the educational service district superintendent or the superintendent of any school or its board of directors may deem necessary. However, the attendance officer shall not institute proceedings against the child under RCW 28A.225.030 except as set forth under RCW 28A.225.030.

The attendance officer shall keep a record of his or her transactions for the inspection and information of any school district board of directors, the educational service district

superintendent or the city superintendent, and shall make a detailed report to the city superintendent or the educational service district superintendent as often as the same may be required. [1990 c 33 § 222; 1986 c 132 § 4; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 56; 1971 c 48 § 9; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 105; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.27.040. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 365 § 4; RRS § 5075; prior: 1907 c 231 § 4; 1905 c 162 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.27.040, 28.27.040, 28.27.050 and 28.27.060.]

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.225.060 Acquiring custody and disposition of truants. Any attendance officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, marshal, police officer, or any other officer authorized to make arrests, shall take into custody without a warrant a child who is required under the provisions of RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140 to attend school, such child then being a truant from instruction at the school which he or she is lawfully required to attend, and shall forthwith deliver a child so detained either (1) to the custody of a person in parental relation to the child or (2) to the school from which the child is then a truant. [1990 c 33 s 223; 1979 ex.s. c 201 s 5; 1977 ex.s. c 291 s 52; 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28A.27.070. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 366 s 5; RRS s 5076; prior: 1907 c 231 s 5; 1905 c 162 s 5. Formerly RCW 28A.27.070, 28.27.070.]

Effective dates—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 291: See notes following RCW 13.04.005.

28A.225.070 Annual notice of chapter provisions by ESD superintendent—Superintendent's report—Penalty for false or failure to report. The educational service district superintendent, on or before the fifteenth day of August of each year, by printed circular or otherwise, shall call the attention of all school district officials to the provisions of RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140, and to the penalties prescribed for the violation of its provisions, and he or she shall require those officials of the school district which he or she shall designate to make a report annually hereafter, verified by affidavit, stating whether or not the provisions of RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140 have been faithfully complied with in his or her district. Such reports shall be made upon forms to be furnished by the superintendent of public instruction and shall be transmitted to the educational service district superintendent at such time as the educational service district superintendent shall determine, after notice thereof. Any school district official who shall knowingly or willfully make a false report relating to the enforcement of the provisions of RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140 or fail to report as herein provided shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars; and any school district official who shall refuse or neglect to make the report required in this section, shall be personally liable to his or her district for any loss which it may sustain because of such neglect or refusal to report. [1990 c 33 § 224; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 57; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 106; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.27.080.]

Prior: 1909 c 97 p 367 § 9; RRS § 5080; prior: 1907 c 231 § 9. Formerly RCW 28A.27.080, 28.27.080, and 28.87.040.]

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.225.080 Employment permits. Except as otherwise provided in this code, no child under the age of fifteen years shall be employed for any purpose by any person, company or corporation, in this state during the hours which the public schools of the district in which such child resides are in session, unless the said child shall present a certificate from a school superintendent as provided for in RCW 28A.225.010, excusing the said child from attendance in the public schools and setting forth the reason for such excuse, the residence and age of the child, and the time for which such excuse is given. Every owner, superintendent, or overseer of any establishment, company or corporation shall keep such certificate on file so long as such child is employed by him or her. The form of said certificate shall be furnished by the superintendent of public instruction. Proof that any child under fifteen years of age is employed during any part of the period in which public schools of the district are in session, shall be deemed prima facie evidence of a violation of this section. [1990 c 33 § 225; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.27.090. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 365 § 2; RRS § 5073; prior: 1907 c 231 § 2; 1905 c 162 § 2; 1903 c 48 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.27.090, 28.27.090.]

28A.225.090 Penalties in general—Defense—Suspension of fine—Complaints to court. Any person violating any of the provisions of either RCW 28A.225.010 or 28A.225.080 shall be fined not more than twenty-five dollars for each day of unexcused absence from school. However, a child found to be in violation of RCW 28A.225.010 shall be required to attend school and shall not be fined. If the child fails to comply with the court order to attend school, the court may order the child be punished by detention or may impose alternatives to detention such as community service hours or participation in dropout prevention programs or referral to a community truancy board, if available. Failure by a child to comply with an order issued under this section shall not be punishable by detention for a period greater than that permitted pursuant to a contempt proceeding against a child under chapter 13.32A RCW. It shall be a defense for a parent charged with violating RCW 28A.225.010 to show that he or she exercised reasonable diligence in attempting to cause a child in his or her custody to attend school or that the juvenile's school did not perform its duties as required in RCW 28A.225.020. Any fine imposed pursuant to this section may be suspended upon the condition that a parent charged with violating RCW 28A.225.010 shall participate with the school and the juvenile in a supervised plan for the juvenile's attendance at school or upon condition that the parent attend a conference or conferences scheduled by a school for the purpose of analyzing the causes of a child's absence.

Attendance officers shall make complaint for violation of the provisions of RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140 to a judge of the superior or district court. [1992 c 205 § 204; 1990 c 33 § 226; 1987 c 202 § 189; 1986 c 132 § 5; 1979 ex.s. c 201 § 6; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.27.100. Prior:

1909 c 97 p 365 § 3; RRS § 5074; prior: 1907 c 231 § 3; 1905 c 162 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.27.100, 28.27.100.]

Part headings not law—Severability—1992 c 205: See notes following RCW 13.40.010.

Intent—1987 c 202: See note following RCW 2.04.190.

28A.225.100 Penalty for nonperformance of duty—Disposition of fines. Any school district superintendent, teacher or attendance officer who shall fail or refuse to perform the duties prescribed by RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars: PROVIDED, That in case of a school district employee, such fine shall be paid to the appropriate county treasurer and by the county treasurer placed to the credit of the school district in which said employee is employed, and in case of all other officers such fine shall be paid to the county treasurer of the county in which the educational service district headquarters is located and by the county treasurer placed to the credit of the general school fund of the educational service district: PROVIDED, That all fees, fines, forfeitures and penalties collected or assessed by a district court because of the violation of a state law shall be remitted as provided in chapter 3.62 RCW as now exists or is later amended. [1990 c 33 § 227; 1987 c 202 § 190; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 58; 1970 ex.s. c 15 § 14. Prior: 1969 ex.s. c 199 § 53; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 107; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.27.102; prior: 1909 p 368 § 10; RRS § 5081; 1907 c 231 § 10; 1905 c 162 § 10; 1903 c 48 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.27.102, 28.27.102, 28.27.100, part.]

Intent—1987 c 202: See note following RCW 2.04.190.

Severability—1970 ex.s. c 15: See note following RCW 28A.230.160.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.225.110 Fines applied to support of schools. Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 10.82.070, all fines except as otherwise provided in RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140 shall inure and be applied to the support of the public schools in the school district where such offense was committed: PROVIDED, That all fees, fines, forfeitures and penalties collected or assessed by a district court because of the violation of a state law shall be remitted as provided in chapter 3.62 RCW as now exists or is later amended. [1990 c 33 § 228; 1987 c 202 § 191; 1969 ex.s. c 199 § 54; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.27.104. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 368 § 11; RRS § 5082; prior: 1907 c 231 § 12; 1905 c 162 § 11. Formerly RCW 28A.27.104, 28.27.104, 28.27.100, part.]

Intent—1987 c 202: See note following RCW 2.04.190.

28A.225.120 Prosecuting attorney or attorney for district to act for complainant. The county prosecuting attorney or the attorney for the school district shall act as attorney for the complainant in all court proceedings relating to the compulsory attendance of children as required by RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140 except for those petitions filed against a child by the parent without the assistance of the school district. [1990 c 33 § 229; 1986 c 132 § 6; 1979 ex.s. c 201 § 7; 1969 ex.s. c 223 §

28A.27.110. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 367 § 8; RRS § 5079; prior: 1901 c 177 § 19; 1899 c 142 § 25; 1897 c 118 § 177; 1890 p 382 § 83. Formerly RCW 28A.27.110, 28.27.110.]

28A.225.130 Courts have concurrent jurisdiction.

In cases arising under RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140, all district courts, municipal courts or departments, and superior courts in the state of Washington shall have concurrent jurisdiction. [1990 c 33 § 230; 1987 c 202 § 192; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.27.120. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 367 § 7; RRS § 5078; prior: 1907 c 231 § 7; 1905 c 162 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.27.120, 28.27.120.]

Intent—1987 c 202: See note following RCW 2.04.190.

28A.225.140 Enforcing officers not personally liable for costs. No officer performing any duty under any of the provisions of RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140, or under the provisions of any rules that may be passed in pursuance hereof, shall in any wise become liable for any costs that may accrue in the performance of any duty prescribed by RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140. [1990 c 33 § 231; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.27.130. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 368 § 12; RRS § 5083; prior: 1907 c 231 § 13; 1905 c 162 § 12. Formerly RCW 28A.27.130, 28.27.130.]

28A.225.150 Reports by school district attendance officers—Compilation of information and reports. The school district attendance officer shall report biannually to the educational service district superintendent, in the instance of petitions filed alleging a violation by a child under RCW 28A.225.030:

- (1) The number of petitions filed by a school district or by a parent;
- (2) The frequency of each action taken under RCW 28A.225.020 prior to the filing of such petition;
- (3) When deemed appropriate under RCW 28A.225.020, the frequency of delivery of supplemental services; and
- (4) Disposition of cases filed with the juvenile court, including the frequency of contempt orders issued to enforce a court's order under RCW 28A.225.090.

The educational service district superintendent shall compile such information and report annually to the superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent of public instruction shall compile such information and report to the committees of the house of representatives and the senate by September 1 of each year. [1992 c 205 § 205; 1990 c 33 § 232; 1986 c 132 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.27.140.]

Part headings not law—Severability—1992 c 205: See notes following RCW 13.40.010.

28A.225.160 Qualification for admission to district's schools—Fees for preadmission screening. Except as otherwise provided by law, it is the general policy of the state that the common schools shall be open to the admission of all persons who are five years of age and less than twenty-one years residing in that school district. Except as otherwise provided by law, the state board of education is hereby authorized to adopt rules in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW which establish uniform entry qualifications, including but not limited to birth date requirements, for admission to kindergarten and first grade programs of the

common schools. Such rules may provide for exceptions based upon the ability, or the need, or both, of an individual student. For the purpose of complying with any rule adopted by the state board of education which authorizes a preadmission screening process as a prerequisite to granting exceptions to the uniform entry qualifications, a school district may collect fees not to exceed seventy-five dollars per preadmission student to cover expenses incurred in the administration of such a screening process: **PROVIDED,** That in so establishing such fee or fees, the district shall adopt regulations for waiving and reducing such fees in the cases of those persons whose families, by reason of their low income, would have difficulty in paying the entire amount of such fees. [1986 c 166 § 1; 1979 ex.s. c 250 § 4; 1977 ex.s. c 359 § 14; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.190. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 261 § 1, part; RRS § 4680, part; prior: 1897 c 118 § 64, part; 1890 p 371 § 44, part. Formerly RCW 28A.58.190, 28.58.190 part, 28.01.060.]

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 250: See notes following RCW 28A.150.220.

Effective date—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 359: See notes following RCW 28A.150.200.

Basic Education Act, RCW 28A.225.160 as part of: RCW 28A.150.200.

28A.225.170 Children on United States reservations, admission to schools—United States authorities to cooperate. Any child who is of school age and otherwise eligible residing within the boundaries of any military, naval, lighthouse, or other United States reservation, national park or national forest or residing upon rented or leased undeeded lands within any Indian reservation within the state of Washington, shall be admitted to the public school, or schools, of any contiguous district without payment of tuition: **PROVIDED,** That the United States authorities in charge of such reservation or park shall cooperate fully with state, county, and school district authorities in the enforcement of the laws of this state relating to the compulsory attendance of children of school age, and all laws relating to and regulating school attendance. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.210. Prior: 1945 c 141 § 10; 1933 c 28 § 10; 1925 ex.s. c 93 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 4680-1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.210, 28.58.210, 28.27.140.]

28A.225.180 Children on United States reservations, admission to schools—Census by school district superintendent of contiguous district. It shall be the duty of the school district superintendent of a school district contiguous to any United States military, naval or lighthouse reservation or national park in which the majority of children residing within such reservation or park attend, to take a census of the children residing within such reservation or park at the time of taking the census of the school children of the school district superintendent's district as otherwise provided by law and to report such census in the manner provided by law for reporting the school census of his or her district. [1990 c 33 § 233; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.215. Prior: 1925 ex.s. c 93 § 3; RRS § 4680-3. Formerly RCW 28A.58.215, 28.58.215.]

28A.225.190 Reimbursing district for educating children of employees of municipal light plant. Any city

operating a public utility pursuant to the provisions of RCW 35.92.050, with a plant for the generation of electricity located within the limits of any school district outside of the corporate limits of such city which shall cause any loss of revenues and/or increase the financial burden of any such school district affected because of an increase in the number of pupils by reason of the operation of such generating facility, shall provide for recompensing such losses or alleviating such financial burden through agreement with such school district in accordance with the provisions of RCW 35.21.425 through 35.21.427. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.220. Prior: 1929 c 77 § 1; RRS § 4680-5. Formerly RCW 28A.58.220, 28.58.220.]

City or town acquiring electrical utilities may pay taxing districts in amount of prior taxes paid: RCW 35.21.430.

City taking over utility plant may help pay outstanding bonded indebtedness of school district: RCW 35.21.440.

28A.225.200 Education of pupils in another district—Limitation as to state apportionment—Exemption.

(1) A local district may be authorized by the educational service district superintendent to transport and educate its pupils in other districts for one year, either by payment of a compensation agreed upon by such school districts, or under other terms mutually satisfactory to the districts concerned when this will afford better educational facilities for the pupils and when a saving may be effected in the cost of education: PROVIDED, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the amount to be paid by the state to the resident school district for apportionment purposes and otherwise payable pursuant to RCW 28A.150.100, 28A.150.250 through 28A.150.290, 28A.150.350 through 28A.150.410, 28A.160.150 through 28A.160.200, *28A.160.220, 28A.300.170, and 28A.500.010 shall not be greater than the regular apportionment for each high school student of the receiving district. Such authorization may be extended for an additional year at the discretion of the educational service district superintendent.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to districts participating in a cooperative project established under RCW 28A.340.030 which exceeds two years in duration. [1990 c 33 § 234; 1988 c 268 § 6; 1979 ex.s. c 140 § 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 111; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 141; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.225. Prior: 1965 ex.s. c 154 § 10. Formerly RCW 28A.58.225, 28.24.110.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 28A.160.220 was recodified as RCW 28A.300.035 pursuant to 1994 c 113 § 2.

Findings—Severability—1988 c 268: See notes following RCW 28A.340.010.

Severability—1979 ex.s. c 140: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1979 ex.s. c 140 § 4.]

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.225.210 Admission of out-of-district pupils tuition free, when. Every school district shall admit on a tuition free basis all persons of school age who reside within this state, and do not reside within another school district carrying the grades for which they are eligible to enroll: PROVIDED, That nothing in this section shall be construed

as affecting RCW 28A.225.220 or 28A.225.250. [1990 c 33 § 235; 1983 c 3 § 37; 1969 c 130 § 9; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.230. Prior: 1917 c 21 § 9; RRS § 4718. Formerly RCW 28A.58.230, 28.58.230.]

Designation of high school district nonhigh district students shall attend—
Effect when attendance otherwise: RCW 28A.540.110.

Education of handicapped children: RCW 28A.155.050.

28A.225.215 Enrollment of children without legal residences. (1) A school district shall not require proof of residency or any other information regarding an address for any child who is eligible by reason of age for the services of the school district if the child does not have a legal residence.

(2) A school district shall enroll a child without a legal residence under subsection (1) of this section at the request of the child or parent or guardian of the child. [1989 c 118 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.235.]

28A.225.220 Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school—Transfer fees or tuition not permitted by nonresident district. (1) Any board of directors may make agreements with adults choosing to attend school: PROVIDED, That unless such arrangements are approved by the state superintendent of public instruction, a reasonable tuition charge, fixed by the state superintendent of public instruction, shall be paid by such students as best may be accommodated therein.

(2) A district is strongly encouraged to honor the request of a parent or guardian for his or her child to attend a school in another district.

(3) A district shall release a student to a nonresident district that agrees to accept the student if:

(a) A financial, educational, safety, or health condition affecting the student would likely be reasonably improved as a result of the transfer; or

(b) Attendance at the school in the nonresident district is more accessible to the parent's place of work or to the location of child care; or

(c) There is a special hardship or detrimental condition.

(4) A district may deny the request of a resident student to transfer to a nonresident district if the release of the student would adversely affect the district's existing desegregation plan.

(5) For the purpose of helping a district assess the quality of its education program, a resident school district may request an optional exit interview or questionnaire with the parents or guardians of a child transferring to another district. No parent or guardian may be forced to attend such an interview or complete the questionnaire.

(6) Beginning with the 1993-94 school year, school districts may not charge transfer fees or tuition for nonresident students enrolled under subsection (3) of this section and RCW 28A.225.225. Reimbursement of a high school district for cost of educating high school pupils of a nonhigh school district shall not be deemed a transfer fee as affecting the apportionment of current state school funds. [1993 c 336 § 1008; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 201; 1969 c 130 § 10; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.240. Prior: 1963 c 47 § 2; prior: 1921 c 44 § 1, part; 1899 c 142 § 8, part; RRS § 4780, part. Formerly RCW 28A.58.240, 28.58.240.]

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

Finding—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: "The legislature finds that academic achievement of Washington students can and should be improved. The legislature further finds that student success depends, in large part, on increased parental involvement in their children's education.

In order to take another step toward improving education in Washington, it is the purpose of this act to enhance the ability of parents to exercise choice in where they prefer their children attend school; inform parents of their options under local policies and state law for the intradistrict and interdistrict enrollment of their children; and provide additional program opportunities for secondary students." [1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 101.]

Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 502.]

Education of handicapped children: RCW 28A.155.040, 28A.155.050.

28A.225.225 Applications to attend nonresident district—Acceptance and rejection—Notification. (1) All districts accepting applications from nonresident students for admission to the district's schools shall consider equally all applications received. Each school district shall adopt a policy establishing rational, fair, and equitable standards for acceptance and rejection of applications by June 30, 1990. The policy may include rejection of nonresident students if acceptance of these students would result in the district experiencing a financial hardship.

(2) The district shall provide to applicants written notification of the approval or denial of the application in a timely manner. If the application is rejected, the notification shall include the reason or reasons for denial and the right to appeal under RCW 28A.225.230(3). [1994 c 293 § 1; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 203.]

Captions, headings not law—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: "Part headings and section headings do not constitute any part of the law." [1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 501.]

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

28A.225.230 Appeal from certain decisions to deny student's request to attend nonresident district—Procedure. (1) The decision of a school district within which a student under the age of twenty-one years resides or of a school district within which such a student under the age of twenty-one years was last enrolled and is considered to be a resident for attendance purposes by operation of law, to deny such student's request for release to a nonresident school district pursuant to RCW 28A.225.220 may be appealed to the superintendent of public instruction or his or her designee: PROVIDED, That the school district of proposed transfer is willing to accept the student.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction or his or her designee shall hear the appeal and examine the evidence. The superintendent of public instruction may order the resident district to release such a student who is under the age of twenty-one years if the requirements of RCW 28A.225.220 have been met. The decision of the superintendent of public instruction may be appealed to superior court pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, the administrative procedure act, as now or hereafter amended.

(3) The decision of a school district to deny the request for accepting the transfer of a nonresident student under

RCW 28A.225.225 may be appealed to the superintendent of public instruction or his or her designee. The superintendent or his or her designee shall hear the appeal and examine the evidence. The superintendent of public instruction may order the district to accept the nonresident student if the district did not comply with the standards and procedures adopted under RCW 28A.225.225. The decision of the superintendent of public instruction may be appealed to the superior court under chapter 34.05 RCW. [1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 204; 1990 c 33 § 236; 1977 c 50 § 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 66 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.242.]

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 66: "If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1975 1st ex.s. c 66 § 4.]

Designation of high school district nonhigh district students shall attend—Effect when attendance otherwise: RCW 28A.540.110.

28A.225.240 Apportionment credit. If a student under the age of twenty-one years is allowed to enroll in any common school outside the school district within which the student resides or a school district of which the student is considered to be a resident for attendance purposes by operation of law, the student's attendance shall be credited to the nonresident school district of enrollment for state apportionment and all other purposes. [1975 1st ex.s. c 66 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.243.]

Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 66: See note following RCW 28A.225.230.

28A.225.250 Voluntary, tuition free attendance programs among school districts, scope—Rules and regulations. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the state superintendent of public instruction is directed and authorized to develop and adopt rules and regulations to implement such voluntary, tuition free attendance programs among school districts that he deems necessary for the expressed purpose of:

(1) Providing educational opportunities, including vocational skills programs, not otherwise provided;

(2) Avoiding unnecessary duplication of specialized or unusually expensive educational programs and facilities; or

(3) Improving racial balance within and among school districts: PROVIDED, That no voluntary, tuition free attendance program among school districts developed by the superintendent of public instruction shall be instituted unless such program receives the approval of the boards of directors of the districts. [1969 c 130 § 11. Formerly RCW 28A.58.243.]

Education of handicapped children: RCW 28A.155.040, 28A.155.050.

28A.225.260 Reciprocity exchanges with other states. If the laws of another state permit its school districts to extend similar privileges to pupils resident in this state, the board of directors of any school district contiguous to a school district in such other state may make agreements with the officers of the school district of that state for the attendance of any pupils resident therein upon the payment of tuition.

If a district accepts out-of-state pupils whose resident district is contiguous to a Washington school district, such district shall charge and collect the cost for educating such pupils and shall not include such out-of-state pupils in the computation of the district's share of state and/or county funds.

The board of directors of any school district which is contiguous to a school district in another state may make agreements for and pay tuition for any children of their district desiring to attend school in the contiguous district of the other state. The tuition to be paid for the attendance of resident pupils in an out-of-state school as provided in this section shall be no greater than the cost of educating such elementary or secondary pupils, as the case may be, in the out-of-state educating district. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.250. Prior: 1963 c 47 § 3; prior: 1921 c 44 § 1, part; 1899 c 142 § 8, part; RRS § 4780, part. Formerly RCW 28A.58.250, 28.58.250.]

Education of handicapped children: RCW 28A.155.040.

28A.225.270 Intradistrict enrollment options policies. Each school district in the state shall adopt and implement a policy allowing intradistrict enrollment options no later than June 30, 1990. Each district shall establish its own policy establishing standards on how the intradistrict enrollment options will be implemented. [1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 205.]

Captions, headings not law—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See note following RCW 28A.225.225.

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

28A.225.280 Transfer students' eligibility for extracurricular activities. Eligibility of transfer students under RCW 28A.225.220 and 28A.225.225 for participation in extracurricular activities shall be subject to rules adopted by the Washington interscholastic activities association as authorized by the state board of education. [1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 206.]

Captions, headings not law—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See note following RCW 28A.225.225.

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

28A.225.290 Enrollment options information booklet. (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall prepare and annually distribute an information booklet outlining parents' and guardians' enrollment options for their children.

(2) Before the 1991-92 school year, the booklet shall be distributed to all school districts by the office of the superintendent of public instruction. School districts shall have a copy of the information booklet available for public inspection at each school in the district, at the district office, and in public libraries.

(3) The booklet shall include:

(a) Information about enrollment options and program opportunities, including but not limited to programs in RCW 28A.225.220, 28A.185.040, 28A.225.200 through 28A.225.215, 28A.225.230 through 28A.225.250,

28A.175.090, 28A.340.010 through 28A.340.070 (small high school cooperative projects), and 28A.335.160.

(b) Information about the running start - community college or vocational-technical institute choice program under RCW 28A.600.300 through *28A.600.395; and

(c) Information about the seventh and eighth grade choice program under RCW 28A.230.090. [1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 207.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 28A.600.395 was repealed by 1994 c 205 § 12.

Captions, headings not law—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See note following RCW 28A.225.225.

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

28A.225.300 Enrollment options information to parents. Each school district board of directors annually shall inform parents of the district's intradistrict and interdistrict enrollment options and parental involvement opportunities. Information on intradistrict enrollment options and interdistrict acceptance policies shall be provided to nonresidents on request. [1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 208.]

Captions, headings not law—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See note following RCW 28A.225.225.

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

28A.225.310 Attendance in school district of choice—Impact on existing cooperative arrangements. Any school district board of directors may make arrangements with the board of directors of other districts for children to attend the school district of choice. Nothing under RCW 28A.225.220 and 28A.225.225 is intended to adversely affect agreements between school districts in effect on April 11, 1990. [1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 209.]

Captions, headings not law—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See note following RCW 28A.225.225.

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

28A.225.320 Information on student transfers—Reports. (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall collect and maintain information on student transfers for each district and state-wide under RCW 28A.225.220 and 28A.225.225.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall report to the legislature and the governor annually beginning December 1, 1992, the following information:

(a) The number of and reason or reasons for requests for transfer out of a district;

(b) The number of and reason or reasons for the denial of a request to transfer out of a district;

(c) The number of and reason or reasons for requests for transfer into a district;

(d) The number of and reason or reasons for the denial of a request to transfer into a district; and

(e) The impact, if any, on a district's educational program as a result of the transfer of a student or students to another district. [1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 210.]

Captions, headings not law—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See note following RCW 28A.225.225.

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

28A.225.330 Enrolling students from other districts—Requests for information and permanent records—Withheld transcripts, effect. (1) When enrolling a student who has attended school in another school district, the school enrolling the student may request the parent and the student to briefly indicate in writing whether or not the student has:

(a) Any history of placement in special educational programs;

(b) Any past, current, or pending disciplinary action;

(c) Any history of violent behavior;

(d) Any unpaid fines or fees imposed by other schools; and

(e) Any health conditions affecting the student's educational needs.

(2) The school enrolling the student shall request the school the student previously attended to send the student's permanent record including records of disciplinary action. If the student has not paid a fine or fee under RCW 28A.635.060, the school may withhold the student's official transcript, but shall transmit information about the student's academic performance, special placement, and records of disciplinary action. If the official transcript is not sent due to unpaid fees or fines, the enrolling school shall notify both the student and parent or guardian that the official transcript will not be sent until the obligation is met, and failure to have an official transcript may result in exclusion from extracurricular activities or failure to graduate.

(3) If information is requested under subsection (2) of this section, the information shall be transmitted within two school days after receiving the request. [1994 c 304 § 2.]

Effective date—1994 c 304: See note following RCW 28A.635.060.

Chapter 28A.230

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28A.230.010 Course content requirements—Duties of school district boards of directors. School district boards of directors shall identify and offer courses with content that meet or exceed: (1) The basic education skills identified in RCW 28A.150.210; (2) the graduation requirements under RCW 28A.230.090; and (3) the courses required to meet the minimum college entrance requirements under RCW 28A.230.130. Such courses may be applied or theoretical, academic or vocational. [1990 c 33 § 237; 1984 c 278 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.05.005.]

Severability—1984 c 278: See note following RCW 28A.185.010.

28A.230.020 Common school curriculum—Fundamentals in conduct. All common schools shall give instruction in reading, penmanship, orthography, written and mental arithmetic, geography, the history of the United States, English grammar, physiology and hygiene with special reference to the effects of alcohol and drug abuse on the human system, science with special reference to the environment, and such other studies as may be prescribed by rule or regulation of the state board of education. All teachers shall stress the importance of the cultivation of manners, the fundamental principles of honesty, honor, industry and economy, the minimum requisites for good health including the beneficial effect of physical exercise and methods to prevent exposure to and transmission of sexually transmitted diseases, and the worth of kindness to all living creatures and the land. The prevention of child abuse may be offered as part of the curriculum in the common schools. [1991 c 116 § 6; 1988 c 206 § 403; 1987 c 232 § 1; 1986 c 149 § 4; 1969 c 71 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.05.010. Prior: 1909 p 262 § 2; RRS § 4681; prior: 1897 c 118 § 65; 1895 c 5 § 1; 1890 p 372 § 45; 1886 p 19 § 52. Formerly RCW 28A.05.010, 28.05.010, and 28.05.020.]

Effective date—1988 c 206 §§ 402, 403: See note following RCW 28A.230.070.

Severability—1988 c 206: See RCW 70.24.900.

Child abuse and neglect—Development of primary prevention program: RCW 28A.300.160.

Districts to develop programs and establish programs regarding child abuse and neglect prevention: RCW 28A.230.080.

28A.230.030 Students taught in English language—Exception. All students in the common schools of the state of Washington shall be taught in the English language: PROVIDED, That nothing in this section shall preclude the teaching of students in a language other than English when such instruction will aid the educational advancement of the student. [1969 c 71 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.05.015.]

28A.230.040 Physical education in grades one through eight. Every pupil attending grades one through eight of the public schools shall receive instruction in physical education as prescribed by rule or regulation of the state board of education: PROVIDED, That individual pupils or students may be excused on account of physical disability, religious belief or participation in directed athletics. [1984 c 52 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.05.030. Prior: 1919 c 89 § 1; RRS § 4682. Formerly RCW 28A.05.030, 28.05.030.]

28A.230.050 Physical education in high schools. All high schools of the state shall emphasize the work of physical education, and carry into effect all physical education requirements established by rule or regulation of the state board of education: PROVIDED, That individual students may be excused from participating in physical education otherwise required under this section on account of physical disability, employment or religious belief, or because of participation in directed athletics or military science and tactics or for other good cause. [1985 c 384 § 3; 1984 c 52 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.05.040. Prior: 1963 c 235 § 1, part; prior: (i) 1923 c 78 § 1, part; 1919 c 89 § 2, part; RRS § 4683, part. (ii) 1919 c 89 § 5, part; RRS § 4686, part. Formerly RCW 28A.05.040, 28.05.040, part.]

28A.230.060 Waiver of course of study in Washington's history and government. Students in the twelfth grade who have not completed a course of study in Washington's history and state government because of previous residence outside the state may have the requirement in RCW 28A.230.090 waived by their principal. [1991 c 116 § 7; 1969 ex.s. c 57 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.05.050. Prior: 1967 c 64 § 1, part; 1963 c 31 § 1, part; 1961 c 47 § 2, part; 1941 c 203 § 1, part; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 4898-3, part. Formerly RCW 28A.05.050, 28.05.050.]

28A.230.070 AIDS education in public schools—Limitations—Program adoption—Model curricula—Student's exclusion from participation. (1) The life-threatening dangers of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and its prevention shall be taught in the public schools of this state. AIDS prevention education shall be limited to the discussion of the life-threatening dangers of the disease, its spread, and prevention. Students shall receive such education at least once each school year beginning no later than the fifth grade.

(2) Each district board of directors shall adopt an AIDS prevention education program which is developed in consultation with teachers, administrators, parents, and other community members including, but not limited to, persons from medical, public health, and mental health organizations

and agencies so long as the curricula and materials developed for use in the AIDS education program either (a) are the model curricula and resources under subsection (3) of this section, or (b) are developed by the school district and approved for medical accuracy by the office on AIDS established in RCW 70.24.250. If a district elects to use curricula developed by the school district, the district shall submit to the office on AIDS a copy of its curricula and an affidavit of medical accuracy stating that the material in the district-developed curricula has been compared to the model curricula for medical accuracy and that in the opinion of the district the district-developed materials are medically accurate. Upon submission of the affidavit and curricula, the district may use these materials until the approval procedure to be conducted by the office of AIDS has been completed.

(3) Model curricula and other resources available from the superintendent of public instruction may be reviewed by the school district board of directors, in addition to materials designed locally, in developing the district's AIDS education program. The model curricula shall be reviewed for medical accuracy by the office on AIDS established in RCW 70.24.250 within the department of social and health services.

(4) Each school district shall, at least one month before teaching AIDS prevention education in any classroom, conduct at least one presentation during weekend and evening hours for the parents and guardians of students concerning the curricula and materials that will be used for such education. The parents and guardians shall be notified by the school district of the presentation and that the curricula and materials are available for inspection. No student may be required to participate in AIDS prevention education if the student's parent or guardian, having attended one of the district presentations, objects in writing to the participation.

(5) The office of the superintendent of public instruction with the assistance of the office on AIDS shall update AIDS education curriculum material as newly discovered medical facts make it necessary.

(6) The curriculum for AIDS prevention education shall be designed to teach students which behaviors place a person dangerously at risk of infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and methods to avoid such risk including, at least:

(a) The dangers of drug abuse, especially that involving the use of hypodermic needles; and

(b) The dangers of sexual intercourse, with or without condoms.

(7) The program of AIDS prevention education shall stress the life-threatening dangers of contracting AIDS and shall stress that abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain means for the prevention of the spread or contraction of the AIDS virus through sexual contact. It shall also teach that condoms and other artificial means of birth control are not a certain means of preventing the spread of the AIDS virus and reliance on condoms puts a person at risk for exposure to the disease. [1994 c 245 § 7; 1988 c 206 § 402. Formerly RCW 28A.05.055.]

Effective date—1988 c 206 §§ 402, 403: "Sections 402 and 403 of this act shall take effect July 1, 1988." [1988 c 206 § 404.]

Severability—1988 c 206: See RCW 70.24.900.

28A.230.080 Prevention of child abuse and neglect—Written policy—Participation in and establishment of programs. (1) Every school district board of directors shall develop a written policy regarding the district's role and responsibility relating to the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

(2) Every school district shall, within the resources available to it: (a) Participate in the primary prevention program established under RCW 28A.300.160; (b) develop and implement its own child abuse and neglect education and prevention program; or (c) continue with an existing local child abuse and neglect education and prevention program. [1990 c 33 § 238; 1987 c 489 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.58.255.]

Intent—1987 c 489: See note following RCW 28A.300.150.

28A.230.090 High school graduation requirements or equivalencies—Reevaluation and report by state board of education—Credit for courses taken before attending high school. (1) The state board of education shall establish high school graduation requirements or equivalencies for students. Any course in Washington state history and government used to fulfill high school graduation requirements is encouraged to include information on the culture, history, and government of the American Indian peoples who were the first inhabitants of the state.

(2) In recognition of the statutory authority of the state board of education to establish and enforce minimum high school graduation requirements, the state board shall periodically reevaluate the graduation requirements and shall report such findings to the legislature in a timely manner as determined by the state board.

(3) Pursuant to any requirement for instruction in languages other than English established by the state board of education or a local school district, or both, for purposes of high school graduation, students who receive instruction in American sign language or one or more American Indian languages shall be considered to have satisfied the state or local school district graduation requirement for instruction in one or more languages other than English.

(4) If requested by the student and his or her family, a student who has completed high school courses before attending high school shall be given high school credit which shall be applied to fulfilling high school graduation requirements if:

(a) The course was taken with high school students, if the academic level of the course exceeds the requirements for seventh and eighth grade classes, and the student has successfully passed by completing the same course requirements and examinations as the high school students enrolled in the class; or

(b) The academic level of the course exceeds the requirements for seventh and eighth grade classes and the course would qualify for high school credit, because the course is similar or equivalent to a course offered at a high school in the district as determined by the school district board of directors.

(5) Students who have taken and successfully completed high school courses under the circumstances in subsection (4) of this section shall not be required to take an additional competency examination or perform any other additional

assignment to receive credit. Subsection (4) of this section shall also apply to students enrolled in high school on April 11, 1990, who took the courses before attending high school. [1993 c 371 § 3. Prior: 1992 c 141 § 402; 1992 c 60 § 1; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 301; 1988 c 172 § 1; 1985 c 384 § 2; 1984 c 278 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.05.060.]

Findings—Part headings—Severability—1992 c 141: See notes following RCW 28A.410.040.

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

Severability—1984 c 278: See note following RCW 28A.320.220.
International education program considered social studies offering: RCW 28A.630.320.

28A.230.100 Rules implementing RCW 28A.230.090 to be adopted—Temporary exemptions—Special alterations—Competency testing. The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, to implement the course requirements set forth in RCW 28A.230.090. The rules shall include, as the state board deems necessary, granting equivalencies for and temporary exemptions from the course requirements in RCW 28A.230.090 and special alterations of the course requirements in RCW 28A.230.090. In developing such rules the state board shall recognize the relevance of vocational and applied courses and allow such courses to fulfill in whole or in part the courses required for graduation in RCW 28A.230.090. The rules may include provisions for competency testing in lieu of such courses required for graduation in RCW 28A.230.090 or demonstration of specific skill proficiency or understanding of concepts through work or experience. [1991 c 116 § 8; 1990 c 33 § 239; 1985 c 384 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.05.062.]

28A.230.120 High school diplomas—Issuance—Option to receive final transcripts—Notice. (1) School districts shall issue diplomas to students signifying graduation from high school upon the students' satisfactory completion of all local and state graduation requirements. Districts shall grant students the option of receiving a final transcript in addition to the regular diploma.

(2) School districts or schools of attendance shall establish policies and procedures to notify senior students of the transcript option and shall direct students to indicate their decisions in a timely manner. School districts shall make appropriate provisions to assure that students who choose to receive a copy of their final transcript shall receive such transcript after graduation. [1984 c 178 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.108.]

High school transcripts: RCW 28A.305.220.

28A.230.130 Program to help students meet minimum entrance requirements at baccalaureate-granting institutions—Exceptions. (1) All public high schools of the state shall provide a program, directly or in cooperation with a community college or another school district, for students whose educational plans include application for entrance to a baccalaureate-granting institution after being granted a high school diploma. The program shall help these students to meet at least the minimum entrance requirements under RCW 28B.10.050.

(2) The state board of education, upon request from local school districts, may grant temporary exemptions from the requirements to provide the program described in subsection (1) of this section for reasons relating to school district size and the availability of staff authorized to teach subjects which must be provided. [1991 c 116 § 9; 1988 c 172 § 2; 1984 c 278 § 16. Formerly RCW 28A.05.070.]

Effective date—1984 c 278: "Sections 16, 18, and 19 of this act shall take effect July 1, 1986." [1984 c 278 § 23.] For codification of 1984 c 278, see Codification Tables, Volume 0.

Severability—1984 c 278: See note following RCW 28A.185.010.

28A.230.140 United States flag—Procurement, display, exercises—National anthem. The board of directors of every school district shall cause a United States flag being in good condition to be displayed during school hours upon or near every public school plant, except during inclement weather. They shall cause appropriate flag exercises to be held in each classroom at the beginning of the school day, and in every school at the opening of all school assemblies, at which exercises those pupils so desiring shall recite the following salute to the flag: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all". Students not reciting the pledge shall maintain a respectful silence. The salute to the flag or the national anthem shall be rendered immediately preceding interschool events when feasible. [1981 c 130 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.02.030. Prior: (i) 1961 c 238 § 1; 1955 c 8 § 1; 1919 c 90 § 4; 1915 c 71 § 1; 1909 c 97 p 286 § 3; 1897 c 118 § 180; RRS § 4777. Formerly RCW 28.02.030. (ii) 1955 c 8 § 2; 1919 c 90 § 5; RRS § 4778. Formerly RCW 28A.02.030, 28.87.180.]

Display of national and state flags: RCW 1.20.015.

28A.230.150 Temperance and Good Citizenship Day—Aids in programming. On January 16th of each year or the preceding Friday when January 16th falls on a nonschool day, there shall be observed within each public school "Temperance and Good Citizenship Day". Annually the state superintendent of public instruction shall duly prepare and publish for circulation among the teachers of the state a program for use on such day embodying topics pertinent thereto and may from year to year designate particular laws for special observance. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.02.090. Prior: (i) 1923 c 76 § 1; RRS § 4901-1. (ii) 1923 c 76 § 2; RRS § 4901-2. Formerly RCW 28A.02.090, 28.02.090, and 28.02.095.]

28A.230.160 Educational activities in observance of Veterans' Day. During the school week preceding the eleventh day of November of each year, there shall be presented in each common school as defined in RCW 28A.150.020 educational activities suitable to the observance of Veterans' Day.

The responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the activities approximating at least sixty minutes total throughout the week shall be with the principal or head teacher of each school building and such program shall

embrace topics tending to instill a loyalty and devotion to the institutions and laws of this state and nation.

The superintendent of public instruction and each educational service district superintendent, by advice and suggestion, shall aid in the preparation of these activities if such aid be solicited. [1990 c 33 § 241; 1985 c 60 § 1; 1977 ex.s. c 120 § 2; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 45; 1970 ex.s. c 15 § 12. Prior: 1969 ex.s. c 283 § 24; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 101; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.02.070; prior: 1955 c 20 § 3; prior: (i) 1939 c 21 § 1; 1921 c 56 § 1; RRS § 4899. (ii) 1921 c 56 § 2; RRS § 4900. (iii) 1921 c 56 § 3; RRS § 4901. Formerly RCW 28A.02.070, 28.02.070.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 120: See note following RCW 4.28.080.

Severability—1970 ex.s. c 15: "If any provision of this 1970 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1970 ex.s. c 15 § 32.]

Effective date—1970 ex.s. c 15 § 12: "Notwithstanding any other provision of this 1970 amendatory act, the provisions of section 12 hereof shall not take effect until January 1, 1971 and only if at such time or thereafter chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. is effective." [1970 ex.s. c 15 § 13.]

The above two annotations apply to 1970 ex.s. c 15. For codification of that act, see Codification Tables, Volume 0.

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.150.050.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.230.170 Study of Constitutions compulsory—Rules to implement. The study of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state of Washington shall be a condition prerequisite to graduation from the public and private high schools of this state. The state board of education acting upon the advice of the superintendent of public instruction shall provide by rule or regulation for the implementation of this section. [1985 c 341 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.02.080. Prior: (i) 1925 ex.s. c 134 § 1; RRS § 4898-1. (ii) 1925 ex.s. c 134 § 2; RRS § 4898-2. Formerly RCW 28A.02.080, 28.02.080, and 28.02.081.]

28A.230.180 Educational and career opportunities in the military, student access to information on, when. If the board of directors of a school district provides access to the campus and the student information directory to persons or groups which make students aware of occupational or educational options, the board shall provide access on the same basis to official recruiting representatives of the military forces of the state and the United States for the purpose of informing students of educational and career opportunities available in the military. [1980 c 96 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.535.]

28A.230.190 Assessment—Achievement tests. (1) Every school district is encouraged to test pupils in grade two by an assessment device designed or selected by the school district. This test shall be used to help teachers in identifying those pupils in need of assistance in the skills of reading, writing, mathematics, and language arts. The test results are not to be compiled by the superintendent of public instruction, but are only to be used by the local school district.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall prepare and conduct, with the assistance of school districts, a standardized achievement test to be given annually to all pupils in grade four. The test shall assess students' skill in reading, mathematics, and language arts and shall focus upon appropriate input variables. Results of such tests shall be compiled by the superintendent of public instruction, who shall make those results available annually to the legislature, to all local school districts and subsequently to parents of those children tested. The results shall allow parents to ascertain the achievement levels and input variables of their children as compared with the other students within the district, the state and, if applicable, the nation.

(3) The superintendent of public instruction shall report annually to the legislature on the achievement levels of students in grade four. [1990 c 101 § 6; 1985 c 403 § 1; 1984 c 278 § 8; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 98 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.03.360.]

Contingency—Effective date—1985 c 403: "If specific funding for the purposes of this act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by the legislature by July 1, 1987, the amendment to RCW 28A.03.360 by section 1 of this act shall be null and void. This act shall be of no effect until such specific funding is provided. If such funding is so provided, this act shall take effect when the legislation providing the funding takes effect." [1985 c 403 § 2.]

Reviser's note: (1) 1985 ex.s. c 6 § 501 provides specific funding for the purposes of this act.

(2) 1985 ex.s. c 6 took effect June 27, 1985.

Severability—1984 c 278: See note following RCW 28A.185.010.

Implementation—Funding required—1984 c 278: See note following RCW 28A.300.110.

Effective date—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 98: "This 1976 amendatory act shall take effect on July 1, 1976." [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 98 § 3.]

28A.230.195 Test or assessment scores—Curriculum adjustments—Notification to parents. (1) If students' scores on the test or assessments under RCW 28A.230.190, 28A.230.230, and 28A.230.240 indicate that students need help in identified areas, the school district shall adjust the curriculum in the identified areas.

(2) Each school district shall notify the parents of each student of their child's performance on the test and assessments conducted under this chapter. [1992 c 141 § 401.]

Findings—Part headings—Severability—1992 c 141: See notes following RCW 28A.410.040.

28A.230.210 Washington life skills test—Development and review—Use by school districts. (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall prepare, in consultation with and with the assistance of school districts, a model test to assess students' ability to perform various functions common to everyday life. This model test shall be called the "Washington life skills test" and shall be made available to school districts for use at the district's option. The test shall include questions designed to determine students' academic growth and proficiency in skills generally thought to be useful in adult life, including but not limited to English, vocabulary, communications, and mathematical skills as such skills relate to career, consumer, economic, health, and other issues important to individuals becoming productive citizens. The superintendent of public instruction shall develop and implement a process to review periodically

the contents of the test and make changes as may be appropriate or necessary.

(2) School districts may establish their own policies and procedures governing the use of the test. Districts may use the test as a requirement for graduation in conjunction with other state and local graduation requirements or for other purposes as districts may determine. [1984 c 278 § 11. Formerly RCW 28A.03.370.]

Severability—1984 c 278: See note following RCW 28A.185.010.

Implementation—Funding required—1984 c 278: See note following RCW 28A.300.110.

28A.230.220 High school and beyond assessment program. The Washington state high school and beyond assessment program is hereby established to (1) provide information to guide students toward improved self-understanding, maximize use of their talents, and increase their awareness of the options available to them, all of which are essential to making informed decisions about choices in high school and beyond; and (2) provide information that will assist education policy makers, at all levels, determine the achievement levels of students, evaluate existing programs and services for students, identify appropriate new programs or services, and assess the effects of educational policies over time. [1990 c 101 § 1.]

28A.230.230 Annual assessment of eighth grade students. The superintendent of public instruction shall prepare and conduct, with the assistance of school districts, an annual assessment of all students in the eighth grade. The purposes of the assessment are to assist students, parents, and teachers in the planning and selection of appropriate high school courses for students and to provide information about students' current academic proficiencies both in the basic skills of reading, mathematics, and language, and in the reasoning and thinking skills essential for successful entry into those courses required for high school graduation. The assessment shall also include the collection of information about students' interests and plans for high school and beyond and may include the collection of other related student and school information. The superintendent of public instruction shall make the results of the assessment available to all school districts which shall in turn make them available to students, parents, and teachers in a timely fashion and in a manner consistent with the purposes of RCW 28A.230.220 through 28A.230.260. [1990 c 101 § 2.]

28A.230.240 Annual assessment of eleventh grade students. The superintendent of public instruction shall prepare and conduct, with the assistance of local school districts, an annual assessment of all students in the eleventh grade beginning with the 1991-92 school year. The purposes of the assessment are to provide achievement and guidance information to students, parents, and teachers that will assist in reviewing students' current performance and planning effectively for their initial years beyond high school. The achievement measures shall assess students' strengths and deficiencies in the broad content areas common to the high school curriculum and those thinking and reasoning skills essential for completing high school graduation requirements and for success beyond high school. The assessment shall

also collect information about students' career interests and plans and other related student and school information including students' high school course selection patterns, course credits, and grades. The superintendent of public instruction shall make the results of the assessment available to all local school districts which shall in turn make them available to students, parents, and teachers in a timely fashion and in a manner consistent with the purposes of RCW 28A.230.220 through 28A.230.260. No grade ten students shall be tested in the fall of 1990 and the funds already appropriated for such testing shall be used for the planning and preliminary development work necessary to implement RCW 28A.230.220 through 28A.230.260. [1990 c 101 § 3.]

28A.230.250 Coordination of procedures and content of assessments. The superintendent of public instruction shall coordinate both the procedures and the content of the eighth and eleventh grade assessments to maximize the value of the information provided to students as they progress from eighth grade through high school and to teachers and parents about students' talents, interests, and academic needs or deficiencies so that appropriate programs can be provided to enhance the likelihood of students' success both in terms of high school graduation and beyond high school. [1990 c 101 § 4.]

28A.230.260 Annual report to the legislature. The superintendent of public instruction shall report annually to the legislature on the results of the achievement levels of students in grades eight and eleven. [1990 c 101 § 5.]

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28A.234.010 Fish and wildlife management—Environmental education—Funding—Support. The governor's council on environmental education created in 1990 by executive order 90-06, shall accomplish the following:

- (1) Raise and distribute public and private funds for the purpose of providing environmental education programs and projects in fish and wildlife preservation and management to public and private elementary and secondary schools, emphasizing the importance of species conservation and fish and wildlife as indicators of ecosystem health; and
- (2) Support interdisciplinary programs that integrate fish and wildlife preservation and management with other areas of environmental education. [1993 sp.s. c 4 § 15.]

Findings—Grazing lands—1993 sp.s. c 4: See note following RCW 75.28.760.

**Chapter 28A.235
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28A.235.010 Superintendent of public instruction authorized to receive and disburse federal funds. The superintendent of public instruction is hereby authorized to receive and disburse federal funds made available by acts of congress for the assistance of private nonprofit organizations in providing food services to children and adults according to the provisions of 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1751 et seq., the national school lunch act as amended, and 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1771, et seq., the child nutrition act of 1966, as amended. [1987 c 193 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.29.010.]

28A.235.020 Payment of costs—Federal food services revolving fund—Disbursements. All reasonably ascertainable costs of performing the duties assumed and performed under RCW 28A.235.010 through 28A.235.030 and 28A.235.140 by either the superintendent of public instruction or another state or local governmental entity in support of the superintendent of public instruction's duties under RCW 28A.235.010 through 28A.235.030 and 28A.235.140 shall be paid exclusively with federal funds and, if any, private gifts and grants. The federal food services revolving fund is hereby established in the custody of the state treasurer. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall deposit in the fund federal funds received under RCW 28A.235.010, recoveries of such funds, and gifts or grants made to the revolving fund. Disbursements from the fund shall be on authorization of the superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee. The fund is subject to the allotment procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for disbursements. The superintendent of public instruction is authorized to expend from the federal food services revolving fund such funds as are necessary to implement

RCW 28A.235.010 through 28A.235.030 and 28A.235.140. [1990 c 33 § 242; 1987 c 193 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.29.020.]

28A.235.030 Rules. The superintendent shall have the power to promulgate such rules in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW as are necessary to implement this chapter. [1987 c 193 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.29.030.]

28A.235.040 Acquisition authorized. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or chapter 39.32 RCW, the state superintendent of public instruction is hereby authorized to purchase, or otherwise acquire from the government of the United States or any property or commodity disposal agency thereof, surplus or donated food commodities for the use by any school district for their hot lunch program. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.30.010. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 92 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.30.010, 28.30.010.]

28A.235.050 Contracts for—Other law applicable to. The state superintendent of public instruction is hereby authorized to enter into any contract with the United States of America, or any agency thereof, for the purchase of any surplus or donated food commodities, without regard to the provisions of any other law requiring the advertising, giving notice, inviting or receiving bids, or which may require the delivery of purchases before payment. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.30.020. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 92 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.30.020, 28.30.020.]

28A.235.060 Advancement of costs from revolving fund moneys—Reimbursement by school district to include transaction expense. In purchasing or otherwise acquiring surplus or donated commodities on the requisition of a school district the superintendent may advance the purchase price and other cost of acquisition thereof from the surplus and donated food commodities revolving fund and the superintendent shall in due course bill the proper school district for the amount paid by him or her for the commodities plus a reasonable amount to cover the expenses incurred by the superintendent's office in connection with the transaction. All payments received for surplus or donated commodities from school districts shall be deposited by the superintendent in the surplus and donated food commodities revolving fund. [1990 c 33 § 243; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.30.030. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 92 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.30.030, 28.30.030.]

28A.235.070 Revolving fund created. There is created in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction a revolving fund to be designated the surplus and donated food commodities revolving fund. [1985 c 341 § 10; 1979 ex.s. c 20 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.30.040. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 92 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.30.040, 28.30.040.]

28A.235.080 Revolving fund—Administration of fund—Use—School district requisition as prerequisite. The surplus and donated food commodities revolving fund shall be administered by the state superintendent of public

instruction and be used solely for the purchase or other acquisition, including transportation, storage and other cost, of surplus or donable food commodities from the federal government. The superintendent may purchase or otherwise acquire such commodities only after requisition by a school district requesting such commodities. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.30.050. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 92 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.30.050, 28.30.050.]

28A.235.090 Revolving fund—Depositories for fund, bond or security for—Manner of payments from fund. The surplus and donated food commodities revolving fund shall be deposited by the superintendent in such banks as he or she may select, but any such depository shall furnish a surety bond executed by a surety company or companies authorized to do business in the state of Washington, or collateral eligible as security for deposit of state funds, in at least the full amount of the deposit in each depository bank. Moneys shall be paid from the surplus and donated food commodities revolving fund by voucher and check in such form and in such manner as shall be prescribed by the superintendent. [1990 c 33 § 244; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.30.060. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 92 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.30.060, 28.30.060.]

28A.235.100 Rules. The superintendent of public instruction shall have power to adopt rules as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. [1993 c 333 § 5; 1990 c 33 § 245; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.30.070. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 92 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.30.070, 28.30.070.]

28A.235.110 Suspension of laws, rules, inconsistent herewith. Any provision of law, or any resolution, rule or regulation which is inconsistent with the provisions of RCW 28A.235.040 through 28A.235.110 is suspended to the extent such provision is inconsistent herewith. [1990 c 33 § 246; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.30.080. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 92 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.30.080, 28.30.080.]

28A.235.120 Lunchrooms—Establishment and operation—Personnel for—Agreements for. The directors of any school district may establish, equip and operate lunchrooms in school buildings for pupils, certificated and noncertificated employees, and for school or employee functions: PROVIDED, That the expenditures for food supplies shall not exceed the estimated revenues from the sale of lunches, federal lunch aid, Indian education fund lunch aid, or other anticipated revenue, including donations, to be received for that purpose: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the directors of any school district may provide for the use of kitchens and lunchrooms or other facilities in school buildings to furnish meals to elderly persons at cost as provided in RCW 28A.623.020: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the directors of any school district may provide for the use of kitchens and lunchrooms or other facilities in school buildings to furnish meals at cost as provided in RCW 28A.623.030 to children who are participating in educational or training or care programs or activities conducted by private, nonprofit organizations and entities and to students who are attending private elementary and secondary schools.

Operation for the purposes of this section shall include the employment and discharge for sufficient cause of personnel necessary for preparation of food or supervision of students during lunch periods and fixing their compensation, payable from the district general fund, or entering into agreement with a private agency for the establishment, management and/or operation of a food service program or any part thereof. [1990 c 33 § 247; 1979 ex.s. c 140 § 3; 1979 c 58 § 1; 1973 c 107 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.136. Prior: (i) 1947 c 31 § 1; 1943 c 51 § 1; 1939 c 160 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4706-1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.136, 28.58.260. (ii) 1943 c 51 § 2; Rem. Supp. 1943 § 4706-2. Formerly RCW 28.58.270.]

Severability—1979 ex.s. c 140: See note following RCW 28A.225.200.

Severability—1979 c 58: See note following RCW 28A.623.030.

Nonprofit meal program for elderly—Purpose: RCW 28A.623.010.

28A.235.130 Milk for children at school expense.

The board of directors of any school district may cause to be furnished free of charge, in a suitable receptacle on each and every school day to such children in attendance desiring or in need of the same, not less than one-half pint of milk. The cost of supplying such milk shall be paid for in the same manner as other items of expense incurred in the conduct and operation of said school, except that available federal or state funds may be used therefor. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.31.020. Prior: 1935 c 15 § 1; 1923 c 152 § 1; 1921 c 190 § 1; RRS § 4806. Formerly RCW 28A.31.020, 28.31.020.]

Food services—Use of federal funds: Chapter 28A.235 RCW.

28A.235.140 School breakfast programs. (1) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Free or reduced-price lunches" means lunches served by a school district that qualify for federal reimbursement as free or reduced-price lunches under the national school lunch program.

(b) "School breakfast program" means a program meeting federal requirements defined in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1773.

(c) "Severe-need school" means a school that qualifies for a severe-need school reimbursement rate from federal funds for school breakfasts served to children from low-income families.

(2) School districts shall be required to develop and implement plans for a school breakfast program in severe-need schools, pursuant to the schedule in this section. For the second year prior to the implementation of the district's school breakfast program, and for each subsequent school year, each school district shall submit data enabling the superintendent of public instruction to determine which schools within the district will qualify as severe-need schools. In developing its plan, each school district shall consult with an advisory committee including school staff and community members appointed by the board of directors of the district.

(3) Using district-wide data on school lunch participation during the 1988-89 school year, the superintendent of public instruction shall adopt a schedule for implementation

of school breakfast programs in severe-need schools as follows:

(a) School districts where at least forty percent of lunches served to students are free or reduced-price lunches shall submit a plan for implementation of a school breakfast program in severe-need schools to the superintendent of public instruction no later than July 1, 1990. Each such district shall implement a school breakfast program in all severe-need schools no later than the second day of school in the 1990-91 school year and in each school year thereafter.

(b) School districts where at least twenty-five but less than forty percent of lunches served to students are free or reduced-price lunches shall submit a plan for implementation of a school breakfast program in severe-need schools to the superintendent of public instruction no later than July 1, 1991. Each such district shall implement a school breakfast program in all severe-need schools no later than the second day of school in the 1991-92 school year and in each school year thereafter.

(c) School districts where less than twenty-five percent of lunches served to students are free or reduced-price lunches shall submit a plan for implementation of a school breakfast program in severe-need schools to the superintendent of public instruction no later than July 1, 1992. Each such district shall implement a school breakfast program in all severe-need schools no later than the second day of school in the 1992-93 school year and in each school year thereafter.

(d) School districts that did not offer a school lunch program in the 1988-89 school year are encouraged to implement such a program and to provide a school breakfast program in all severe-need schools when eligible.

(4) The requirements in this section shall lapse if the federal reimbursement rate for breakfasts served in severe-need schools is eliminated.

(5) Students who do not meet family-income criteria for free breakfasts shall be eligible to participate in the school breakfast programs established under this section, and school districts may charge for the breakfasts served to these students. Requirements that school districts have school breakfast programs under this section shall not create or imply any state funding obligation for these costs. The legislature does not intend to include these programs within the state's obligation for basic education funding under Article IX of the Constitution. [1993 c 333 § 1; 1989 c 239 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.29.040.]

Study—1989 c 239: "The superintendent of public instruction shall conduct a study of the costs and feasibility of expanding the school breakfast program to include schools where more than twenty-five but less than forty percent of lunches served are free or reduced-price lunches. The study shall consider the total cost of the program, including but not limited to food costs, staff salaries and benefits, and additional pupil transportation costs. The superintendent of public instruction shall submit to the legislature prior to January 15, 1992, a report on the results of this study, including recommendations on whether to expand the school breakfast program to include these schools." [1989 c 239 § 3.]

28A.235.145 School breakfast and lunch programs—Use of state funds. State funds received by school districts under this chapter for school breakfast and lunch programs shall be used to support the operating costs of the

program, including labor, unless specific appropriations for nonoperating costs are provided. [1993 c 333 § 2.]

28A.235.150 School breakfast and lunch programs—Grants to increase participation—Increased state support. (1) To the extent funds are appropriated, the superintendent of public instruction may award grants to school districts to increase participation in school breakfast and lunch programs, to improve program quality, and to improve the equipment and facilities used in the programs. School districts shall demonstrate that they have applied for applicable federal funds before applying for funds under this subsection.

(2) To the extent funds are appropriated, the superintendent of public instruction shall increase the state support for school breakfasts and lunches. [1993 c 333 § 3.]

28A.235.155 Federal summer food service program—Administration of funds—Grants. (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall administer funds for the federal summer food service program.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction may award grants, to the extent funds are appropriated, to eligible organizations to help start new summer food service programs for children or to help expand summer food services for children. [1993 c 333 § 4.]

Chapter 28A.240

SCHOOL-BASED MANAGEMENT

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28A.240.010 Pilot projects in school-based management—Superintendent's duties. To carry out the school-based management pilot projects of RCW 28A.240.030, the superintendent of public instruction shall:

(1) Grant funds to local school districts that apply for funding on a grant proposal or other basis, to establish pilot projects in school-based management: PROVIDED, That in at least one project every building in a district shall use school-based management;

(2) Develop guidelines, in consultation with school districts, for school-based management programs;

(3) Assist districts and schools, upon request, to design, implement, or evaluate school improvement programs authorized by RCW 28A.240.030;

(4) Submit a report to the legislature not later than two and one-half years after June 27, 1985, on the results of the pilot projects, any other similar programs being used in local districts, and any recommendations;

(5) These school-based management pilot projects are not part of the program of basic education which the state must fund under Article IX of the state Constitution. [1990 c 33 § 248; 1985 c 422 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.03.423.]

Contingency—Effective date—1985 c 422: See note following RCW 28A.240.020.

28A.240.020 Pilot projects in school-based management—Legislative findings and intent. (1) The legislature believes that teachers, principals and other school administrators, parents, students, school district personnel, school board members, and members of the community, utilizing the results of continuing research on effective education, can best identify the educational goals, needs, and conditions of the community and develop and implement a basic education program that will provide excellence.

(2) To meet the goals set forth in this section, it is the intent and purpose of the legislature to encourage improvement of Washington's public school system by returning more control over the operation of local education programs to local districts through a program of pilot projects in school-based management. [1985 c 422 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.081.]

Contingency—Effective date—1985 c 422: "If specific funding for the purposes of this act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by the legislature by July 1, 1987, this act shall be null and void. This act shall be of no effect until such specific funding is provided. If such funding is so provided, this act shall take effect when the legislation providing the funding takes effect." [1985 c 422 § 5.]

Reviser's note: (1) 1985 ex.s. c 6 § 501 provides specific funding for the purposes of this act.

(2) 1985 ex.s. c 6 took effect June 27, 1985.

28A.240.030 Pilot projects in school-based management—School site councils required—School improvement plan. (1) Each pilot project school that participates in the school-based management program authorized by RCW 28A.240.010 shall be required to establish a school site council. The council shall be minimally composed of the school principal, teachers, other school personnel, parents of pupils attending the school, nonparent community members from the school's service area, and, in secondary schools, pupils. Existing school-wide advisory groups or school support groups may be used as the school site council if such groups conform to the general membership requirements of this section.

(2) The exact size of the council and the term and method of selection and replacement of council members shall be specified in the school improvement plan developed pursuant to subsection (3) of this section.

(3) Each school site council shall be required to develop an annual school improvement plan containing improvement objectives as established by the council under guidelines developed by the superintendent of public instruction.

(4) The board of directors of each school district in which a school is participating in the school-based management program authorized by RCW 28A.240.010 shall review and approve or disapprove planning applications and school improvement plans consistent with, but not limited to, rules and regulations adopted by the superintendent of public instruction. No school improvement plan may be approved unless it was developed and recommended by a school site council. The board of directors shall notify the school site council in writing of specific reasons for not approving the school improvement plan. Modifications to the plan shall be developed and recommended by the council and approved or

disapproved by the board of directors. [1990 c 33 § 249; 1985 c 422 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.58.082.]

~~Contingency—Effective date—1985 c 422:~~ See note following RCW 28A.240.020.

Chapter 28A.300

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28A.300.010 Election—Term of office. A superintendent of public instruction shall be elected by the qualified electors of the state, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the year in which state officers are elected, and shall hold his or her office for the term of four years, and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. [1990 c 33 § 250; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.03.010. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 231 § 1; RRS § 4521; prior: 1897 c 118 § 20; 1891 c 127 § 1; 1890 p 348 § 3; Code 1881 § 3154; 1873 p 419 § 1; 1861 p 55 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.03.010, 28.03.010, 43.11.010.]

28A.300.020 Assistant superintendents, deputy superintendent, assistants—Terms for exempt personnel. The superintendent of public instruction may appoint assistant superintendents of public instruction, a deputy superintendent of public instruction, and may employ such other assistants and clerical help as are necessary to carry out the duties of the superintendent and the state board of education. The assistant superintendents, deputy superintendent, and such other officers and employees as are exempted from the provisions of chapter 41.06 RCW, shall serve at the pleasure of the superintendent. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.03.020. Prior: 1967 c 158 § 3; 1909 c 97 p 234 § 4; RRS § 4524; prior: 1905 c 56 § 1; 1903 c 104 § 10; 1897 c 118 § 23; 1890 p 351 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.03.020, 28.03.020, 43.11.020.]

28A.300.030 Assistance of educational service district boards and superintendents—Scope. The superintendent of public instruction, by rule or regulation, may require the assistance of educational service district boards and/or superintendents in the performance of any duty, authority, or power imposed upon or granted to the superintendent of public instruction by law or by the Constitution of the state of Washington, upon such terms and conditions as the superintendent of public instruction shall establish. Such authority to assist the superintendent of public instruction shall be limited to the service function of information collection and dissemination and the attestation to the accuracy and completeness of submitted information. [1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 46; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 29. Formerly RCW 28A.03.028.]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.300.035 Assistance of certificated or classified employee—Reimbursement for substitute. If the superintendent of public instruction or the state board of education, in carrying out their powers and duties under Title 28A RCW, request the service of any certificated or classified employee of a school district upon any committee formed for the purpose of furthering education within the state, or within any school district therein, and such service would result in a need for a school district to employ a substitute

for such certificated or classified employee during such service, payment for such a substitute may be made by the superintendent of public instruction from funds appropriated by the legislature for the current use of the common schools and such payments shall be construed as amounts needed for state support to the common schools under RCW 28A.150.380. If such substitute is paid by the superintendent of public instruction, no deduction shall be made from the salary of the certificated or classified employee. In no event shall a school district deduct from the salary of a certificated or classified employee serving on such committee more than the amount paid the substitute employed by the district. [1994 c 113 § 1; 1990 c 33 § 147; 1973 1st ex.s. c 3 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.160.220, 28A.41.180.]

28A.300.040 Powers and duties generally. In addition to any other powers and duties as provided by law, the powers and duties of the superintendent of public instruction shall be:

(1) To have supervision over all matters pertaining to the public schools of the state.

(2) To report to the governor and the legislature such information and data as may be required for the management and improvement of the schools.

(3) To prepare and have printed such forms, registers, courses of study, rules and regulations for the government of the common schools, questions prepared for the examination of persons as provided for in *RCW 28A.305.130(9), and such other material and books as may be necessary for the discharge of the duties of teachers and officials charged with the administration of the laws relating to the common schools, and to distribute the same to educational service district superintendents.

(4) To travel, without neglecting his or her other official duties as superintendent of public instruction, for the purpose of attending educational meetings or conventions, of visiting schools, of consulting educational service district superintendents or other school officials.

(5) To prepare and from time to time to revise a manual of the Washington state common school code, copies of which shall be provided in such numbers as determined by the superintendent of public instruction at no cost to those public agencies within the common school system and which shall be sold at approximate actual cost of publication and distribution per volume to all other public and nonpublic agencies or individuals, said manual to contain Titles 28A and 28C RCW, rules and regulations related to the common schools, and such other matter as the state superintendent or the state board of education shall determine. Proceeds of the sale of such code shall be transmitted to the public printer who shall credit the state superintendent's account within the state printing plant revolving fund by a like amount.

(6) To act as ex officio member and the chief executive officer of the state board of education.

(7) To file all papers, reports and public documents transmitted to the superintendent by the school officials of the several counties or districts of the state, each year separately. Copies of all papers filed in the superintendent's office, and the superintendent's official acts, may, or upon request, shall be certified by the superintendent and attested

by the superintendent's official seal, and when so certified shall be evidence of the papers or acts so certified to.

(8) To require annually, on or before the 15th day of August, of the president, manager, or principal of every educational institution in this state, a report as required by the superintendent of public instruction; and it is the duty of every president, manager or principal, to complete and return such forms within such time as the superintendent of public instruction shall direct.

(9) To keep in the superintendent's office a record of all teachers receiving certificates to teach in the common schools of this state.

(10) To issue certificates as provided by law.

(11) To keep in the superintendent's office at the capital of the state, all books and papers pertaining to the business of the superintendent's office, and to keep and preserve in the superintendent's office a complete record of statistics, as well as a record of the meetings of the state board of education.

(12) With the assistance of the office of the attorney general, to decide all points of law which may be submitted to the superintendent in writing by any educational service district superintendent, or that may be submitted to the superintendent by any other person, upon appeal from the decision of any educational service district superintendent; and the superintendent shall publish his or her rulings and decisions from time to time for the information of school officials and teachers; and the superintendent's decision shall be final unless set aside by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(13) To administer oaths and affirmations in the discharge of the superintendent's official duties.

(14) To deliver to his or her successor, at the expiration of the superintendent's term of office, all records, books, maps, documents and papers of whatever kind belonging to the superintendent's office or which may have been received by the superintendent's for the use of the superintendent's office.

(15) To administer family services and programs to promote the state's policy as provided in RCW 74.14A.025.

(16) To perform such other duties as may be required by law. [1992 c 198 § 6; 1991 c 116 § 2; 1990 c 33 § 251; 1982 c 160 § 2; 1981 c 249 § 1; 1977 c 75 § 17; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 47; 1971 ex.s. c 100 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 102; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.03.030. Prior: 1967 c 158 § 4; 1909 c 97 p 231 § 3; RRS § 4523; prior: 1907 c 240 § 1; 1903 c 104 § 9; 1901 c 177 § 5; 1901 c 41 § 1; 1899 c 142 § 4; 1897 c 118 § 22; 1891 c 127 §§ 1, 2; 1890 pp 348-351 §§ 3, 4; Code 1881 §§ 3155-3160; 1873 p 419 §§ 2-6; 1861 p 55 §§ 2, 3, 4. Formerly RCW 28A.03.030, 28.03.030, 43.11.030.]

*Reviser's note: Subsection (9) of RCW 28A.305.130 was deleted by the 1991 c 116 amendments to RCW 28A.305.130.

Severability—Effective date—1992 c 198: See RCW 70.190.910 and 70.190.920.

Severability—1982 c 160: See note following RCW 28A.305.100.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

Studies—1969 ex.s. c 283: "The superintendent of public instruction is directed to develop, prepare and make available information as follows:

(1) A budgetary study of the fiscal impact which would result from payment to substitute teachers, who are on a continuing basis of twelve or more days within any calendar month, at a rate of pay commensurate with

their training and experience and at a per diem salary in proportion to the salary for which that teacher would be eligible as a full time teacher;

(2) A study showing the percentage of high school graduates who go on to an institution of higher education, including community colleges, the distribution of such students, and the percentage thereof which continue in higher education through the various grades or years thereof; and

(3) A study of the fiscal impact of establishing one hundred and eighty days as the base salary period for all contracts with certificated employees." [1969 ex.s. c 283 § 8.]

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.150.050.

28A.300.0451 Reimbursement for substitute if employee serves state board or superintendent. See RCW 28A.300.035.

28A.300.050 Assistance to state board for activities involving professional educator excellence. The superintendent of public instruction shall provide technical assistance to the state board of education in the conduct of the activities described in *sections 202 through 232 of this act. [1990 c 33 § 252; 1987 c 525 § 227. Formerly RCW 28A.03.375.]

***Reviser's note:** In addition to vetoed and temporary uncodified sections, "sections 202 through 232 of this act" [1987 c 525] includes the enactment of RCW 28A.04.122, 28A.70.010, 28A.04.167, 28A.70.400 through 28A.70.408, 28A.70.040, 28A.04.170, 28A.04.172, 28A.70.042, 28A.04.174, 28A.04.176, 28A.70.900, 28A.04.178, and 28A.03.375.

Intent—Short title—1987 c 525 §§ 202-233: See notes following RCW 28A.410.020.

Severability—1987 c 525: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1987 c 525 § 305.]

28A.300.060 Studies and adoption of classifications for school district budgets—Publication. The superintendent of public instruction and the state auditor jointly, and in cooperation with the senate and house committees on education, shall conduct appropriate studies and adopt classifications or revised classifications under RCW 28A.505.100, defining what expenditures shall be charged to each budget class including administration. The studies and classifications shall be published in the form of a manual or revised manual, suitable for use by the governing bodies of school districts, by the superintendent of public instruction, and by the legislature. [1991 c 116 § 3; 1990 c 33 § 253; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 23; 1975 1st ex.s. c 5 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.03.350.]

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

28A.300.070 Receipt of federal funds for school purposes—Superintendent of public instruction to administer. The state of Washington and/or any school district is hereby authorized to receive federal funds made or hereafter made available by acts of congress for the assistance of school districts in providing physical facilities and/or maintenance and operation of schools, or for any other educational purpose, according to provisions of such acts, and the state superintendent of public instruction shall represent the state in the receipt and administration of such funds. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.02.100. Prior: 1943 c 220

§ 4; Rem. Supp. 1943 § 5109-4. Formerly RCW 28A.02.100, 28.02.100.]

28A.300.080 Vocational agriculture education—Intent. The legislature recognizes that agriculture is the most basic and singularly important industry in the state, that agriculture is of central importance to the welfare and economic stability of the state, and that the maintenance of this vital industry requires a continued source of trained and qualified individuals who qualify for employment in agriculture and agribusiness. The legislature declares that it is within the best interests of the people and state of Washington that a comprehensive vocational education program in agriculture be maintained in the state's secondary school system. [1983 1st ex.s. c 34 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.03.415.]

28A.300.090 Vocational agriculture education—Service area established—Duties. (1) A vocational agriculture education service area within the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall be established. Adequate staffing of individuals trained or experienced in the field of vocational agriculture shall be provided for the vocational agriculture education service area for coordination of the state program and to provide assistance to local school districts for the coordination of the activities of student agricultural organizations and associations.

(2) The vocational agriculture education service area shall:

(a) Assess needs in vocational agriculture education, assist local school districts in establishing vocational agriculture programs, review local school district applications for approval of vocational agriculture programs, evaluate existing programs, plan research and studies for the improvement of curriculum materials for specialty areas of vocational agriculture. Standards and criteria developed under this subsection shall satisfy the mandates of federally-assisted vocational education;

(b) Develop in-service programs for teachers and administrators of vocational agriculture, review application for vocational agriculture teacher certification, and assist in teacher recruitment and placement in vocational agriculture programs;

(c) Serve as a liaison with the Future Farmers of America, representatives of business, industry, and appropriate public agencies, and institutions of higher education in order to disseminate information, promote improvement of vocational agriculture programs, and assist in the development of adult and continuing education programs in vocational agriculture; and

(d) Establish an advisory task force committee of agriculturists, who represent the diverse areas of the agricultural industry in Washington, which shall make annual recommendations including, but not limited to, the development of curriculum, staffing, strategies for the purpose of establishing a source of trained and qualified individuals in agriculture, and strategies for articulating the state program in vocational agriculture education, including youth leadership throughout the state school system. [1983 1st ex.s. c 34 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.03.417.]

28A.300.100 Vocational agriculture education—Superintendent to adopt rules. The superintendent of public instruction, pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, shall adopt such rules as are necessary to carry out the provisions of RCW 28A.300.090. [1990 c 33 § 254; 1983 1st ex.s. c 34 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.03.419.]

28A.300.110 Model curriculum programs or curriculum guidelines—Development—Review. The office of the superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the state board of education, shall prepare model curriculum programs and/or curriculum guidelines in three subject areas each year. These model curriculum programs or curriculum guidelines shall span all grade levels and shall include statements of expected learning outcomes, content, integration with other subject areas including guidelines for the application of vocational and applied courses to fulfill in whole or in part the courses required for graduation under RCW 28A.230.090, recommended instructional strategies, and suggested resources.

Certificated employees with expertise in the subject area under consideration shall be chosen by the superintendent of public instruction from each educational service district, from a list of persons suggested by their peers, to work with the staff of the superintendent of public instruction to prepare each model curriculum program or curriculum guidelines. Each participant shall be paid his or her regular salary by his or her district, and travel and per diem expenses by the superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent of public instruction shall make selections of additional experts in the subject area under consideration as are needed to provide technical assistance and to review and comment upon the model curriculum programs and/or curriculum guidelines before publication and shall be paid travel and per diem expenses by the superintendent of public instruction as necessary. The model curriculum programs and curriculum guidelines shall be made available to all districts. Participants developing model curriculum programs and/or curriculum guidelines may be used by school districts to provide training or technical assistance or both. After completion of the original development of model curriculum programs or curriculum guidelines, the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall schedule, at least every five years, a regular review and updating of programs and guidelines in each subject matter area. [1990 c 33 § 255; 1987 1st ex.s. c 2 § 208; 1987 c 197 § 1; 1984 c 278 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.03.425.]

Intent—Severability—Effective date—1987 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 84.52.0531.

Implementation—Funding required—1984 c 278: "Implementation of sections 5, 11, and 21 of this act and the amendment to RCW 28A.03.360 by section 8 of this act are each subject to funds being appropriated or available for such purpose or purposes." [1984 c 278 § 22.] Sections 5, 11, and 21 of this act [1984 c 278] were codified as RCW 28A.03.425, 28A.03.370, and 28A.03.380, respectively.

Severability—1984 c 278: See note following RCW 28A.185.010.

28A.300.115 Holocaust instruction—Preparation and availability of instructional materials. (1) Every public high school is encouraged to include in its curriculum instruction on the events of the period in modern world history known as the Holocaust, during which six million Jews

and millions of non-Jews were exterminated. The instruction may also include other examples from both ancient and modern history where subcultures or large human populations have been eradicated by the acts of humankind. The studying of this material is a reaffirmation of the commitment of free peoples never again to permit such occurrences.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction may prepare and make available to all school districts instructional materials for use as guidelines for instruction under this section. [1992 c 24 § 1.]

28A.300.120 Administrative hearing—Contract to conduct authorized—Final decision. Whenever a statute or rule provides for a formal administrative hearing before the superintendent of public instruction under chapter 34.05 RCW, the superintendent of public instruction may contract with the office of administrative hearings to conduct the hearing under chapter 34.12 RCW and may delegate to a designee of the superintendent of public instruction the authority to render the final decision. [1985 c 225 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.03.500.]

28A.300.130 Educational improvement and research—Center for the improvement of student learning—Clearinghouse for commission on student learning and for information regarding educational restructuring and parental involvement programs. (1) Expanding activity in educational research, educational restructuring, and educational improvement initiatives has produced and continues to produce much valuable information. The legislature finds that such information should be shared with the citizens and educational community of the state as widely as possible. To facilitate access to information and materials on educational improvement and research, the superintendent of public instruction, to the extent funds are appropriated, shall establish the center for the improvement of student learning. The primary purpose of the center is to provide assistance and advice to parents, school board members, educators, and the public regarding strategies for assisting students in learning the essential academic learning requirements pursuant to RCW 28A.630.885. The center shall work in conjunction with the commission on student learning, educational service districts, and institutions of higher education.

(2) The center shall:

(a) Serve as a clearinghouse for the completed work and activities of the commission on student learning;

(b) Serve as a clearinghouse for information regarding successful educational restructuring and parental involvement programs in schools and districts, and information about efforts within institutions of higher education in the state to support educational restructuring initiatives in Washington schools and districts;

(c) Provide best practices research and advice that can be used to help schools develop and implement: School improvement plans; school-based shared decision-making models; programs to promote lifelong learning and community involvement in education; school-to-work transition programs; programs to meet the needs of highly capable students; programs to meet the diverse needs of students

based on gender, racial, ethnic, economic, and special needs status; and other programs that will assist educators in helping students learn the essential academic learning requirements;

(d) Develop and distribute, in conjunction with the commission on student learning, parental involvement materials, including instructional guides developed to inform parents of the essential academic learning requirements. The instructional guides also shall contain actions parents may take to assist their children in meeting the requirements, and should focus on reaching parents who have not previously been involved with their children's education;

(e) Identify obstacles to greater parent and community involvement in school shared decision-making processes and recommend strategies for helping parents and community members to participate effectively in school shared decision-making processes, including understanding and respecting the roles of school building administrators and staff;

(f) Take other actions to increase public awareness of the importance of parental and community involvement in education;

(g) Work with appropriate organizations to inform teachers, district and school administrators, and school directors about the waivers available under RCW 28A.305-.140 and the broadened school board powers under RCW 28A.320.015;

(h) Provide training and consultation services;

(i) Address methods for improving the success rates of certain ethnic and racial student groups; and

(j) Perform other functions consistent with the purpose of the center as prescribed in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The superintendent of public instruction, after consultation with the commission on student learning, shall select and employ a director for the center.

(4) The superintendent may enter into contracts with individuals or organizations including but not limited to: School districts; teachers; higher education faculty; institutions of higher education; state agencies; business or community-based organizations; and other individuals and organizations to accomplish the duties and responsibilities of the center. The superintendent shall contract out with community-based organizations to meet the provisions of subsection (2) (d) and (e) of this section. In carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the center, the superintendent, whenever possible, shall use practitioners to assist agency staff as well as assist educators and others in schools and districts.

(5) The superintendent shall report annually to the commission on student learning on the activities of the center. [1993 c 336 § 501; 1986 c 180 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.03.510.]

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

Definitions: RCW 28A.630.883.

Effective substance abuse programs and penalties—Duties of clearinghouse: RCW 28A.170.060.

Student motivation, retention, and retrieval programs—Duties of clearinghouse: RCW 28A.175.070.

28A.300.135 Center for the improvement of student learning account. (1) The center for the improvement of student learning account is hereby established in the custody

of the state treasurer. The superintendent of public instruction shall deposit in the account all moneys received from gifts, grants, or endowments for the center for the improvement of student learning. Moneys in the account may be spent only for activities of the center. Disbursements from the account shall be on authorization of the superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee. The account is subject to the allotment procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for disbursements.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction may receive such gifts, grants, and endowments from public or private sources as may be made from time to time, in trust or otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of the center for the improvement of student learning and expend the same or any income therefrom according to the terms of the gifts, grants, or endowments. [1993 c 336 § 502.]

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

28A.300.138 Student learning improvement grants.

(1)(a) To the extent funds are appropriated, the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall provide student learning improvement grants for the 1994-95 through 1996-97 school years. The purpose of the grants is to provide funds for additional time and resources for site-based planning activities and staff development and planning intended to improve student learning for all students, including students with diverse needs, consistent with the student learning goals in RCW 28A.150.210.

(b) State evaluations and findings on the schools for the twenty-first century program, as well as national research, indicate that extra time for site-based planning activities and staff development and planning for school improvement efforts is critical to the success of such efforts. It is the intent of the legislature that school districts use the funds under this section to provide time and resources for site-based planning activities and staff development and planning that is in addition to locally funded extra time and resources provided for purposes of improving student learning. Districts are strongly encouraged not to supplant local funds with state funds provided under this section.

(2) To be eligible for student learning improvement grants, school district boards of directors shall:

(a) Adopt a policy regarding the involvement of school staff, parents, and community members in instructional decisions;

(b) Submit school-based applications that have been developed by school building personnel, parents, and community members. Each application shall:

(i) Enumerate specific activities to be carried out as part of the grant;

(ii) Identify the technical resources desired and availability of those resources;

(iii) Include a proposed budget; and

(iv) Indicate that the application was approved by the school principal and representatives of teachers, classified employees, parents, and the community.

(3) The school board shall conduct at least one public hearing on schools' plans for using the grants before the

board approves the plans. Boards may hear and approve more than one school's plan at a hearing. The board shall only submit applications for grants to the superintendent of public instruction if the board has approved the plans.

(4) If the application is consistent with the purposes of the grant program and the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section are met, the superintendent of public instruction shall approve the grant application.

(5) To the extent funds are appropriated, and for allocation purposes only, the amount of grants for the 1994-95, 1995-96, and 1996-97 school years shall be based on time equivalent to up to four days depending upon the number of grant applications received and on the number of full-time equivalent certificated staff who work in the school. Funds from the grant may be used to pay for staff development and planning for certificated and classified staff and site-based planning activities. Site-based planning activities and staff development and planning conducted pursuant to this section also may be conducted during the months of July and August preceding each school year for which the school has received a grant. Expenses occurring as a result of these summer site-based planning activities and staff development and planning may be paid from the school year grant. School districts shall use all funds received under this section solely for grants to schools and shall not use any portion of the funds for indirect costs.

(6) The state schools for the deaf and blind may apply for grants under this section.

(7) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt timelines and rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to administer the program. The superintendent may modify application requirements for schools that have schools for the twenty-first century projects under *RCW 28A.630.100.

(8) The superintendent of public instruction shall report annually to the legislature by December 1st the following information:

(a) The use of the funds granted under this section;

(b) An estimate of any increase in staff development and planning in the 1994-95, 1995-96, and 1996-97 school years respectively, above that in the 1993-94 school year; and

(c) An estimate of any increase in site-based planning activities in the 1994-95, 1995-96, and 1996-97 school years respectively, above that in the 1993-94 school year.

(9) Funding under this section shall not become a part of the state's basic program of education obligation as set forth under Article IX of the state Constitution. [1994 c 245 § 1; 1993 c 336 § 301.]

*Reviser's note: RCW 28A.630.100 expired June 30, 1994, pursuant to RCW 28A.630.290.

Effective date—1994 c 245 § 1: "Section 1 of this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [April 1, 1994]." [1994 c 245 § 17.]

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

28A.300.150 Information on child abuse and neglect prevention curriculum—Superintendent's duties. The superintendent of public instruction shall collect and disseminate to school districts information on child abuse and

neglect prevention curriculum. The superintendent of public instruction and the departments of social and health services and community, trade, and economic development shall share relevant information. [1994 c 245 § 8; 1987 c 489 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.03.512.]

Intent—1987 c 489: "It is the intent of the legislature to make child abuse and neglect primary prevention education and training available to children, including preschool age children, parents, school employees, and licensed day care providers." [1987 c 489 § 1.]

28A.300.160 Development of coordinated primary prevention program for child abuse and neglect—Office as lead agency. (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall be the lead agency and shall assist the department of social and health services, the *department of community development, and school districts in establishing a coordinated primary prevention program for child abuse and neglect.

(2) In developing the program, consideration shall be given to the following:

(a) Parent, teacher, and children's workshops whose information and training is:

(i) Provided in a clear, age-appropriate, nonthreatening manner, delineating the problem and the range of possible solutions;

(ii) Culturally and linguistically appropriate to the population served;

(iii) Appropriate to the geographic area served; and

(iv) Designed to help counteract common stereotypes about child abuse victims and offenders;

(b) Training for school age children's parents and school staff, which includes:

(i) Physical and behavioral indicators of abuse;

(ii) Crisis counseling techniques;

(iii) Community resources;

(iv) Rights and responsibilities regarding reporting;

(v) School district procedures to facilitate reporting and apprise supervisors and administrators of reports; and

(vi) Caring for a child's needs after a report is made;

(c) Training for licensed day care providers and parents that includes:

(i) Positive child guidance techniques;

(ii) Physical and behavioral indicators of abuse;

(iii) Recognizing and providing safe, quality day care;

(iv) Community resources;

(v) Rights and responsibilities regarding reporting; and

(vi) Caring for the abused or neglected child;

(d) Training for children that includes:

(i) The right of every child to live free of abuse;

(ii) How to disclose incidents of abuse and neglect;

(iii) The availability of support resources and how to obtain help;

(iv) Child safety training and age-appropriate self-defense techniques; and

(v) A period for crisis counseling and reporting immediately following the completion of each children's workshop in a school setting which maximizes the child's privacy and sense of safety.

(3) The primary prevention program established under this section shall be a voluntary program and shall not be part of the basic program of education.

(4) Parents shall be given notice of the primary prevention program and may refuse to have their children participate in the program. [1987 c 489 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.03.514.]

***Reviser's note:** Powers, duties, and functions of the department of community development and the department of trade and economic development were transferred to the department of community, trade, and economic development by 1993 c 280, effective July 1, 1994.

Intent—1987 c 489: See note following RCW 28A.300.150.

28A.300.164 Energy information program. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall develop an energy information program for use in local school districts. The program shall utilize existing curriculum which may include curriculum as developed by districts or the state relating to the requirement under RCW 28A.230.020 that schools provide instruction in science with special reference to the environment, and shall include but not be limited to the following elements:

- (1) The fundamental role energy plays in the national and regional economy;
- (2) Descriptions and explanations of the various sources of energy which are used both regionally and nationally;
- (3) Descriptions and explanations of the ways to use various energy sources more efficiently; and
- (4) Advantages and disadvantages to the various sources of present and future supplies of energy.

Under this section the office of superintendent of public instruction shall emphasize providing teacher training, promoting the use of local energy experts in the classroom, and dissemination of energy education curriculum. [1990 c 301 § 2.]

Findings—1990 c 301: "The legislature finds that the state is facing an impending energy supply crisis. The legislature further finds that keeping the importance of energy in the minds of state residents is essential as a means to help avert a future energy supply crisis and that citizens need to be aware of the importance and trade-offs associated with energy efficiency, the implications of wasteful uses of energy, and the need for long-term stable supplies of energy. One efficient and effective method of informing the state's citizens on energy issues is to begin in the school system, where information may guide energy use decisions for decades into the future." [1990 c 301 § 1.]

28A.300.170 State general fund—Estimates for state support to public schools, from. At such time as the governor shall determine under the provisions of chapter 43.88 RCW, the superintendent of public instruction shall submit such detailed estimates and other information to the governor and in such form as the governor shall determine of the total estimated amount required for appropriation from the state general fund for state support to public schools during the ensuing biennium. [1980 c 6 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.41.040. Prior: 1945 c 141 § 11; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 4940-9. Formerly RCW 28A.41.040, 28.41.040.]

Severability—1980 c 6: See note following RCW 28A.515.320.

28A.300.180 Minority teacher recruitment program—Grants. The superintendent of public instruction may grant funds, from moneys appropriated for the purpose of the Washington state minority teacher recruitment program, to selected institutions of higher education and selected school districts to assist in the development and im-

plementation of the teacher recruitment program. [1989 c 146 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.67.270.]

28A.300.190 Coordination of video telecommunications programming in schools. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall provide state-wide coordination of video telecommunications programming for the common schools. [1990 c 208 § 8.]

28A.300.200 Teacher exchange programs. To complement RCW 28A.630.230 and chapter 28B.107 RCW, the superintendent of public instruction shall, subject to available funding, coordinate and sponsor student and teacher exchanges between Washington schools and schools in Pacific Rim nations and other nations. The superintendent may solicit and accept grants and donations from public and private sources for the student and teacher exchange program. [1991 c 128 § 13; 1990 c 243 § 9.]

Severability—Effective date—1991 c 128: See RCW 19.166.900 and 19.166.901.

28A.300.210 Energy conservation—Report to legislature. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall report annually to the energy and utilities committees of the house of representatives and the senate regarding the effects of chapter 201, Laws of 1991, on school districts throughout the state. [1991 c 201 § 18.]

Captions not law—Severability—1991 c 201: See RCW 39.35C.900 and 39.35C.901.

28A.300.220 Cooperation with work force training and education coordinating board. The superintendent shall cooperate with the work force training and education coordinating board in the conduct of the board's responsibilities under RCW 28C.18.060 and shall provide information and data in a format that is accessible to the board. [1991 c 238 § 78.]

Effective dates—Severability—1991 c 238: See RCW 28B.50.917 and 28B.50.918.

28A.300.230 Findings—Integration of vocational and academic education. The legislature finds that the needs of the work force and the economy necessitate enhanced vocational education opportunities in secondary education including curriculum which integrates vocational and academic education. In order for the state's work force to be competitive in the world market, employees need competencies in both vocational/technical skills and in core essential competencies such as English, math, science/technology, geography, history, and critical thinking. Curriculum which integrates vocational and academic education reflects that many students learn best through applied learning, and that students should be offered flexible education opportunities which prepare them for both the world of work and for higher education. [1991 c 238 § 140.]

Effective dates—Severability—1991 c 238: See RCW 28B.50.917 and 28B.50.918.

28A.300.235 Development of model curriculum integrating vocational and academic education. The

superintendent of public instruction shall with the advice of the work force training and education coordinating board develop model curriculum integrating vocational and academic education at the secondary level. The curriculum shall integrate vocational education for gainful employment with education in the academic subjects of English, math, science/technology, geography, and history, and with education in critical thinking. Upon completion, the model curriculum shall be provided for consideration and use by school districts. [1991 c 238 § 141.]

Effective dates—Severability—1991 c 238: See RCW 28B.50.917 and 28B.50.918.

28A.300.240 International student exchange. (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall annually make available to school districts and approved private schools, from data supplied by the secretary of state, the names of international student exchange visitor placement organizations registered under chapter 19.166 RCW to place students in public schools in the state and a summary of the information the organizations have filed with the secretary of state under chapter 19.166 RCW.

(2) The superintendent shall provide general information and assistance to school districts regarding international student exchange visitors, including, to the extent feasible with available resources, information on the type of visa required for enrollment, how to promote positive educational experiences for visiting exchange students, and how to integrate exchange students into the school environment to benefit the education of both the exchange students and students in the state. [1991 c 128 § 11.]

Severability—Effective date—1991 c 128: See RCW 19.166.900 and 19.166.901.

28A.300.250 Participation in federal nutrition programs—Superintendent's duties. The superintendent of public instruction shall aggressively solicit eligible schools, child and adult day care centers, and other organizations to participate in the nutrition programs authorized by the United States department of agriculture. [1991 c 366 § 402.]

Finding—1991 c 366: "Hunger and malnutrition threaten the future of a whole generation of children in Washington. Children who are hungry or malnourished are unable to function optimally in the classroom and are thus at risk of lower achievement in school. The resultant diminished future capacity of and opportunities for these children will affect this state's economic and social future. Thus, the legislature finds that the state has an interest in helping families provide nutritious meals to children.

The legislature also finds that the state has an interest in helping hungry and malnourished adults obtain necessary nourishment. Adequate nourishment is necessary for physical health, and physical health is the foundation of self-sufficiency. Adequate nourishment is especially critical in the case of pregnant and lactating women, both to ensure that all mothers and babies are as healthy as possible and to minimize the costs associated with the care of low-birthweight babies." [1991 c 366 § 1.]

Finding—1991 c 366: "The legislature finds that the school breakfast and lunch programs, the summer feeding program, and the child and adult day care feeding programs authorized by the United States department of agriculture are effective in addressing unmet nutritional needs. However, some communities in the state do not participate in these programs. The result is hunger, malnutrition, and inadequate nutrition education for otherwise eligible persons living in nonparticipating communities." [1991 c 366 § 401.]

Parts and headings not law—1991 c 366: "Parts and headings as used in this act constitute no part of the law." [1991 c 366 § 502.]

Severability—1991 c 366: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1991 c 366 § 503.]

Effective date—1991 c 366: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect July 1, 1991." [1991 c 366 § 504.]

28A.300.270 Violence prevention training. The superintendent of public instruction shall, to the extent funding is available, contract with school districts, educational service districts, and approved in-service providers to conduct training sessions for school certificated and classified employees in conflict resolution and other violence prevention topics. The training shall be developmentally and culturally appropriate for the school populations being served and be research based. The training shall not be based solely on providing materials, but also shall include techniques on imparting these skills to students. The training sessions shall be developed in coordination with school districts, the superintendent of public instruction, parents, law enforcement agencies, human services providers, and other interested parties. The training shall be offered to school districts and school staff requesting the training, and shall be made available at locations throughout the state. [1994 1st sp.s. c 7 § 602.]

Violence prevention—Curricular and training resources: "(1) To the extent funding is available, by December 31, 1994, the superintendent of public instruction shall prepare, or contract to prepare, a guide of available programs and strategies pertaining to conflict resolution and other violence prevention topics. The guide shall include descriptions of curricular and training resources that are developmentally and culturally appropriate for the school populations being served, and shall include information regarding how to contact the organizations offering these resources.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall provide the curricular and training resources guide to those educational service districts, school districts, schools, teachers, classified staff, parents, and other interested parties who request it.

(3) In carrying out its responsibilities under this section, the superintendent of public instruction shall coordinate with other agencies engaged in related efforts, such as the department of community, trade, and economic development, and consult with educators, parents, community groups, and other interested parties." [1994 1st sp.s. c 7 § 601.]

Finding—Intent—Severability—1994 1st sp.s. c 7: See notes following RCW 43.70.540.

28A.300.280 Conflict resolution program. The superintendent of public instruction and the office of the attorney general, in cooperation with the Washington state bar association, shall develop a volunteer-based conflict resolution and mediation program for use in community groups such as neighborhood organizations and the public schools. The program shall use lawyers to train students who in turn become trainers and mediators for their peers in conflict resolution. [1994 1st sp.s. c 7 § 611.]

Finding—Intent—Severability—1994 1st sp.s. c 7: See notes following RCW 43.70.540.

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28A.305.010 Composition of board. The state board of education shall be comprised of one member from each congressional district of the state, not including any congressional district at large, elected by the members of the boards of directors of school districts thereof, as hereinafter in this chapter provided, the superintendent of public instruction and one member elected at large, as provided in this chapter, by the members of the boards of directors of all private schools in the state meeting the requirements of RCW 28A.195.010. The member representing private schools shall not vote on

matters affecting public schools. If there is a dispute about whether or not an issue directly affects public schools, the dispute shall be settled by a majority vote of the other members of the board. [1992 c 56 § 1; 1990 c 33 § 257; 1988 c 255 § 1; 1980 c 179 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.04.010. Prior: 1955 c 218 § 1; 1947 c 258 § 1; 1925 ex.s. c 65 § 1; 1909 c 97 p 234 § 1; RRS § 4525; prior: 1907 c 240 § 2; 1901 c 177 § 6; 1897 c 118 § 24; 1890 p 352 § 6; Code 1881 § 3163. Formerly RCW 28A.04.010, 28.04.010, 43.63.010.]

Severability—1988 c 255: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1988 c 255 § 4.]

Severability—1980 c 179: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1980 c 179 § 8.]

28A.305.020 Call and notice of elections. Not later than the twenty-fifth day of August of each year, the superintendent of public instruction shall call for the following elections to be held: An election in each congressional district within which resides a member of the state board of education whose term of membership will end on the second Monday of January next following, and an election of the member of the state board of education representing private schools if the term of membership will end on the second Monday of January next following. The superintendent of public instruction shall give written notice thereof to each member of the board of directors of each common school district in such congressional district, and to the chair of the board of directors of each private school who shall distribute said notice to each member of the private school board. Such notice shall include the election calendar and rules and regulations established by the superintendent of public instruction for the conduct of the election. [1990 c 33 § 258; 1988 c 255 § 2; 1981 c 38 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.04.020. Prior: 1955 c 218 § 2; 1947 c 258 § 2; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4525-1. Formerly RCW 28A.04.020, 28.04.020, 43.63.020.]

Severability—1988 c 255: See note following RCW 28A.305.010.

Severability—1981 c 38: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1981 c 38 § 5.]

28A.305.030 Elections in new congressional districts—Call and conduct of—Member terms—Transitional measures to reduce number of members from each district. (1) Whenever any new and additional congressional district is created, except a congressional district at large, the superintendent of public instruction shall call an election in such district at the time of making the call provided for in RCW 28A.305.020. Such election shall be conducted as other elections provided for in this chapter. At the first such election one member of the state board of education shall be elected for a term of four years.

(2) The terms of office of members of the state board of education who are elected from the various congressional districts shall not be affected by the creation of either new or new and additional districts. In such an event, each board member may continue to serve in office for the balance of

the term for which he or she was elected or appointed: PROVIDED, That the board member continues to reside within the boundaries of the congressional district as they existed at the time of his or her election or appointment. Vacancies which occur in a board member position during the balance of any such term shall be filled pursuant to RCW 28A.305.090 by a successor who resides within the boundaries of the congressional district from which the member whose office was vacated was elected as they existed at the time of his or her election. At the election immediately preceding expiration of the term of office of each board member provided for in this subsection following the creation of either new or new and additional congressional districts, and thereafter, a successor shall be elected from the congressional district which corresponds in number with the congressional district from which the incumbent was appointed or elected.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or chapter, in order to reduce the number of state board of education members elected from each congressional district from two members to one member the following transitional measures shall govern board member terms, elections, and voting:

(a) The terms of office for each of the sixteen state board of education members and positions representing the first through the eighth congressional districts shall terminate in a sequence commencing with the terms of the four members and positions representing the third and sixth congressional districts as of the second Monday of January 1993, followed by the terms of the six members and positions representing the first, fourth, and seventh congressional districts as of the second Monday of January 1994, and ending with the termination of the terms of the six members and positions representing the second, fifth, and eighth congressional districts as of the second Monday of January 1995;

(b) An election shall be conducted under RCW 28A.305.040 through 28A.305.060 each year preceding the termination of one or more terms under (a) of this subsection for the purpose of electing one state board of education member from each correspondingly numbered congressional district for a term of four years;

(c) If for any reason a vacancy occurs in one of two positions representing a congressional district before the termination of the term for the position under (a) of this subsection, no replacement may be appointed or elected and the position shall be deemed eliminated; and

(d) During the transition period from the second Monday of January 1993, to the second Monday of January 1995, a vote on any matter before the state board of education by any one of two members representing the same congressional district shall be equal to one-half [of] a vote and a vote by any other member shall be equal to one full vote. Thereafter, the vote of each member shall be equal to one full vote. [1992 c 56 § 3; 1990 c 33 § 259; 1982 1st ex.s. c 7 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.04.030. Prior: 1955 c 218 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.04.030, 28.04.030, 43.63.021.]

Severability—1982 1st ex.s. c 7: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1982 1st ex.s. c 7 § 3.]

28A.305.040 Declarations of candidacy—Qualifications of candidates—Members restricted from service on local boards—Forfeiture of office. (1) Candidates for membership on the state board of education shall file declarations of candidacy with the superintendent of public instruction on forms prepared by the superintendent. Declarations of candidacy may be filed by person or by mail not earlier than the first day of September, or later than the sixteenth day of September. The superintendent of public instruction may not accept any declaration of candidacy that is not on file in the superintendent's office or is not postmarked before the seventeenth day of September, or if not postmarked or the postmark is not legible, if received by mail after the twenty-first day of September. No person employed in any school, college, university, or other educational institution or any educational service district superintendent's office or in the office of superintendent of public instruction shall be eligible for membership on the state board of education and each member elected who is not representative of the private schools in this state and thus not running-at-large must be a resident of the congressional district from which he or she was elected. No member of a board of directors of a local school district or private school shall continue to serve in that capacity after having been elected to the state board.

(2) The prohibitions against membership upon the board of directors of a school district or school and against employment, as well as the residence requirement, established by this section, are conditions to the eligibility of state board members to serve as such which apply throughout the terms for which they have been elected or appointed. Any state board member who hereafter fails to meet one or more of the conditions to eligibility shall be deemed to have immediately forfeited his or her membership upon the board for the balance of his or her term: PROVIDED, That such a forfeiture of office shall not affect the validity of board actions taken prior to the date of notification to the board during an open public meeting of the violation. [1990 c 33 § 260; 1982 1st ex.s. c 7 § 2; 1980 c 179 § 4; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 49; 1971 c 48 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.04.040. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 67 § 6; 1955 c 218 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.04.040, 28.04.040, 43.63.023.]

Severability—1982 1st ex.s. c 7: See note following RCW 28A.305.030.

Severability—1980 c 179: See note following RCW 28A.305.010.

Severability—1971 c 48: "If any provision of this 1971 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1971 c 48 § 55.] For codification of 1971 c 48, see Codification Tables, Volume 0.

28A.305.050 Qualifications of voters—Ballots—Voting instructions—Candidates' biographical data. Each member of the board of directors of each school district in each congressional district shall be eligible to vote for the candidates who reside in his or her congressional district. Each chair of the board of directors of each eligible private school shall cast a vote for the candidate receiving a majority in an election to be held as follows: Each member of the board of directors of each eligible private school shall vote for candidates representing the private schools in an election of the board, the purpose of which is to determine

the board's candidate for the member representing private schools on the state board. Not later than the first day of October the superintendent of public instruction shall mail to each member of each common school district board of directors and to each chair of the board of directors of each private school, the proper ballot and voting instructions for his or her congressional district together with biographical data concerning each candidate listed on such ballot, which data shall have been prepared by the candidate. [1990 c 33 § 261; 1988 c 255 § 3; 1981 c 38 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.04.050. Prior: 1955 c 218 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.04.050, 28.04.050, 43.63.025.]

Severability—1988 c 255: See note following RCW 28A.305.010.

Severability—1981 c 38: See note following RCW 28A.305.020.

28A.305.060 Election procedure—Certificate. Each member of the state board of education shall be elected by a majority of the electoral points accruing from all the votes cast at the election for all candidates for the position. All votes shall be cast by mail addressed to the superintendent of public instruction and no votes shall be accepted for counting if postmarked after the sixteenth day of October, or if not postmarked or the postmark is not legible, if received by mail after the twenty-first day of October following the call of the election. The superintendent of public instruction and an election board comprised of three persons appointed by the state board of education shall count and tally the votes and the electoral points accruing therefrom not later than the twenty-fifth day of October. The votes shall be counted and tallied and electoral points determined in the following manner for the ballot cast by common school district board directors: Each vote cast by a school director shall be accorded as many electoral points as there are enrolled students in that director's school district as determined by the enrollment reports forwarded to the state superintendent of public instruction for apportionment purposes for the month of September of the year of election: **PROVIDED,** That school directors from a school district which has more than five directors shall have their electoral points based upon enrollment recomputed by multiplying such number by a fraction, the denominator of which shall be the number of directors in such district, and the numerator of which shall be five; the electoral points shall then be tallied for each candidate as the votes are counted; and it shall be the majority of electoral points which determines the winning candidate. The votes shall be counted and electoral points determined in the following manner for the ballots cast by chairs of the board of directors of each private school: Each vote cast by a private school board shall be accorded as many electoral points as the number of enrolled students in the respective school as determined by enrollment reports forwarded to the superintendent of public instruction for the month of September in the year previous to the year of election and it shall be the majority of electoral points which determines the winning candidate. If no candidate receives a majority of the electoral points cast, then, not later than the first day of November, the superintendent of public instruction shall call a second election to be conducted in the same manner and at which the candidates shall be the two candidates receiving the highest number of electoral points accruing from such votes cast. No vote cast at such second

election shall be received for counting if postmarked after the sixteenth day of November, or if not postmarked or the postmark is not legible, if received by mail after the twenty-first day of November and the votes shall be counted as hereinabove provided on the twenty-fifth day of November. The candidate receiving a majority of electoral points accruing from the votes at any such second election shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie in such second election, the candidate elected shall be determined by a chance drawing of a nature established by the superintendent of public instruction. Within ten days following the count of votes in an election at which a member of the state board of education is elected, the superintendent of public instruction shall certify to the secretary of state the name or names of the persons elected to be members of the state board of education. [1990 c 33 § 262; 1981 c 38 § 3; 1980 c 179 § 5; 1975 c 19 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 283 § 25; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.04.060. Prior: 1967 c 158 § 1; 1955 c 218 § 4; 1947 c 258 § 3; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4525-2. Formerly RCW 28A.04.060, 28.04.060, 43.63.030.]

Severability—1981 c 38: See note following RCW 28A.305.020.

Severability—1980 c 179: See note following RCW 28A.305.010.

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.150.050.

28A.305.070 Action to contest election—Grounds—Procedure. Any common school district board member or any private school board member eligible to vote for a candidate for membership on the state board of education or any candidate for the position, within ten days after the state superintendent of public instruction's certification of election, may contest the election of the candidate for any of the following causes:

- (1) For malconduct on the part of the state superintendent of public instruction or any member of the election board with respect to such election;
- (2) Because the person whose right is being contested was not eligible for membership on the state board of education at the time the person was certified as elected;
- (3) Because the person whose right is being contested gave a bribe or reward to a voter or to an inspector, judge or clerk of the election for the purpose of procuring the person's election, or offered to do so;
- (4) On account of illegal votes.

An action contesting an election pursuant to this section shall be conducted in compliance with RCW 29.65.020 and 29.65.040 through 29.65.120, as now or hereafter amended. [1980 c 179 § 6; 1975 c 19 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.04.065.]

Severability—1980 c 179: See note following RCW 28A.305.010.

28A.305.080 Terms of office. The term of office of each member of the state board of education shall begin on the second Monday in January next following the election at which he or she was elected, and he or she shall hold office for the term for which he or she was elected and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. Except as otherwise provided in RCW 28A.305.030, each member of the state board of education shall be elected for a term of four years. [1992 c 56 § 2; 1990 c 33 § 263; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.04.070. Prior: 1955 c 218 § 7; 1947 c 258 § 9; Rem.

Supp. 1947 § 4525-8. Formerly RCW 28A.04.070, 28.04.070, 43.63.090.]

28A.305.090 Vacancies, filling. Whenever there shall be a vacancy upon the state board of education, from any cause whatever, it shall be the duty of the remaining members of the board to fill such vacancy by appointment, and the person so appointed shall continue in office until his or her successor has been specially elected, as hereinafter in this section provided, and has qualified. Whenever a vacancy occurs, the superintendent of public instruction shall call, in the month of August next following the date of the occurrence of such vacancy, a special election to be held in the same manner as other elections provided for in this chapter, at which election a successor shall be elected to hold office for the unexpired term of the member whose office was vacated. [1990 c 33 § 264; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.04.080. Prior: 1955 c 218 § 8; 1947 c 258 § 10; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4525-9. Formerly RCW 28A.04.080, 28.04.080, 43.63.100.]

28A.305.100 Superintendent as ex officio member and chief executive officer of board. The state board of education shall annually elect a president and vice president. The superintendent of public instruction shall be an ex officio member and the chief executive officer of the board. As such ex officio member the superintendent shall have the right to vote only when there is a question before the board upon which no majority opinion has been reached among the board members present and voting thereon and the superintendent's vote is essential for action thereon. The superintendent, as chief executive officer of the board, shall furnish all necessary record books and forms for its use, and shall represent the board in directing the work of school inspection. [1982 c 160 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.04.090. Prior: 1967 c 158 § 2; 1909 c 97 p 235 § 2; RRS § 4526. Formerly RCW 28A.04.090, 28.04.090, 43.63.110.]

Severability—1982 c 160: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1982 c 160 § 4.]

28A.305.110 Ex officio secretary of board. The state board of education shall appoint some person to be ex officio secretary of said board who shall not be entitled to a vote in its proceedings. The secretary shall keep a correct record of board proceedings, which shall be kept in the office of the superintendent of public instruction. He or she shall also, upon request, furnish to interested school officials a copy of such proceedings. [1990 c 33 § 265; 1982 c 160 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.04.100. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 235 § 3; RRS § 4527. Formerly RCW 28A.04.100, 28.04.100, 43.63.120.]

Severability—1982 c 160: See note following RCW 28A.305.100.

Records of meetings kept by superintendent of public instruction: RCW 28A.300.040.

28A.305.120 Meetings—Compensation and travel expenses of members. The state board of education shall hold an annual meeting and such other regular meetings at such time and place within the state as the board shall

determine and may hold such special meetings as may be deemed necessary for the transaction of public business, such special meetings to be called by the superintendent of public instruction, or by a majority of the board. The persons serving as members of the state board of education shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed by the superintendent of public instruction for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 incurred in the performance of their duties which expenses shall be paid by the state treasurer on warrants out of funds appropriated or otherwise available, upon the order of the superintendent. [1984 c 287 § 60; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34 § 67; 1973 c 106 § 13; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.04.110. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 235 § 4; RRS § 4528. Formerly RCW 28A.04.110, 28.04.110, 43.63.130.]

Legislative findings—Severability—Effective date—1984 c 287: See notes following RCW 43.03.220.

Effective date—Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34: See notes following RCW 2.08.115.

Records of meetings kept by superintendent of public instruction: RCW 28A.300.040.

State treasurer to issue state warrants: RCW 43.88.160.

28A.305.130 Powers and duties generally. In addition to any other powers and duties as provided by law, the state board of education shall:

(1) Approve or disapprove the program of courses leading to teacher, school administrator, and school specialized personnel certification offered by all institutions of higher education within the state which may be accredited and whose graduates may become entitled to receive such certification.

(2) Conduct every five years a review of the program approval standards, including the minimum standards for teachers, administrators, and educational staff associates, to reflect research findings and assure continued improvement of preparation programs for teachers, administrators, and educational staff associates.

(3) Investigate the character of the work required to be performed as a condition of entrance to and graduation from any institution of higher education in this state relative to such certification as provided for in subsection (1) above, and prepare a list of accredited institutions of higher education of this and other states whose graduates may be awarded such certificates.

(4)(a) The state board of education shall adopt rules to allow a teacher certification candidate to fulfill, in part, teacher preparation program requirements through work experience as a noncertificated teacher's aide in a public school or private school meeting the requirements of RCW 28A.195.010. The rules shall include, but are not limited to, limitations based upon the recency of the teacher preparation candidate's teacher aide work experience, and limitations based on the amount of work experience that may apply toward teacher preparation program requirements under this chapter.

(b) The state board of education shall require that at the time of the individual's enrollment in a teacher preparation program, the supervising teacher and the building principal shall jointly provide to the teacher preparation program of the higher education institution at which the teacher candidate is enrolled, a written assessment of the performance of

the teacher candidate. The assessment shall contain such information as determined by the state board of education and shall include: Evidence that at least fifty percent of the candidate's work as a noncertificated teacher's aide was involved in instructional activities with children under the supervision of a certificated teacher and that the candidate worked a minimum of six hundred thirty hours for one school year; the type of work performed by the candidate; and a recommendation of whether the candidate's work experience as a noncertificated teacher's aide should be substituted for teacher preparation program requirements. In compliance with such rules as may be established by the state board of education under this section, the teacher preparation programs of the higher education institution where the candidate is enrolled shall make the final determination as to what teacher preparation program requirements may be fulfilled by teacher aide work experience.

(5) Supervise the issuance of such certificates as provided for in subsection (1) above and specify the types and kinds of certificates necessary for the several departments of the common schools by rule or regulation in accordance with RCW 28A.410.010.

(6) Accredited, subject to such accreditation standards and procedures as may be established by the state board of education, all schools that apply for accreditation, and approve, subject to the provisions of RCW 28A.195.010, private schools carrying out a program for any or all of the grades one through twelve: PROVIDED, That no public or private schools shall be placed upon the list of accredited schools so long as secret societies are knowingly allowed to exist among its students by school officials: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the state board may elect to require all or certain classifications of the public schools to conduct and participate in such pre-accreditation examination and evaluation processes as may now or hereafter be established by the board.

(7) Make rules and regulations governing the establishment in any existing nonhigh school district of any secondary program or any new grades in grades nine through twelve. Before any such program or any new grades are established the district must obtain prior approval of the state board.

(8) Prepare such outline of study for the common schools as the board shall deem necessary, and prescribe such rules for the general government of the common schools, as shall seek to secure regularity of attendance, prevent truancy, secure efficiency, and promote the true interest of the common schools.

(9) Continuously reevaluate courses and adopt and enforce regulations within the common schools so as to meet the educational needs of students and articulate with the institutions of higher education and unify the work of the public school system.

(10) Carry out board powers and duties relating to the organization and reorganization of school districts under RCW 28A.315.010 through 28A.315.680 and 28A.315.900.

(11) By rule or regulation promulgated upon the advice of the *director of community development, through the director of fire protection, provide for instruction of pupils in the public and private schools carrying out a K through 12 program, or any part thereof, so that in case of sudden emergency they shall be able to leave their particular school

building in the shortest possible time or take such other steps as the particular emergency demands, and without confusion or panic; such rules and regulations shall be published and distributed to certificated personnel throughout the state whose duties shall include a familiarization therewith as well as the means of implementation thereof at their particular school.

(12) Hear and decide appeals as otherwise provided by law.

The state board of education is given the authority to promulgate information and rules dealing with the prevention of child abuse for purposes of curriculum use in the common schools. [1991 c 116 § 11; 1990 c 33 § 266. Prior: 1987 c 464 § 1; 1987 c 39 § 1; prior: 1986 c 266 § 86; 1986 c 149 § 3; 1984 c 40 § 2; 1979 ex.s. c 173 § 1; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 92 § 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 50; 1974 ex.s. c 92 § 1; 1971 ex.s. c 215 § 1; 1971 c 48 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.04.120; prior: 1963 c 32 § 1; 1961 c 47 § 1; prior: (i) 1933 c 80 § 1; 1915 c 161 § 1; 1909 c 97 p 236 § 5; 1907 c 240 § 3; 1903 c 104 § 12; 1897 c 118 § 27; 1895 c 150 § 1; 1890 p 352 § 8; Code 1881 § 3165; RRS § 4529. (ii) 1919 c 89 § 3; RRS § 4684. (iii) 1909 c 97 p 238 § 6; 1897 c 118 § 29; RRS § 4530. Formerly RCW 28A.04.120, 28.04.120, 28.58.280, 28.58.281, 28.58.282, 43.63.140.]

*Reviser's note: Powers, duties, and functions of the department of community development and the department of trade and economic development were transferred to the department of community, trade, and economic development by 1993 c 280, effective July 1, 1994.

Severability—1986 c 266: See note following RCW 38.52.005.

Severability—1984 c 40: See note following RCW 28A.195.050.

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 92: "If any provision of this 1976 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 92 § 6.]

Child abuse and neglect—Development of primary prevention program: RCW 28A.300.160.

Districts to develop programs and establish programs regarding child abuse and neglect prevention: RCW 28A.225.200.

Professional certification not to be required of superintendents, deputy or assistant superintendents: RCW 28A.410.120.

Use of force on children—Policy—Actions presumed unreasonable: RCW 9A.16.100.

28A.305.140 Waiver from provisions authorized. (Contingent expiration date.) (1) The self-study process requirements under *RCW 28A.320.200, the teacher classroom contact requirements under RCW 28A.150.260(4), and the program hour offerings requirements under RCW 28A.150.200 through 28A.150.220 shall be waived for school districts or individual schools within a district if the school district submits to the state board of education a plan for restructuring its educational program, or the educational program of individual schools within the district that includes:

(a) Specific standards for increased student learning that the district expects to achieve;

(b) How the district plans to achieve the higher standards, including timelines for implementation;

(c) How the district plans to determine if the higher standards are met;

(d) Evidence that the board of directors, teachers, administrators, and classified employees are committed to working cooperatively in implementing the plan;

(e) Evidence that opportunities were provided for parents and citizens to be involved in the development of the plan; and

(f) Identification of the state requirements that will be waived.

(2) Waivers granted by the state board of education under this section shall be renewed every three years upon the state board of education receiving a renewal request from the school district board of directors. Before filing the request, the school district shall conduct at least one public meeting to evaluate the educational programs that were implemented as a result of the waivers. The request to the state board of education shall include information regarding the activities and programs implemented as a result of the waivers, whether the higher standards for students are being achieved, and a summary of the comments received at the public meeting or meetings.

(3) If a school district intends to waive the program hour offerings under RCW 28A.150.220, it shall make available to students enrolled in kindergarten at least a total instructional offering of four hundred fifty hours. Each school district also shall make available to students enrolled in grades one through twelve at least a district-wide annual average total instructional hour offering of one thousand hours. A school district may schedule the last thirty instructional hours of any school year for noninstructional purposes in the case of students who are graduating from high school, including, but not limited to, the observance of graduation and early release from school upon the request of a student, and all such students may be claimed as full-time equivalent students to the extent they could otherwise have been so claimed for the purposes of RCW 28A.150.250 and 28A.150.260. The state board of education may define alternatives to classroom instructional time for students in grades nine through twelve enrolled in alternative learning experiences. The state board of education shall establish rules to determine annual average instructional hours for districts having fewer than twelve grades. The program shall include instruction in the essential academic learning requirements under RCW 28A.630.885 and other subjects and activities the school district determines to be appropriate.

(4) "Instructional hours" means those hours students are provided the opportunity to engage in educational activity planned by and under the direction of school district staff, as directed by the administration and board of directors of the district, inclusive of intermissions for class changes, recess, and teacher/parent-guardian conferences that are planned and scheduled by the district for the purpose of discussing students' educational needs or progress, and exclusive of time actually spent for meals. [1992 c 141 § 302; 1990 c 33 § 267; 1985 c 349 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.04.127.]

*Reviser's note: RCW 28A.320.200 was repealed by 1992 c 141 § 506, effective September 1, 1998.

Contingent expiration date—1992 c 141 § 302: "Section 302, chapter 141, Laws of 1992 shall expire September 1, 2000, unless by September 1, 2000, a law is enacted stating that a school accountability and academic assessment system is not in place." [1994 c 245 § 11; 1992 c 141 § 508.]

Findings—Part headings—Severability—1992 c 141: See notes following RCW 28A.410.040.

Severability—1985 c 349: See note following RCW 28A.630.800.

28A.305.140 Waiver from provisions of RCW 28A.150.200 through 28A.150.220 authorized. (Contingent effective date.) The state board of education may grant waivers to school districts from the provisions of RCW 28A.150.200 through 28A.150.220 on the basis that such waiver or waivers are necessary to implement successfully a local plan to provide for all students in the district an effective education system that is designed to enhance the educational program for each student. The local plan may include alternative ways to provide effective educational programs for students who experience difficulty with the regular education program.

The state board shall adopt criteria to evaluate the need for the waiver or waivers. [1990 c 33 § 267; 1985 c 349 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.04.127.]

Severability—1985 c 349: See note following RCW 28A.630.800.

28A.305.145 Application process for waivers under RCW 28A.305.140. School districts may use the application process in RCW 28A.300.138 to apply for waivers under RCW 28A.305.140. [1993 c 336 § 302.]

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

28A.305.150 Classification, numbering system of school districts—Rules and regulations for. The state board of education is hereby empowered, and it shall be the duty of said board, to prescribe rules and regulations governing the classification and numbering system of school districts, except as otherwise provided by law. [1971 c 54 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.04.130. Prior: 1917 c 21 § 2; RRS § 4711. Formerly RCW 28A.04.130, 28.04.130, 28.01.040, part; 43.63.150.]

Severability—1971 c 54: "If any provision of this 1971 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1971 c 54 § 2.]

28A.305.160 Rules and regulations incorporating due process guarantees of pupils—Informal due process procedures when suspension of students. The state board of education shall adopt and distribute to all school districts lawful and reasonable rules and regulations prescribing the substantive and procedural due process guarantees of pupils in the common schools. Such rules and regulations shall authorize a school district to use informal due process procedures in connection with the short term suspension of students to the extent constitutionally permissible: PROVIDED, That the state board deems the interest of students to be adequately protected. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 97 § 1; 1971 ex.s. c 268 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.04.132.]

28A.305.170 Rules and regulations accepting national guard high school career training. In addition to any other powers and duties as provided by law, the state board of education shall adopt rules and regulations governing and authorizing the acceptance of national guard high school career training in lieu of either required high school credits or elective high school credits. Students enrolled in such national guard programs shall be considered enrolled in

the common school last attended preceding enrollment in such national guard program. [1975 1st ex.s. c 262 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.04.133.]

28A.305.190 Eligibility to take general educational development test. The state board of education shall adopt rules governing the eligibility of a child sixteen years of age and under nineteen years of age to take the general educational development test if the child provides a substantial and warranted reason for leaving the regular high school education program, or if the child was home-schooled. [1993 c 218 § 1; 1991 c 116 § 5; 1973 c 51 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.04.135.]

Severability—1973 c 51: See note following RCW 28A.225.010.

Waiver of fees or residency requirements at community colleges for students completing a high school education: RCW 28B.15.520.

28A.305.200 Seal. The state board of education shall adopt a seal which shall be kept in the office of the superintendent of public instruction. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.04.140. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 238 § 7; RRS § 4531. Formerly RCW 28A.04.140, 28.04.140, 28.01.040, part; 43.63.160.]

28A.305.210 Assistance of educational service district boards and superintendents—Scope. The state board of education, by rule or regulation, may require the assistance of educational service district boards and/or superintendents in the performance of any duty, authority, or power imposed upon or granted to the state board of education by law, upon such terms and conditions as the state board of education shall establish. Such authority to assist the state board of education shall be limited to the service function of information collection and dissemination and the attestation to the accuracy and completeness of submitted information. [1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 51; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 30. Formerly RCW 28A.04.145.]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.305.220 Development of standardized high school transcripts—School districts to inform students of importance. (1) The state board of education shall develop for use by all public school districts a standardized high school transcript. The state board of education shall establish clear definitions for the terms "credits" and "hours" so that school programs operating on the quarter, semester, or trimester system can be compared.

(2) Transcripts are important documents to students who will apply for admission to postsecondary institutions of higher education. Transcripts are also important to students who will seek employment upon or prior to graduation from high school. It is recognized that student transcripts may be the only record available to employers in their decision-making processes regarding prospective employees. The superintendent of public instruction shall require school districts to inform annually all high school students that prospective employers may request to see transcripts and that the prospective employee's decision to release transcripts can be an important part of the process of applying for employment. [1984 c 178 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.04.155.]

High school diplomas—Receiving final transcript optional: RCW 28A.230.120.

28A.305.230 Program standards for professional programs—Instruction in child abuse issues encouraged. The legislature finds that learning is more difficult for many children because they are the victims of child abuse. Educators are often in a position to identify and assist these children in coping with their unfortunate circumstances. Educators should be trained to deal with this responsibility. The legislature, therefore, encourages the state board of education to include in its program standards for professional preparation programs instruction in child abuse issues. [1985 c 419 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.04.165.]

Severability—1985 c 419: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1985 c 419 § 7.]

28A.305.240 Professional development preparation—Enhancement of agreements between schools or school districts and institutions of higher education. In developing the standards under RCW 28A.410.040, 28A.410.050, and 28A.410.150 through 28A.410.190, the state board of education shall review ways to strengthen program unit functions and processes to enhance cooperative agreements between public or private institutions of higher education and schools or school districts. [1990 c 33 § 268; 1987 c 525 § 217. Formerly RCW 28A.04.176.]

Intent—Short title—1987 c 525 §§ 202-233: See notes following RCW 28A.410.020.

Severability—1987 c 525: See note following RCW 28A.300.050.

28A.305.245 Teacher preparation program faculty—Instruction in K-12 classrooms. In addition to other approval requirements for teacher preparation programs under RCW 28A.305.130(1), the state board of education shall require that the program annually develop and implement a plan to increase the level of collaboration and interaction between the program's faculty and K-12 schools in the state. The plan shall require, to the maximum extent feasible, that each member of the faculty annually provide instruction in K-12 classrooms. [1991 c 259 § 3.]

Findings—1991 c 259: "The legislature finds that the demands on teachers in the K-12 schools are evolving as society changes. Factors such as the increase in the number of single-parent households, drug and alcohol abuse, high dropout rates, and increasing rates of crime, among other things, are changing the nature of the teaching enterprise. The legislature also finds that college and university faculty engaged in training prospective teachers need to have first-hand experience of the nature of this changing enterprise. The legislature finds that a recently certified teacher in the K-12 system is required to engage in continuing education in order to stay current in his or her field. The legislature intends to require higher education faculty whose primary responsibility is teaching prospective teachers to engage in a form of public service and continuing education by teaching in the public schools." [1991 c 259 § 1.]

28A.305.250 Review of interstate reciprocity provisions for consistency with professional educator requirements—Advice to governor and legislature. The state board of education and the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall review the provisions of the interstate agreement on qualifications of educational personnel under chapter 28A.690 RCW, and advise the governor

and the legislature on which interstate reciprocity provisions will require amendment to be consistent with RCW 28A.410.040 and 28A.410.050 by January 1, 1992. [1990 c 33 § 269; 1989 c 11 § 4; 1987 c 525 § 226. Formerly RCW 28A.04.178.]

Severability—1989 c 11: See note following RCW 9A.56.220.

Intent—Short title—1987 c 525 §§ 202-233: See notes following RCW 28A.410.020.

Severability—1987 c 525: See note following RCW 28A.300.050.

28A.305.280 Forum for education issues. In exercising the state board of education's authority to establish high school credit equivalencies for credits earned at institutions of higher education, the state board of education has highlighted the need for an ongoing forum that encourages the various education entities to provide each other with advice and counsel as rules and policies are adopted that have implications for students in all sectors of the state's education system. The legislature appreciates the willingness of the state board of education to consider any recommendations from the task force created in RCW 28A.305.285 and to delay until September 1995, implementation of its rule establishing course equivalencies. Ultimately the issue of credit equivalencies must be decided within the broad context of education reform and the desire of the legislature to provide options for students to move through the system without meeting bureaucratic barriers to individual educational success. [1994 c 222 § 1.]

Effective date—1994 c 222: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [April 1, 1994]." [1994 c 222 § 4.]

28A.305.285 Forum for education issues—Task force—Report on credit equivalencies. (1) By May 1, 1994, or as soon as possible thereafter, the higher education coordinating board and the state board of education shall convene a task force creating a forum for ongoing discussion of curriculum issues that transect higher education and the common schools. In selecting members of the task force, the boards shall consult the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the commission on student learning, the state board for community and technical colleges, the work force training and education coordinating board, the Washington council on high school-college relations, representatives of the four-year institutions, representatives of the school directors, the school and district administrators, teachers, higher education faculty, students, counselors, vocational directors, parents, and other interested organizations. The process shall be designed to provide advice and counsel to the appropriate boards on topics that may include but are not limited to: (a) The changing nature of educational instruction and crediting, and awarding appropriate credit for knowledge and competencies learned in a variety of ways in both institutions of higher education and high schools; (b) options for students to enroll in programs and institutions that will best meet the students' needs and educational goals; and (c) articulation agreements between institutions of higher education and high schools.

(2) By December 30, 1994, after considering the advice of the task force created in this section, the higher education coordinating board and the state board of education shall

report the recommendations on establishing credit equivalencies to the house of representatives and senate education and higher education committees. [1994 c 222 § 2.]

Effective date—1994 c 222: See note following RCW 28A.305.280.

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28A.310.010 Purpose. It shall be the intent and purpose of this chapter to establish educational service districts as regional agencies which are intended to:

(1) Provide cooperative and informational services to local school districts;

(2) Assist the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education in the performance of their respective statutory or constitutional duties; and

(3) Provide services to school districts and to the school for the deaf and the school for the blind to assure equal educational opportunities. [1988 c 65 § 1; 1977 ex.s. c 283 § 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 1; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.21.010, 28.19.500.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: "If any provision of this 1977 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1977 ex.s. c 283 § 26.]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: "If any provision of this 1971 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1971 ex.s. c 282 § 45.]

Rights preserved—1969 ex.s. c 176: "The amendment or repeal of any section referred to herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under the provisions of the statutes amended or repealed nor any rule, regulation or order adopted pursuant thereto nor as affecting any proceeding as instituted thereunder." [1969 ex.s. c 176 § 160.]

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: "If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1969 ex.s. c 176 § 161.]

28A.310.020 Changes in number of, boundaries—Initiating, hearings, considerations—Superintendent's duties. The state board of education upon its own initiative, or upon petition of any educational service district board, or upon petition of at least half of the district superintendents within an educational service district, or upon request of the superintendent of public instruction, may make changes in the number and boundaries of the educational service districts, including an equitable adjustment and transfer of any and all property, assets, and liabilities among the educational service districts whose boundaries and duties and responsibilities are increased and/or decreased by such changes, consistent with the purposes of RCW 28A.310.010: PROVIDED, That no reduction in the number of educational service districts will take effect after June 30, 1995, without a majority approval vote by the affected school directors voting in such election by mail ballot. Prior to making any such changes, the state board shall hold at least one public hearing on such proposed action and shall consider any recommendations on such proposed action.

The state board in making any change in boundaries shall give consideration to, but not be limited by, the following factors: Size, population, topography, and climate of the proposed district.

The superintendent of public instruction shall furnish personnel, material, supplies, and information necessary to enable educational service district boards and superintendents to consider the proposed changes. [1994 1st sp.s. c 6 § 513; 1993 sp.s. c 24 § 522; 1990 c 33 § 270; 1977 ex.s. c 283 § 2; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.21.020, 28.19.505.]

Severability—1994 1st sp.s. c 6: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1994 1st sp.s. c 6 § 904.]

Effective date—1994 1st sp.s. c 6: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [April 6, 1994]." [1994 1st sp.s. c 6 § 905.]

Severability—Effective dates—1993 sp.s. c 24: See notes following RCW 28A.165.070.

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—Rights preserved—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.030 ESD board—Members—Number, from board-member districts—Board-member district boundaries, determination of, changes in. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, in each educational service district there shall be an educational service district board consisting of seven members elected by the school directors of the

educational service district, one from each of seven educational service district board-member districts. Board-member districts in districts reorganized under RCW 28A.310.020, or as provided for in RCW 28A.310.120 and under this section, shall be initially determined by the state board of education. If a reorganization pursuant to RCW 28A.310.020 places the residence of a board member into another or newly created educational service district, such member shall serve on the board of the educational service district of residence and at the next election called by the secretary to the state board of education pursuant to RCW 28A.310.080 a new seven member board shall be elected. If the redrawing of board-member district boundaries pursuant to this chapter shall cause the resident board-member district of two or more board members to coincide, such board members shall continue to serve on the board and at the next election called by the secretary to the state board of education a new board shall be elected. The board-member districts shall be arranged so far as practicable on a basis of equal population, with consideration being given existing board members of existing educational service district boards. Each educational service district board member shall be elected by the school directors of each school district within the educational service district. Beginning in 1971 and every ten years thereafter, educational service district boards shall review and, if necessary, shall change the boundaries of board-member districts so as to provide so far as practicable equal representation according to population of such board-member districts and to conform to school district boundary changes: PROVIDED, That all board-member district boundaries, to the extent necessary to conform with this chapter, shall be immediately redrawn for the purposes of the next election called by the secretary to the state board of education following any reorganization pursuant to this chapter. Such district board, if failing to make the necessary changes prior to June 1 of the appropriate year, shall refer for settlement questions on board-member district boundaries to the state board of education, which, after a public hearing, shall decide such questions. [1990 c 33 § 271; 1977 ex.s. c 283 § 14; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 3; 1974 ex.s. c 75 § 1; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.21.030, 28.19.510.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 75: "If any provision of this 1974 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1974 ex.s. c 75 § 24.]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—Rights preserved—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

City, town, and district general elections—Exceptions—Special elections: RCW 29.13.020.

County auditor designated supervisor of certain elections: RCW 29.04.020.

Notice of election—Certification of measures: RCW 29.27.080.

28A.310.040 ESD board—Members—Terms. The term of office for each board member shall be four years and until a successor is duly elected and qualified. For the first election or an election following reorganization, board-member district positions numbered one, three, five, and

seven in each educational service district shall be for a term of four years and positions numbered two, four, and six shall be for a term of two years. [1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 5; 1974 ex.s. c 75 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.21.0303.]

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 75: See note following RCW 28A.310.030.

28A.310.050 ESD board—Members—Terms, when nine member board. Any educational service district board may elect by resolution of the board to increase the board member size to nine board members. In such case positions number eight and nine shall be filled at the next election called by the secretary to the state board of education, position numbered eight to be for a term of two years, position numbered nine to be for a term of four years. Thereafter the terms for such positions shall be for four years. [1977 ex.s. c 283 § 19; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 6; 1974 ex.s. c 75 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.21.0304.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 75: See note following RCW 28A.310.030.

28A.310.060 ESD board—Members—Terms, begin when—Vacancies, filling of. The term of every educational service district board member shall begin on the second Monday in January next following the election at which he or she was elected: PROVIDED, That a person elected to less than a full term pursuant to this section shall take office as soon as the election returns have been certified and he or she has qualified. In the event of a vacancy in the board from any cause, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment of a person from the same board-member district by the educational service district board. In the event that there are more than three vacancies in a seven-member board or four vacancies in a nine-member board, the state board of education shall fill by appointment sufficient vacancies so that there shall be a quorum of the board serving. Each appointed board member shall serve until his or her successor has been elected at the next election called by the secretary to the state board of education and has qualified. [1977 ex.s. c 283 § 20; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 7; 1974 ex.s. c 75 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.21.0305.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 75: See note following RCW 28A.310.030.

28A.310.070 ESD board—Members—Restriction on other service. No person shall serve as an employee of a school district or as a member of a board of directors of a common school district or as a member of the state board of education and as a member of an educational service district board at the same time. [1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 8; 1974 ex.s. c 75 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.21.0306.]

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 75: See note following RCW 28A.310.030.

28A.310.080 ESD board—Members—Elections, calling and notice of. On or before the twenty-fifth day of August, 1978, and not later than the twenty-fifth day of August of every subsequent year, the secretary to the state

board of education shall call an election to be held in each educational service district within which resides a member of the board of the educational service district whose term of office expires on the second Monday of January next following, and shall give written notice thereof to each member of the board of directors of each school district in such educational service district. Such notice shall include instructions, rules, and regulations established by the state board of education for the conduct of the election. [1977 ex.s. c 283 § 15. Formerly RCW 28A.21.031.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.090 ESD board—Members—Elections, filing of declarations of candidacy. Candidates for membership on an educational service district board shall file declarations of candidacy with the secretary to the state board of education on forms prepared by the secretary. Declarations of candidacy may be filed by person or by mail not earlier than the first day of September, nor later than the sixteenth day of September. The secretary to the state board of education may not accept any declaration of candidacy that is not on file in his or her office or is not postmarked before the seventeenth day of September. [1977 ex.s. c 283 § 16. Formerly RCW 28A.21.032.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.100 ESD board—Members—Elections, procedure—Certification of results. Each member of an educational service district board shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast at the election for all candidates for the position. All votes shall be cast by mail addressed to the secretary to the state board of education and no votes shall be accepted for counting if postmarked after the sixteenth day of October or if not postmarked or the postmark is not legible, if received by mail after the twenty-first day of October following the call of the election. The secretary to the state board of education and an election board comprised of three persons appointed by the state board of education shall count and tally the votes not later than the twenty-fifth day of October in the following manner: Each vote cast by a school director shall be accorded as one vote. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, then, not later than the first day of November, the secretary to the state board of education shall call a second election to be conducted in the same manner and at which the candidates shall be the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast. No vote cast at such second election shall be received for counting if postmarked after the sixteenth day of November or if not postmarked or the postmark is not legible, if received by mail after the twenty-first day of November and the votes shall be counted as hereinabove provided on the twenty-fifth day of November. The candidate receiving a majority of votes at any such second election shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie in such second election, the candidate elected shall be determined by a chance drawing of a nature established by the secretary to the state board of education. Within ten days following the count of votes in an election at which a member of an educational service district board is elected,

the secretary to the state board of education shall certify to the county auditor of the headquarters county of the educational service district the name or names of the persons elected to be members of the educational service district board. [1980 c 179 § 7; 1977 ex.s. c 283 § 17. Formerly RCW 28A.21.033.]

Severability—1980 c 179: See note following RCW 28A.305.010.

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.110 ESD board—Members—Elections, contest of. Any common school district board member eligible to vote for a candidate for membership on an educational service district or any candidate for the position, within ten days after the secretary to the state board of education's certification of election, may contest the election of the candidate pursuant to RCW 28A.305.070. [1990 c 33 § 272; 1977 ex.s. c 283 § 18. Formerly RCW 28A.21.034.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.120 ESD board—Return to seven member board. Any educational service district board which elects under RCW 28A.310.050 to increase the size of the educational service district board from seven to nine members, after at least four years, may elect by resolution of the board to return to a membership of seven educational service board members. In such case, at the next election a new board consisting of seven educational service board members shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. [1990 c 33 § 273; 1977 ex.s. c 283 § 21; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 9; 1974 ex.s. c 75 § 8; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.21.035.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 75: See note following RCW 28A.310.030.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.130 ESD board—Vacation of board member position because of failure to attend meetings. Absence of any educational service district board member from four consecutive regular meetings of the board, unless excused on account of sickness or otherwise authorized by resolution of the board, shall be sufficient cause for the members of the educational service district board to declare by resolution that such board member position is vacated. [1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 10; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.21.037.]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.140 School district to be entirely within single educational service district. Every school district must be included entirely within a single educational service district. If the boundaries of any school district within an educational service district are changed in any manner so as to extend the school district beyond the boundaries of that educational service district, the state board shall change the boundaries of the educational service districts so affected in a manner consistent with the purposes of RCW 28A.310.010

and this section. [1990 c 33 § 274; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 11; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 6; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.21.040, 28.19.515.]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—Rights preserved—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.150 ESD board—Members, qualification, oath, bond—Organization—Quorum. Every candidate for membership on a educational service district board shall be a registered voter and a resident of the board-member district for which such candidate files. On or before the date for taking office, every member shall make an oath or affirmation to support the Constitution of the United States and the state of Washington and to faithfully discharge the duties of the office according to the best of such member's ability. The members of the board shall not be required to give bond unless so directed by the state board of education. At the first meeting of newly elected members and after the qualification for office of the newly elected members, each educational service district board shall reorganize by electing a chair and a vice chair. A majority of all of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum. [1990 c 33 § 275; 1977 ex.s. c 283 § 22; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 12; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 7; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.21.050, 28.19.520.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—Rights preserved—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.160 ESD board—Reimbursement of members for expenses. The actual expenses of educational service board members in going to, returning from and attending meetings called or held pursuant to district business or while otherwise engaged in the performance of their duties under this chapter shall be paid; all such claims shall be approved by the educational service district board and paid from the budget of the educational service district. [1977 ex.s. c 283 § 3; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34 § 68; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 13; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 8; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.21.060, 28.19.525.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Effective date—Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34: See notes following RCW 2.08.115.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—Rights preserved—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.170 ESD superintendent—Appointment, procedure—Term, salary, discharge—ESD superintendent review committee. (1) Every educational service district board shall employ and set the salary of an educational service district superintendent who shall be employed by a written contract for a term to be fixed by the board, but not to exceed three years, and who may be discharged for sufficient cause.

(2) There is hereby established within each educational service district an educational service district superintendent review committee. Such review committee shall be composed of two school district superintendents from within the educational service district selected by the educational service district board and a representative of the state superintendent of public instruction selected by the state superintendent of public instruction.

(3) Prior to the employment by the educational service district board of a new educational service district superintendent, the review committee shall screen all applicants for the position and recommend to the board a list of three candidates. The educational service district board shall select the new superintendent from the list of three candidates or shall reject the entire list and request the review committee to submit three additional candidates, and the educational service district board shall repeat this process until a superintendent is selected. [1985 c 341 § 7; 1977 ex.s. c 283 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.21.071.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.180 ESD board—Compliance with rules and regulations—Depository and distribution center—Cooperative service programs, joint purchasing programs, and direct student service programs including pupil transportation. In addition to other powers and duties as provided by law, every educational service district board shall:

(1) Comply with rules or regulations of the state board of education and the superintendent of public instruction.

(2) If the district board deems necessary, establish and operate for the schools within the boundaries of the educational service district a depository and distribution center for films, tapes, charts, maps, and other instructional material as recommended by the school district superintendents within the service area of the educational service district: PROVIDED, That the district may also provide the services of the depository and distribution center to private schools within the district so long as such private schools pay such fees that reflect actual costs for services and the use of instructional materials as may be established by the educational service district board.

(3) Establish cooperative service programs for school districts within the educational service district and joint purchasing programs for schools within the educational service district pursuant to RCW 28A.320.080(3): PROVIDED, That on matters relating to cooperative service programs the board and superintendent of the educational service district shall seek the prior advice of the superintendents of local school districts within the educational service district.

(4) Establish direct student service programs for school districts within the educational service district including pupil transportation. However, for the provision of state-funded pupil transportation for special education cooperatives programs for special education conducted under RCW 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100, the educational service district, with the consent of the participating school districts, shall be entitled to receive directly state apportionment funds for that purpose: PROVIDED, That the board of directors and superintendent of a local school district request the educational service district to perform said service or

services: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the educational service district board of directors and superintendents agree to provide the requested services: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the provisions of chapter 39.34 RCW are strictly adhered to: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the educational service district board of directors may contract with the school for the deaf and the school for the blind to provide transportation services. [1990 c 33 § 276; 1988 c 65 § 2; 1987 c 508 § 3; 1982 c 46 § 1; 1979 ex.s. c 66 § 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 16; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 11. Formerly RCW 28A.21.086.]

Severability—1979 ex.s. c 66: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1979 ex.s. c 66 § 3.]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.190 ESD board—Teachers' institutes, directors' meetings—Cooperation with state supervisor—Certification of data. In addition to other powers and duties as provided by law, every educational service district board shall:

(1) If the district board deems necessary, hold each year one or more teachers' institutes as provided for in RCW 28A.415.010 and one or more school directors' meetings.

(2) Cooperate with the state supervisor of special aid for handicapped children as provided in RCW 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100.

(3) Certify statistical data as basis for apportionment purposes to county and state officials as provided in chapter 28A.545 RCW.

(4) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law or rule or regulation of the state board of education and/or the superintendent of public instruction as provided in RCW 28A.300.030 and 28A.305.210. [1990 c 33 § 277; 1983 c 56 § 2; 1981 c 103 § 2; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 17; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 12. Formerly RCW 28A.21.088.]

Severability—1983 c 56: See note following RCW 28A.195.010.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.200 ESD board—District budgets—Meetings—Personnel approval—Employee bonds—School district boundary transcripts—Acquisition and disposal of property—Cooperative and informational services—Bylaws, rules—Contractual authority. In addition to other powers and duties as provided by law, every educational service district board shall:

(1) Approve the budgets of the educational service district in accordance with the procedures provided for in this chapter.

(2) Meet regularly according to the schedule adopted at the organization meeting and in special session upon the call of the chair or a majority of the board.

(3) Approve the selection of educational service district personnel and clerical staff as provided in RCW 28A.310.230.

(4) Fix the amount of and approve the bonds for those educational service district employees designated by the board as being in need of bonding.

(5) Keep in the educational service district office a full and correct transcript of the boundaries of each school district within the educational service district.

(6) Acquire by borrowing funds or by purchase, lease, devise, bequest, and gift and otherwise contract for real and personal property necessary for the operation of the educational service district and to the execution of the duties of the board and superintendent thereof and sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of that property not necessary for district purposes. No real property shall be acquired or alienated without the prior approval of the state board of education and the acquisition or alienation of all such property shall be subject to such provisions as the board may establish. When borrowing funds for the purpose of acquiring property, the educational service district board shall pledge as collateral the property to be acquired. Borrowing shall be evidenced by a note or other instrument between the district and the lender. The authority to borrow under this subsection shall be limited to educational service districts serving a minimum of two hundred thousand students in grades kindergarten through twelve.

(7) Under RCW 28A.310.010, upon the written request of the board of directors of a local school district or districts served by the educational service district, the educational service district board of directors may provide cooperative and informational services not in conflict with other law that provide for the development and implementation of programs, activities, services, or practices that support the education of preschool through twelfth grade students in the public schools or that support the effective, efficient, or safe management and operation of the school district or districts served by the educational service district.

(8) Adopt such bylaws and rules and regulations for its own operation as it deems necessary or appropriate.

(9) Enter into contracts, including contracts with common and educational service districts and the school for the deaf and the school for the blind for the joint financing of cooperative service programs conducted pursuant to RCW 28A.310.180(3), and employ consultants and legal counsel relating to any of the duties, functions, and powers of the educational service districts. [1993 c 298 § 1. Prior: 1990 c 159 § 1; 1990 c 33 § 278; 1988 c 65 § 3; 1983 c 56 § 3; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 18; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 13; 1971 c 53 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 9. Formerly RCW 28A.21.090, 28.19.540.]

Severability—1983 c 56: See note following RCW 28A.195.010.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—1971 c 53: See note following RCW 28A.315.400.

Severability—Rights preserved—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.210 ESD board—Payment of member expenses—Payment of dues into state-wide association of board members, restrictions. In addition to other powers and duties prescribed by law every educational service district board shall be authorized to:

(1) Pay the expenses of its members in accordance with law for attendance at state-wide meetings of educational service district board members.

(2) Pay dues from educational service district funds in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars per board

member per year for membership in a state-wide association of educational service district board members: PROVIDED, That dues to such an association shall not be paid unless the formation of such an association, including its constitution and bylaws, is approved by a resolution passed by at least two-thirds of the educational service district boards within the state: PROVIDED FURTHER, That such association if formed shall not employ any staff but shall contract either with the Washington state school directors' association or with the superintendent of public instruction for staff and informational services. [1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 19; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 14. Formerly RCW 28A.21.092.]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.220 ESD board—Delegation of powers and duties to superintendent. Each educational service district board, by written order filed in the headquarters office, may delegate to the educational service district superintendent any of the powers and duties vested in or imposed upon the board by law or rule or regulation of the state board of education and/or the superintendent of public instruction. Such delegated powers and duties shall not be in conflict with rules or regulations of the superintendent of public instruction or the state board of education and may be exercised by the educational service district superintendent in the name of the board. [1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 20; 1974 ex.s. c 75 § 9; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 15. Formerly RCW 28A.21.095.]

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 75: See note following RCW 28A.310.030.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.230 Assistant superintendents and other personnel—Appointment, salaries, duties. The educational service district superintendent may appoint with the consent of the educational service district board assistant superintendents and such other professional personnel and clerical help as may be necessary to perform the work of the office at such salaries as may be determined by the educational service district board and shall pay such salaries out of the budget of the district. In the absence of the educational service district superintendent a designated assistant superintendent shall perform the duties of the office. The educational service district superintendent shall have the authority to appoint on an acting basis an assistant superintendent to perform any of the duties of the office. [1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 21; 1974 ex.s. c 75 § 10; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 16; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 10. Formerly RCW 28A.21.100, 28.19.545.]

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 75: See note following RCW 28A.310.030.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—Rights preserved—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

Job sharing: RCW 28A.405.070.

28A.310.240 Employee leave policy required. (1) Every educational service district board shall adopt written policies granting leaves to persons under contracts of employment with the district in positions requiring either

certification or noncertification qualifications, including but not limited to leaves for attendance at official or private institutes and conferences and sabbatical leaves for employees in positions requiring certification qualification, and leaves for illness, injury, bereavement, and emergencies for both certificated and noncertificated employees, with such compensation as the board prescribes. The board shall adopt written policies granting annual leave with compensation for illness, injury, and emergencies as follows:

(a) For persons under contract with the district for a full fiscal year, at least ten days;

(b) For persons under contract with the district as part-time employees, at least that portion of ten days as the total number of days contracted for bears to one hundred eighty days;

(c) For certificated and noncertificated employees, annual leave with compensation for illness, injury, and emergencies shall be granted and accrue at a rate not to exceed twelve days per fiscal year. Provisions of any contract in force on July 23, 1989, which conflict with requirements of this subsection shall continue in effect until contract expiration; after expiration, any new contract executed between the parties shall be consistent with this subsection;

(d) Compensation for leave for illness or injury actually taken shall be the same as the compensation the person would have received had the person not taken the leave provided in this section;

(e) Leave provided in this section not taken shall accumulate from fiscal year to fiscal year up to a maximum of one hundred eighty days for the purposes of RCW 28A.310.490, and for leave purposes up to a maximum of the number of contract days agreed to in a given contract, but not greater than one fiscal year. Such accumulated time may be taken at any time during the fiscal year, or up to twelve days per year may be used for the purpose of payments for unused sick leave; and

(f) Accumulated leave under this section shall be transferred to educational service districts, school districts, and the office of the superintendent of public instruction, and from any such district or office to another such district or office. An intervening customary summer break in employment or the performance of employment duties shall not preclude such a transfer.

(2) Leave accumulated by a person in a district prior to leaving the district may, under rules of the board, be granted to the person when the person returns to the employment of the district.

(3) Leave for illness or injury accumulated before July 23, 1989, under the administrative practices of an educational service district, and such leave transferred before July 23, 1989, to or from an educational service district, school district, or the office of the superintendent of public instruction under the administrative practices of the district or office, is declared valid and shall be added to such leave for illness or injury accumulated after July 23, 1989. [1990 c 33 § 279; 1989 c 208 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.21.102.]

28A.310.250 Certificated employees of district—Contracts of employment—Nonrenewal of contracts. No certificated employee of an educational service district shall

be employed as such except by written contract, which shall be in conformity with the laws of this state. Every such contract shall be made in duplicate, one copy of which shall be retained by the educational service district superintendent and the other shall be delivered to the employee.

Every educational service district superintendent or board determining that there is probable cause or causes that the employment contract of a certificated employee thereof is not to be renewed for the next ensuing term shall be notified in writing on or before May 15th preceding the commencement of such term of that determination, which notification shall specify the cause or causes for nonrenewal of contract. Such notice shall be served upon that employee personally, or by certified or registered mail, or by leaving a copy of the notice at the house of his or her usual abode with some person of suitable age and discretion then resident therein. The procedure and standards for the review of the decision of the hearing officer, superintendent or board and appeal therefrom shall be as prescribed for nonrenewal cases of teachers in RCW 28A.405.210, 28A.405.300 through 28A.405.380, and 28A.645.010. Appeals may be filed in the superior court of any county in the educational service district. [1990 c 33 § 280; 1977 ex.s. c 283 § 7; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 22; 1974 ex.s. c 75 § 11; 1971 c 48 § 6; 1969 ex.s. c 34 § 19. Formerly RCW 28A.21.105.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 75: See note following RCW 28A.310.030.

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

28A.310.260 Certificated employees of district—Adverse change in contract status—Notice—Probable cause—Review—Appeal. Every educational service district superintendent or board determining that there is probable cause or causes for a certificated employee or superintendent, hereinafter referred to as employee, of that educational service district to be discharged or otherwise adversely affected in his or her contract status shall notify such employee in writing of its decision, which notice shall specify the cause or causes for such action. Such notice shall be served upon that employee personally, or by certified or registered mail, or by leaving a copy of the notice at the house of his or her usual abode with some person of suitable age and discretion then resident therein. The procedure and standards for review of the decision of the superintendent or board and appeal therefrom shall be as prescribed in discharge cases of teachers in RCW 28A.405.210, 28A.405.300 through 28A.405.380, and 28A.645.010. The board and the educational service district superintendent, respectively, shall have the duties of the boards of directors and superintendents of school districts in RCW 28A.405.210, 28A.405.300 through 28A.405.380, and 28A.645.010. Appeals may be filed in the superior court of any county in the educational service district. [1990 c 33 § 281; 1977 ex.s. c 283 § 8; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 23; 1974 ex.s. c 75 § 12; 1971 c 48 § 7; 1969 ex.s. c 34 § 20. Formerly RCW 28A.21.106.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 75: See note following RCW 28A.310.030.

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

28A.310.270 ESD superintendent's powers and duties—Generally. In addition to other powers and duties as provided by law, each educational service district superintendent shall:

(1) Serve as chief executive officer of the educational service district and secretary of the educational service district board.

(2) Visit the schools in the educational service district, counsel with directors and staff, and assist in every possible way to advance the educational interest in the educational service district. [1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 24; 1974 ex.s. c 75 § 13; 1972 ex.s. c 3 § 1; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 17; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 11. Formerly RCW 28A.21.110, 28.19.550.]

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 75: See note following RCW 28A.310.030.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—Rights preserved—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.280 ESD superintendent's powers and duties—Records and reports. In addition to other powers and duties as provided by law, each educational service district superintendent shall:

(1) Perform such record keeping, including such annual reports as may be required, and liaison and informational services to local school districts and the superintendent of public instruction as required by rule or regulation of the superintendent of public instruction or state board of education: PROVIDED, That the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education may require some or all of the school districts to report information directly when such reporting procedures are deemed desirable or feasible.

(2) Keep records of official acts of the educational service district board and superintendents in accordance with RCW 28A.21.120, as now or hereafter amended.

(3) Preserve carefully all reports of school officers and teachers and deliver to the successor of the office all records, books, documents, and papers belonging to the office either personally or through a personal representative, taking a receipt for the same, which shall be filed in the office of the county auditor in the county where the office is located. [1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 25; 1974 ex.s. c 75 § 14. Formerly RCW 28A.21.111.]

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 75: See note following RCW 28A.310.030.

28A.310.290 ESD superintendent's powers and duties—Oaths and affirmations. In addition to other powers and duties as provided by law, each educational service district superintendent shall:

(1) Administer oaths and affirmations to school directors, teachers, and other persons on official matters connected with or relating to schools, when appropriate, but not make or collect any charge or fee for so doing.

(2) Require the oath of office of all school district officers be filed as provided in RCW 28A.315.500 and furnish a directory of all such officers to the county auditor and to the county treasurer of the county in which the school

district is located as soon as such information can be obtained after the election or appointment of such officers is determined and their oaths placed on file. [1990 c 33 § 282; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 26; 1974 ex.s. c 75 § 15. Formerly RCW 28A.21.112.]

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 75: See note following RCW 28A.310.030.

28A.310.300 ESD superintendent's powers and duties—School district budgets—Compulsory attendance—Aid by nonhigh districts—School district organization. In addition to other powers and duties as provided by law, each educational service district superintendent shall:

(1) Assist the school districts in preparation of their budgets as provided in chapter 28A.505 RCW.

(2) Enforce the provisions of the compulsory attendance law as provided in RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.150, 28A.200.010, and 28A.200.020.

(3) Perform duties relating to capital fund aid by nonhigh districts as provided in chapter 28A.540 RCW.

(4) Carry out the duties and issue orders creating new school districts and transfers of territory as provided in chapter 28A.315 RCW.

(5) Perform all other duties prescribed by law and the educational service district board. [1990 c 33 § 283; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 27; 1974 ex.s. c 75 § 16. Formerly RCW 28A.21.113.]

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 75: See note following RCW 28A.310.030.

28A.310.310 Headquarters office—Records transferred, state board duties. The educational service district board shall designate the headquarters office of the educational service district. Educational service districts shall provide for their own office space, heating, contents insurance, electricity, and custodial services, which may be obtained through contracting with any board of county commissioners. Official records of the educational service district board and superintendent, including each of the county superintendents abolished by chapter 176, Laws of 1969 ex. sess., shall be kept by the educational service district superintendent. Whenever the boundaries of any of the educational service districts are reorganized pursuant to RCW 28A.310.020, the state board of education shall supervise the transferral of such records so that each educational service district superintendent shall receive those records relating to school districts within the appropriate educational service district. [1990 c 33 § 284; 1985 c 341 § 8; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 28; 1974 ex.s. c 75 § 17; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 18; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 12. Formerly RCW 28A.21.120, 28.19.555.]

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 75: See note following RCW 28A.310.030.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—Rights preserved—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.320 ESD superintendents, employees—Travel expenses and subsistence—Advance payment. For all actual and necessary travel in the performance of official duties and while in attendance upon meetings and conferenc-

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es, each educational service district superintendent and employee shall be reimbursed for their travel expenses in the amounts provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or hereafter amended. All claims shall be approved by the educational service district board and paid from the funds budgeted by the district. Each educational service district superintendent and employee may be advanced sufficient sums to cover their anticipated expenses in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the state auditor and which shall substantially conform to the procedures provided in RCW 43.03.150 through 43.03.210. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34 § 69; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 29; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 19; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 13. Formerly RCW 28A.21.130, 28.19.560.]

Effective date—Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34: See notes following RCW 2.08.115.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—Rights preserved—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.330 Budgeting procedures for districts. The superintendent of public instruction by rule and regulation shall adopt budgeting procedures for educational service districts modeled after the statutory procedures for school districts as provided in chapter 28A.505 RCW and in accordance with RCW 28A.310.340, 28A.310.350, and 28A.310.360. [1990 c 33 § 285; 1977 ex.s. c 283 § 12; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 30; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 20. Formerly RCW 28A.21.135.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.340 Identification of core services for budget purposes—Generally. It is the intent of the legislature that a basic core of uniform services be provided by educational service districts and be identified in statute so that biennial budget requests for educational service districts may be based upon measurable goals and needs. Educational service districts as noted in RCW 28A.310.010, are intended primarily to:

(1) Provide cooperative and informational services to local districts and to perform functions for those districts when such functions are more effectively or economically administered from the regional level;

(2) Assist the state educational agencies, office of superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education in the legal performance of their duties; and

(3) Assist in providing pupils with equal educational opportunities.

The purpose of RCW 28A.310.350 and 28A.310.360 is to further identify those core services in order to prepare educational service district budgets for the 1979-81 biennium, and those bienniums beyond. [1990 c 33 § 286; 1977 ex.s. c 283 § 9. Formerly RCW 28A.21.136.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.350 Identification of core services for budget purposes—Specific services listed. The basic core

services and cost upon which educational service districts are budgeted shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Educational service district administration and facilities such as office space, maintenance and utilities;

(2) Cooperative administrative services such as assistance in carrying out procedures to abolish sex and race bias in school programs, fiscal services, grants management services, special education services and transportation services;

(3) Personnel services such as certification/registration services;

(4) Learning resource services such as audio visual aids;

(5) Cooperative curriculum services such as health promotion and health education services, in-service training, workshops and assessment; and

(6) Special needs of local education agencies. [1977 ex.s. c 283 § 10. Formerly RCW 28A.21.137.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.360 Identification of core services for budget purposes—Formula utilized for ESD's biennial budget request. The superintendent of public instruction, pursuant to RCW 28A.310.330 shall prepare the biennial budget request for the operation of educational service districts based upon a formula using the following factors:

(1) The core service cost itemized in RCW 28A.310.350 which shall receive primary weighting for formula purposes;

(2) A weighting factor constituting a geographical factor which shall be used to weight the larger sized educational service districts for formula purposes; and

(3) A weighting factor which shall be based on the number and size of local school districts within each educational service district for formula purposes.

The sum of subsection (1) of this section, together with the weighting factors of subsections (2) and (3) of this section for each educational service district, shall reflect the variables among the educational service districts and when combined, a total budget for all educational service districts shall be the result. [1990 c 33 § 287; 1977 ex.s. c 283 § 11. Formerly RCW 28A.21.138.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.370 District budget—State funds, allocation of—District general expense fund—Created, deposits, expenditures. The superintendent of public instruction shall examine and revise the biennial budget request of each educational service district and shall fix the amount to be requested in state funds for the educational service district system from the legislature. Once funds have been appropriated by the legislature, the superintendent of public instruction shall fix the annual budget of each educational service district and shall allocate quarterly the state's portion from funds appropriated for that purpose to the county treasurer of the headquarters county of the educational service district for deposit to the credit of the educational service district general expense fund.

In each educational service district, there shall be an educational service district general expense fund into which there shall be deposited such moneys as are allocated by the

superintendent of public instruction under provisions of this chapter and other funds of the educational service district, and such moneys shall be expended according to the method used by first or second class school districts, whichever is deemed most feasible by the educational service district board. No vouchers for warrants other than moneys being distributed to the school districts shall be approved for expenditures not budgeted by the educational service district board. [1983 c 56 § 4; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 31; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 22; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 14. Formerly RCW 28A.21.140, 28.19.565.]

Severability—1983 c 56: See note following RCW 28A.195.010.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—Rights preserved—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.380 Funds combined into district general expense fund—Distribution formula when county part of more than one district—Distribution if change of district boundaries. All funds under the control of the office of each educational service district shall be combined into the educational service district general expense fund and deposited in the office of the county treasurer of the county in which the educational service district headquarters office is located. The superintendent of public instruction, by rule or regulation, shall provide by an established formula for the proper distribution of moneys received from the county current expense fund, the county institute fund, and the county circulating library fund in those counties which are a part of two or more educational service districts. In case the boundaries of any of the educational service districts are changed, the superintendent of public instruction shall order an equitable transfer of such funds from one educational service district to another which the superintendent of public instruction deems necessary to adjust for the increase and decrease in the operating costs of the respective districts for the balance of the fiscal year and shall certify to the county commissioners of the affected counties a new ratio for the appropriation of funds to the general expense funds of two or more educational service districts under *RCW 28A.21.180, as now or hereafter amended. [1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 32; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 23; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 16. Formerly RCW 28A.21.160, 28.19.575.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 28A.21.180 was repealed by 1983 c 56 § 16.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—Rights preserved—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.390 District budget request—Procedure for approval. The biennial budget request of each educational service district shall be approved by the respective educational service district board and then forwarded to the superintendent of public instruction for revision and approval as provided in RCW 28A.310.370. [1990 c 33 § 288; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 33; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 21; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 17. Formerly RCW 28A.21.170, 28.19.580.]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—Rights preserved—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.400 Legal services. The superintendent of public instruction shall be responsible for the provision of legal services to all educational service districts: PROVIDED, That any educational service district board may contract with any county for the legal services of its prosecuting attorney. [1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 35; 1974 ex.s. c 75 § 23. Formerly RCW 28A.21.195.]

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 75: See note following RCW 28A.310.030.

28A.310.410 Ex officio treasurer of district. The county treasurer of the county in which the headquarters office of the educational service district is located shall serve as the ex officio treasurer of the district. The treasurer shall keep all funds and moneys of the district separate and apart from all other funds and moneys in the treasurer's custody and shall disburse such moneys only upon proper order of the educational service district board or superintendent. [1990 c 33 § 289; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 36; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 21. Formerly RCW 28A.21.200, 28.19.595.]

Severability—Rights preserved—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.420 County or intermediate district superintendent and board employees to terminate or transfer employment—Benefits retained. As of July 1, 1969, employees of the various offices of county or intermediate district superintendent and county or intermediate district board shall terminate their employment therein, or such employees, at their election, may transfer their employment to the new intermediate school district in which their respective county is located. If such employment is so transferred, each employee shall retain the same leave benefits and other benefits that he or she had in his or her previous position. If the intermediate school district has a different system of computing leave benefits and other benefits, then the employee shall be granted the same leave and other benefits as a person will receive who would have had similar occupational status and total years of service with the new intermediate school district. [1990 c 33 § 290; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 22. Formerly RCW 28A.21.210, 28.19.600.]

Severability—Rights preserved—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.430 Local school district superintendents to advise board and superintendent. The superintendents of all local school districts within an educational service district shall serve in an advisory capacity to the educational service district board and superintendent in matters pertaining to budgets, programs, policy, and staff. [1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 37; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 28; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 23. Formerly RCW 28A.21.220, 28.19.605.]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Severability—Rights preserved—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.440 ESD as self-insurer—Authority. The board of directors of any educational service district is authorized to enter into agreements with the board of

directors of any local school district and/or other educational service districts to form a self-insurance group for the purpose of qualifying as a self-insurer under chapter 51.14 RCW. [1982 c 191 § 9. Formerly RCW 28A.21.255.]

Effective date—Severability—1982 c 191: See notes following RCW 28A.315.270.

Educational service districts as self-insurers: RCW 51.14.150 and 51.14.160.

28A.310.460 Contracts to lease building space and portable buildings and lease or have maintained security systems, computers and other equipment. The board of any educational service district may enter into contracts for their respective districts for periods not exceeding twenty years in duration with public and private persons, organizations, and entities for the following purposes:

(1) To rent or lease building space, portable buildings, security systems, computers and other equipment; and

(2) To have maintained and repaired security systems, computers and other equipment.

The budget of each educational service district shall identify that portion of each contractual liability incurred pursuant to this section extending beyond the fiscal year by amount, duration, and nature of the contracted service and/or item in accordance with rules and regulations of the superintendent of public instruction adopted pursuant to RCW 28A.310.330 and 28A.505.140. [1990 c 33 § 291; 1987 c 508 § 2; 1977 ex.s. c 210 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.21.310.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 210: See note following RCW 28A.335.170.

28A.310.470 Delegation to ESD of SPI program, project or service—Contract. The superintendent of public instruction may delegate to any educational service district or combination of educational service districts all or any portion of a program, project, or service authorized or directed by the legislature to be performed by the superintendent of public instruction: PROVIDED, That any such delegation shall be by contract pursuant to chapter 39.34 RCW, as now or hereafter amended. [1977 ex.s. c 283 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.21.350.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.480 Delegation to ESD of state board of education program, project or service—Contract. The state board of education may delegate to any educational service district or combination of educational service districts all or any portion of a program, project, or service authorized or directed by the legislature to be performed by the state board of education: PROVIDED, That any such delegation shall be by contract pursuant to chapter 39.34 RCW, as now or hereafter amended. [1977 ex.s. c 283 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.21.355.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.310.490 ESD employee attendance incentive program—Remuneration or benefit plan for unused sick leave. Every educational service district board of directors shall establish an attendance incentive program for all

certificated and noncertificated employees in the following manner.

(1) In January of the year following any year in which a minimum of sixty days of leave for illness or injury is accrued, and each January thereafter, any eligible employee may exercise an option to receive remuneration for unused leave for illness or injury accumulated in the previous year at a rate equal to one day's monetary compensation of the employee for each four full days of accrued leave for illness or injury in excess of sixty days. Leave for illness or injury for which compensation has been received shall be deducted from accrued leave for illness or injury at the rate of four days for every one day's monetary compensation. No employee may receive compensation under this section for any portion of leave for illness or injury accumulated at a rate in excess of one day per month.

(2) At the time of separation from educational service district employment due to retirement or death an eligible employee or the employee's estate shall receive remuneration at a rate equal to one day's current monetary compensation of the employee for each four full days accrued leave for illness or injury.

(3) In lieu of remuneration for unused leave for illness or injury as provided for in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, an educational service district board of directors may, with equivalent funds, provide eligible employees a benefit plan that provides reimbursement for medical expenses. Any benefit plan adopted after July 28, 1991, shall require, as a condition of participation under the plan, that the employee sign an agreement with the district to hold the district harmless should the United States government find that the district or the employee is in debt to the United States as a result of the employee not paying income taxes due on the equivalent funds placed into the plan, or as a result of the district not withholding or deducting any tax, assessment, or other payment on such funds as required under federal law.

Moneys or benefits received under this section shall not be included for the purposes of computing a retirement allowance under any public retirement system in this state.

The superintendent of public instruction in its administration hereof, shall promulgate uniform rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this section.

Should the legislature revoke any benefits granted under this section, no affected employee shall be entitled thereafter to receive such benefits as a matter of contractual right. [1991 c 92 § 1; 1989 c 69 § 1; 1985 c 341 § 9; 1980 c 182 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.21.360.]

Severability—1980 c 182: See note following RCW 41.04.340.

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School district boundary changes—Excess levies: RCW 84.09.037.

28A.315.010 Purpose. It is the intent and purpose of this chapter (1) to incorporate into a single, permanent, school district organization law all essential provisions governing the formation and establishment of new school districts, the alteration of the boundaries of existing districts, and the adjustment of the assets and liabilities of school districts when changes are made as aforesaid; and (2) to establish methods and procedures whereby the aforesaid changes in the school district system may be brought about by the people concerned and affected, all to the end that the territorial organization of school districts may be more readily adapted to the needs of the changing economic pattern and educational program in the state; that existing disparities among school districts in ability to provide current and capital outlay funds may be reduced and the educational opportunities of children thereby enhanced; and that a wiser use of public funds may be secured through improvement in the school district system. It is not the intent nor purpose of

this chapter to apply to organizational changes and the procedure therefor relating to capital fund aid by nonhigh districts as provided for in chapter 28A.540 RCW. [1990 c 33 § 292; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.010. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-20; prior: 1941 c 248 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 4709-1. Formerly RCW 28A.57.010, 28.57.010.]

28A.315.020 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Change in the organization and extent of school districts" means the formation and establishment of new school districts, the dissolution of existing school districts, the alteration of the boundaries of existing school districts, or all of them.

(2) "Regional committee" means the regional committee on school district organization created by this chapter.

(3) "State board" means the state board of education.

(4) "School district" means the territory under the jurisdiction of a single governing board designated and referred to as the board of directors.

(5) "Educational service district superintendent" means the educational service district superintendent as provided for in RCW 28A.310.170 or his or her designee. [1990 c 33 § 293; 1985 c 385 § 1; 1983 c 3 § 33; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 78; 1971 c 48 § 25; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.020. Prior: 1955 c 395 § 1; 1947 c 266 § 2; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-21. Formerly RCW 28A.57.020, 28.57.020.]

Severability—1985 c 385: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1985 c 385 § 41.]

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

28A.315.030 County regional committee members—Assignment of committee member position numbers. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, the term of office of each regional committee member and position shall expire as of the second Monday of January 1995. Each regional committee member position shall therefore be open for election purposes in 1994. Members of each regional committee shall be elected by majority vote and shall serve for the staggered terms of office set forth in RCW 28A.315.080 and until their successors are certified as elected pursuant to RCW 28A.315.060. Regional committee member position numbers shall be assigned by the educational service district superintendent for purposes of all elections held pursuant to RCW 28A.315.060. [1993 c 416 § 1; 1990 c 33 § 294; 1985 c 385 § 30. Formerly 28A.57.029.]

Effective date—1993 c 416: "This act shall take effect September 1, 1994." [1993 c 416 § 4.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

28A.315.040 Regional committees—Created. There is hereby created in each educational service district a committee which shall be known as the regional committee on school district organization, which committee shall be composed of not less than seven nor more than nine registered voters of the educational service district, the number to correspond with the number of board member districts established for the governance of the educational service district in which the regional committee is located. One

member of the regional committee shall be elected from the registered voters of each such educational service district board member district. [1985 c 385 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.030. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 11, part; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-30, part; prior: 1941 c 248 § 3, part; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 4709-3, part. Formerly RCW 28A.57.030, 28.57.030, part.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

28A.315.050 Regional committees—Membership limitation. Persons possessing the status of any of the following positions shall not be eligible to be a member of a regional committee: The superintendent of public instruction, a member of the state board of education, an educational service district superintendent, a member of a board of directors of a school district, a member of an educational service district board, a member of a governing board of either a private school or a private school district which conducts any grades kindergarten through twelve, officers appointed by any such governing board, and employees of a school district, an educational service district, the office of the superintendent of public instruction, a private school, or a private school district. [1985 c 385 § 3; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 79; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 115; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.031. Prior: 1947 c 226 § 11, part; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-30, part; prior: 1941 c 248 § 3, part; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 4709-3, part. Formerly RCW 28A.57.031, 28.57.030, part.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.060 Regional committees—Election of members—Qualifications. The members of each regional committee shall be elected in the following manner:

(1) On or before the 25th day of September, 1994, and not later than the 25th day of September of every subsequent even-numbered year, each superintendent of an educational service district shall call an election to be held in each educational service district within which resides a member of a regional committee whose term of office expires on the second Monday of January next following, and shall give written notice thereof to each member of the board of directors of each school district in the educational service district. Such notice shall include instructions, and the rules and regulations established by the state board of education for the conduct of the election. The state board of education is hereby empowered to adopt rules pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW which establish standards and procedures which the state board deems necessary to conduct elections pursuant to this section; to conduct run-off elections in the event an election for a position is indecisive; and to decide run-off elections which result in tie votes, in a fair and orderly manner.

(2) Candidates for membership on a regional committee shall file a declaration of candidacy with the superintendent of the educational service district wherein they reside. Declarations of candidacy may be filed by person or by mail not earlier than the 1st day of October, and not later than the 15th day of October of each even-numbered year. The superintendent may not accept any declaration of candidacy

that is not on file in his or her office or not postmarked before the 16th day of October, or if not postmarked or the postmark is not legible, if received by mail after the 20th day of October of each even-numbered year.

(3) Each member of the regional committee shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast for all candidates for the position by the members of the boards of directors of school districts in the educational service district. All votes shall be cast by mail ballot addressed to the superintendent of the educational service district wherein the school director resides. No votes shall be accepted for counting if postmarked after the 16th day of November or if not postmarked or the postmark is not legible, if received by mail after the 21st day of November of each even-numbered year. An election board comprised of three persons appointed by the board of the educational service district shall count and tally the votes not later than the 25th day of November or the next business day if the 25th falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday of each even-numbered year. Each vote cast by a school director shall be recorded as one vote. Within ten days following the count of votes, the educational service district superintendent shall certify to the superintendent of public instruction the name or names of the person(s) elected to be members of the regional committee.

(4) In the event of a change in the number of educational service districts or in the number of educational service district board members pursuant to chapter 28A.310 RCW a new regional committee shall be elected for each affected educational service district at the next election conducted pursuant to this section. Those persons who were serving on a regional committee within an educational service district affected by a change in the number of districts or board members shall continue to constitute the regional committee for the educational service district within which they are registered to vote until the majority of a new board has been elected and certified.

(5) No member of a regional committee shall continue to serve thereon if he or she ceases to be a registered voter of the educational service district board member district or if he or she is absent from three consecutive meetings of the committee without an excuse acceptable to the committee. [1993 c 416 § 2; 1990 c 33 § 295; 1985 c 385 § 4; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 15 § 1. Prior: 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 80; 1975 c 43 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 116; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.032; prior: 1947 c 226 § 11, part; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-30, part; prior: 1941 c 248 § 3, part; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 4709-3, part. Formerly RCW 28A.57.032, 28.57.030, part.]

Effective date—1993 c 416: See note following RCW 28A.315.030.

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.070 Regional committees—Vacancies, filling of. In case of a vacancy from any cause on a regional committee, the remaining members of the committee shall fill such vacancy by appointment pursuant to a majority vote of the remaining members: PROVIDED, That should there exist fewer members on a regional committee than constitutes a majority of the legally established commit-

tee member positions, the educational service district board members of the district in which the committee is located, by the vote of a majority of the members in its legally established number of board member positions, shall appoint a sufficient number of committee members to constitute a legal majority on the committee. Appointees to fill vacancies shall meet the requirements provided by law for committee members and shall serve until the next regular election for members of regional committees at which time a successor shall be elected for the balance of the unexpired term. [1985 c 385 § 5; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 81; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 117; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.033. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 11, part; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-30, part; prior: 1941 c 248 § 3, part; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 4709-3, part. Formerly RCW 28A.57.033, 28.57.030, part.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.080 Regional committees—Terms of members. The terms of members of the regional committees shall be for four years and until their successors are certified as elected. For the 1994 election conducted pursuant to RCW 28A.315.030 and the election of a new regional committee following a change in the number of educational service districts or board members, regional committee member positions one, three, five, seven, and nine shall be for a term of two years, positions two, four, six, and eight shall be for a term of four years. [1993 c 416 § 3; 1990 c 33 § 296; 1985 c 385 § 6; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.034. Prior: 1947 c 226 § 11, part; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-30, part; prior: 1941 c 248 § 3, part; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 4709-3, part. Formerly RCW 28A.57.034, 28.57.030, part.]

Effective date—1993 c 416: See note following RCW 28A.315.030.

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

28A.315.090 Regional committees—Members' expenses reimbursed. Members of each regional committee shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. [1985 c 385 § 7; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 118; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.035. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 11, part; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-30, part; prior: 1941 c 248 § 3, part; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 4709-3, part. Formerly RCW 28A.57.035, 28.57.030, part.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.100 Regional committees—Organization, meetings, quorum. Each regional committee shall organize by electing from its membership a chair and a vice chair. The educational service district superintendent shall be the secretary of the committee. Meetings of the committee shall be held upon call of the chair or of a majority of the members thereof. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum. [1990 c 33 § 297; 1985 c 385 § 8; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 82; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 119; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.040. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 12; Rem. Supp.

1947 § 4693-31; prior: 1941 c 248 § 4; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 4709-4. Formerly RCW 28A.57.040, 28.57.040.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.110 Regional committees—Powers and duties. The powers and duties of each regional committee shall be:

(1) To initiate, on its own motion and whenever it deems such action advisable, proposals or alternate proposals for changes in the organization and extent of school districts in the educational service district; to receive, consider, and revise, whenever in its judgment revision is advisable, proposals initiated by petition or presented to the committee by the educational service district superintendent as provided for in this chapter; to prepare and submit to the state board any of the aforesaid proposals that are found by the regional committee to provide for satisfactory improvement in the school district system of the educational service district and state; to prepare and submit with the aforesaid proposals, a map showing the boundaries of existing school districts affected by any proposed change and the boundaries, including a description thereof, of each proposed new school district or of each existing school district as enlarged or diminished by any proposed change, or both, and a summary of the reasons for the proposed change; and such other reports, records, and materials as the state board may request. The committee may utilize as a basis of its proposals and changes that comprehensive plan for changes in the organization and extent of the school districts of the county prepared and submitted to the state board prior to September 1, 1956, or, if the then county committee found, after considering the factors listed in RCW 28A.315.120, that no changes in the school district organization of the county were needed, the report to this effect submitted to the state board.

(2)(a) To make an equitable adjustment of the property and other assets and of the liabilities, including bonded indebtedness and excess tax levies as otherwise authorized under this section, as to the old school districts and the new district or districts, if any, involved in or affected by a proposed change in the organization and extent of the school districts; and (b) to make an equitable adjustment of the bonded indebtedness outstanding against any of the aforesaid districts whenever in its judgment such adjustment is advisable, as to all of the school districts involved in or affected by any change heretofore or hereafter effected; and (c) to provide that territory transferred from a school district by a change in the organization and extent of school districts shall either remain subject to, or be relieved of, any one or more excess tax levies which are authorized for the school district under RCW 84.52.053 before the effective date of the transfer of territory from the school district; and (d) to provide that territory transferred to a school district by a change in the organization and extent of school districts shall either be made subject to, or be relieved of, any one or more excess tax levies which are authorized for the school district under RCW 84.52.053 before the effective date of the transfer of territory to the school district; and (e) to submit to the state board the proposed terms of adjustment and a

statement of the reasons therefor in each case. In making the adjustments herein provided for, the regional committee shall consider the number of children of school age resident in and the assessed valuation of the property located in each school district and in each part of a district involved or affected; the purpose for which the bonded indebtedness of any school district was incurred; the value, location, and disposition of all improvements located in the school districts involved or affected; and any other matters which in the judgment of the committee are of importance or essential to the making of an equitable adjustment.

(3) To hold and keep a record of a public hearing or public hearings (a) on every proposal for the formation of a new school district or for the transfer from one existing district to another of any territory in which children of school age reside or for annexation of territory when the conditions set forth in RCW 28A.315.290 or 28A.315.320 prevail; and (b) on every proposal for adjustment of the assets and of the liabilities of school districts provided for in this chapter. Three members of the regional committee or two members of the committee and the educational service district superintendent may be designated by the committee to hold any public hearing that the committee is required to hold. The regional committee shall cause notice to be given, at least ten days prior to the date appointed for any such hearing, in one or more newspapers of general circulation within the geographical boundaries of the school districts affected by the proposed change or adjustment. In addition notice may be given by radio and television, or either thereof, when in the committee's judgment the public interest will be served thereby.

(4) To prepare and submit to the superintendent of public instruction from time to time or, upon his or her request, reports and recommendations respecting the urgency of need for school plant facilities, the kind and extent of the facilities required, and the development of improved local school administrative units and attendance areas in the case of school districts that seek state assistance in providing school plant facilities. [1991 c 288 § 2. Prior: 1990 c 161 § 2; 1990 c 33 § 298; 1987 c 100 § 1; 1985 c 385 § 9; 1985 c 6 § 1; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 15 § 2; prior: 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 83; 1975 c 43 § 4; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 120; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.050; prior: 1959 c 268 § 2, part; 1955 c 395 § 2, part; 1947 c 266 § 13, part; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 4693-32, part; prior: 1941 c 248 § 5, part; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 4709-5, part. Formerly RCW 28A.57.050, 28.57.050, part.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

Department of community, trade, and economic development: Chapter 43.330 RCW.

28A.315.120 Regional committees—Recommendations—Standards. Each regional committee, in carrying out the purposes of RCW 28A.315.110, shall base its judgment and recommendations, if any, to the state board of education, upon such standards and considerations as are established by the state board of education pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW for the preparation of recommended

changes in the organization and extent of school districts and terms of adjustment as provided for in RCW 28A.315.110. Such rules and regulations shall provide for giving consideration: (1) To equalization of the educational opportunities of pupils and to economies in the administration and operation of schools through the formation of larger units of administration and areas of attendance; (2) to equalization among school districts of the tax burden for general fund and capital purposes through a reduction in disparities in per-pupil valuation; (3) to geographical and other features, including, but not limited to such physical characteristics as mountains, lakes and rivers, waste land, climatic conditions, highways, and means of transportation; (4) to the convenience and welfare of pupils, including but not limited to remoteness or isolation of their places of residence and time required to travel to and from school; (5) to improvement of the educational opportunities of pupils through improvement and extension of school programs and through better instruction facilities, equipment, materials, libraries, and health and other services; (6) to equalization of the burden of financing the cost of high school facilities through extension of the boundaries of high school districts to include within each such district all of the territory served by the high school located therein: PROVIDED, That a nonhigh school district may be excluded from a plan if such district is found by the regional committee and the state board to be so situated with respect to location, present and clearly foreseeable future population, and other pertinent factors as to warrant the establishment and operation of a high school therein or the inclusion of its territory in a new district formed for the purpose of establishing and operating a high school; (7) to the future effective utilization of existing satisfactory school buildings, sites, and playfields; the adequacy of such facilities located in the proposed new district; and additional facilities required if such proposed district is formed; and (8) to any other matters which in the judgment of the state board of education are related to or may operate to further equalization and improvement of school facilities and services, economies in operating and capital fund expenditures, and equalization among school districts of tax rates for school purposes. [1990 c 33 § 299; 1985 c 385 § 10; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.055. Prior: 1959 c 268 § 2, part; 1955 c 395 § 2, part; 1947 c 266 § 13, part; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 4693-32, part; prior: 1941 c 248 § 5, part; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 4709-5, part. Formerly RCW 28A.57.055, 28.57.050, part.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

28A.315.130 Changing conflicting or incorrectly described school district boundaries. In case the boundaries of any of the school districts are conflicting or incorrectly described, the regional committee on school organization after due notice and a public hearing, shall change, harmonize, and describe them and shall so certify, with a complete transcript of boundaries of all districts affected, such action to the state board of education for its approval or revision. Upon receipt of notification of state board of education action, the regional committee on school organization shall transmit to the county commissioners of the county or counties in which the affected districts are located a complete transcript of the boundaries of all districts affected.

[1985 c 385 § 11; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 26. Formerly RCW 28A.57.057.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.140 Powers and duties of state board, generally. The powers and duties of the state board with respect to this chapter shall be:

(1) To aid regional committees in the performance of their duties by furnishing them with plans of procedure, standards, data, maps, forms, and other necessary materials and services essential to a study and understanding of the problems of school district organization in their respective educational service districts.

(2) To receive, file, and examine the proposals and the maps, reports, records, and other materials relating thereto submitted by regional committees and to approve such proposals and so notify the regional committees when said proposals are found to provide for satisfactory improvement in the school district system of the counties and the state and for an equitable adjustment of the assets and liabilities, including bonded indebtedness and excess tax levies as authorized under RCW 28A.315.110(2), of the school districts involved or affected: PROVIDED, That whenever the state board approves a recommendation from a regional committee for the transfer of territory from one school district to another school district, such state board approval must be made not later than March 1 of any given year for implementation the school year immediately following: PROVIDED FURTHER, That whenever such proposals are found by the state board to be unsatisfactory or inequitable, the board shall so notify the regional committee and, upon request, assist the committee in making revisions which revisions shall be resubmitted within sixty days after such notification for reconsideration and approval or disapproval. Implementation of state board-approved transfers of territory from one school district to another school district shall become effective at the commencement of the next school year unless an earlier implementation is agreed upon in writing by the boards of directors of the affected school districts. [1990 c 33 § 300; 1987 c 100 § 2; 1985 c 385 § 12; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.060. Prior: 1955 c 395 § 3; 1947 c 266 § 14; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-33; prior: 1941 c 248 § 8; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 4709-8. Formerly RCW 28A.57.060, 28.57.060.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

28A.315.150 Action upon board's report. Upon receipt by a regional committee of such notice from the state board as is required in RCW 28A.315.140(2), the educational service district superintendent shall make an order establishing all approved changes involving the alteration of the boundaries of an established school district or districts and all approved terms of adjustment of assets and liabilities involving an established district or districts the boundaries of which have been or are hereafter altered in the manner provided by law, and shall certify his or her action to each county auditor for the board of county commissioners, each county treasurer, each county assessor and the superintendents of all school districts affected by such action. Upon

receipt of such certification the superintendent of each school district which is annexed to another district by the action shall deliver to the superintendent of the school district to which annexed all books, papers, documents, records, and other materials pertaining to his or her office. [1990 c 33 § 301; 1985 c 385 § 13; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 84; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 121; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.070. Prior: 1957 c 129 § 1, part; 1955 c 395 § 4, part; 1951 c 87 § 1, part; 1947 c 266 § 19, part; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-38, part. Formerly RCW 28A.57.070, 28.57.070, part.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.160 Adjustment of bonded indebtedness—Special election in certain cases. Whenever adjustments of bonded indebtedness are made between or among school districts in connection with the alteration of the boundaries thereof, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the order of the educational service district superintendent establishing the terms of adjustment of bonded indebtedness shall provide and specify:

(1) In every case where bonded indebtedness is transferred from one school district to another school district (a) that such bonded indebtedness is assumed by the school district to which it is transferred; (b) that thereafter such bonded indebtedness shall be the obligation of the school district to which it is transferred; (c) that, if the terms of adjustment so provide, any bonded indebtedness thereafter incurred by such transferee school district through the sale of bonds authorized prior to the date its boundaries were altered shall be the obligation of such school district including the territory added thereto; and (d) that taxes shall be levied thereafter against the taxable property located within such school district as it is constituted after its boundaries were altered, said taxes to be levied at the times and in the amounts required to pay the principal of and the interest on the bonded indebtedness assumed or incurred as aforesaid, as the same become due and payable.

In computing the debt limitation of any school district from which or to which bonded indebtedness has been transferred, the amount of such transferred bonded indebtedness at any time outstanding (a) shall be an offset against and deducted from the total bonded indebtedness, if any, of the school district from which such bonded indebtedness was transferred and (b) shall be deemed to be bonded indebtedness solely of the transferee school district that assumed such indebtedness.

(2) In every case where adjustments of bonded indebtedness do not provide for transfer of bonded indebtedness from one school district to another school district (a) that the existing bonded indebtedness of each school district the boundaries of which are altered and any bonded indebtedness incurred by each such school district through the sale of bonds authorized prior to the date its boundaries were altered shall be the obligation of the school district in its reduced or enlarged form, as the case may be; and (b) that taxes shall be levied thereafter against the taxable property located within each such school district in its reduced or enlarged form, as the case may be, at the times and in the amounts

required to pay the principal of and interest on such bonded indebtedness as the same become due and payable.

If a change in school district organization approved by the state board concerns a proposal to form a new school district or a proposal for adjustment of bonded indebtedness involving an established school district and one or more former school districts now included therein pursuant to a vote of the people concerned, a special election of the voters residing within the territory of the proposed new district or of the established district involved in a proposal for adjustment of bonded indebtedness as the case may be shall be held for the purpose of affording said voters an opportunity to approve or reject such proposals as concern or affect them.

In a case involving both the question of the formation of a new school district and the question of adjustment of bonded indebtedness, the questions may be submitted to the voters either in the form of a single proposition or as separate propositions, whichever to the educational service district superintendent seems expedient. When the regional committee has passed appropriate resolutions for the questions to be submitted and the educational service district superintendent has given notice thereof to the county auditor such special election shall be called, conducted, and the returns canvassed as in regular school district elections. [1985 c 385 § 14; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 85; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 122; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.075. Prior: 1957 c 129 § 1, part; 1955 c 395 § 4, part; 1951 c 87 § 1, part; 1947 c 266 § 19, part; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-38, part. Formerly RCW 28A.57.075, 28.57.070, part.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.170 Notice of election—Contents. Notice of such special elections as provided for in RCW 28A.315.160 shall be given by the county auditor as in RCW 29.27.080 provided. The notice of election shall state the purpose for which the election has been called and shall contain a description of the boundaries of the proposed new district and a statement of any terms of adjustment of bonded indebtedness to be voted on. [1990 c 33 § 302; 1985 c 385 § 15; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 86; 1971 c 48 § 26; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.080. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 20; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-39. Formerly RCW 28A.57.080, 28.57.080.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

28A.315.180 Vote, how determined—ESD superintendent's order—Certification—Effective date. Whenever a special election is held to vote on a proposal or alternate proposals to form a new school district, the votes cast by the registered voters in each component district shall be tabulated separately and any such proposition shall be considered approved only if it receives a majority of the votes cast in each separate district voting thereon. Whenever a special election is held to vote on a proposal for adjustment of bonded indebtedness the entire vote cast by the registered voters of the proposed new district or of the

established district as the case may be shall be tabulated and any such proposition shall be considered approved if sixty percent or more of all votes cast thereon are in the affirmative.

In the event of approval of a proposition or propositions voted on at a special election, the educational service district superintendent shall: (1) Make an order establishing such new school district or such terms of adjustment of bonded indebtedness or both, as were approved by the registered voters and shall also order effected such other terms of adjustment, if there be any, of property and other assets and of liabilities other than bonded indebtedness as have been approved by the state board; and (2) certify his or her action to the county and school district officials specified in RCW 28A.315.150. He or she may designate, with the approval of the superintendent of public instruction, a name and number different from that of any component thereof but must designate the new district by name and number different from any other district in existence in the county.

The educational service district superintendent shall fix, as the effective date of any order or orders he or she is required by this chapter to make, a date no later than the first day of September next succeeding the date of final approval of any change in the organization and extent of school districts or of any terms of adjustment of the assets and liabilities of school districts subject, for taxing purposes, to the redrawing of taxing district boundaries pursuant to RCW 84.09.030.

Upon receipt of the aforesaid certification, the superintendent of each school district which is included in the new district shall deliver to the superintendent of the new school district all books, papers, documents, records and other materials pertaining to his or her office. [1990 c 33 § 303; 1985 c 385 § 16; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 87; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 123; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.090. Prior: 1957 c 296 § 1; 1955 c 395 § 5; 1947 c 266 § 21; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-40. Formerly RCW 28A.57.090, 28.57.090.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.190 Procedure upon rejection of proposal.

If a proposal for the formation of a new school district and for adjustment of bonded indebtedness, or either, is rejected by the registered voters at a special election, the regional committee may make such revisions therein as it deems advisable and submit the revised proposal or proposals to the state board. Thereafter such revised proposal or proposals shall be subject to the provisions and procedural requirements of this chapter applicable to original proposals submitted to said board. [1985 c 385 § 17; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.100. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 22; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-41. Formerly RCW 28A.57.100, 28.57.100.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

28A.315.200 Personnel and supplies to be furnished by state superintendent—Expenses reimbursed. The superintendent of public instruction shall furnish to the state board and to regional committees the services of employed personnel and the materials and supplies necessary to enable them to perform the duties imposed upon them by this

chapter and shall reimburse the members thereof for expenses necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties, such reimbursement for regional committee members to be in accordance with RCW 28A.315.090, and such reimbursement for state board members to be in accordance with RCW 28A.305.120. [1990 c 33 § 304; 1985 c 385 § 18; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.110. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 39; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-58. Formerly RCW 28A.57.110, 28.57.110.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

28A.315.210 Appeal. An appeal may be taken, as provided for in RCW 28A.645.010, to the superior court of the county in which a school district or any part thereof is situated on any question of adjustment of property and other assets and of liabilities provided for in this chapter. If the court finds the terms of the adjustment in question not equitable, the court shall make an adjustment that is equitable. [1990 c 33 § 305; 1983 c 3 § 34; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.120. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 40; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-59. Formerly RCW 28A.57.120, 28.57.120.]

Boundary change, copy of decision to county assessor: RCW 28A.645.040.

28A.315.220 Organization of school districts. A school district shall be organized in form and manner as hereinafter in this chapter provided, and shall be known as (insert here the name of the district) School District No. , county, state of Washington: PROVIDED, That all school districts now existing as shown by the records of the educational service district superintendent are hereby recognized as legally organized districts: PROVIDED FURTHER, That all school districts existing on April 25, 1969 as shown by the records of the county or intermediate district superintendents are hereby recognized as legally organized districts. [1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 88; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 124; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.130. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 3; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-22. Formerly RCW 28A.57.130, 28.57.130.]

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.230 Classes of districts—Change of classification. Any school district in the state having a student enrollment within the public schools of such district of two thousand pupils or more, as shown by evidence acceptable to the educational service district superintendent and the superintendent of public instruction, shall be a school district of the first class. Any other school district shall be a school district of the second class.

Whenever the educational service district superintendent finds that the classification of a school district should be changed, and upon the approval of the superintendent of public instruction, he or she shall make an order in conformity with his or her findings and alter the records of his or her office accordingly. Thereafter the board of directors of the district shall organize in the manner provided by law for the organization of the board of a district of the class to which said district then belongs. [1991 c 116 § 25; 1990 c 33 § 306; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 15 § 3. Prior: 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 89; 1975 c 43 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 125; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.140; prior: 1947 c 266 § 9; Rem. Supp.

1947 § 4693-28; prior: 1909 p 264 §§ 2, 3, 4; RRS §§ 4695, 4696, 4697. Formerly RCW 28A.57.140, 28.57.140.]

Effective date—1975 c 43: "The effective date of this amendatory act shall be July 1, 1975." [1975 c 43 § 37.]

Severability—1975 c 43: "If any provision of this amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1975 c 43 § 38.]

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.240 Classes of districts—Change of classification—Delay of authorized. Notwithstanding any other provision of chapter 43, Laws of 1975, the *educational service district superintendent, with the concurrence of the superintendent of public instruction, may delay approval of a change in classification of any school district for a period not exceeding three years when, in fact, the student enrollment of the district within any such time period does not exceed ten percent, either in a decrease or increase thereof. [1975 c 43 § 35. Formerly RCW 28A.57.145.]

***Reviser's note:** "Educational service district superintendent" has been substituted for "intermediate school district superintendent" pursuant to RCW 28A.310.010 and 28A.310.900.

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

28A.315.250 City or town districts. Each incorporated city or town in the state shall be comprised in one school district: PROVIDED, That nothing in this section shall be construed: (1) To prevent the extension of the boundaries of a school district beyond the limits of the city or town contained therein, or (2) to prevent the inclusion of two or more incorporated cities or towns in a single school district, or (3) to change or disturb the boundaries of any school district organized prior to the incorporation of any city or town, except as hereafter in this section provided.

In case all or any part of a school district that operates a school or schools on one site only or operates elementary schools only on two or more sites is included in an incorporated city or town through the extension of the limits of such city or town in the manner provided by law, the educational service district superintendent shall: (1) Declare the territory so included to be a part of the school district containing the city or town and (2) whenever a part of a district so included contains a school building of the district, present to the regional committee a proposal for the disposition of any part or all of the remaining territory of the district.

In case of the extension of the limits of a town to include territory lying in a school district that operates on more than one site one or more elementary schools and one or more junior high schools or high schools, the regional committee shall, in its discretion, prepare a proposal or proposals for annexation to the school district in which the town is located any part or all of the territory aforesaid which has been included in the town and for annexation to the school district in which the town is located or to some other school district or districts any part or all of the remaining territory of the school district affected by extension of the limits of the town: PROVIDED, That where no school or school site is located within the territory annexed to the town and not less than seventy-five percent of the

registered voters residing within the annexed territory present a petition in writing for annexation and transfer of said territory to the school district in which the town is located, the educational service district superintendent shall declare the territory so included to be a part of the school district containing said town: PROVIDED FURTHER, That territory approved for annexation to a city or town by vote of the electors residing therein prior to January 12, 1953, shall not be subject to the provisions herein respecting annexation to a school district or school districts: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That the provisions and procedural requirements of this chapter as now or hereafter amended not in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions hereinabove in this section stated shall apply in the case of any proposal or proposals (1) for the alteration of the boundaries of school districts through and by means of annexation of territory as aforesaid, and (2) for the adjustment of the assets and liabilities of the school districts involved or affected thereby.

In case of the incorporation of a city or town containing territory lying in two or more school districts or of the uniting of two or more cities or towns not located in the same school district, the educational service district superintendent, except where the incorporation or consolidation would affect a district or districts of the first class, shall: (1) Order and declare to be established in each such case a single school district comprising all of the school districts involved, and (2) designate each such district by name and by a number different from that of any other district in existence in the county.

The educational service district superintendent shall fix as the effective date of any declaration or order required under this section a date no later than the first day of September next succeeding the date of the issuance of such declaration or order. [1985 c 385 § 19; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 90; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 126; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.150. Prior: 1965 ex.s. c 108 § 1; 1963 c 208 § 1; 1953 c 49 § 1; 1947 c 266 § 5; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-24; prior: 1909 c 97 p 265 § 3; RRS § 4703. Formerly RCW 28A.57.150, 28.57.150.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.260 Reorganization of districts by transfer of territory or annexation. A new school district may be formed comprising contiguous territory lying in either a single county or in two or more counties. Such new district may comprise two or more whole school districts and/or a part of one or more school districts and/or territory which is not a part of any school district. The boundaries of existing school districts may be altered (1) by the transfer of territory from one district to another district, or (2) by the annexation to a district of a part or all of one or more other districts or of territory which is not a part of any school district: PROVIDED, That such territory shall be contiguous to the district to which it is transferred or annexed. Territory may be transferred or annexed to an existing school district without regard to county boundaries. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.160. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 4; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-23. Formerly RCW 28A.57.160, 28.57.160.]

28A.315.270 Petition for reorganization—Conditions. For the purpose of forming a new school district, a petition in writing may be presented to the educational service district superintendent, as secretary of the regional committee, by registered voters residing (1) in each whole district and in each part of a district proposed to be included in any single new district, or (2) in the territory of a proposed new district which comprises a part only of one or more districts. A total of ten or more registered voters residing in such affected areas or area as the case may be may sign and present such petition with the approval of the boards of directors of the affected school districts. A total of ten percent or more of the registered voters residing in such affected areas or area as the case may be may sign and present such petition with or without the approval of the boards of directors of the affected school districts. The petition shall state the name and number of each district involved in or affected by the proposal to form the new district and shall describe the boundaries of the proposed new district. No more than one petition for consolidation of the same two school districts or parts thereof will be considered during a school fiscal year. [1985 c 385 § 20; 1982 c 191 § 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 91; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 127; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.170. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 15; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-34; prior: 1909 c 97 p 266 § 1; RRS § 4721; prior: 1899 c 14 § 1; 1897 c 118 § 4; 1891 c 127 § 7; 1890 p 361 § 19. Formerly RCW 28A.57.170, 28.57.170.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Effective date—1982 c 191: "The effective date of sections 3 and 4 of this amendatory act shall be September 1, 1982." [1982 c 191 § 13.] Sections 3 and 4 of this amendatory act [1982 c 191] were codified as RCW 28A.58.131 and 28A.58.035, respectively.

Severability—1982 c 191: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1982 c 191 § 14.]

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.280 Transfer of territory—By petition—By ESD superintendent—When election required. For the purpose of transferring territory from one school district to another district, a petition in writing may be presented to the educational service district superintendent, as secretary of the regional committee, signed by a majority of the registered voters residing in the territory proposed to be transferred, or by the board of directors of one of the districts affected by a proposed transfer of territory if there is no registered voter resident in the territory, which petition shall state the name and number of each district affected, describe the boundaries of the territory proposed to be transferred, and state the reasons for desiring the change and the number of children of school age, if any, residing in the territory: PROVIDED, That the educational service district superintendent, without being petitioned to do so, may present to the regional committee a proposal for the transfer from one school district to another of any territory in which no children of school age reside: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the educational service district superintendent shall not complete any transfer of territory pursuant to the provisions of this section which involves ten percent or more of the common school student population of the entire district from which

such transfer is proposed, unless he or she has first called and held a special election of the voters of the entire school district from which such transfer of territory is proposed for the purpose of affording said voters an opportunity to approve or reject such proposed transfer, and has obtained approval of the proposed transfer by a majority of those registered voters voting in said election; and if such proposed transfer is disapproved, the state board of education shall determine whether or not said district is meeting or capable of meeting minimum standards of education as set up by the state board. If the state board decides in the negative, the superintendent of public instruction may thereupon withhold from such district, in whole or in part, state contributed funds. [1985 c 385 § 21; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 92; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 128; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.180. Prior: 1959 c 268 § 14; 1947 c 266 § 16; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-35; prior: 1915 c 50 § 1; RRS § 4727. Formerly RCW 28A.57.180, 28.57.180.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.290 Annexation of district bounded on three sides by high school district. Whenever all or any part of a school district in which no accredited high school is maintained is bounded on three or more sides by a school district in which an accredited high school is situated and maintained, or by a school district in which a high school with a program approved by the state board of education is situated and maintained, the educational service district superintendent shall report said fact to the regional committee, which committee shall consider the question of the annexation to the aforesaid high school district of the territory or district so bounded. [1985 c 385 § 22; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 93; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 129; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.190. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 17; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-36. Formerly RCW 28A.57.190, 28.57.190.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.300 Single school district for certain United States military reservations—Mandated. Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter or any other provision of law and except as otherwise provided in RCW 28A.315.310, as of July 1, 1972, any United States military reservation in the state of Washington with more than two thousand five hundred common school age children in public schools resident thereon shall be included wholly within the boundaries of a single school district. Such single school district shall be one of the school districts presently having boundary lines within such military reservation and serving pupils thereon. The procedure for achieving such single school districts where they do not now exist, or in any year in the future when there are more than two thousand five hundred common school age children on such a military reservation resident therein, shall be as prescribed in RCW 28A.315.310. [1990 c 33 § 307; 1972 ex.s. c 63 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.57.195.]

28A.315.310 Single school district for certain United States military reservations—Procedure—Limitations. On or before June 1, 1972, or in any year in the future when there are more than two thousand five hundred common school age children on a military reservation as referred to in RCW 28A.315.300 resident therein, whichever is the case, and notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter or any other provision of law, the regional committee of each educational service district in which such a United States military reservation is located, or in the case such military reservation is located in two or more educational service districts, the joint regional committee established pursuant to RCW 28A.315.360, shall order effective September 1 of the then calendar year the annexation of portions of reservation territory not currently within the single school district, as required by RCW 28A.315.300, to one of the school districts encompassing a portion of the military reservation: **PROVIDED**, That notwithstanding any other provision of RCW 28A.315.300 and 28A.315.310 the annexation order shall not include territory of school districts on such military reservations in which none or less than a majority of the pupils residing within that portion of the district within such military reservation have one or more parents serving in the military and under such military command. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the decision as to which school district shall serve the pupils residing within such military reservation shall rest solely with the regional committee of the educational service district in which the affected military reservation is located. The regional committee shall order such equitable transfer of assets and liabilities as is deemed necessary for the orderly transfer of the territory in accordance with transfers in other annexation proceedings authorized under this chapter. [1990 c 33 § 308; 1985 c 385 § 23; 1972 ex.s. c 63 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.57.196.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

28A.315.320 Dissolution and annexation of certain districts—Annexation of nondistrict property. In case any school district shall have an average enrollment of fewer than five kindergarten through eighth grade pupils during the preceding school year, including the 1984-85 school year and any subsequent school year, or shall not have made a reasonable effort to maintain, during the preceding school year at least the minimum term of school required by law, the educational service district superintendent shall report said fact to the regional committee, which committee shall dissolve the school district and annex the territory thereof to some other district or districts: **PROVIDED**, That for the purposes of this section, in addition to any other finding, "reasonable effort" shall be deemed to mean the attempt to make up whatever days are short of the legal requirement by the conducting of school classes on any days to include available holidays, though not to include Saturdays and Sundays, prior to June 15 of that year: **PROVIDED FURTHER**, That school districts operating an extended school year program, most commonly implemented as a 45-15 plan, shall be deemed to be making a reasonable effort: **PROVIDED FURTHER**, That in the event any school district has suffered any interruption in its normal school calendar due to a strike or other work stoppage or slowdown by any of its employees such district shall not be subject to the requirements of this

section. In case any territory is not a part of any school district, the educational service district superintendent shall present to the regional committee a proposal for the annexation of said territory to some contiguous district or districts. [1985 c 385 § 24; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 15 § 4. Prior: 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 94; 1975 1st ex.s. c 23 § 1; 1970 ex.s. c 86 § 4; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 130; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.200; prior: 1947 c 266 § 18; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-37. Formerly RCW 28A.57.200, 28.57.200.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Severability—1970 ex.s. c 86: "If any provision of this 1970 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1970 ex.s. c 86 § 7.]

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.330 Adjustment of indebtedness—Basis. The fact of the issuance of bonds by a school district, heretofore or hereafter, shall not prevent changes in the organization and extent of school districts, regardless of whether or not such bonds or any part thereof are outstanding at the time of change. In case of any change (1) the bonded indebtedness outstanding against any school district involved in or affected by such change shall be adjusted equitably among the old school districts and the new district or districts, if any, involved or affected; and (2) the property and other assets and the liabilities other than bonded indebtedness of any school district involved in or affected by any such change shall also be adjusted in the manner and to the effect hereinbefore in this section provided for, except when all the territory of an old school district is included in a single new district or is annexed to a single existing district, in which event the title to the property and other assets and the liabilities other than bonded indebtedness of such old district shall vest in and become the assets and liabilities of the new district or of the existing district as the case may be. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.210. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 7; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-26. Formerly RCW 28A.57.210, 28.57.210.]

28A.315.340 Corporate existence retained to pay bonded indebtedness—Tax levies—Joint school districts. Each school district involved in or affected by any change heretofore or hereafter made in the organization and extent of school districts shall retain its corporate existence insofar as is necessary for the purpose until the bonded indebtedness outstanding against it on and after the effective date of said change has been paid in full: PROVIDED, That nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent, after the aforesaid effective date, such adjustments of bonded indebtedness as are provided for in this chapter. The county commissioners shall have the power and it shall be their duty to provide by appropriate levies on the taxable property of each school district for the payment of the bonded indebtedness outstanding against it after any of the aforesaid changes and/or adjustments have been effected. In case any such changes or adjustments involve a joint school district, the tax levy for the payment of any bonded indebtedness outstanding against such joint district after said changes or adjustments are effected shall be made and the proceeds thereof shall be transmitted, credited, and paid out in conformity with the

provisions of law applicable to the payment of the bonded indebtedness of joint school districts heretofore established. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.220. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 8; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-27. Formerly RCW 28A.57.220, 28.57.220.]

28A.315.350 Joint school districts—Defined—Designation. Any school district composed of territory lying in more than one county shall be known as a joint school district, and shall be designated by number in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated under RCW 28A.305.150. [1990 c 33 § 309; 1973 c 47 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.230. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 25; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-44; prior: 1909 c 97 p 264 § 6; RRS § 4699; prior: 1897 c 118 § 13. Formerly RCW 28A.57.230, 28.57.230.]

Severability—1973 c 47: "If any provision of this 1973 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1973 c 47 § 6.]

28A.315.360 School districts in two or more educational service districts—Change or adjustment of districts—Procedure generally. The duties in this chapter imposed upon and required to be performed by a regional committee and by an educational service district superintendent in connection with a change in the organization and extent of school districts and/or with the adjustment of the assets and liabilities of school districts and with all matters related to such change or adjustment whenever territory lying in a single educational service district is involved shall be performed jointly by the regional committees and by the superintendents of the several educational service districts as required whenever territory lying in more than one educational service district is involved in a proposed change in the organization and extent of school districts: PROVIDED, That a regional committee may designate three of its members, or two of its members and the educational service district superintendent, as a subcommittee to serve in lieu of the whole committee, but action by a subcommittee shall not be binding unless approved by a majority of the regional committee. Proposals for changes in the organization and extent of school districts and proposed terms of adjustment of assets and liabilities thus prepared and approved shall be submitted to the state board by the regional committee of the educational service district in which is located the part of the proposed or enlarged district having the largest number of common school pupils residing therein. [1985 c 385 § 25; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 95; 1973 c 47 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 131; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.240. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 26; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-45. Formerly RCW 28A.57.240, 28.57.240.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Severability—1973 c 47: See note following RCW 28A.315.350.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.370 School districts in two or more educational service districts—Proposed change or adjustment—Procedure when one committee does not approve, or fails to act—Temporary committee. Whenever a proposed change in the organization and extent of school

districts or an adjustment of the assets and liabilities of school districts, or both, or any other matters related to such change or adjustment involve school districts in two or more educational service districts, and a majority of at least one of the regional committees involved approve a proposal but the proposal is not approved by the other regional committee or committees or one or more of said committees fails or refuses to act upon the proposal within sixty days of its receipt, the regional committee or committees approving the proposal shall certify the proposal and its approval to the state superintendent of public instruction. Upon receipt of a properly certified proposal, the state superintendent of public instruction shall appoint a temporary committee composed of five persons. The members of the temporary committee shall be selected from the membership of any regional committee in this state except that no member shall be appointed from any educational service district in which there is situated a school district that would be affected by the proposed change. Said committee shall meet at the call of the state superintendent of public instruction and organize by electing a chair and secretary. Thereupon, this temporary committee shall have jurisdiction of the proposal and shall treat the same as a proposal initiated on its own motion. Said committee shall have the powers and duties imposed upon and required to be performed by a regional committee under the provisions of this chapter and the secretary of the committee shall have the powers and duties imposed upon and required to be performed by the educational service district superintendents under the provisions of this chapter. It shall be the duty of the educational service district superintendents of the educational service districts in which the school districts that would be affected by the proposed change are situated to assist the temporary committee by supplying said committee with information from the records and files of their offices and with a proper and suitable place for holding meetings. [1990 c 33 § 310; 1985 c 385 § 26; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 96; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 132; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.245. Prior: 1959 c 268 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.57.245, 28.57.245.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.380 Joint school districts—Administration—County to which joint school district considered as belonging. For all purposes essential to the maintenance, operation, and administration of the schools of a district, including the apportionment of current state and county school funds, the county in which a joint school district shall be considered as belonging shall be as designated by the state board of education. Prior to making such designation, the state board of education shall hold at least one public hearing on the matter, at which time the recommendation of the joint school district shall be presented and, in addition to such recommendation, the state board shall consider the following prior to its designation:

- (1) Service needs of such district;
- (2) Availability of services;
- (3) Geographic location of district and servicing agencies; and

(4) Relationship to contiguous school districts. [1973 c 47 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.250. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 27; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-46. Formerly RCW 28A.57.250, 28.57.250.]

Severability—1973 c 47: See note following RCW 28A.315.350.

28A.315.390 Joint school districts—Special rules for electors voting for directors. The registered voters residing within a joint school district shall be entitled to vote on the office of school director of their district.

Jurisdiction of any such election shall rest with the county auditor of the county administering such joint district as provided in RCW 28A.315.380.

At each general election, or upon approval of a request for a special election as provided for in RCW 29.13.020, such county auditor shall:

(1) See that there shall be at least one polling place in each county;

(2) At least twenty days prior to the elections concerned, certify in writing to the superintendent of the school district the number and location of the polling places established by such auditor for such regular or special elections; and

(3) Do all things otherwise required by law for the conduct of such election.

It is the intention of this section that the qualified electors of a joint school district shall not be forced to go to a different polling place on the same day when other elections are being held to vote for school directors of their district. [1990 c 33 § 311; 1983 c 56 § 6; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 97; 1973 c 47 § 4; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 133; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.255. Prior: 1961 c 130 § 23. Formerly RCW 28A.57.255, 28.57.255.]

Severability—1983 c 56: See note following RCW 28A.195.010.

Severability—1973 c 47: See note following RCW 28A.315.350.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.400 Joint school districts—Directors—Vacancies. A vacancy in the office of director of a joint district shall be filled in the manner provided by RCW 28A.315.530 for filling vacancies, such appointment to be valid only until a director is elected and qualified to fill such vacancy at the next regular district election. [1990 c 33 § 312; 1973 c 47 § 5; 1971 c 53 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 134; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.260. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 28; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-47. Formerly RCW 28A.57.260, 28.57.260.]

Severability—1973 c 47: See note following RCW 28A.315.350.

Severability—1971 c 53: "If any provision of this 1971 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1971 c 53 § 6.]

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.410 Joint school districts—Powers and duties. A joint school district and the officers thereof shall possess all the powers and be subject to all of the duties vested in or imposed upon other school districts of the same class and upon the officers thereof, except as otherwise provided by law. Whenever the laws relating to school districts shall provide for any action by a county officer,

such action, if required to be performed in behalf of a joint school district, shall be performed by the proper officer of the county to which the joint district belongs, except as otherwise provided by law. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.270. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 29; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-48. Formerly RCW 28A.57.270, 28.57.270.]

28A.315.420 Joint school districts—Assessed valuation of district property to be certified. It shall be the duty of the assessor of each county, a part of which is included within a joint school district, to certify annually to the auditor of the assessor's county and to the auditor of the county to which the joint district belongs, for the board of county commissioners thereof, the aggregate assessed valuation of all taxable property in the assessor's county situated in such joint school district, as the same appears from the last assessment roll of the assessor's county. [1990 c 33 § 313; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.280. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 30; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-49; prior: 1927 c 286 § 1; 1925 ex.s. c 77 § 8; RRS § 4753-8. Formerly RCW 28A.57.280, 28.57.280.]

28A.315.430 Joint school districts—Levy of tax—Ratio. The amount of tax to be levied upon the taxable property of that part of a joint school district lying in one county shall be in such ratio to the whole amount levied upon the property in the entire joint district as the assessed valuation of the property lying in such county bears to the assessed valuation of the property in the entire joint district. [1983 c 56 § 7; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 98; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 135; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.290. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 31; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-50; prior: (i) 1925 ex.s. c 77 § 10; RRS § 4753-10. (ii) 1927 c 286 § 2; RRS § 4753-11. Formerly RCW 28A.57.290, 28.57.290.]

Severability—1983 c 56: See note following RCW 28A.195.010.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.440 Joint school districts—Levy of tax—Remittance of collections to district treasurer. Upon receipt of the aforesaid certificate, it shall be the duty of the county legislative authority of each county to levy on all taxable property of that part of the joint school district which lies within the county a tax sufficient to raise the amount necessary to meet the county's proportionate share of the estimated expenditures of the joint district, as shown by the certificate of the educational service district superintendent of the district to which the joint school district belongs. Such taxes shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected, and the proceeds thereof shall be forwarded monthly by the treasurer of each county, other than the county to which the joint district belongs, to the treasurer of the county to which such district belongs and shall be placed to the credit of said district. The treasurer of the county to which a joint school district belongs is hereby declared to be the treasurer of such district. [1994 c 301 § 3; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 99; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 136; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.300. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 32; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-51. Formerly RCW 28A.57.300, 28.57.300.]

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.450 Directors—Elections—Terms—Number. The governing board of a school district shall be known as the board of directors of the district.

Unless otherwise specifically provided, as in RCW 29.13.060, each member of a board of directors shall be elected by ballot by the registered voters of the school district and shall hold office for a term of four years and until a successor is elected and qualified. Terms of school directors shall be staggered, and insofar as possible, not more than a majority of one shall be elected to full terms at any regular election. In case a member or members of a board of directors are to be elected to fill an unexpired term or terms, the ballot shall specify the term for which each such member is to be elected.

Except for a school district of the first class having within its boundaries a city with a population of four hundred thousand people or more which shall have a board of directors of seven members, the board of directors of every school district of the first class or school district of the second class shall consist of five members. [1991 c 363 § 20; 1980 c 35 § 1; 1980 c 47 § 1. Prior: 1979 ex.s. c 183 § 1; 1979 ex.s. c 126 § 4; 1975 c 43 § 5; 1973 2nd ex.s. c 21 § 1; 1969 c 131 § 8; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.312; prior: 1957 c 67 § 1; 1955 c 55 § 11; 1947 c 266 § 10; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-29; prior: 1909 pp 289, 290 §§ 1,2; RRS §§ 4790, 4791. Formerly RCW 28A.57.312, 28.57.338, 28.58.080.]

Purpose—Captions not law—1991 c 363: See notes following RCW 2.32.180.

Severability—1980 c 35: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1980 c 35 § 10.]

Severability—1980 c 47: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1980 c 47 § 5.]

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 183: See notes following RCW 28A.315.580.

Purpose—1979 ex.s. c 126: See RCW 29.04.170(1).

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

28A.315.460 Directors—First class districts having city with population of 400,000 people or more—Terms. After July 1, 1979, the election of directors of any first class school district having within its boundaries a city with a population of four hundred thousand people or more, shall be to four year terms. The initial four year terms required by this section shall commence upon the expiration of terms in existence at July 1, 1979. Nothing in *this amendatory act shall affect the term of office of any incumbent director of any such first class school district. [1991 c 363 § 21; 1979 ex.s. c 183 § 10. Formerly RCW 28A.57.313.]

***Reviser's note:** For codification of "this amendatory act" [1979 ex.s. c 183], see Codification Tables, Volume 0.

Purpose—Captions not law—1991 c 363: See notes following RCW 2.32.180.

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 183: See notes following RCW 28A.315.580.

Directors—Number and terms of in new first class district having city with population of 400,000 people or more: RCW 28A.315.630.

28A.315.470 Directors—Declarations of candidacy—Positions as separate offices. Candidates for the position of school director shall file their declarations of candidacy as provided in Title 29 RCW.

The positions of school directors in each district shall be dealt with as separate offices for all election purposes, and where more than one position is to be filled, each candidate shall file for one of the positions so designated: PROVIDED, That in school districts containing director districts, or a combination of director districts and director at large positions, candidates shall file for such director districts or at large positions. Position numbers shall be assigned to correspond to director district numbers to the extent possible. [1990 c 161 § 4; 1990 c 59 § 98; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.314. Prior: 1963 c 223 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.57.314, 28.58.082.]

*Reviser's note: This section was amended by 1990 c 59 § 98 and by 1990 c 161 § 4, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Intent—Effective date—1990 c 59: See notes following RCW 29.01.006.

Commencement of terms of office: RCW 29.13.020, 29.13.050.

Nonpartisan primaries and elections: Chapter 29.21 RCW.

School district elections

in counties with a population of two hundred ten thousand or more, times for holding: RCW 29.13.020, 29.13.060.

in counties with a population of less than two hundred ten thousand, times for holding: RCW 29.13.020.

Terms of office: RCW 29.13.020, 29.13.050, 29.13.060.

28A.315.480 Directors—Ballots—Form. Except as provided in RCW 29.21.010, the positions of school directors and the candidates therefor shall appear separately on the nonpartisan ballot in substantially the following form:

SCHOOL DIRECTOR ELECTION BALLOT

District No.

Date

To vote for a person make a cross (X) in the square at the right of the name of the person for whom you desire to vote.

School District Directors

Position No. 1

Vote for One

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Position No. 2

Vote for One

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To Fill Unexpired Term

Position No. 3

2 (or 4) year term

Vote for One

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The names of candidates shall appear upon the ballot in order of filing for each position. There shall be no rotation of names in the printing of such ballots. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.316. Prior: 1963 c 223 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.57.316, 28.58.083.]

28A.315.490 Directors—Elected when—Qualifications. Directors of school districts shall be elected at regular school elections. No person shall be eligible to the office of school director who is not a citizen of the United States and the state of Washington and a registered voter of either the school district or director district, as the case may be. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.318. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 285 § 1; RRS § 4775; prior: 1903 c 104 § 16; 1901 c 41 § 2; 1899 c 142 § 7; 1897 c 118 § 39; 1893 c 107 § 2; 1890 p 364 § 25. Formerly RCW 28A.57.318, 28.58.090.]

28A.315.500 Directors—Oath of office. Every person elected or appointed to the office of school director, before entering upon the discharge of the duties thereof, shall take an oath or affirmation to support the Constitution of the United States and the state of Washington and to faithfully discharge the duties of the office according to the best of his or her ability. In case any official has a written appointment or commission, the official's oath or affirmation shall be endorsed thereon and sworn to before any officer authorized to administer oaths. School officials are hereby authorized to administer all oaths or affirmations pertaining to their respective offices without charge or fee. All oaths of office, when properly made, shall be filed with the county auditor. Every person elected to the office of school director shall begin his or her term of office at the first official meeting of the board of directors following certification of the election results. [1990 c 33 § 314; 1988 c 187 § 1; 1986 c 167 § 16; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.322. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 288 § 11; RRS § 4786; prior: 1897 c 118 § 61; 1890 p 380 § 70. Formerly RCW 28A.57.322, 28.58.095, 28.63.015, 28.63.017, 42.04.030.]

Severability—1986 c 167: See note following RCW 29.01.055.

28A.315.510 Directors—Meetings. Regular meetings of the board of directors of any school district shall be held monthly or more often at such a time as the board of directors by resolution shall determine or the bylaws of the board may prescribe. Special or deferred meetings may be held from time to time as circumstances may demand, at the call of the president, if a first class district, or the chair of the board, if a second class district, or on petition of a majority of the members of the board. All meetings shall be open to the public unless the board shall otherwise order an executive session as provided in RCW 42.30.110. [1990 c 33 § 315; 1983 c 3 § 35; 1975 c 43 § 6; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.324. Prior: (i) 1909 c 97 p 291 § 9; RRS § 4798;

prior: 1897 c 118 § 86; 1890 p 389 § 13. Formerly RCW 28.62.090. (ii) 1965 ex.s. c 87 § 1; 1909 c 97 p 299 § 6; RRS § 4816. Formerly RCW 28.63.030. (iii) 1965 ex.s. c 87 § 2; 1909 c 97 p 302 § 6; RRS § 4828. Formerly RCW 28A.57.324, 28.63.032.]

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

28A.315.520 Directors—Quorum—Failure to attend meetings may result in vacation of office. A majority of all members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum. Absence of any board member from four consecutive regular meetings of the board, unless on account of sickness or authorized by resolution of the board, shall be sufficient cause for the remaining members of the board to declare by resolution that such board member position is vacated. In addition, vacancies shall occur as provided in RCW 42.12.010. [1994 c 223 § 5; 1971 c 53 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.57.325.]

Severability—1971 c 53: See note following RCW 28A.315.400.

28A.315.530 Directors—Filling vacancies. (1) In case of a vacancy from any cause on the board of directors of a school district other than a reconstituted board resulting from reorganized school districts, a majority of the legally established number of board members shall fill such vacancy by appointment: PROVIDED, That should there exist fewer board members on the board of directors of a school district than constitutes a majority of the legally established number of board members, the educational service district board members of the district in which the school district is located by the vote of a majority of its legally established number of board members shall appoint a sufficient number of board members to constitute a legal majority on the board of directors of such school district; and the remaining vacancies on such board of directors shall be filled by such board of directors in accordance with the provisions of this section: PROVIDED FURTHER, That should any board of directors for whatever reason fail to fill a vacancy within ninety days from the creation of such vacancy, the members of the educational service district board of the district in which the school district is located by majority vote shall fill such vacancy.

(2) Appointees to fill vacancies on boards of directors of school districts shall meet the requirements provided by law for school directors and shall serve until the next regular school district election, at which time a successor shall be elected for the unexpired term.

(3) If a vacancy will be created by a board member who has submitted a resignation, that board member may not vote on the selection of his or her replacement. [1991 c 60 § 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 100; 1971 c 53 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 156; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.326. Prior: (i) 1909 c 97 p 292 § 12; RRS 4801; prior: 1907 c 31 § 3; 1897 c 118 § 89; 1890 p 390 § 16. Formerly RCW 28.62.120. (ii) 1909 c 97 p 298 § 3; RRS § 4813. Formerly RCW 28.63.020. (iii) 1909 c 97 p 301 § 3; RRS § 4825. Formerly RCW 28.63.022. (iv) 1959 c 216 § 7, part; 1955 c 157 § 14, part; prior: 1909 p 281 § 4, part; 1903 c 104 § 14, part; 1899 c 142 § 6, part; 1897 c 118 § 33, part; 1891 c 127 § 3, part;

1890 p 355 § 11, part; RRS § 4770, part. Formerly RCW 28A.57.326, 28.19.060, part.]

Severability—1971 c 53: See note following RCW 28A.315.400.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.540 Directors—Compensation—Waiver. Each member of the board of directors of a school district may receive compensation of fifty dollars per day or portion thereof for attending board meetings and for performing other services on behalf of the school district, not to exceed four thousand eight hundred dollars per year, if the district board of directors has authorized by board resolution, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the provision of such compensation. A board of directors of a school district may authorize such compensation only from locally collected excess levy funds available for that purpose, and compensation for board members shall not cause the state to incur any present or future funding obligation.

Any director may waive all or any portion of his or her compensation under this section as to any month or months during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the district as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective, must be filed any time after the director's election and before the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

The compensation provided in this section shall be in addition to any reimbursement for expenses paid to such directors by the school district. [1987 c 307 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.57.327.]

Intent—1987 c 307: "The legislature declares it is the policy of the state to:

(1) Ensure, for the sake of educational excellence, that the electorate has the broadest possible field in which to choose qualified candidates for its school boards;

(2) Ensure that the opportunity to serve on school boards be open to all, regardless of financial circumstances; and

(3) Ensure that the time-consuming and demanding service as directors not be limited to those able or willing to make substantial personal and financial sacrifices." [1987 c 307 § 1.]

Effective date—1987 c 307: "This act shall take effect on September 1, 1987." [1987 c 307 § 3.]

28A.315.550 Directors—Number and terms of in new second class districts. Upon the establishment of a new school district of the second class, the directors of the old school districts who reside within the limits of the new district shall meet at the call of the educational service district superintendent and shall constitute the board of directors of the new district. If fewer than five such directors reside in any such new second class school district, they shall become directors of said district, and the educational service district board shall appoint the number of additional directors required to constitute a board of five directors for the new second class district. Vacancies once such a board has been reconstituted shall not be filled unless the number of remaining board members is less than five in a second class district, and such vacancies shall be filled in the manner otherwise provided by law.

Each board of directors so constituted shall proceed at once to organize in the manner prescribed by law and thereafter shall have all the powers and authority conferred

by law upon boards of directors of other districts of the same class. Each initial director shall hold office until his or her successor is elected and qualified: PROVIDED, That the election of the successor shall be held during the second district general election after the initial directors have assumed office. At such election, no more than five directors shall be elected either at large or by director districts, as the case may be, two for a term of two years and three for a term of four years. Directors thereafter elected and qualified shall serve such terms as provided for in RCW 28A.315.450. [1990 c 33 § 316; 1980 c 35 § 2; 1979 ex.s. c 126 § 5; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 15 § 5. Prior: 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 101; 1975 c 43 § 7; 1971 c 67 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 137; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.328; prior: 1959 c 268 § 7, part; 1947 c 266 § 24, part; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-43, part. Formerly RCW 28A.57.328, 28.57.350, part.]

Severability—1980 c 35: See note following RCW 28A.315.450.

Purpose—1979 ex.s. c 126: See RCW 29.04.170(1).

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.560 Directors—Candidates in undivided districts to indicate term sought—How elected. Whenever the directors to be elected in a school district that is not divided into directors' districts are not all to be elected for the same term of years, the county auditor shall distinguish them and designate the same as provided for in *RCW 29.21.140, and assign position numbers thereto as provided in RCW 28A.315.470 and each candidate shall indicate on his or her declaration of candidacy the term for which he or she seeks to be elected and position number for which he or she is filing. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes for each position shall be deemed elected. [1990 c 33 § 317; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.334. Prior: 1959 c 268 § 12. Formerly RCW 28A.57.334, 28.57.420.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 29.21.140 was recodified as RCW 29.15.140 pursuant to 1990 c 59 § 110, effective July 1, 1992.

28A.315.570 Directors—Terms in certain first class districts to be staggered. Any first class school district having a board of directors of five members as provided in RCW 28A.315.450 and which elects directors for a term of six years under the provisions of RCW 29.13.060 shall cause the office of at least one director and no more than two directors to be up for election at each regular school district election held hereafter and, except as provided in RCW 28A.315.680, any first class school district having a board of directors of seven members as provided in RCW 28A.315.450 shall cause the office of two directors and no more than three directors to be up for election at each regular school district election held hereafter. [1990 c 33 § 318; 1969 c 131 § 11; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.336. Prior: 1959 c 268 § 13. Formerly RCW 28A.57.336, 28.57.430.]

28A.315.580 Directors' districts in certain school districts—Submittal of proposition at formation election. Whenever an election shall be held for the purpose of securing the approval of the voters for the formation of a

new school district other than a school district of the first class having within its boundaries a city with a population of four hundred thousand people or more, if requested by one of the boards of directors of the school districts affected, there shall also be submitted to the voters at the same election a proposition to authorize the board of directors to divide the school district, if formed, into five directors' districts in first class school districts and a choice of five directors' districts or no fewer than three directors' districts with the balance of the directors to be elected at large in second class school districts. Such director districts in second class districts, if approved, shall not become effective until the regular school election following the next regular school election at which time a new board of directors shall be elected as provided in RCW 28A.315.550. Such director districts in first class districts, if approved, shall not become effective until the next regular school election at which time a new board of directors shall be elected as provided in RCW 28A.315.600, 28A.315.610, and 28A.315.620. Each of the five directors shall be elected from among the residents of the respective director district, or from among the residents of the entire school district in the case of directors at large, by the electors of the entire school district. [1991 c 363 § 22; 1991 c 288 § 3. Prior: 1990 c 161 § 5; 1990 c 33 § 319; 1985 c 385 § 27; 1979 ex.s. c 183 § 2; 1975 c 43 § 8; 1973 2nd ex.s. c 21 § 2; 1971 c 67 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.342; prior: 1959 c 268 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.57.342, 28.57.342.]

Reviser's note: This section was amended by 1991 c 288 § 3 and by 1991 c 363 § 22, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Purpose—Captions not law—1991 c 363: See notes following RCW 2.32.180.

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Effective date—1979 ex.s. c 183: "This amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect on July 1, 1979." [1979 ex.s. c 183 § 12.]

Severability—1979 ex.s. c 183: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1979 ex.s. c 183 § 13.]

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

28A.315.590 Directors' districts in certain school districts—Election to authorize division in school districts not already divided into directors' districts. The board of directors of every first class school district other than a school district of the first class having within its boundaries a city with a population of four hundred thousand people or more which is not divided into directors' districts may submit to the voters at any regular school district election a proposition to authorize the board of directors to divide the district into directors' districts or for second class school districts into director districts or a combination of no fewer than three director districts and no more than two at large positions. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition is affirmative, the board of directors shall proceed to divide the district into directors' districts following the procedure established in RCW 29.70.100. Such director districts, if approved, shall not become effective until the next regular

school election when a new five member board of directors shall be elected, one from each of the director districts from among the residents of the respective director district, or from among the residents of the entire school district in the case of directors at large, by the electors of the entire district, two for a term of two years and three for a term of four years, unless such district elects its directors for six years, in which case, one for a term of two years, two for a term of four years, and two for a term of six years. [1991 c 363 § 23; 1991 c 288 § 4; 1990 c 161 § 6; 1985 c 385 § 28; 1979 ex.s. c 183 § 3; 1975 c 43 § 9; 1973 2nd ex.s. c 21 § 3; 1971 c 67 § 8; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.344. Prior: 1959 c 268 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.57.344, 28.57.344.]

Reviser's note: This section was amended by 1991 c 288 § 4 and by 1991 c 363 § 23, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Purpose—Captions not law—1991 c 363: See notes following RCW 2.32.180.

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 183: See notes following RCW 28A.315.580.

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

28A.315.593 Division or redivision of district into director districts. It is the responsibility of each school district board of directors to prepare for the division or redivision of the district into director districts no later than eight months after any of the following:

(1) Receipt of federal decennial census data from the redistricting commission established in RCW 44.05.030;

(2) Consolidation of two or more districts into one district under RCW 28A.315.270;

(3) Transfer of territory to or from the district under RCW 28A.315.280;

(4) Annexation of territory to or from the district under RCW 28A.315.290 or 28A.315.320; or

(5) Approval by a majority of the registered voters voting on a proposition authorizing the division of the district into director districts pursuant to RCW 28A.315.590.

The districting or redistricting plan shall be consistent with the criteria and adopted according to the procedure established under RCW 29.70.100. [1991 c 288 § 1.]

28A.315.597 District boundary changes—Submission to county auditor. (1) Any district boundary changes, including changes in director district boundaries, shall be submitted to the county auditor by the school district board of directors within thirty days after the changes have been approved by the board. The board shall submit both legal descriptions and maps.

(2) Any boundary changes submitted to the county auditor after the fourth Monday in June of odd-numbered years shall not take effect until the following year. [1991 c 288 § 9.]

28A.315.600 Directors—Number and terms of in first class districts containing no former first class district. Upon the establishment of a new school district of the first class as provided for in RCW 28A.315.580 containing no former first class district, the directors of the old

school districts who reside within the limits of the new district shall meet at the call of the educational service district superintendent and shall constitute the board of directors of the new district. If fewer than five such directors reside in such new district, they shall become directors of said district and the educational service district board shall appoint the number of additional directors to constitute a board of five directors for the district. Vacancies, once such a board has been reconstituted, shall not be filled unless the number of remaining board members is less than five, and such vacancies shall be filled in the manner otherwise provided by law.

Each board of directors so constituted shall proceed at once to organize in the manner prescribed by law and thereafter shall have all the powers and authority conferred by law upon boards of directors of first class school districts until the next regular school election in the district at which election their successors shall be elected and qualified. At such election no more than five directors shall be elected either at large or by director districts, as the case may be, two for a term of two years and three for a term of four years: PROVIDED, That if such first class district is in a county with a population of two hundred ten thousand or more and contains a city of the first class, two directors shall be elected for a term of three years and three directors shall be elected for a term of six years. [1991 c 363 § 24; 1990 c 33 § 320; 1980 c 35 § 3; 1979 ex.s. c 126 § 6; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 102; 1971 c 67 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.57.355.]

Purpose—Captions not law—1991 c 363: See notes following RCW 2.32.180.

Severability—1980 c 35: See note following RCW 28A.315.450.

Purpose—1979 ex.s. c 126: See RCW 29.04.170(1).

28A.315.610 Directors—Number and terms of in first class districts containing only one former first class district. Upon the establishment of a new school district of the first class as provided for in RCW 28A.315.580 containing only one former first class district, the directors of the former first class district and two directors representative of former second class districts selected by a majority of the board members of former second class districts shall meet at the call of the educational service district superintendent and shall constitute the board of directors of the new district. Vacancies, once such a board has been reconstituted, shall not be filled unless the number of remaining board members is less than five, and such vacancies shall be filled in the manner otherwise provided by law.

Each board of directors so constituted shall proceed at once to organize in the manner prescribed by law and thereafter shall have all the powers and authority conferred by law upon boards of directors of first class school districts until the next regular school election in the district at which election their successors shall be elected and qualified. At such election no more than five directors shall be elected either at large or by director districts, as the case may be, two for a term of two years and three for a term of four years: PROVIDED, That if such first class district is in a county with a population of two hundred ten thousand or more and contains a city of the first class, two directors shall be elected for a term of three years and three directors shall

be elected for a term of six years. [1991 c 363 § 25; 1990 c 33 § 321; 1980 c 35 § 4; 1979 ex.s. c 126 § 7; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 15 § 6. Prior: 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 103; 1975 c 43 § 10; 1971 c 67 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.57.356.]

Purpose—Captions not law—1991 c 363: See notes following RCW 2.32.180.

Severability—1980 c 35: See note following RCW 28A.315.450.

Purpose—1979 ex.s. c 126: See RCW 29.04.170(1).

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

28A.315.620 Directors—Number and terms of in first class districts containing more than one former first class district. Upon the establishment of a new school district of the first class as provided for in RCW 28A.315.580 containing more than one former first class district, the directors of the largest former first class district and three directors representative of the other former first class districts selected by a majority of the board members of the former first class districts and two directors representative of former second class districts selected by a majority of the board members of former second class districts shall meet at the call of the educational service district superintendent and shall constitute the board of directors of the new district. Vacancies once such a board has been reconstituted shall not be filled unless the number of remaining board members is less than seven, and such vacancies shall be filled in the manner otherwise provided by law.

Each board of directors so constituted shall proceed at once to organize in the manner prescribed by law and thereafter shall have all of the powers and authority conferred by law upon boards of first class districts until the next regular school election and until their successors are elected and qualified. At such election other than districts electing directors for six-year terms as provided in RCW 29.13.060, as now or hereafter amended, five directors shall be elected either at large or by director districts, as the case may be, two for a term of two years and three for a term of four years. At such election for districts electing directors for six years other than a district having within its boundaries a city with a population of four hundred thousand people or more and electing directors for six year terms, five directors shall be elected either at large or by director districts, as the case may be, one for a term of two years, two for a term of four years, and two for a term of six years. [1991 c 363 § 26; 1990 c 33 § 322; 1980 c 35 § 5; 1980 c 47 § 2. Prior: 1979 ex.s. c 183 § 4; 1979 ex.s. c 126 § 8; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 15 § 7; prior: 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 104; 1975 c 43 § 11; 1973 2nd ex.s. c 21 § 10; 1973 c 19 § 1; 1971 c 67 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.57.357.]

Purpose—Captions not law—1991 c 363: See notes following RCW 2.32.180.

Severability—1980 c 35: See note following RCW 28A.315.450.

Severability—1980 c 47: See note following RCW 28A.315.450.

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 183: See notes following RCW 28A.315.580.

Purpose—1979 ex.s. c 126: See RCW 29.04.170(1).

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

28A.315.630 Directors—Number and terms of in new first class district having city with population of

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400,000 people or more. Upon the establishment of a new school district of the first class having within its boundaries a city with a population of four hundred thousand people or more, the directors of the largest former first class district and three directors representative of the other former first class districts selected by a majority of the board members of the former first class districts and two directors representative of former second class districts selected by a majority of the board members of former second class districts shall meet at the call of the educational service district superintendent and shall constitute the board of directors of the new district. Each board of directors so constituted shall proceed at once to organize in the manner prescribed by law and thereafter shall have all the powers and duties conferred by law upon boards of first class districts, until the next regular school election and until their successors are elected and qualified. Such duties shall include establishment of new director districts as provided for in RCW 28A.315.670. At the next regular school election seven directors shall be elected by director districts, two for a term of two years, two for a term of four years and three for a term of six years. Thereafter their terms shall be as provided in RCW 28A.315.460.

Vacancies once such a board has been reconstituted shall not be filled unless the number of remaining board members is less than seven, and such vacancies shall be filled in the manner otherwise provided by law. [1991 c 363 § 27; 1990 c 33 § 323; 1980 c 35 § 6; 1980 c 47 § 3. Prior: 1979 ex.s. c 183 § 5; 1979 ex.s. c 126 § 9; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 15 § 8; prior: 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 105; 1975 c 43 § 12; 1973 2nd ex.s. c 21 § 4; 1971 c 67 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.57.358.]

Purpose—Captions not law—1991 c 363: See notes following RCW 2.32.180.

Severability—1980 c 35: See note following RCW 28A.315.450.

Severability—1980 c 47: See note following RCW 28A.315.450.

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 183: See notes following RCW 28A.315.580.

Purpose—1979 ex.s. c 126: See RCW 29.04.170(1).

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

Directors—First class districts having city with population of 400,000 people or more—Terms: RCW 28A.315.460.

28A.315.640 Directors—Map and record of directors' districts. Each educational service district superintendent shall prepare and keep in his or her office (1) a map showing the boundaries of the directors' districts of all school districts in or belonging to his or her educational service district that are so divided, and (2) a record of the action taken by the regional committee in establishing such boundaries. [1990 c 33 § 324; 1985 c 385 § 29; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 106; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 140; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.390. Prior: 1947 c 266 § 38; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-57. Formerly RCW 28A.57.390, 28.57.390.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.315.650 Directors—Terms specified for directors in divided districts whose terms are not the same. Whenever all directors to be elected in a school district that

is divided into directors' districts are not all to be elected for the same term of years, the county auditor, prior to the date set by law for filing a declaration of candidacy for the office of director, shall determine by lot the directors' districts from which directors shall be elected for a term of two years and the directors' districts from which directors shall be elected for a term of four years. In districts with a combination of directors' districts and directors at large, the county auditor shall determine the terms of office in such a manner that two-year terms and four-year terms are distributed evenly to the extent possible between the director district and at large positions. Each candidate shall indicate on his or her declaration of candidacy the directors' district from which he or she seeks to be elected or whether the candidate is seeking election as a director at large. [1990 c 161 § 7; 1990 c 33 § 325; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.410. Prior: 1959 c 268 § 11. Formerly RCW 28A.57.410, 28.57.410.]

Reviser's note: This section was amended by 1990 c 33 § 325 and by 1990 c 161 § 7, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

28A.315.660 Directors—Dissolution of directors' districts. Upon receipt by the educational service district superintendent of a resolution adopted by the board of directors or a written petition from a second class school district signed by at least twenty percent of the registered voters of a school district previously divided into directors' districts, which resolution or petition shall request dissolution of the existing directors' districts and reapportionment of the district into no fewer than three directors' districts and with no more than two directors at large, the superintendent, after formation of the question to be submitted to the voters, shall give notice thereof to the county auditor who shall call and hold a special election of the voters of the entire school district to approve or reject such proposal, such election to be called, conducted and the returns canvassed as in regular school district elections.

If approval of a majority of those registered voters voting in said election is acquired, at the expiration of terms of the incumbent directors of such school district their successors shall be elected in the manner approved. [1990 c 161 § 3; 1990 c 33 § 326; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 15 § 9. Prior: 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 107; 1975 c 43 § 13; 1971 c 48 § 27; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.57.415. Formerly RCW 28A.57.415.]

Reviser's note: This section was amended by 1990 c 33 § 326 and by 1990 c 161 § 3, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

28A.315.670 Directors' districts in first class districts having city with population of 400,000 people or more—Boundaries—Director candidate eligibility—Declaration of candidacy—Primary limited to voters within district—Terms of directors. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any school district of the first class having within its boundaries a city with a population of four hundred thousand people or more shall be divided into seven

director districts. The boundaries of such director districts shall be established by the members of the school board, such boundaries to be established so that each such district shall comply, as nearly as practicable, with the criteria established in RCW 29.70.100. Boundaries of such director districts shall be adjusted by the school board following the procedure established in RCW 29.70.100 after each federal decennial census if population change shows the need thereof to comply with the criteria of RCW 29.70.100. No person shall be eligible for the position of school director in any such director district unless such person resides in the particular director district. Residents in the particular director district desiring to be a candidate for school director shall file their declarations of candidacy for such director district and for the position of director in that district and shall be voted upon, in any primary required to be held for the position under Title 29 RCW, by the registered voters of that particular director district. In the general election, each position shall be voted upon by all the registered voters in the school district. The order of the names of candidates shall appear on the primary and general election ballots as required for nonpartisan positions under Title 29 RCW. Except as provided in RCW 28A.315.680, every such director so elected in school districts divided into seven director districts shall serve for a term of four years as otherwise provided in RCW 28A.315.460. [1991 c 363 § 28; 1991 c 288 §§ 5, 6. Prior: 1990 c 59 § 99; 1990 c 33 § 327; 1979 ex.s. c 183 § 6; 1973 2nd ex.s. c 21 § 5; 1969 c 131 § 9. Formerly RCW 28A.57.425.]

Reviser's note: This section was amended by 1991 c 288 §§ 5, 6 and by 1991 c 363 § 28, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Effective dates—1991 c 363 §§ 28, 29, 33, 47, 131: "(1) Sections 28, 29, 33, and 131 of this act shall take effect July 1, 1992. (2) Section 47 of this act shall take effect July 1, 1993." [1991 c 363 § 165.]

Purpose—Captions not law—1991 c 363: See notes following RCW 2.32.180.

Effective date—1991 c 288 §§ 6, 8: "Sections 6 and 8 of this act shall take effect July 1, 1992." [1991 c 288 § 12.]

Expiration date—1991 c 288 §§ 5, 7: "Sections 5 and 7 of this act shall expire July 1, 1992." [1991 c 288 § 11.]

Intent—Effective date—1990 c 59: See notes following RCW 29.01.006.

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 183: See notes following RCW 28A.315.580.

28A.315.680 Directors' districts in first class districts having city with population of 400,000 people or more—Initial district boundaries—Appointments to fill vacancies for new director districts—Director district numbers. The school boards of any school district of the first class having within its boundaries a city with a population of four hundred thousand people or more shall establish the director district boundaries. Appointment of a board member to fill any vacancy existing for a new director district prior to the next regular school election shall be by the school board. Prior to the next regular election in the school district and the filing of declarations of candidacy therefor, the incumbent school board shall designate said director districts by number. Directors appointed to fill vacancies as above provided shall be subject to election, one

for a six-year term, and one for a two-year term and thereafter the term of their respective successors shall be for four years. The term of office of incumbent members of the board of such district shall not be affected by RCW 28A.315.450, 28A.315.460, 28A.315.570, 28A.315.670, 28A.315.680, and *29.21.180. [1991 c 363 § 29; 1991 c 288 §§ 7, 8. Prior: 1990 c 59 § 72; 1990 c 33 § 328; 1983 c 3 § 36; 1979 ex.s. c 183 § 7; 1973 2nd ex.s. c 21 § 6; 1969 c 131 § 10. Formerly RCW 28A.57.435.]

Reviser's note: (1) This section was amended by 1991 c 288 §§ 7, 8 and by 1991 c 363 § 29, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

* (2) RCW 29.21.180 was repealed by 1990 c 59 § 112, effective July 1, 1992.

Effective dates—1991 c 363 §§ 28, 29, 33, 47, 131: See note following RCW 28A.315.670.

Purpose—Captions not law—1991 c 363: See notes following RCW 2.32.180.

Effective date—1991 c 288 §§ 6, 8: See note following RCW 28A.315.670.

Intent—Effective date—1990 c 59: See notes following RCW 29.01.006.

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 183: See notes following RCW 28A.315.580.

28A.315.690 Change of district name—Authorized—Petition for. Any school district in the state, regardless of size or method of organization, may change its name in the following manner: Upon receipt of a petition signed by ten percent of the registered voters of the district, requesting that the name of the school district shall be changed and submitting with said request a proposed name, the school board shall accept or reject the petition within the time for the next two regular meetings. If the petition is rejected, the board's action shall not be appealed. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.600. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 69 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.600, 28.58.600.]

28A.315.700 Change of district name—Public hearing on—Notice of—Hearing may include additional petitions. If the petition is accepted, the board shall set a date for a public hearing thereon to be held within one month of the date of acceptance and cause notice thereof, together with the proposed new name to be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the school district: PROVIDED, That additional petitions for change of name may be heard at the same public hearing without the necessity of additional publication of notice, so long as the additional proposed names are presented at any board meeting, whether special or regular, including at the public hearing. At the hearing any interested elector who is a resident of the school district may appear and speak for or against the propositions. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.601. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 69 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.601, 28.58.601.]

28A.315.710 Change of district name—Board selection of name for voter approval. Within two regular meetings after the public hearing the board shall select one name to present to the residents of the school district for their approval or rejection at the next special or general

election. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.602. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 69 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.58.602, 28.58.602.]

28A.315.720 Change of district name—Procedure upon voter approval—Recording—Notice to interested institutions. If a majority of the electors voting at the election at which the proposed name is voted upon approve the proposed name, the new name shall be recorded in the school district office, the office of the educational service district superintendent, the offices of the state superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education.

All institutions which have a legal or financial interest in the status of a school district whose name has been changed shall be notified in a manner prescribed by the state attorney general. [1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 114; 1971 c 48 § 32; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.603. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 69 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.58.603, 28.58.603.]

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

28A.315.900 Proceedings as of July 28, 1985—Effect of 1985 c 385. Any proceeding or hearing now or hereafter initiated, being considered, or in progress pursuant to this chapter as of July 28, 1985, or thereafter which is interrupted by a change in committee membership by chapter 385, Laws of 1985 shall continue and be assumed and decided with equal force and effect by the initial regional committees and all other successor committees provided for in RCW 28A.315.060 and 28A.315.120: PROVIDED, That such committees may elect to reconduct proceedings on hearings already in progress and shall reconduct wholly or partially completed hearings required pursuant to this chapter unless the majority of the committee deciding the matter have either read or heard previously submitted testimony and evidence. [1990 c 33 § 329; 1985 c 385 § 38. Formerly RCW 28A.57.900.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Chapter 28A.320

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28A.320.010 Corporate powers. A school district shall constitute a body corporate and shall possess all the usual powers of a public corporation, and in that name and style may sue and be sued and transact all business necessary for maintaining school and protecting the rights of the district, and enter into such obligations as are authorized therefor by law. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.010. Prior: (i) 1909 c 97 p 287 § 7, part; RRS § 4782, part; prior: 1897 c 118 § 44, part; 1891 c 127 § 11, part; 1890 p 366 § 30, part. Formerly RCW 28.58.040, part. (ii) 1947 c 266 § 6, part; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-25, part; prior: 1909 c 97 p 265 § 2, part. Formerly RCW 28A.58.010, 28.57.135, 28.58.010.]

28A.320.015 School boards of directors—Powers—Notice of adoption of policy. (1) The board of directors of each school district may exercise the following:

(a) The broad discretionary power to determine and adopt written policies not in conflict with other law that

provide for the development and implementation of programs, activities, services, or practices that the board determines will:

(i) Promote the education of kindergarten through twelfth grade students in the public schools; or

(ii) Promote the effective, efficient, or safe management and operation of the school district;

(b) Such powers as are expressly authorized by law; and

(c) Such powers as are necessarily or fairly implied in the powers expressly authorized by law.

(2) Before adopting a policy under subsection (1)(a) of this section, the school district board of directors shall comply with the notice requirements of the open public meetings act, chapter 42.30 RCW, and shall in addition include in that notice a statement that sets forth or reasonably describes the proposed policy. The board of directors shall provide a reasonable opportunity for public written and oral comment and consideration of the comment by the board of directors. [1992 c 141 § 301.]

Findings—Part headings—Severability—1992 c 141: See note following RCW 28A.410.040.

28A.320.020 Liability for debts and judgments.

Every school district shall be liable for any debts legally due, and for judgments against the district, and such district shall pay any such judgment or liability out of the proper school funds to the credit of the district. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.020. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 287 § 4; RRS § 4779; prior: 1897 c 118 § 41; 1890 p 365 § 27. Formerly RCW 28A.58.020, 28.58.020.]

28A.320.030 Gifts, conveyances, etc., for scholarship and student aid purposes, receipt and administration.

The board of directors of any school district may accept, receive and administer for scholarship and student aid purposes such gifts, grants, conveyances, devises and bequests of personal or real property, in trust or otherwise, for the use or benefit of the school district or its students; and sell, lease, rent or exchange and invest or expend the same or the proceeds, rents, profits and income thereof according to the terms and conditions thereof, if any, for the foregoing purposes; and enter into contracts and adopt regulations deemed necessary by the board to provide for the receipt and expenditure of the foregoing. [1974 ex.s. c 8 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.030.]

28A.320.040 Bylaws for board and school government.

Every board of directors shall have power to make such bylaws for their own government, and the government of the common schools under their charge, as they deem expedient, not inconsistent with the provisions of this title, or rules and regulations of the superintendent of public instruction or the state board of education. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.110. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 287 § 6; RRS § 4781; prior: 1897 c 118 § 43; 1890 p 366 § 29. Formerly RCW 28A.58.110, 28.58.110.]

28A.320.050 Reimbursement of expenses of directors, other school representatives, and superintendent candidates—Advancing anticipated expenses. The actual expenses of school directors in going to, returning from and

attending upon directors' meetings or other meetings called or held pursuant to statute shall be paid. Likewise, the expenses of school superintendents and other school representatives chosen by the directors to attend any conferences or meetings or to attend to any urgent business at the behest of the state superintendent of public instruction or the board of directors shall be paid. The board of directors may pay the actual and necessary expenses for travel, lodging and meals a superintendent candidate incurs when he or she attends an employment interview in the school district. The school directors, school superintendents, other school representatives or superintendent candidates may be advanced sufficient sums to cover their anticipated expenses in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the state auditor and which shall substantially conform to the procedures provided in RCW 43.03.150 through 43.03.210. [1977 c 73 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 26 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.310. Prior: 1961 c 268 § 15; prior: 1919 c 90 § 6, part; 1909 c 97 p 287 § 8, part; RRS § 4783, part. Formerly RCW 28A.58.310, 28.58.310.]

28A.320.060 Officers, employees or agents of school districts or educational service districts, insurance to protect and hold personally harmless. Any school district board of directors and educational service district board are authorized to purchase insurance to protect and hold personally harmless any director, officer, employee or agent of the respective school district or educational service district from any action, claim or proceeding instituted against him or her arising out of the performance or failure of performance of duties for or employment with such institution and to hold him or her harmless from any expenses connected with the defense, settlement or monetary judgments from such actions. [1990 c 33 § 330; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 116; 1972 ex.s. c 142 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.630.]

28A.320.070 School district as self-insurer—Authority. Any school district board of directors is authorized to enter into agreements with the board of directors of other school districts and/or educational service districts to form a self-insurance group for the purpose of qualifying as a self-insurer under chapter 51.14 RCW. [1982 c 191 § 10. Formerly RCW 28A.58.410.]

Effective date—Severability—1982 c 191: See notes following RCW 28A.315.270.

School districts as self-insurers: RCW 51.14.150 and 51.14.160.

28A.320.080 Commencement exercises—Lip reading instruction—Joint purchasing, including issuing interest bearing warrants and agreements with private schools—Budgets. Every board of directors, unless otherwise specifically provided by law, shall:

(1) Provide for the expenditure of a reasonable amount for suitable commencement exercises;

(2) In addition to providing free instruction in lip reading for children handicapped by defective hearing, make arrangements for free instruction in lip reading to adults handicapped by defective hearing whenever in its judgment such instruction appears to be in the best interests of the school district and adults concerned;

(3) Join with boards of directors of other school districts or an educational service district pursuant to RCW 28A.310.180(3), or both such school districts and educational service district in buying supplies, equipment and services by establishing and maintaining a joint purchasing agency, or otherwise, when deemed for the best interests of the district, any joint agency formed hereunder being herewith authorized and empowered to issue interest bearing warrants in payment of any obligation owed: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That those agencies issuing interest bearing warrants shall assign accounts receivable in an amount equal to the amount of the outstanding interest bearing warrants to the county treasurer issuing such interest bearing warrants: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the joint purchasing agency shall consider the request of any one or more private schools requesting the agency to jointly buy supplies, equipment, and services including but not limited to school bus maintenance services, and, after considering such request, may cooperate with and jointly make purchases with private schools of supplies, equipment, and services, including but not limited to school bus maintenance services, so long as such private schools pay in advance their proportionate share of the costs or provide a surety bond to cover their proportionate share of the costs involved in such purchases;

(4) Consider the request of any one or more private schools requesting the board to jointly buy supplies, equipment and services including but not limited to school bus maintenance services, and, after considering such request, may provide such joint purchasing services: PROVIDED, That such private schools pay in advance their proportionate share of the costs or provide a surety bond to cover their proportionate share of the costs involved in such purchases; and

(5) Prepare budgets as provided for in chapter 28A.505 RCW. [1990 c 33 § 331; 1986 c 77 § 1; 1983 c 125 § 1; 1981 c 308 § 1; 1979 ex.s. c 66 § 2; 1971 c 26 § 1; 1969 c 53 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.107. Prior: 1969 c 53 § 1, part; 1967 ex.s. c 29 § 1, part; 1967 c 12 § 1, part; 1965 ex.s. c 49 § 1, part; 1963 c 104 § 1, part; 1963 c 5 § 1, part; 1961 c 305 § 1, part; 1961 c 237 § 1, part; 1961 c 66 § 1, part; 1955 c 68 § 2, part; prior: 1943 c 52 § 1, part; 1941 c 179 § 1, part; 1939 c 131 § 1, part; 1925 ex.s. c 57 § 1, part; 1919 c 89 § 3, part; 1915 c 44 § 1, part; 1909 c 97 p 285 § 2, part; 1907 c 240 § 5, part; 1903 c 104 § 17, part; 1901 c 41 § 3, part; 1897 c 118 § 40, part; 1890 p 364 § 26, part; Rem. Supp. 1943 § 4776, part. Formerly RCW 28A.58.107, 28.58.100(7), (13) and (14).]

Severability—1981 c 308: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1981 c 308 § 3.]

Severability—1979 ex.s. c 66: See note following RCW 28A.310.180.

28A.320.090 Preparing and distributing information on district's instructional program, operation and maintenance—Limitation. The board of directors of any school district shall have authority to authorize the expenditure of funds for the purpose of preparing and distributing information to the general public to explain the instructional program, operation and maintenance of the schools of the district: PROVIDED, That nothing contained herein shall be

construed to authorize preparation and distribution of information to the general public for the purpose of influencing the outcome of a school district election. [1969 ex.s. c 283 § 11. Formerly RCW 28A.58.610, 28.58.610.]

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.150.050.

28A.320.100 Actions against officers, employees or agents of school districts and educational service districts—Defense, costs, fees—Payment of obligation. Whenever any action, claim or proceeding is instituted against any director, officer, employee or agent of a school district or educational service district arising out of the performance or failure of performance of duties for, or employment with any such district, the board of directors of the school district or educational service district board, as the case may be, may grant a request by such person that the prosecuting attorney and/or attorney of the district's choosing be authorized to defend said claim, suit or proceeding, and the costs of defense, attorney's fees, and any obligation for payment arising from such action may be paid from the school district's general fund, or in the case of an educational service district, from any appropriation made for the support of the educational service district, to which said person is attached: **PROVIDED**, That costs of defense and/or judgment against such person shall not be paid in any case where the court has found that such person was not acting in good faith or within the scope of his or her employment with or duties for the district. [1990 c 33 § 332; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 115; 1972 ex.s. c 142 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.620.]

28A.320.110 Information and research services. For the purpose of obtaining information on school organization, administration, operation, finance and instruction, school districts and educational service districts may contract for or purchase information and research services from public universities, colleges and other public bodies, or from private individuals or agencies. For the same purpose, school districts and educational service district superintendents may become members of any nonprofit organization whose principal purpose is to provide such services. Charges payable for such services and membership fees payable to such organizations may be based on the cost of providing such services, on the benefit received by the participating school districts measured by enrollment, or on any other reasonable basis, and may be paid before, during, or after the receipt of such services or the participation as members of such organizations. [1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 112; 1971 ex.s. c 93 § 4; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 142; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.530. Prior: 1963 c 30 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.530, 28.58.530.]

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.320.120 Cooperation with technical colleges—Jurisdiction over property—Administrative charges—Discrimination against employees of technical colleges prohibited—Dispute resolution. As of May 17, 1991, school districts shall not remove facilities, equipment, or property from the jurisdiction or use of the technical colleg-

es. This shall include direct and indirect funds other than those indirect charges provided for in the 1990-91 appropriations act. School districts shall not increase direct or indirect charges for central district administrative support for technical college programs above the percentage rate charged in the 1990-91 school year. This provision on administrative charges for technical college programs shall apply to any state and federal grants, tuition, and other revenues generated by technical college programs. School districts and the superintendent of public instruction shall cooperate fully with the technical colleges and the state board for community and technical colleges with regard to the implementation of chapter 238, Laws of 1991. No employee of a technical college may be discriminated against based on actions or opinions expressed on issues surrounding chapter 238, Laws of 1991. Any dispute related to issues contained in this section shall be resolved under RCW 28B.50.302. [1991 c 238 § 142.]

Effective dates—Severability—1991 c 238: See RCW 28B.50.917 and 28B.50.918.

28A.320.130 Weapons incidents—Reporting. Each school district and each private school approved under chapter 28A.195 RCW shall report to the superintendent of public instruction by January 31st of each year all known incidents involving the possession of weapons on school premises, on transportation systems, or in areas of facilities while being used exclusively by public or private schools, in violation of RCW 9.41.280 in the year preceding the report. The superintendent shall compile the data and report it to the house of representatives, the senate, and the governor. [1993 c 347 § 2.]

28A.320.140 Schools with special standards. (1) School district boards of directors may establish schools or programs which parents may choose for their children to attend in which: (a) Students are required to conform to dress and grooming codes, including requiring that students wear uniforms; (b) parents are required to participate in the student's education; or (c) discipline requirements are more stringent than in other schools in the district.

(2) School district boards of directors may establish schools or programs in which: (a) Students are required to conform to dress and grooming codes, including requiring that students wear uniforms; (b) parents are regularly counseled and encouraged to participate in the student's education; or (c) discipline requirements are more stringent than in other schools in the district. School boards may require that students who are subject to suspension or expulsion attend these schools or programs as a condition of continued enrollment in the school district.

(3) If students are required to wear uniforms in these programs or schools, school districts shall accommodate students so that the uniform requirement is not an unfair barrier to school attendance and participation.

(4) Nothing in this section impairs or reduces in any manner whatsoever the authority of a board under other law to impose a dress and appearance code. However, if a board requires uniforms under such other authority, it shall accommodate students so that the uniform requirement is not

an unfair barrier to school attendance and participation. [1994 1st sp.s. c 7 § 612.]

Finding—Intent—Severability—1994 1st sp.s. c 7: See notes following RCW 43.70.540.

PROGRAM EVALUATION

28A.320.200 Self-study process by school districts—Requirements—Rules. (Contingent expiration date.) (1) Each school district board of directors shall develop a schedule and process by which each public school within its jurisdiction shall undertake self-study procedures on a regular basis: PROVIDED, That districts may allow two or more elementary school buildings in the district to undertake jointly the self-study process. Each school may follow the accreditation process developed by the state board of education under RCW 28A.305.130(6), although no school is required to file for actual accreditation, or the school may follow a self-study process developed locally. The initial self-study process within each district shall begin by September 1, 1986, and should be completed for all schools within a district by the end of the 1990-91 school year.

(2) Any self-study process must include the participation of staff, parents, members of the community, and students, where appropriate to their age.

(3) The self-study process that is used must focus upon the quality and appropriateness of the school's educational program and the results of its operational effort. The primary emphasis throughout the process shall be placed upon:

- (a) Achieving educational excellence and equity;
- (b) Building stronger links with the community; and
- (c) Reaching consensus upon educational expectations through community involvement and corresponding school management.

(4) The state board of education shall adopt rules governing procedural criteria. Such rules should be flexible so as to accommodate local goals and circumstances. The rules may allow for waiver of the self-study for economic reasons and may also allow for waiver of the initial self-study if a district or its schools have participated successfully in an official accreditation process or in a similar assessment of educational programs within the last three years. The self-study process shall be conducted on a cyclical basis every seven years following the initial 1990-91 period.

(5) The superintendent of public instruction shall provide training to assist districts in their self-studies.

(6) Each district shall report every two years to the superintendent of public instruction on the scheduling and implementation of their self-study activities. The report shall include information about how the district and each school within the district have addressed the issue of class size and staffing patterns. [1990 c 33 § 333; 1989 c 83 § 1; 1988 c 256 § 2; 1985 c 349 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.085.]

Severability—1985 c 349: See note following RCW 28A.630.800.

28A.320.205 Annual school performance report—Model report form. (1) Beginning with the 1994-95 school year, to provide the local community and electorate with access to information on the educational programs in the schools in the district, each school shall publish annually a

school performance report and deliver the report to each parent with children enrolled in the school and make the report available to the community served by the school. The annual performance report shall be in a form that can be easily understood and be used by parents, guardians, and other members of the community who are not professional educators to make informed educational decisions. As data from the assessments in RCW 28A.630.885 becomes available, the annual performance report should enable parents, educators, and school board members to determine whether students in the district's schools are attaining mastery of the student learning goals under RCW 28A.150.210, and other important facts about the schools' performance in assisting students to learn. The annual report shall make comparisons to a school's performance in preceding years and shall project goals in performance categories.

(2) The annual performance report shall include, but not be limited to: A brief statement of the mission of the school and the school district; enrollment statistics including student demographics; expenditures per pupil for the school year; a summary of student scores on all mandated tests; a concise annual budget report; student attendance, graduation, and dropout rates; information regarding the use and condition of the school building or buildings; a brief description of the restructuring plan for the school; and an invitation to all parents and citizens to participate in school activities.

(3) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop by June 30, 1994, a model report form, which shall also be adapted for computers, that schools may use to meet the requirements of subsections (1) and (2) of this section. [1993 c 336 § 1006.]

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

28A.320.230 Instructional materials—Instructional materials committee. Every board of directors, unless otherwise specifically provided by law, shall:

(1) Prepare, negotiate, set forth in writing and adopt, policy relative to the selection or deletion of instructional materials. Such policy shall:

(a) State the school district's goals and principles relative to instructional materials;

(b) Delegate responsibility for the preparation and recommendation of teachers' reading lists and specify the procedures to be followed in the selection of all instructional materials including text books;

(c) Establish an instructional materials committee to be appointed, with the approval of the school board, by the school district's chief administrative officer. This committee shall consist of representative members of the district's professional staff, including representation from the district's curriculum development committees, and, in the case of districts which operate elementary school(s) only, the educational service district superintendent, one of whose responsibilities shall be to assure the correlation of those elementary district adoptions with those of the high school district(s) which serve their children. The committee may include parents at the school board's discretion: PROVID-

ED, That parent members shall make up less than one-half of the total membership of the committee;

(d) Provide for reasonable notice to parents of the opportunity to serve on the committee and for terms of office for members of the instructional materials committee;

(e) Provide a system for receiving, considering and acting upon written complaints regarding instructional materials used by the school district;

(f) Provide free text books, supplies and other instructional materials to be loaned to the pupils of the school, when, in its judgment, the best interests of the district will be subserved thereby and prescribe rules and regulations to preserve such books, supplies and other instructional materials from unnecessary damage.

Recommendation of instructional materials shall be by the district's instructional materials committee in accordance with district policy. Approval or disapproval shall be by the local school district's board of directors.

Districts may pay the necessary travel and subsistence expenses for expert counsel from outside the district. In addition, the committee's expenses incidental to visits to observe other districts' selection procedures may be reimbursed by the school district.

Districts may, within limitations stated in board policy, use and experiment with instructional materials for a period of time before general adoption is formalized.

Within the limitations of board policy, a school district's chief administrator may purchase instructional materials to meet deviant needs or rapidly changing circumstances.

(2) Establish a depreciation scale for determining the value of texts which students wish to purchase. [1989 c 371 § 1; 1979 ex.s. c 134 § 2; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 109; 1971 c 48 § 29; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.103. Prior: 1969 c 53 § 1, part; 1967 ex.s. c 29 § 1, part; 1967 c 12 § 1, part; 1965 ex.s. c 49 § 1, part; 1963 c 104 § 1, part; 1963 c 5 § 1, part; 1961 c 305 § 1, part; 1961 c 237 § 1, part; 1961 c 66 § 1, part; 1955 c 68 § 2, part. Formerly RCW 28A.58.103, 28.58.100(8) and (9).]

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

Disposal of obsolete or surplus reading materials by school districts and libraries: RCW 39.33.070.

Surplus texts and other educational aids, notice of availability—Student priority as to texts: RCW 28A.335.180.

28A.320.240 Operation and stocking of libraries.

Every board of directors shall provide for the operation and stocking of such libraries as the board deems necessary for the proper education of the district's students or as otherwise required by law or rule or regulation of the superintendent of public instruction or the state board of education. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.104. Prior: (i) 1909 c 97 p 299 § 7; RRS § 4817. Formerly RCW 28.63.040. (ii) 1909 c 97 p 302 § 7; RRS § 4829. Formerly RCW 28A.58.104, 28.63.042.]

DEPOSIT, INVESTMENT, AND USE OF PROCEEDS

28A.320.300 Investment of funds, including funds received by ESD—Authority—Procedure. Any common school district board of directors is empowered to direct and authorize, and to delegate authority to an employee, officer,

or agent of the common school district or the educational service district to direct and authorize, the county treasurer to invest funds described in RCW 28A.320.310 and 28A.320.320 and funds from state and federal sources as are then or thereafter received by the educational service district, and such funds from county sources as are then or thereafter received by the county treasurer, for distribution to the common school districts. Funds from state, county and federal sources which are so invested may be invested only for the period the funds are not required for the immediate necessities of the common school district as determined by the school district board of directors or its delegatee, and shall be invested in behalf of the common school district pursuant to the terms of RCW 28A.320.310, 28A.320.320, or 36.29.020 as the nature of the funds shall dictate. A grant of authority by a common school district pursuant to this section shall be by resolution of the board of directors and shall specify the duration and extent of the authority so granted. Any authority delegated to an educational service district pursuant to this section may be redelegated pursuant to RCW 28A.310.220. [1990 c 33 § 335; 1982 c 191 § 5; 1975 c 47 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.430.]

Effective date—Severability—1982 c 191: See notes following RCW 28A.315.270.

Transportation vehicle fund—Deposits in—Use—Rules for establishment and use: RCW 28A.160.130.

28A.320.310 Investment of idle building funds—Restrictions. The board of directors of any school district of the state of Washington which now has, or hereafter shall have, funds in the capital projects fund of the district in the office of the county treasurer which in the judgment of said board are not required for the immediate necessities of the district, may invest and reinvest all, or any part, of such funds in United States securities, as hereinafter specified after and pursuant to a resolution adopted by the board, authorizing and directing the county treasurer, as ex officio the treasurer of said district, to invest or reinvest, said moneys or any designated amount thereof in United States securities and specifying the type or character of the United States securities in which said moneys shall be invested: PROVIDED, That nothing herein authorized, or the type and character of the securities thus specified, shall have in itself the effect of delaying any program of building for which said funds shall have been authorized. Said funds and said securities and the profit and interest thereon, and the proceeds thereof, shall be held by the county treasurer to the credit and benefit of the capital projects fund of the district in the county treasurer's office. If in the judgment of the board it shall be necessary to redeem or to sell any of the purchased securities before their ultimate maturity date, the board may, by resolution, direct the county treasurer to cause such redemption to be had at the "Redemption Value" of said securities or to sell said bonds and securities at not less than market value and accrued interest. The foregoing "securities" shall include United States bonds, federal treasury notes and treasury bonds and United States certificates of indebtedness and other federal securities which may, during the life of this statute, come within the terms of this section. [1990 c 33 § 336; 1985 c 7 § 95; 1971 c 8 § 4. Prior: 1945 c 29 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.435.]

Severability—1971 c 8: "If any provision of this 1971 act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1971 c 8 § 7.]

School funds enumerated—Deposits—Uses: RCW 28A.320.330.

28A.320.320 Investment of funds of district not needed for immediate necessities—Service fee. The county treasurer, or the trustee, guardian, or any other custodian of any school fund, when authorized to do so by the board of directors of any school district, shall invest or reinvest any school funds of such district in investment deposits in any qualified public depository, or any obligations, securities, certificates, notes, bonds, or short term securities or obligations, of the United States. The county treasurer shall have the power to select the particular investment in which said funds may be invested. All earnings and income from such investments shall inure to the benefit of any school fund designated by the board of directors of the school district which such board may lawfully designate: PROVIDED, That any interest or earnings being credited to a fund different from that which earned the interest or earnings shall only be expended for instructional supplies, equipment or capital outlay purposes. This section shall apply to all funds which may be lawfully so invested or reinvested which in the judgment of the school board are not required for the immediate necessities of the district.

Five percent of the interest or earnings, with an annual minimum of ten dollars or annual maximum of fifty dollars, on any transactions authorized by each resolution of the board of school directors shall be paid as an investment service fee to the office of county treasurer when the interest or earnings becomes available to the school district. [1983 c 66 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.440. Prior: 1965 c 111 § 1; 1961 c 123 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.440, 28.58.440.]

Severability—1983 c 66: See note following RCW 39.58.010.

Investment of idle building funds—1945 act: 1945 c 29 § 1.

School funds enumerated—Deposits—Uses: RCW 28A.320.330.

28A.320.330 School funds enumerated—Deposits—Uses. School districts shall establish the following funds in addition to those provided elsewhere by law:

(1) A general fund for maintenance and operation of the school district to account for all financial operations of the school district except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

(2) A capital projects fund shall be established for major capital purposes. All statutory references to a "building fund" shall mean the capital projects fund so established. Money to be deposited into the capital projects fund shall include, but not be limited to, bond proceeds, proceeds from excess levies authorized by RCW 84.52.053, state apportionment proceeds as authorized by RCW 28A.150.270, and earnings from capital projects fund investments as authorized by RCW 28A.320.310 and 28A.320.320.

Money derived from the sale of bonds, including interest earnings thereof, may only be used for those purposes described in RCW 28A.530.010, except that accrued interest paid for bonds shall be deposited in the debt service fund.

Money to be deposited into the capital projects fund shall include but not be limited to rental and lease proceeds

as authorized by RCW 28A.335.060, and proceeds from the sale of real property as authorized by RCW 28A.335.130.

Money legally deposited into the capital projects fund from other sources may be used for the purposes described in RCW 28A.530.010, and for the purposes of:

(a) Major renovation, including the replacement of facilities and systems where periodical repairs are no longer economical. Major renovation and replacement shall include, but shall not be limited to, roofing, heating and ventilating systems, floor covering, and electrical systems.

(b) Renovation and rehabilitation of playfields, athletic fields, and other district real property.

(c) The conduct of preliminary energy audits and energy audits of school district buildings. For the purpose of this section:

(i) "Preliminary energy audits" means a determination of the energy consumption characteristics of a building, including the size, type, rate of energy consumption, and major energy using systems of the building.

(ii) "Energy audit" means a survey of a building or complex which identifies the type, size, energy use level, and major energy using systems; which determines appropriate energy conservation maintenance or operating procedures and assesses any need for the acquisition and installation of energy conservation measures, including solar energy and renewable resource measures.

(iii) "Energy capital improvement" means the installation, or modification of the installation, of energy conservation measures in a building which measures are primarily intended to reduce energy consumption or allow the use of an alternative energy source.

(d) Those energy capital improvements which are identified as being cost-effective in the audits authorized by this section.

(e) Purchase or installation of additional major items of equipment and furniture: PROVIDED, That vehicles shall not be purchased with capital projects fund money.

(3) A debt service fund to provide for tax proceeds, other revenues, and disbursements as authorized in chapter 39.44 RCW.

(4) An associated student body fund as authorized by RCW 28A.325.030.

(5) Advance refunding bond funds and refunded bond funds to provide for the proceeds and disbursements as authorized in chapter 39.53 RCW. [1990 c 33 § 337; 1983 c 59 § 13; 1982 c 191 § 6; 1981 c 250 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.441.]

Application—Effective date—Severability—1983 c 59: See notes following RCW 28A.505.010.

Effective date—Severability—1982 c 191: See notes following RCW 28A.315.270.

Effective date—1981 c 250: See note following RCW 28A.335.060.

ELECTORS—QUALIFICATIONS, VOTING PLACE, AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

28A.320.400 Elections—Qualifications of electors—Voting place. Qualifications of electors at all school elections shall be the same as at a general state or county election. Except as otherwise provided by law, only those electors residing within the district shall be entitled to vote,

and an elector may vote only at the polling place designated by the proper election official. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.520. Prior: 1941 c 12 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 5025-1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.520, 28.58.520.]

28A.320.410 Elections—Elections to be conducted according to Title 29 RCW. All school district elections, regular or special, shall be conducted according to the election laws of the state as contained in Title 29 RCW, and in the event of a conflict as to the application of the laws of this title or Title 29 RCW, the latter shall prevail. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.521. Prior: 1965 c 123 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.58.521, 28.58.521.]

28A.320.420 Special meetings of voters—Authorized—Purpose. Any board of directors at its discretion may, and, upon a petition of a majority of the legal voters of their district, shall call a special meeting of the voters of the district, to determine the length of time in excess of the minimum length of time prescribed by law that such school shall be maintained in the district during the year; to determine whether or not the district shall purchase any schoolhouse site or sites, and to determine the location thereof; or to determine whether or not the district shall build one or more schoolhouses or school facilities; or to determine whether or not the district shall sell any real or personal property belonging to the district, borrow money or establish and maintain a school district library. [1982 c 158 § 4; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.370. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 349 § 1; RRS § 5028; prior: 1901 c 177 § 18; 1897 c 118 § 156. Formerly RCW 28A.58.370, 28.58.370.]

Severability—1982 c 158: See note following RCW 28A.150.220.

28A.320.430 Special meetings of voters—Place, notice, procedure, record. All such special meetings shall be held at such schoolhouse or place as the board of directors may determine. The voting shall be by ballot, the ballots to be of white paper of uniform size and quality. At least ten days' notice of such special meeting shall be given by the school district superintendent, in the manner that notice is required to be given of the annual school election, which notice shall state the object or objects for which the meeting is to be held, and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting than such as is specified in the notice. The school district superintendent shall be the secretary of the meeting, and the chairman of the board of directors or, in his absence, the senior director present, shall be chairman of the meeting: **PROVIDED,** That in the absence of one or all of said officials, the qualified electors present may elect a chairman or secretary, or both chairman and secretary, of said meeting as occasion may require, from among their number. The secretary of the meeting shall make a record of the proceedings of the meeting, and when the secretary of such meeting has been elected by the qualified voters present, he or she shall within ten days thereafter, file the record of the proceedings, duly certified, with the superintendent of the district, and said records shall become a part of the records of the district, and be preserved as other records. [1990 c 33 § 338; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.380. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 350 § 2; RRS § 5029;

prior: 1897 c 118 § 157. Formerly RCW 28A.58.380, 28.58.380, 28.58.390, part.]

28A.320.440 Special meetings of voters—Directors to follow electors' decision. It shall be the duty of every board of directors to carry out the directions of the electors of their districts as expressed at any such meeting. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.390. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 350 § 3; RRS § 5030; prior: 1897 c 118 § 158. Formerly RCW 28A.58.390, 28.58.390.]

SUMMER SCHOOL, NIGHT SCHOOL, EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AND ATHLETICS

28A.320.500 Summer and/or other student vacation period programs—Authorized—Tuition and fees. Every school district board of directors is authorized to establish and operate summer and/or other student vacation period programs and to assess such tuition and special fees as it deems necessary to offset the maintenance and operation costs of such programs in whole or part. A summer and/or other student vacation period program may consist of such courses and activities as the school district board shall determine to be appropriate: **PROVIDED,** That such courses and activities shall not conflict with the provisions of RCW 28A.305.130. Attendance shall be voluntary. [1990 c 33 § 339; 1974 ex.s. c 161 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.080.]

28A.320.510 Night schools, summer schools, meetings, use of facilities for. Every board of directors, unless otherwise specifically provided by law, shall:

(1) Authorize school facilities to be used for night schools and establish and maintain the same whenever deemed advisable;

(2) Authorize school facilities to be used for summer schools or for meetings, whether public, literary, scientific, religious, political, mechanical, agricultural or whatever, upon approval of the board under such rules or regulations as the board of directors may adopt, which rules or regulations may require a reasonable rental for the use of such facilities. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.105. Prior: 1969 c 53 § 1, part; 1967 ex.s. c 29 § 1, part; 1967 c 12 § 1, part; 1965 ex.s. c 49 § 1, part; 1963 c 104 § 1, part; 1963 c 5 § 1, part; 1961 c 305 § 1, part; 1961 c 237 § 1, part; 1961 c 66 § 1, part; 1955 c 68 § 2, part. Formerly RCW 28A.58.105, 28.58.100(10) and (12).]

Chapter 28A.325

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28A.325.010 Fees for optional noncredit extracurricular events—Disposition. The board of directors of any common school district may establish and collect a fee from students and nonstudents as a condition to their attendance at any optional noncredit extracurricular event of the district which is of a cultural, social, recreational, or athletic nature: PROVIDED, That in so establishing such fee or fees, the district shall adopt regulations for waiving and reducing such fees in the cases of those students whose families, by reason of their low income, would have difficulty in paying the entire amount of such fees and may likewise waive or reduce such fees for nonstudents of the age of sixty-five or over who, by reason of their low income, would have difficulty in paying the entire amount of such fees. An optional comprehensive fee may be established and collected for any combination or all of such events or, in the alternative, a fee may be established and collected as a condition to attendance at any single event. Fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the associated student body program fund of the school district, and may be expended to defray the costs of optional noncredit extracurricular events of such a cultural, social, recreational, or athletic nature, or to otherwise support the activities and programs of associated student bodies. [1977 ex.s. c 170 § 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 284 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.113.]

Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 284: "If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of its provisions to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1975 1st ex.s. c 284 § 4.]

28A.325.020 Associated student bodies—Powers and responsibilities affecting. As used in this section, an "associated student body" means the formal organization of the students of a school formed with the approval of and regulation by the board of directors of the school district in conformity to the rules and regulations promulgated by the superintendent of public instruction: PROVIDED, That the board of directors of a school district may act or delegate the authority to an employee of the district to act as the associated student body for any school plant facility within the district containing no grade higher than the sixth grade.

The superintendent of public instruction, after consultation with appropriate school organizations and students, shall promulgate rules and regulations to designate the powers and responsibilities of the boards of directors of the school districts of the state of Washington in developing efficient administration, management, and control of moneys, records, and reports of the associated student bodies organized in the public schools of the state. [1984 c 98 § 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 284 § 3; 1973 c 52 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.115.]

Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 284: See note following RCW 28A.325.010.

28A.325.030 Associated student body program fund—Created—Source of funds—Expenditures—Budgeting—Care of other moneys received by students for private purposes. There is hereby created a fund on deposit with each county treasurer for each school district of the county having an associated student body as defined in RCW 28A.325.020. Such fund shall be known as the associated student body program fund. Rules and regulations promulgated by the superintendent of public instruction

under RCW 28A.325.020 shall require separate accounting for each associated student body's transactions in the school district's associated student body program fund.

All moneys generated through the programs and activities of any associated student body shall be deposited in the associated student body program fund. Such funds may be invested for the sole benefit of the associated student body program fund in items enumerated in RCW 28A.320.320 and the county treasurer may assess a fee as provided therein. Disbursements from such fund shall be under the control and supervision, and with the approval, of the board of directors of the school district, and shall be by warrant as provided in chapter 28A.350 RCW: PROVIDED, That in no case shall such warrants be issued in an amount greater than the funds on deposit with the county treasurer in the associated student body program fund. To facilitate the payment of obligations, an imprest bank account or accounts may be created and replenished from the associated student body program fund.

The associated student body program fund shall be budgeted by the associated student body, subject to approval by the board of directors of the school district. All disbursements from the associated student body program fund or any imprest bank account established thereunder shall have the prior approval of the appropriate governing body representing the associated student body. Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 43.09.210, it shall not be mandatory that expenditures from the district's general fund in support of associated student body programs and activities be reimbursed by payments from the associated student body program fund.

Nothing in this section shall prevent those portions of student-generated moneys in the associated student body program fund, budgeted or otherwise, which constitute bona fide voluntary donations and are identified as donations at the time of collection from being used for such scholarship, student exchange and charitable purposes as the appropriate governing body representing the associated student body shall determine, and for such purposes, said moneys shall not be deemed public moneys under section 7, Article VIII, of the state Constitution.

Nonassociated student body program fund moneys generated and received by students for private purposes, including but not limited to use for scholarship and/or charitable purposes, may, in the discretion of the board of directors of any school district, be held in trust in one or more separate accounts within an associated student body program fund and be disbursed for such purposes: PROVIDED, That the school district shall either withhold an amount from such moneys as will pay the district for its cost in providing the service or otherwise be compensated for its cost for such service. [1990 c 33 § 340; 1984 c 98 § 2; 1982 c 231 § 1; 1977 ex.s. c 160 § 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 284 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.120.]

Severability—1982 c 231: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1982 c 231 § 2.]

Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 284: See note following RCW 28A.325.010.

Establishment of associated student body fund: RCW 28A.320.330.

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28A.330.010 Board president, vice president or president pro tempore—Secretary. At the first meeting of the members of the board they shall elect a president and vice president from among their number who shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected. In the event of the temporary absence or disability of both the president and vice president, the board of directors may elect a president pro tempore who shall discharge all the duties of president during such temporary absence or disability.

The superintendent of such school district shall act as secretary to the board in accordance with the provisions of RCW 28A.400.030. [1990 c 33 § 341; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.59.030. Prior: 1953 c 111 § 6; prior: 1909 c 97 p 290 § 3, part; RRS § 4792, part. Formerly RCW 28A.59.030, 28.62.030.]

28A.330.020 Certain board elections, manner and vote required—Selection of personnel, manner. The election of the officers of the board of directors or to fill any vacancy as provided in RCW 28A.315.530, and the selection of the school district superintendent shall be by oral call of the roll of all the members, and no person shall be declared elected or selected unless he or she receives a majority vote of all the members of the board. Selection of other certificated and noncertificated personnel shall be made in such manner as the board shall determine. [1990 c 33 § 342; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.59.040. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 290 § 4; RRS § 4793. Formerly RCW 28A.59.040, 28.62.040.]

28A.330.030 Duties of president. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the board, and to perform such other duties as the board may prescribe. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.59.050. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 290 § 5; RRS § 4794. Formerly RCW 28A.59.050, 28.62.050.]

28A.330.040 Duties of vice president. It shall be the duty of the vice president to perform all the duties of president in case of the president's absence or disability. [1990 c 33 § 343; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.59.060. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 291 § 6; RRS § 4795. Formerly RCW 28A.59.060, 28.62.060.]

28A.330.050 Duties of superintendent as secretary of the board. In addition to the duties as prescribed in RCW 28A.400.030, the school district superintendent, as secretary of the board, may be authorized by the board to act as business manager, purchasing agent, and/or superintendent of buildings and janitors, and charged with the special care of school buildings and other property of the district, and he or she shall perform other duties as the board may direct. [1990 c 33 § 344; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.59.070. Prior: 1919 c 90 § 8; 1909 c 97 p 291 § 7; RRS § 4796. Formerly RCW 28A.59.070, 28.62.070.]

28A.330.060 Superintendent's bond and oath. Before entering upon the discharge of the superintendent's duties, the superintendent as secretary of the board shall give bond in such sum as the board of directors may fix from time to time, but for not less than five thousand dollars, with good and sufficient sureties, and shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, before a proper officer that he or she will support the Constitution of the United States and of the state of Washington and faithfully perform the duties of the office, a copy of which oath or affirmation shall be filed with the educational service district superintendent. [1990 c 33 § 345; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 117; 1971 c 48 § 33; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.59.080. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 291 § 8; RRS § 4797. Formerly RCW 28A.59.080, 28.62.080.]

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

28A.330.070 Office of board—Records available for public inspection. The board of directors shall maintain an office where all records, vouchers and other important papers belonging to the board may be preserved. Such records, vouchers, and other important papers at all reasonable times shall be available for public inspection. The regular meetings shall be held within the district boundaries. [1989 c 232 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.59.100. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 291 § 10; RRS § 4799; prior: 1897 c 118 § 87; 1890 p 389 § 14. Formerly RCW 28A.59.100, 28.62.100.]

28A.330.080 Payment of claims—Signing of warrants. Moneys of such school districts shall be paid out only upon orders for warrants signed by the president, or a majority of the board of directors and countersigned by the secretary: PROVIDED, That when, in the judgment of the board of directors, the orders for warrants issued by the district monthly shall have reached such numbers that the signing of each warrant by the president personally imposes

too great a task on the president, the board of directors, after auditing all payrolls and bills as provided by RCW 28A.330.090, may authorize the issuing of one general certificate to the county treasurer, to be signed by the president, authorizing said treasurer to pay all the warrants specified by date, number, name and amount, and the funds on which said warrants shall be drawn; thereupon the secretary of said board shall be authorized to draw and sign said orders for warrants. [1990 c 33 § 346; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.59.110. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 292 § 11; RRS § 4800. Formerly RCW 28A.59.110, 28.62.110.]

28A.330.090 Auditing committee and expenditures.

All accounts shall be audited by a committee of board members chosen in such manner as the board so determines to be styled the "auditing committee," and, except as otherwise provided by law, no expenditure greater than three hundred dollars shall be voted by the board except in accordance with a written contract, nor shall any money or appropriation be paid out of the school fund except on a recorded affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the board: PROVIDED, That nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the board from making any repairs or improvements to the property of the district through their shop and repair department as otherwise provided in RCW 28A.335.190. [1990 c 33 § 347; 1983 c 56 § 9; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 118; 1971 c 48 § 34; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.59.150. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 292 § 14; RRS § 4803. Formerly RCW 28A.59.150, 28.62.150, 28.62.160.]

Severability—1983 c 56: See note following RCW 28A.195.010.

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

28A.330.100 Additional powers of board. Every board of directors of a school district of the first class, in addition to the general powers for directors enumerated in this title, shall have the power:

(1) To employ for a term of not exceeding three years a superintendent of schools of the district, and for cause to dismiss him or her; and to fix his or her duties and compensation.

(2) To employ, and for cause dismiss one or more assistant superintendents and to define their duties and fix their compensation.

(3) To employ a business manager, attorneys, architects, inspectors of construction, superintendents of buildings and a superintendent of supplies, all of whom shall serve at the board's pleasure, and to prescribe their duties and fix their compensation.

(4) To employ, and for cause dismiss, supervisors of instruction and to define their duties and fix their compensation.

(5) To prescribe a course of study and a program of exercises which shall be consistent with the course of study prepared by the state board of education for the use of the common schools of this state.

(6) To, in addition to the minimum requirements imposed by this title establish and maintain such grades and departments, including night, high, kindergarten, vocational training and, except as otherwise provided by law, industrial schools, and schools and departments for the education and training of any class or classes of handicapped youth, as in

the judgment of the board, best shall promote the interests of education in the district.

(7) To determine the length of time over and above one hundred eighty days that school shall be maintained: PROVIDED, That for purposes of apportionment no district shall be credited with more than one hundred and eighty-three days' attendance in any school year; and to fix the time for annual opening and closing of schools and for the daily dismissal of pupils before the regular time for closing schools.

(8) To maintain a shop and repair department, and to employ, and for cause dismiss, a foreman and the necessary help for the maintenance and conduct thereof.

(9) To provide free textbooks and supplies for all children attending school.

(10) To require of the officers or employees of the district to give a bond for the honest performance of their duties in such penal sum as may be fixed by the board with good and sufficient surety, and to cause the premium for all bonds required of all such officers or employees to be paid by the district: PROVIDED, That the board may, by written policy, allow that such bonds may include a deductible proviso not to exceed two percent of the officer's or employee's annual salary.

(11) To prohibit all secret fraternities and sororities among the students in any of the schools of the said districts.

(12) To appoint a practicing physician, resident of the school district, who shall be known as the school district medical inspector, and whose duty it shall be to decide for the board of directors all questions of sanitation and health affecting the safety and welfare of the public schools of the district who shall serve at the board's pleasure; the school district medical inspector or authorized deputies shall make monthly inspections of each school in the district and report the condition of the same to the board of education and board of health: PROVIDED, That children shall not be required to submit to vaccination against the will of their parents or guardian. [1991 c 116 § 17; 1990 c 33 § 348; 1983 c 2 § 7. Prior: 1982 c 191 § 11; 1982 c 158 § 6; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.59.180; prior: 1919 c 90 § 9; 1909 c 97 p 293 § 16; RRS § 4805. Formerly RCW 28A.59.180, 28.62.180, 28.31.070.]

Severability—1983 c 2: See note following RCW 18.71.030.

Effective date—Severability—1982 c 191: See notes following RCW 28A.315.270.

Severability—1982 c 158: See note following RCW 28A.150.220.

28A.330.110 Insurance reserve—Funds. School districts of the first class, when in the judgment of the board of directors it be deemed expedient, shall have power to create and maintain an insurance reserve for said districts, to be used to meet losses specified by the board of directors of the school districts.

Funds required for maintenance of such an insurance reserve shall be budgeted and allowed as are other moneys required for the support of the school district. [1983 c 59 § 16; 1982 c 191 § 12; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.59.185. Prior: (i) 1911 c 79 § 1; RRS § 4707. Formerly RCW 28.59.010. (ii) 1911 c 79 § 2; RRS § 4708. Formerly RCW 28.59.020. (iii) 1941 c 187 § 1; 1911 c 79 § 3; Rem. Supp. 1941 § 4709. Formerly RCW 28A.59.185, 28.59.030.]

Application—Effective date—Severability—1983 c 59: See notes following RCW 28A.505.010.

Effective date—Severability—1982 c 191: See notes following RCW 28A.315.270.

PROVISIONS APPLICABLE ONLY TO SECOND CLASS DISTRICTS

28A.330.200 Organization of board—Assumption of superintendent’s duties by board member, when. The term of office of directors of districts of the second class shall begin, and the board shall organize, as provided in RCW 28A.315.500. At the first meeting of the members of the board they shall elect a chair from among their number who shall serve for a term of one year or until his or her successor is elected. The school district superintendent as defined in RCW 28A.150.080 shall serve as secretary to the board. Whenever a district shall be without the services of such a superintendent and the business of the district necessitates action thereby, the board shall appoint any member thereof to carry out the superintendent’s powers and duties for the district. [1990 c 33 § 349; 1988 c 187 § 2; 1975 c 43 § 14; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.60.010. Prior: 1953 c 111 § 1; prior: (i) 1909 c 97 p 298 § 5; RRS § 4815. (ii) 1909 c 97 p 301 § 5; RRS § 4827. Formerly RCW 28A.60.010, 28.63.010.]

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

28A.330.210 Notice to ESD superintendent of change of chairman or superintendent. Every school district superintendent in districts of the second class shall within ten days after any change in the office of chair or superintendent, notify the educational service district superintendent of such change. [1990 c 33 § 350; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 15 § 11. Prior: 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 119; 1975 c 43 § 15; 1971 c 48 § 35; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.60.070; prior: 1909 c 97 p 304 § 1; RRS § 4841; prior: 1903 c 104 § 19. Formerly RCW 28A.60.070, 28.63.070.]

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

28A.330.220 Attorney may be employed. The board of directors of every second class district in addition to their other powers are authorized to employ an attorney and to prescribe the attorney’s duties and fix the attorney’s compensation. [1990 c 33 § 351; 1975 c 43 § 19; 1971 c 8 § 5. Prior: 1967 c 220 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.60.310, 28.63.340.]

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

Severability—1971 c 8: See note following RCW 28A.320.310.

28A.330.230 Drawing and issuance of warrants. Second class school districts, subject to the approval of the superintendent of public instruction, may draw and issue warrants for the payment of moneys upon approval of a majority of the board of directors, such warrants to be signed by the chair of the board and countersigned by the secretary: PROVIDED, That when, in the judgment of the board of

directors, the orders for warrants issued by the district monthly shall have reached such numbers that the signing of each warrant by the chair of the board personally imposes too great a task on the chair, the board of directors, after auditing all payrolls and bills, may authorize the issuing of one general certificate to the county treasurer, to be signed by the chair of the board, authorizing said treasurer to pay all the warrants specified by date, number, name and amount, and the funds on which said warrants shall be drawn; thereupon the secretary of said board shall be authorized to draw and sign said orders for warrants. [1990 c 33 § 352; 1983 c 56 § 10; 1975 c 43 § 21; 1973 c 111 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.60.328.]

Severability—1983 c 56: See note following RCW 28A.195.010.

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

Severability—1973 c 111: "If any provision of this 1973 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1973 c 111 § 6.]

28A.330.240 Employment contracts. The board of directors of each second class school district shall adopt a written policy governing procedures for the letting of any employment contract authorized under RCW 42.23.030. This policy shall include provisions to ensure fairness and the appearance of fairness in all matters pertaining to employment contracts so authorized. [1989 c 263 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.60.360.]

Severability—1989 c 263: See note following RCW 42.23.030.

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28A.335.010 School buildings, maintenance, furnishing and insuring. Every board of directors, unless otherwise specifically provided by law, shall:

(1) Cause all school buildings to be properly heated, lighted and ventilated and maintained in a clean and sanitary condition; and

(2) Maintain and repair, furnish and insure such school buildings. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.102. Prior: 1969 c 53 § 1, part; 1967 ex.s. c 29 § 1, part; 1967 c 12 § 1, part; 1965 ex.s. c 49 § 1, part; 1963 c 104 § 1, part; 1963 c 5 § 1, part; 1961 c 305 § 1, part; 1961 c 237 § 1, part; 1961 c 66 § 1, part; 1955 c 68 § 2, part. Formerly RCW 28A.58.102, 28.58.100(3), part, and (4) part.]

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28A.335.020 School closures—Policy of citizen involvement required—Summary of effects—Hearings—Notice. Before any school closure, a school district board of directors shall adopt a policy regarding school closures which provides for citizen involvement before the school district board of directors considers the closure of any school for instructional purposes. The policy adopted shall include provisions for the development of a written summary

containing an analysis as to the effects of the proposed school closure. The policy shall also include a requirement that during the ninety days before a school district's final decision upon any school closure, the school board of directors shall conduct hearings to receive testimony from the public on any issues related to the closure of any school for instructional purposes. The policy shall require separate hearings for each school which is proposed to be closed.

The policy adopted shall provide for reasonable notice to the residents affected by the proposed school closure. At a minimum, the notice of any hearing pertaining to a proposed school closure shall contain the date, time, place, and purpose of the hearing. Notice of each hearing shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the school, subject to closure, is located. The last notice of hearing shall be published not later than seven days immediately before the final hearing. [1983 c 109 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.031.]

Application of RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c) to school closures: RCW 43.21C.038.

28A.335.030 Emergency school closures exempt from RCW 28A.335.020. A school district may close a school for emergency reasons, as set forth in RCW 28A.150.290(2) (a) and (b), without complying with the requirements of RCW 28A.335.020. [1990 c 33 § 353; 1983 c 109 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.58.032.]

28A.335.040 Surplus school property, rental, lease, or use of—Authorized—Limitations. (1) Every school district board of directors is authorized to permit the rental, lease, or occasional use of all or any portion of any surplus real property owned or lawfully held by the district to any person, corporation, or government entity for profit or nonprofit, commercial or noncommercial purposes: PROVIDED, That the leasing or renting or use of such property is for a lawful purpose and does not interfere with conduct of the district's educational program and related activities: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the lease or rental agreement entered into shall include provisions which permit the recapture of the leased or rented surplus property of the district should such property be needed for school purposes in the future except in such cases where, due to proximity to an international airport, land use has been so permanently altered as to preclude the possible use of the property for a school housing students and the school property has been heavily impacted by surrounding land uses so that a school housing students would no longer be appropriate in that area.

(2) Authorization to rent, lease or permit the occasional use of surplus school property under this section, RCW 28A.335.050 and 28A.335.090 is conditioned on the establishment by each school district board of directors of a policy governing the use of surplus school property.

(3) The board of directors of any school district desiring to rent or lease any surplus real property owned by the school district shall publish a written notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district for rentals or leases totalling ten thousand dollars or more in value. School districts shall not rent or lease the property for at

least forty-five days following the publication of the newspaper notice.

(4) Private schools shall have the same rights as any other person or entity to submit bids for the rental or lease of surplus real property and to have such bids considered along with all other bids: PROVIDED, That the school board may establish reasonable conditions for the use of such real property to assure the safe and proper operation of the property in a manner consistent with board policies. [1991 c 116 § 12. Prior: 1990 c 96 § 1; 1990 c 33 § 354; 1981 c 306 § 2; 1980 c 115 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.033.]

Severability—1981 c 306: See note following RCW 28A.335.180.

Severability—1980 c 115: See note following RCW 28A.335.090.

28A.335.050 Surplus school property, rental, lease or use of—Joint use—Compensation—Conditions generally. (1) Authorization to rent, lease, or permit the occasional use of surplus school property under RCW 28A.335.040 may include the joint use of school district property, which is in part used for school purposes, by any combination of persons, corporations or government entities for other than common school purposes: PROVIDED, That any such joint use shall comply with existing local zoning ordinances.

(2) Authorization to rent, lease, or permit the occasional use of surplus school property under RCW 28A.335.040 shall be conditioned on the payment by all users, lessees or tenants, assessed on a basis that is nondiscriminatory within classes of users, of such reasonable compensation and under such terms as regulations adopted by the board of directors shall provide.

(3) Nothing in RCW 28A.335.040 and 28A.335.090 shall prohibit a school board of directors and a lessee or tenant from agreeing to conditions to the lease otherwise lawful, including conditions of reimbursement or partial reimbursement of costs associated with the lease or rental of the property. [1990 c 33 § 355; 1980 c 115 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.58.034.]

Severability—1980 c 115: See note following RCW 28A.335.090.

28A.335.060 Surplus school property—Rental, lease or use of—Disposition of moneys received from. Each school district's board of directors shall deposit moneys derived from the lease, rental or occasional use of surplus school property as follows:

(1) Moneys derived from real property shall be deposited into the district's debt service fund and/or capital projects fund except for moneys required to be expended for general maintenance, utility, insurance costs, and any other costs associated with the lease or rental of such property, which moneys shall be deposited in the district's general fund;

(2) Moneys derived from pupil transportation vehicles shall be deposited in the district's transportation vehicle fund;

(3) Moneys derived from other personal property shall be deposited in the district's general fund. [1989 c 86 § 2; 1983 c 59 § 15; 1982 c 191 § 4; 1981 c 250 § 4; 1980 c 115 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.58.035.]

Application—Effective date—Severability—1983 c 59: See notes following RCW 28A.505.010.

Effective date—Severability—1982 c 191: See notes following RCW 28A.315.270.

Effective date—1981 c 250: "The effective date of this amendatory act shall be September 1, 1981." [1981 c 250 § 5.]

Severability—1980 c 115: See note following RCW 28A.335.090.

School funds enumerated—Deposits—Uses: RCW 28A.320.330.

28A.335.070 Surplus school property, rental, lease or use of—Existing contracts not impaired. The provisions of contracts for the use, rental or lease of school district real property executed prior to June 12, 1980, which were lawful at the time of execution shall not be impaired by such new terms and conditions to the rental, lease or occasional use of school property as may now be established by RCW 28A.335.040, 28A.335.050, and 28A.335.090. [1990 c 33 § 356; 1980 c 115 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.58.036.]

Severability—1980 c 115: See note following RCW 28A.335.090.

28A.335.080 Surplus school property, rental, lease or use of—Community use not impaired. Nothing in RCW 28A.335.040 through 28A.335.070 shall preclude school district boards of directors from making available school property for community use in accordance with the provisions of RCW 28A.335.150, 28A.320.510, or 28A.335.250, and school district administrative policy governing such use. [1990 c 33 § 357; 1980 c 115 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.58.037.]

Severability—1980 c 115: See note following RCW 28A.335.090.

28A.335.090 Conveyance and acquisition of property—Management. The board of directors of each school district shall have exclusive control of all school property, real or personal, belonging to the district; said board shall have power, subject to RCW 28A.335.120, in the name of the district, to convey by deed all the interest of their district in or to any real property of the district which is no longer required for school purposes. Except as otherwise specially provided by law, and RCW 28A.335.120, the board of directors of each school district may purchase, lease, receive and hold real and personal property in the name of the district, and rent, lease or sell the same, and all conveyances of real estate made to the district shall vest title in the district. [1990 c 33 § 358; 1981 c 306 § 3; 1980 c 115 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.040. Prior: (i) 1947 c 266 § 6, part; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4693-25, part; prior: 1909 p 265 § 2, part. Formerly RCW 28.57.135, part. (ii) 1969 c 53 § 1, part; 1967 ex.s. c 29 § 1, part; 1967 c 12 § 1, part; 1965 ex.s. c 49 § 1, part; 1963 c 104 § 1, part; 1963 c 5 § 1, part; 1961 c 305 § 1, part; 1961 c 237 § 1, part; 1961 c 66 § 1, part; 1955 c 68 § 2, part. Formerly RCW 28.58.100(3) and (5), part. (iii) 1909 c 97 p 287 § 7, part; RRS § 4782, part; prior: 1897 c 118 § 44, part; 1891 c 127 § 11, part; 1890 p 366 § 30, part. Formerly RCW 28A.58.040, 28.58.040.]

Severability—1981 c 306: See note following RCW 28A.335.180.

Severability—1980 c 115: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1980 c 115 § 9.]

28A.335.100 School district associations, right to mortgage or convey money security interest in association

property—Limitations. Any association established by school districts pursuant to the interlocal cooperation act, chapter 39.34 RCW for the purpose of jointly and cooperatively purchasing school supplies, materials and equipment, if otherwise authorized for school district purposes to purchase personal or real property, is hereby authorized, subject to rules and regulations of the state board of education, to mortgage, or convey a purchase money security interest in real or personal property of such association of every kind, character or description whatsoever, or any interest in such personal or real property: PROVIDED, That any such association shall be prohibited from causing any creditor of the association to acquire any rights against the property, properties or assets of any of its constituent school districts and any creditor of such association shall be entitled to look for payment of any obligation incurred by such association solely to the assets and properties of such association. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 23 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.0401.]

28A.335.110 Real property—Annexation to city or town. In addition to other powers and duties as provided by law, every board of directors, if seeking to have school property annexed to a city or town and if such school property constitutes the whole of such property in the annexation petition, shall be allowed to petition therefor under RCW 35.13.125 and 35.13.130. [1971 c 69 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.58.044.]

Severability—1971 c 69: See note following RCW 35.13.125.

28A.335.120 Real property—Sale—Notice of and hearing on—Appraisal required—Broker or real estate appraiser services—Real estate sales contracts, limitation.

(1) The board of directors of any school district of this state may:

(a) Sell for cash, at public or private sale, and convey by deed all interest of the district in or to any of the real property of the district which is no longer required for school purposes; and

(b) Purchase real property for the purpose of locating thereon and affixing thereto any house or houses and appurtenant buildings removed from school sites owned by the district and sell for cash, at public or private sale, and convey by deed all interest of the district in or to such acquired and improved real property.

(2) When the board of directors of any school district proposes a sale of school district real property pursuant to this section and the value of the property exceeds seventy thousand dollars, the board shall publish a notice of its intention to sell the property. The notice shall be published at least once each week during two consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper with a general circulation in the area in which the school district is located. The notice shall describe the property to be sold and designate the place where and the day and hour when a hearing will be held. The board shall hold a public hearing upon the proposal to dispose of the school district property at the place and the day and hour fixed in the notice and admit evidence offered for and against the propriety and advisability of the proposed sale.

(3) The board of directors of any school district desiring to sell surplus real property shall publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district. School districts shall not sell the property for at least forty-five days following the publication of the newspaper notice.

(4) Private schools shall have the same rights as any other person or entity to submit bids for the purchase of surplus real property and to have such bids considered along with all other bids.

(5) Any sale of school district real property authorized pursuant to this section shall be preceded by a market value appraisal by three licensed real estate brokers or professionally designated real estate appraisers as defined in RCW 74.46.020 selected by the board of directors and no sale shall take place if the sale price would be less than ninety percent of the average of the three appraisals made by the brokers or professionally designated real estate appraisers: PROVIDED, That if the property has been on the market for one year or more the property may be reappraised and sold for not less than seventy-five percent of the average reappraised value with the unanimous consent of the board.

(6) If in the judgment of the board of directors of any district the sale of real property of the district not needed for school purposes would be facilitated and greater value realized through use of the services of licensed real estate brokers, a contract for such services may be negotiated and concluded: PROVIDED, That the use of a licensed real estate broker will not eliminate the obligation of the board of directors to provide the notice described in this section: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the fee or commissions charged for any broker services shall not exceed seven percent of the resulting sale value for a single parcel: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any licensed real estate broker or professionally designated real estate appraisers as defined in RCW 74.46.020 selected by the board to appraise the market value of a parcel of property to be sold may not be a party to any contract with the school district to sell such parcel of property for a period of three years after the appraisal.

(7) If in the judgment of the board of directors of any district the sale of real property of the district not needed for school purposes would be facilitated and greater value realized through sale on contract terms, a real estate sales contract may be executed between the district and buyer: PROVIDED, That the terms and conditions of any such sales contract must comply with rules and regulations of the state board of education, herein authorized, governing school district real property contract sales. [1991 c 116 § 13; 1984 c 103 § 1; 1981 c 306 § 4; 1979 ex.s. c 16 § 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 243 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.045. Prior: 1963 c 67 § 1; 1953 c 225 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.045, 28.58.045.]

Severability—1981 c 306: See note following RCW 28A.335.180.

28A.335.130 Real property—Sale—Use of proceeds. The proceeds from any sale of school district real property by a board of directors shall be deposited to the debt service fund and/or the capital projects fund, except for amounts required to be expended for the costs associated with the sale of such property, which moneys may be deposited into the fund from which the expenditure was incurred. [1983 c 59

§ 14; 1981 c 250 § 3; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 80 § 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 243 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.0461.]

Application—Effective date—Severability—1983 c 59: See notes following RCW 28A.505.010.

Effective date—1981 c 250: See note following RCW 28A.335.060. *School funds enumerated—Deposits—Uses:* RCW 28A.320.330.

28A.335.140 Expenditure of funds on county, city building authorized—Conditions. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, every school district board of directors may expend local funds held for capital projects or improvements for improvements on any building owned by a city or county in which the district or any part thereof is located if an agreement is entered into with such city or county whereby the school district receives a beneficial use of such building commensurate to the amount of funds expended thereon by the district. [1971 ex.s. c 238 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.58.047.]

28A.335.150 Permitting use and rental of playgrounds, athletic fields or athletic facilities. Boards of directors of school districts are hereby authorized to permit the use of, and to rent school playgrounds, athletic fields, or athletic facilities, by, or to, any person or corporation for any athletic contests or athletic purposes.

Permission to use and/or rent said school playgrounds, athletic fields, or athletic facilities shall be for such compensation and under such terms as regulations of the board of directors adopted from time to time so provide. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.048. Prior: (i) 1935 c 99 § 1; Rem. Supp. § 4776-1. Formerly RCW 28.58.048. (ii) 1935 c 99 § 2; RRS § 4776-2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.048, 28.58.050.]

28A.335.160 Joint educational facilities, services or programs—Rules and regulations—Apportionment of attendance credit. Any school district may cooperate with one or more school districts in the following:

(1) The joint financing, planning, construction, equipping and operating of any educational facility otherwise authorized by law: **PROVIDED**, That any cooperative financing plan involving the construction of school plant facilities must be approved by the state board of education pursuant to such rules as may now or hereafter be promulgated relating to state approval of school construction.

(2) The joint maintenance and operation of educational programs or services (a) either as a part of the operation of a joint facility or otherwise, (b) either on a full or part time attendance basis, and (c) either on a regular one hundred eighty day school year or extended school year: **PROVIDED**, That any such joint program or service must be operated pursuant to a written agreement approved by the superintendent of public instruction pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated therefor. In establishing rules and regulations the state superintendent shall consider, among such other factors as the superintendent deems appropriate, the economic feasibility of said services and programs, the educational and administrative scope of said agreement and the need for said programs or services.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, the state superintendent of public instruction shall establish rules and regulations for the apportionment of attendance credits for

such students as are enrolled in a jointly operated facility or program, including apportionment for approved part time and extended school year attendance. [1990 c 33 § 359; 1969 c 130 § 12. Formerly RCW 28A.58.075.]

Conditional sales contracts for acquisition of property or property rights: RCW 28A.335.200.

Education of handicapped children: RCW 28A.155.040.

28A.335.170 Contracts to provide pupil transportation services, lease building space and portable buildings, and lease or have maintained security systems, computers and other equipment. The board of directors of any school district may enter into contracts for their respective districts for periods not exceeding five years in duration with public and private persons, organizations, and entities for the following purposes:

(1) To rent or lease building space, portable buildings, security systems, computers and other equipment;

(2) To have maintained and repaired security systems, computers and other equipment; and

(3) To provide pupil transportation services.

No school district may enter into a contract for pupil transportation unless it has notified the superintendent of public instruction that, in the best judgment of the district, the cost of contracting will not exceed the projected cost of operating its own pupil transportation.

The budget of each school district shall identify that portion of each contractual liability incurred pursuant to this section extending beyond the fiscal year by amount, duration, and nature of the contracted service and/or item in accordance with rules and regulations of the superintendent of public instruction adopted pursuant to RCW 28A.505.140 and 28A.310.330.

The provisions of this section shall not have any effect on the length of contracts for school district employees specified by RCW 28A.400.300 and 28A.405.210. [1990 c 33 § 360; 1987 c 141 § 1; 1985 c 7 § 93; 1982 c 191 § 3; 1977 ex.s. c 210 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.131.]

Severability—1987 c 141: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1987 c 141 § 3.]

Effective date—Severability—1982 c 191: See notes following RCW 28A.315.270.

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 210: "If any provision of this 1977 act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1977 ex.s. c 210 § 3.]

28A.335.180 Surplus texts and other educational aids, notice of availability—Student priority as to texts. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, school districts, educational service districts, or any other state or local governmental agency concerned with education, when declaring texts and other books, equipment, materials or relocatable facilities as surplus, shall, prior to other disposal thereof, serve notice in writing in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district and to any public school district or private school in Washington state annually requesting such a notice, that the same is available for sale, rent, or lease to public school districts or private schools, at depreciated cost or fair market value, whichever is greater:

PROVIDED, That students wishing to purchase texts pursuant to RCW 28A.320.230(2) shall have priority as to such texts. Such districts or agencies shall not otherwise sell, rent or lease such surplus property to any person, firm, organization, or nongovernmental agency for at least thirty days following publication of notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district. [1991 c 116 § 1; 1990 c 33 § 361; 1981 c 306 § 1; 1977 ex.s. c 303 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.02.110.]

Severability—1981 c 306: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1981 c 306 § 5.]

Disposal of obsolete or surplus reading materials by school districts and libraries: RCW 39.33.070.

28A.335.190 Advertising for bids—Competitive bid procedures—Telephone or written quotation solicitation, limitations—Emergencies. (1) When, in the opinion of the board of directors of any school district, the cost of any furniture, supplies, equipment, building, improvements, or repairs, or other work or purchases, except books, will equal or exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars, complete plans and specifications for such work or purchases shall be prepared and notice by publication given in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the district, once each week for two consecutive weeks, of the intention to receive bids therefor and that specifications and other information may be examined at the office of the board or any other officially designated location: PROVIDED, That the board without giving such notice may make improvements or repairs to the property of the district through the shop and repair department of such district when the total of such improvements or repair does not exceed the sum of (a) fifteen thousand dollars, for districts with fifteen thousand five hundred or more full-time equivalent students; or (b) for districts with fewer than fifteen thousand five hundred full-time equivalent students, fifteen thousand dollars if more than one craft or trade is involved with the school district improvement or repair, or ten thousand dollars if a single craft or trade is involved with the school district improvement or repair. The cost of any public work, improvement or repair for the purposes of this section shall be the aggregate of all amounts to be paid for labor, material, and equipment on one continuous or interrelated project where work is to be performed simultaneously or in close sequence. The bids shall be in writing and shall be opened and read in public on the date and in the place named in the notice and after being opened shall be filed for public inspection.

(2) Every purchase of furniture, equipment or supplies, except books, the cost of which is estimated to be in excess of fifteen thousand dollars, shall be on a competitive basis. The board of directors shall establish a procedure for securing telephone and/or written quotations for such purchases. Whenever the estimated cost is from fifteen thousand dollars up to fifty thousand dollars, the procedure shall require quotations from at least three different sources to be obtained in writing or by telephone, and recorded for public perusal. Whenever the estimated cost is in excess of fifty thousand dollars, the public bidding process provided in subsection (1) of this section shall be followed.

(3) Every building, improvement, repair or other public works project, the cost of which is estimated to be in excess of (a) fifteen thousand dollars, for districts with fifteen thousand five hundred or more full-time equivalent students; or (b) for districts with fewer than fifteen thousand five hundred full-time equivalent students, fifteen thousand dollars if more than one craft or trade is involved with the school district improvement or repair, or ten thousand dollars if a single craft or trade is involved with the school district improvement or repair, shall be on a competitive bid process. All such projects estimated to be less than fifty thousand dollars may be awarded to a contractor on the small works roster. The small works roster shall be comprised of all responsible contractors who have requested to be on the list. The board of directors shall establish a procedure for securing telephone and/or written quotations from the contractors on the small works roster to assure establishment of a competitive price and for awarding contracts to the lowest responsible bidder. Such procedure shall require that a good faith effort be made to request quotations from all contractors on the small works roster who have indicated the capability of performing the kind of public works being contracted. Immediately after an award is made, the bid quotations obtained shall be recorded, open to public inspection, and available by telephone inquiry. The small works roster shall be revised at least once each year by publishing notice of such opportunity in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the district. Responsible contractors shall be added to the list at any time they submit a written request. Whenever the estimated cost of a public works project is fifty thousand dollars or more, the public bidding process provided in subsection (1) of this section shall be followed.

(4) The contract for the work or purchase shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder as defined in RCW 43.19.1911 but the board may by resolution reject any and all bids and make further calls for bids in the same manner as the original call. On any work or purchase the board shall provide bidding information to any qualified bidder or the bidder's agent, requesting it in person.

(5) In the event of any emergency when the public interest or property of the district would suffer material injury or damage by delay, upon resolution of the board declaring the existence of such an emergency and reciting the facts constituting the same, the board may waive the requirements of this section with reference to any purchase or contract: PROVIDED, That an "emergency", for the purposes of this section, means a condition likely to result in immediate physical injury to persons or to property of the school district in the absence of prompt remedial action. [1994 c 212 § 1; 1990 c 33 § 362; 1985 c 324 § 1; 1980 c 61 § 1; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 26 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 49 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.135. Prior: 1961 c 224 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.135, 28.58.135.]

28A.335.200 Conditional sales contracts for acquisition of property or property rights. Any school district may execute an executory conditional sales contract with any other municipal corporation, the state or any of its political subdivisions, the government of the United States or any private party for the purchase of any real or personal

property, or property rights, in connection with the exercise of any powers or duties which they now or hereafter are authorized to exercise, if the entire amount of the purchase price specified in such contract does not result in a total indebtedness in excess of the limitation authorized by chapter 39.36 RCW, as now or hereafter amended, to be incurred without the assent of the voters: PROVIDED, That if such a proposed contract would result in a total indebtedness in excess of the limitation authorized by chapter 39.36 RCW, as now or hereafter amended, to be incurred without the assent of the voters, a proposition in regard to whether or not such a contract may be executed shall be submitted to the voters for approval or rejection in the same manner that bond issues for capital purposes are submitted to the voters: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any school district may jointly with another school district execute contracts authorized by this section. [1970 ex.s. c 42 § 11; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.550. Prior: 1965 c 62 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.550, 28.58.550.]

Severability—Effective date—1970 ex.s. c 42: See notes following RCW 39.36.015.

Transportation vehicle fund—Deposits in—Use—Rules for establishment and use: RCW 28A.160.130.

28A.335.210 Purchase of works of art—Procedure.

The state board of education and superintendent of public instruction shall allocate, as a nondeductible item, out of any moneys appropriated for state assistance to school districts for the original construction of any school plant facility the amount of one-half of one percent of the appropriation to be expended by the Washington state arts commission for the acquisition of works of art. The works of art may be placed in accordance with Article IX, sections 2 and 3 of the state Constitution on public lands, integral to or attached to a public building or structure, detached within or outside a public building or structure, part of a portable exhibition or collection, part of a temporary exhibition, or loaned or exhibited in other public facilities. The Washington state arts commission shall, in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction, determine the amount to be made available for the purchase of works of art under this section, and payments therefor shall be made in accordance with law. The designation of projects and sites, selection, contracting, purchase, commissioning, reviewing of design, execution and placement, acceptance, maintenance, and sale, exchange, or disposition of works of art shall be the responsibility of the Washington state arts commission in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction and representatives of school district boards of directors. However, the costs to carry out the Washington state arts commission's responsibility for maintenance shall not be funded from the moneys referred to under this section, RCW 43.17.200, 43.19.455, or 28B.10.025, but shall be contingent upon adequate appropriations being made for that purpose: PROVIDED, That the superintendent of public instruction and the school district board of directors of the districts where the sites are selected shall have the right to:

(1) Waive its use of the one-half of one percent of the appropriation for the acquisition of works of art before the selection process by the Washington state arts commission;

(2) Appoint a representative to the body established by the Washington state arts commission to be part of the selection process with full voting rights;

(3) Reject the results of the selection process;

(4) Reject the placement of a completed work or works of art on school district premises if such works are portable.

Rejection at any point before or after the selection process shall not cause the loss of or otherwise endanger state construction funds available to the local school district. Any works of art rejected under this section shall be applied to the provision of works of art under this chapter, at the discretion of the Washington state arts commission, notwithstanding any contract or agreement between the affected school district and the artist involved. In addition to the cost of the works of art the one-half of one percent of the appropriation as provided herein shall be used to provide for the administration by the Washington state arts commission and all costs for installation of the work of art. For the purpose of this section building shall not include sheds, warehouses or other buildings of a temporary nature.

The executive director of the arts commission, the superintendent of public instruction and the Washington state school directors association shall appoint a study group to review the operations of the one-half of one percent for works of art under this section. [1983 c 204 § 7; 1982 c 191 § 2; 1974 ex.s. c 176 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.58.055.]

Implementation—1983 c 204: "Implementation of section 7 of this 1983 act shall become effective upon approval by the arts commission, the superintendent of public instruction and the Washington state school directors association." [1983 c 204 § 10.] "Section 7 of this 1983 act," was the 1983 c 204 amendment to RCW 28A.58.055, now recodified as RCW 28A.335.210.

Severability—1983 c 204: See note following RCW 43.46.090.

Effective date—Severability—1982 c 191: See notes following RCW 28A.315.270.

Acquisition of works of art for public buildings and lands—Visual arts program established: RCW 43.46.090.

Allocation of moneys for acquisition of works of art—Expenditure by arts commission—Conditions: RCW 43.17.200.

Purchase of works of art—Interagency reimbursement for expenditure by visual arts program: RCW 43.17.205.

State art collection: RCW 43.46.095.

28A.335.220 Eminent domain. The board of directors of any school district may proceed to condemn and appropriate not more than fifteen acres of land for any elementary school purpose; not more than twenty-five acres for any junior high school purpose; not more than forty acres for any senior high school purpose; except as otherwise provided by law, not more than seventy-five acres for any vocational technical school purpose; and not more than fifteen acres for any other school district purpose. Such condemnation proceedings shall be in accordance with chapters 8.16 and 8.25 RCW and such other laws of this state providing for appropriating private property for public use by school districts. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.070. Prior: 1963 c 41 § 1; 1957 c 155 § 1; 1949 c 54 § 1; 1909 c 97 p 289 § 13; Rem. Supp. 1949 § 4788. Formerly RCW 28A.58.070, 28.58.070.]

28A.335.230 Vacant school plant facilities—Lease by contiguous district, when required—Eligibility for matching funds. School districts shall be required to lease

for a reasonable fee vacant school plant facilities from a contiguous school district wherever possible.

No school district with unhoused students may be eligible for the state matching funds for the construction of school plant facilities if:

(1) The school district contiguous to the school district applying for the state matching percentage has vacant school plant facilities;

(2) The superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education have determined the vacant school plant facilities available in the contiguous district will fulfill the needs of the applicant district in housing unhoused students. In determining whether the contiguous district school plant facilities meet the needs of the applicant district, consideration shall be given, but not limited to the geographic location of the vacant facilities as they relate to the applicant district; and

(3) A lease of the vacant school plant facilities can be negotiated. [1987 c 112 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.47.105.]

Surplus school property: RCW 28A.335.040 through 28A.335.080.

28A.335.240 Schoolhouses, teachers' cottages—Purchase of realty for district purposes. The board of directors of a second class school district shall build schoolhouses and teachers' cottages when directed by a vote of the district to do so. The board of directors of a second class school district may purchase real property for any school district purpose. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.60.181. Prior: 1963 c 61 § 1; 1959 c 169 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.60.181, 28.63.181.]

Borrowing money, issuing bonds, for schoolhouse sites, playgrounds, erecting buildings and equipping same: RCW 28A.530.010.

Real property—Sale—Purchase to relocate and sell buildings: RCW 28A.335.120.

28A.335.250 School property used for public purposes. School boards in each district of the second class may provide for the free, comfortable and convenient use of the school property to promote and facilitate frequent meetings and association of the people in discussion, study, improvement, recreation and other community purposes, and may acquire, assemble and house material for the dissemination of information of use and interest to the farm, the home and the community, and facilities for experiment and study, especially in matters pertaining to the growing of crops, the improvement and handling of livestock, the marketing of farm products, the planning and construction of farm buildings, the subjects of household economies, home industries, good roads, and community vocations and industries; and may call meetings for the consideration and discussion of any such matters, employ a special supervisor, or leader, if need be, and provide suitable dwellings and accommodations for teachers, supervisors and necessary assistants. [1975 c 43 § 16; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.60.190. Prior: 1913 c 129 § 1; RRS § 4837. Formerly RCW 28A.60.190, 28.63.190.]

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

28A.335.260 School property used for public purposes—Community buildings. Each school district of

the second class, by itself or in combination with any other district or districts, shall have power, when in the judgment of the school board it shall be deemed expedient, to reconstruct, remodel, or build schoolhouses, and to erect, purchase, lease or otherwise acquire other improvements and real and personal property, and establish a communal assembly place and appurtenances, and supply the same with suitable and convenient furnishings and facilities for the uses mentioned in RCW 28A.335.250. [1990 c 33 § 363; 1975 c 43 § 17; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.60.200. Prior: 1913 c 129 § 2; RRS § 4838. Formerly RCW 28A.60.200, 28.63.200.]

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

28A.335.270 School property used for public purposes—Special state commission to pass on plans. Plans of any second class district or combination of districts for the carrying out of the powers granted by RCW 28A.335.250 through 28A.335.280 shall be submitted to and approved by a board of supervisors composed of members, as follows: The superintendent of public instruction; the head of the extension department of Washington State University; the head of the extension department of the University of Washington; and the educational service district superintendent; these to choose one member from such county in which the facilities are proposed to be located, and two members, from the district or districts concerned. [1990 c 33 § 364; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 15 § 12. Prior: 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 121; 1975 c 43 § 18; 1973 1st ex.s. c 154 § 46; 1971 c 48 § 37; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.60.210; prior: 1913 c 129 § 3; RRS § 4839. Formerly RCW 28A.60.210, 28.63.210.]

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

Severability—1973 1st ex.s. c 154: See note following RCW 2.12.030.

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

28A.335.280 School property used for public purposes—Limit on expenditures. No real or personal property or improvements shall be purchased, leased, exchanged, acquired or sold, nor any schoolhouses built, remodeled or removed, nor any indebtedness incurred or money expended for any of the purposes of RCW 28A.335.250 through 28A.335.280 except in the manner otherwise provided by law for the purchase, lease, exchange, acquisition and sale of school property, the building, remodeling and removing of schoolhouses and the incurring of indebtedness and expenditure of money for school purposes. [1990 c 33 § 365; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.60.220. Prior: 1913 c 129 § 4; RRS § 4840. Formerly RCW 28A.60.220, 28.63.220.]

28A.335.290 Housing for superintendent—Authorized—Limitation. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any second class school district with an enrollment of three hundred students or less may provide housing for the superintendent of the school district, or any person acting in the capacity of superintendent, by such means and with such moneys as the school district shall

determine: PROVIDED, That any second class school district presently providing such housing may continue to provide the same: PROVIDED FURTHER, That if such housing is exempt from real property taxation by virtue of school district ownership, the school district shall charge for such housing, rent at least equal to the amount of real property tax for which such housing would be liable were it not so owned. [1984 c 40 § 10; 1975 1st ex.s. c 41 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.60.350.]

Severability—1984 c 40: See note following RCW 28A.195.050.

Classes of districts—Change of classification delay of authorized: RCW 28A.315.240.
generally: RCW 28A.315.230.

28A.335.300 Playground matting. Every school board of directors shall consider the purchase of playground matting manufactured from shredded waste tires in undertaking construction or maintenance of playgrounds. The department of general administration shall upon request assist in the development of product specifications and vendor identification. [1991 c 297 § 18.]

Captions not law—1991 c 297: See RCW 43.19A.900.

28A.335.310 Affordable housing—Inventory of suitable property. (1) Every school district shall identify and catalog real property of the district that is no longer required for school purposes and is suitable for the development of affordable housing for very low-income, low-income, and moderate-income households as defined in RCW 43.63A.510. The inventory shall include the location, approximate size, and current zoning classification of the property. Every school district shall provide a copy of the inventory to the *department of community development by November 1, 1993, with inventory revisions each November 1 thereafter.

(2) By November 1 of each year, beginning in 1994, every school district shall purge the inventory of real property of sites that are no longer available for the development of affordable housing. The inventory revision shall include an updated listing of real property that has become available since the last update. As used in this section, "real property" means buildings, land, or buildings and land. [1993 c 461 § 3.]

***Reviser's note:** Powers, duties, and functions of the department of community development and the department of trade and economic development were transferred to the department of community, trade, and economic development by 1993 c 280, effective July 1, 1994.

Finding—1993 c 461: See note following RCW 43.63A.510.

Chapter 28A.340

SMALL HIGH SCHOOL COOPERATIVE PROJECTS

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28A.340.070 Allocation of state funds for technical assistance—Contracting with agencies for technical assistance.

28A.340.010 Increased curriculum programs and opportunities. Eligible school districts as defined under RCW 28A.340.020 are encouraged to establish cooperative projects with a primary purpose to increase curriculum programs and opportunities among the participating districts, by expanding the opportunity for students in the participating districts to take vocational and academic courses as may be generally more available in larger school districts, and to enhance student learning. [1990 c 33 § 366; 1988 c 268 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.100.080.]

Findings—1988 c 268: "The legislature finds that partnerships among school districts can: Increase curriculum offerings for students, encourage creative educational programming and staffing, and result in the cost-effective delivery of educational programs. It is the intent of the legislature to establish a program to facilitate and encourage such partnerships among small school districts." [1988 c 268 § 1.]

Severability—1988 c 268: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1988 c 268 § 12.]

28A.340.020 Eligibility—Participation. School districts eligible for funding as a small high school district pursuant to the state operating appropriations act shall be eligible to participate in a cooperative project: PROVIDED, That the superintendent of public instruction may adopt rules permitting second class school districts that are not eligible for funding as a small high school district in the state operating appropriations act to participate in a cooperative project.

Two or more school districts may participate in a cooperative project pursuant to RCW 28A.340.020 through 28A.340.070. [1990 c 33 § 367; 1988 c 268 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.100.082.]

Findings—Severability—1988 c 268: See notes following RCW 28A.340.010.

28A.340.030 Application—Review by the superintendent of public instruction. (1) Eligible school districts desiring to form a cooperative project pursuant to RCW 28A.340.020 through 28A.340.070 shall submit to the superintendent of public instruction an application for review as a cooperative project. The application shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

(a) A description of the cooperative project, including the programs, services, and administrative activities that will be operated jointly;

(b) The improvements in curriculum offerings and educational opportunities expected to result from the establishment of the proposed cooperative project;

(c) A list of any statutory requirements or administrative rules which are considered financial disincentives to the establishment of cooperative projects and which would impede the operation of the proposed cooperative project; and the financial impact to the school districts and the state expected to result by the granting of a waiver from such statutory requirements or administrative rules;

(d) An assessment of community support for the proposed cooperative project, which assessment shall include

each community affected by the proposed cooperative project; and

(e) A plan for evaluating the educational and cost-effectiveness of the proposed cooperative project, including curriculum offerings and staffing patterns.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall review the application before the applicant school districts may commence the proposed cooperative project.

In reviewing applications, the superintendent shall be limited to: (a) The granting of waivers from statutory requirements, for which the superintendent of public instruction has the express power to implement pursuant to the adoption of rules, or administrative rules that need to be waived in order for the proposed cooperative project to be implemented: PROVIDED, That no statutory requirement or administrative rule dealing with health, safety, or civil rights may be waived; and (b) ensuring the technical accuracy of the application.

Any waiver granted by the superintendent of public instruction shall be reviewed and may be renewed by the superintendent every five years subject to the participating districts submitting a new application pursuant to this section.

(3) If additional eligible school districts wish to participate in an existing cooperative project the cooperative project as a whole shall reapply for review by the superintendent of public instruction. [1990 c 33 § 368; 1988 c 268 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.100.084.]

Findings—Severability—1988 c 268: See notes following RCW 28A.340.010.

28A.340.040 Adoption of salary schedules—Computation of fringe benefits. (1) School districts participating in a cooperative project pursuant to RCW 28A.340.030 may adopt identical salary schedules following compliance with chapter 41.59 RCW: PROVIDED, That if the districts participating in a cooperative project adopt identical salary schedules, the participating districts shall be considered a single school district for purposes of establishing compliance with the salary limitations of RCW 28A.400.200(3) but not for the purposes of allocation of state funds.

(2) For purposes of computing fringe benefit contributions for purposes of establishing compliance with RCW 28A.400.200(3)(b), the districts participating in a cooperative project pursuant to RCW 28A.340.030 may use the greater of: (a) The highest amount provided in the 1986-87 school year by a district participating in the cooperative project; or (b) the amount authorized for such purposes in the state operating appropriations act in effect at the time. [1990 c 33 § 369; 1988 c 268 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.100.086.]

Findings—Severability—1988 c 268: See notes following RCW 28A.340.010.

28A.340.050 Report to the superintendent of public instruction—Report to the legislature. (1) School districts participating in a cooperative project established under RCW 28A.340.030 shall submit a report to the superintendent of public instruction by September 1 of the third year of operation of the cooperative project and by September 1 of the fifth year of the cooperative project.

(2) (a) The third year report shall indicate the progress of the cooperative project in meeting the objectives set forth in the application pursuant to RCW 28A.340.030.

(b) The fifth year report shall evaluate the success of the cooperative project in meeting the objectives set forth in the application pursuant to RCW 28A.340.030 and may include an application for renewal of the cooperative project.

(3) The superintendent of public instruction shall submit a report to the legislature by January 1 of every third odd-numbered year beginning January 1, 1989. The report shall include information about the number of school districts participating in cooperative projects and findings and recommendations about the educational effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of the cooperative projects. The report shall also include any findings and recommendations as determined by the superintendent regarding the relationship of the small high school factor in the state operating appropriations act to cooperative projects established under RCW 28A.340.010 through 28A.340.070. [1990 c 33 § 370; 1988 c 268 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.100.088.]

Findings—Severability—1988 c 268: See notes following RCW 28A.340.010.

28A.340.060 Rules. (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to carry out the provisions of RCW 28A.340.010 through 28A.340.070.

(2) When the joint operation of programs or services includes the teaching of all or substantially all of the curriculum for a particular grade or grades in only one local school district, the rules shall provide that the affected students are attending school in the district in which they reside for the purposes of RCW 28A.150.250 and 28A.150.260 and chapter 28A.545 RCW. [1990 c 33 § 371; 1988 c 268 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.100.090.]

Findings—Severability—1988 c 268: See notes following RCW 28A.340.010.

28A.340.070 Allocation of state funds for technical assistance—Contracting with agencies for technical assistance. (1) The superintendent of public instruction may allocate state funds, as may be appropriated, to provide technical assistance to eligible school districts interested in developing and implementing a cooperative project.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction may contract with other agencies to provide some or all of the technical assistance under subsection (1) of this section. [1988 c 268 § 9. Formerly RCW 28A.100.092.]

Findings—Severability—1988 c 268: See notes following RCW 28A.340.010.

Chapter 28A.345

WASHINGTON STATE SCHOOL DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION

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Motor vehicle transportation services—Washington state school directors' association defined as state agency for purposes of: RCW 43.19.560.

28A.345.010 Association created. The public necessity for the coordination of programs and procedures pertaining to policymaking and to control and management among the school districts of the state is hereby recognized, and in the furtherance of such coordination there is hereby created for said purpose an agency of the state to be known as the Washington state school directors' association, hereinafter designated as the school directors' association. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.61.010. Prior: 1947 c 169 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4709-20. Formerly RCW 28A.61.010, 28.58.320.]

28A.345.020 Membership. The membership of the school directors' association shall comprise the members of the boards of directors of the school districts of the state. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.61.020. Prior: 1947 c 169 § 2; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4709-21. Formerly RCW 28A.61.020, 28.58.330.]

28A.345.030 Powers of association. The school directors' association shall have the power:

(1) To prepare and adopt, amend and repeal a constitution and rules and regulations, and bylaws for its own organization including county or regional units and for its government and guidance: PROVIDED, That action taken with respect thereto is consistent with the provisions of this chapter or with other provisions of law;

(2) To arrange for and call such meetings of the association or of the officers and committees thereof as are deemed essential to the performance of its duties;

(3) To provide for the compensation of members of the board of directors in accordance with RCW 43.03.240, and for payment of travel and subsistence expenses incurred by members and/or officers of the association and association staff while engaged in the performance of duties under direction of the association in the manner provided by RCW 28A.320.050;

(4) To employ an executive director and other staff and pay such employees out of the funds of the association;

(5) To conduct studies and disseminate information therefrom relative to increased efficiency in local school board administration;

(6) To buy, lease, sell, or exchange such personal and real property as necessary for the efficient operation of the association and to borrow money, issue deeds of trust or other evidence of indebtedness, or enter into contracts for the purchase, lease, remodeling, or equipping of office facilities or the acquisition of sites for such facilities;

(7) To purchase liability insurance for school directors, which insurance may indemnify said directors against any or all liabilities for personal or bodily injuries and property damage arising from their acts or omissions while performing or while in good faith purporting to perform their official duties as school directors;

(8) To provide advice and assistance to local boards to promote their primary duty of representing the public interest;

(9) Upon request by a local school district board(s) of directors, to make available on a cost reimbursable contract basis (a) specialized services, (b) research information, and (c) consultants to advise and assist district board(s) in particular problem areas: PROVIDED, That such services, information, and consultants are not already available from other state agencies, educational service districts, or from the information and research services authorized by RCW 28A.320.110. [1991 c 66 § 1; 1990 c 33 § 372; 1989 c 325 § 1; 1983 c 187 § 1; 1979 c 151 § 13; 1974 ex.s. c 101 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 184 § 4; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.61.030. Prior: 1947 c 169 § 3; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4709-22. Formerly RCW 28A.61.030, 28.58.340.]

Effective date—1989 c 325: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect June 30, 1989." [1989 c 325 § 3.]

28A.345.040 Coordination of policies—Report. It shall be the duty of the school directors' association (1) to take such action as the association deems advisable to effect a coordination of policymaking, control, and management of the school districts of the state; and (2) to prepare and submit to the superintendent of public instruction annually, and oftener if deemed advisable by the association, reports and recommendations respecting the aforesaid matters and any other matters which in the judgment of the association pertain to an increase in the efficiency of the common school system. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.61.040. Prior: 1947 c 169 § 4; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4709-23. Formerly RCW 28A.61.040, 28.58.350.]

28A.345.050 Association dues—Payment. The school directors' association may establish a graduated schedule of dues for members of the association based upon the number of certificated personnel in each district. Dues shall be established for the directors of each district as a group. The total of all dues assessed shall not exceed twenty-seven cents for each one thousand dollars of the state-wide total of all school districts' general fund receipts. The board of directors of a school district shall make provision for payment out of the general fund of the district of the dues of association members resident in the district, which payment shall be made in the manner provided by law for the payment of other claims against the general fund of the district. The dues for each school district shall be due and payable on the first day of January of each year. [1983 c 187 § 2; 1969 c 125 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.61.050. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 8 § 76; 1965 c 103 § 1; 1957 c 281 § 1; 1953 c 226 § 1; 1947 c 169 § 5; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4709-24. Formerly RCW 28A.61.050, 28.58.360.]

28A.345.060 Audit of staff classifications and employees' salaries—Contract with department of personnel—Copies. The association shall contract with the department of personnel for the department of personnel to audit in odd-numbered years the association's staff classifications and employees' salaries. The association shall give copies of the audit reports to the office of financial manage-

ment and the committees of each house of the legislature dealing with common schools. [1986 c 158 § 3; 1983 c 187 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.61.070.]

28A.345.902 Effective date—1983 c 187. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect June 30, 1983. [1983 c 187 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.61.910.]

Chapter 28A.350

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANTS—AUDITOR'S DUTIES

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28A.350.010 Registering warrants—All districts. The county auditor shall register in the auditor's own office, and present to the treasurer for registration in the office of the county treasurer, all warrants of first class districts, and all warrants of second class districts electing to draw and issue their own warrants under RCW 28A.330.230 received from school district superintendents or district secretaries before delivery of the same to claimants. [1990 c 33 § 373; 1975 c 43 § 27; 1973 c 111 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.66.010. Prior: 1911 c 78 § 1, part; RRS § 4864. Formerly RCW 28A.66.010, 28.66.010.]

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

Severability—1973 c 111: See note following RCW 28A.330.230.

28A.350.020 Registering warrants—Second class districts. The county auditor shall cause all school warrants of second class districts issued by the auditor to be registered in the treasurer's office and shall retain the vouchers on file in the auditor's office. [1990 c 33 § 374; 1975 c 43 § 28; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.66.020. Prior: 1911 c 78 § 1, part; RRS § 4863. Formerly RCW 28A.66.020, 28.66.020.]

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

28A.350.030 Auditing accounts—All districts. The county auditors of the several counties of this state shall audit all accounts of the several school districts of their respective counties, the same as other accounts are audited with the other departments of the county. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.66.030. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 308 § 2; RRS § 4858. Formerly RCW 28A.66.030, 28.66.030.]

28A.350.040 Auditor to draw and issue warrants—Second class districts. The county auditor shall draw and

issue warrants for the payment of all salaries, expenses and accounts against second class districts, except those who draw and issue their own warrants pursuant to RCW 28A.330.230 upon the written order of the majority of the members of the school board of each district. [1990 c 33 § 375; 1975 c 43 § 29; 1973 c 111 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.66.040. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 308 § 3; RRS § 4859. Formerly RCW 28A.66.040, 28.66.040.]

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

Severability—1973 c 111: See note following RCW 28A.330.230.

28A.350.050 Teacher must qualify before warrant drawn and issued or registered—All districts. No warrant shall be drawn and issued or registered by the county auditor for the payment of any teacher who is not qualified within the meaning of the law of this state. [1973 c 72 § 1; 1971 c 48 § 45; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.66.050. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 308 § 4; RRS § 4860. Formerly RCW 28A.66.050, 28.66.050.]

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

28A.350.060 Liability of auditor for warrants exceeding budget—All districts. Any county auditor issuing or causing to be issued a district warrant for any sum in excess of total disbursements of a district's annual budget shall be personally liable therefor, and shall reimburse the district in double the amount of any such sum. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 31; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.66.070. Prior: 1959 c 216 § 22; prior: 1933 c 28 § 2, part; 1909 c 97 p 288 § 9, part; 1897 c 118 § 46, part; 1893 c 107 § 3, part; RRS § 4784, part. Formerly RCW 28A.66.070, 28.66.070.]

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

28A.350.070 Orders for warrants not transferable—Second class districts. An order for a warrant issued by any board of directors of second class school districts shall not be transferable, and the county auditor shall issue no warrant except to individuals or firms designated in original district orders. [1975 c 43 § 30; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.66.080. Prior: 1959 c 216 § 23; prior: 1933 c 28 § 2, part; 1909 c 97 p 288 § 9, part; 1897 c 118 § 46, part; 1893 c 107 § 3, part; RRS § 4784, part. Formerly RCW 28A.66.080, 28.66.080.]

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

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SUPERINTENDENTS

**28A.400.010 Employment of superintendent—
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contract renewal.** In all districts the board of directors shall
elect a superintendent who shall have such qualification as

the local school board alone shall determine. The superin-
tendent shall have supervision over the several departments
of the schools thereof and carry out such other powers and
duties as prescribed by law. Notwithstanding the provisions
of RCW 28A.400.300(1), the board may contract with such
superintendent for a term not to exceed three years when
deemed in the best interest of the district. The right to
renew a contract of employment with any school superin-
tendent shall rest solely with the discretion of the school
board employing such school superintendent. Regarding
such renewal of contracts of school superintendents the
provisions of RCW 28A.405.210, 28A.405.240, and
28A.645.010 shall be inapplicable. [1990 c 33 § 376; 1985
c 7 § 94; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 114 § 10; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s.
c 15 § 10. Prior: 1975 1st ex.s. c 254 § 2; 1975-'76 1st
ex.s. c 137 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.137; prior: (i)
1909 c 97 p 300 § 11; RRS § 4821. Formerly RCW
28.63.060. (ii) 1909 c 97 p 302 § 8; RRS § 4830. Formerly
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Formerly RCW 28.63.064. (iv) 1909 c 97 p 290 § 4, part;
RRS § 4793, part. Formerly RCW 28A.58.137, 28.62.040,
part.]

Savings—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 114: "Nothing in this 1976 amendato-
ry act shall be construed to annul or to modify or to preclude the continua-
tion of any lawful agreement entered into prior to the effective date of this
1976 amendatory act." [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 114 § 11.]

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 114: "If any provision of this
1976 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is
held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to
other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 114
§ 12.]

*Reimbursement of expenses of directors, other school representatives, and
superintendent candidates—Advancing anticipated expenses: RCW
28A.320.050.*

**28A.400.020 Directors' and superintendents'
signatures filed with auditor.** Every school district director
and school district superintendent, on assuming the duties of
his or her office, shall place his or her signature, certified to
by some school district official, on file in the office of the
county auditor. [1990 c 33 § 377; 1969 ex.s. c 223 §
28A.58.140. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 289 § 12; RRS § 4787;
prior: 1897 c 118 § 61; 1890 p 380 § 70. Formerly RCW
28A.58.140, 28.58.140.]

28A.400.030 Superintendent's duties. In addition to
such other duties as a district school board shall prescribe
the school district superintendent shall:

(1) Attend all meetings of the board of directors and
cause to have made a record as to the proceedings thereof.

(2) Keep such records and reports and in such form as
the district board of directors require or as otherwise
required by law or rule or regulation of higher administrative
agencies and turn the same over to his or her successor.

(3) Keep accurate and detailed accounts of all receipts
and expenditures of school money. At each annual school
meeting the superintendent must present his or her record
book of board proceedings for public inspection, and shall
make a statement of the financial condition of the district
and such record book must always be open for public
inspection.

(4) Give such notice of all annual or special elections as otherwise required by law; also give notice of the regular and special meetings of the board of directors.

(5) Sign all orders for warrants ordered to be issued by the board of directors.

(6) Carry out all orders of the board of directors made at any regular or special meeting. [1991 c 116 § 14; 1990 c 33 § 378; 1983 c 56 § 8; 1977 ex.s. c 80 § 30; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 30; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 110; 1971 c 48 § 30; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.150. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 304 § 2; RRS § 4842; prior: 1907 c 163 § 3; 1899 c 142 § 10; 1897 c 118 § 49; 1893 c 107 § 5; 1891 c 127 § 12; 1890 p 367 § 34; Code 1881 §§ 3194, 3195, 3196, 3197; 1873 p 428 §§ 10, 11, 12, 13. Formerly RCW 28A.58.150, 28.58.150.]

Severability—1983 c 56: See note following RCW 28A.195.010.

Purpose—Intent—Severability—1977 ex.s. c 80: See notes following RCW 4.16.190.

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

PRINCIPALS

28A.400.100 Principals and vice principals—Employment of—Qualifications—Duties. School districts may employ public school principals and/or vice principals to supervise the operation and management of the school to which they are assigned. Such persons shall hold valid teacher and administrative certificates. In addition to such other duties as shall be prescribed by law and by the job description adopted by the board of directors, each principal shall:

(1) Assume administrative authority, responsibility and instructional leadership, under the supervision of the school district superintendent, and in accordance with the policies of the school district board of directors, for the planning, management, supervision and evaluation of the educational program of the attendance area for which he or she is responsible.

(2) Submit recommendations to the school district superintendent regarding appointment, assignment, promotion, transfer and dismissal of all personnel assigned to the attendance area for which he or she is responsible.

(3) Submit recommendations to the school district superintendent regarding the fiscal needs to maintain and improve the instructional program of the attendance area for which he or she is responsible.

(4) Assume administrative authority and responsibility for the supervision, counseling and discipline of pupils in the attendance area for which he or she is responsible. [1977 ex.s. c 272 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.160.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 272: "If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1977 ex.s. c 272 § 2.]

28A.400.110 Principal to assure appropriate student discipline—Building discipline standards, conferences on. Within each school the school principal shall determine that appropriate student discipline is established and enforced. In order to assist the principal in carrying out the intent of this

section, the principal and the certificated employees in a school building shall confer at least annually in order to develop and/or review building disciplinary standards and uniform enforcement of those standards. Such building standards shall be consistent with the provisions of RCW 28A.600.020(3). [1990 c 33 § 379; 1980 c 171 § 2; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 97 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.58.201.]

DELIVERY OF MATERIALS TO SUCCESSORS

28A.400.150 Officials and employees to deliver books, papers and moneys to successors. Every school official and employee, prior to termination of office or employment, shall deliver to his or her successor all books, papers and moneys pertaining to his or her office or employment. [1990 c 33 § 380; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.170. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 288 § 10; RRS § 4785; prior: 1897 c 118 § 60; 1890 p 386 § 69. Formerly RCW 28A.58.170, 28.58.170.]

SALARY AND COMPENSATION

28A.400.200 Salaries and compensation for employees—Minimum amounts—Limitations—Supplemental contracts. (1) Every school district board of directors shall fix, alter, allow, and order paid salaries and compensation for all district employees in conformance with this section.

(2)(a) Salaries for certificated instructional staff shall not be less than the salary provided in the appropriations act in the state-wide salary allocation schedule for an employee with a baccalaureate degree and zero years of service; and

(b) Salaries for certificated instructional staff with a masters degree shall not be less than the salary provided in the appropriations act in the state-wide salary allocation schedule for an employee with a masters degree and zero years of service;

(3)(a) The actual average salary paid to basic education certificated instructional staff shall not exceed the district's average basic education certificated instructional staff salary used for the state basic education allocations for that school year as determined pursuant to RCW 28A.150.410.

(b) Fringe contributions for basic education certificated instructional staff shall be included as salary under (a) of this subsection only to the extent that the district's actual average benefit contribution exceeds the amount of the insurance benefits allocation provided per certificated instructional staff unit in the state operating appropriations act in effect at the time the compensation is payable. For purposes of this section, fringe benefits shall not include payment for unused leave for illness or injury under RCW 28A.400.210; employer contributions for old age survivors insurance, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, and retirement benefits under the Washington state retirement system; or employer contributions for health benefits in excess of the insurance benefits allocation provided per certificated instructional staff unit in the state operating appropriations act in effect at the time the compensation is payable. A school district may not use state funds to provide employer contributions for such excess health benefits.

(c) Salary and benefits for certificated instructional staff in programs other than basic education shall be consistent with the salary and benefits paid to certificated instructional staff in the basic education program.

(4) Salaries and benefits for certificated instructional staff may exceed the limitations in subsection (3) of this section only by separate contract for additional time, additional responsibilities, or incentives. Supplemental contracts shall not cause the state to incur any present or future funding obligation. Supplemental contracts shall be subject to the collective bargaining provisions of chapter 41.59 RCW and the provisions of RCW 28A.405.240, shall not exceed one year, and if not renewed shall not constitute adverse change in accordance with RCW 28A.405.300 through 28A.405.380. No district may enter into a supplemental contract under this subsection for the provision of services which are a part of the basic education program required by Article IX, section 3 of the state Constitution.

(5) Employee benefit plans offered by any district shall comply with RCW 28A.400.350 and 28A.400.275 and 28A.400.280. [1993 c 492 § 225. Prior: 1990 1st ex.s. c 11 § 2; 1990 c 33 § 381; 1987 1st ex.s. c 2 § 205. Formerly RCW 28A.58.0951.]

Findings—Intent—1993 c 492: See notes following RCW 43.72.005.

Short title—Severability—Savings—Captions not law—Reservation of legislative power—Effective dates—1993 c 492: See RCW 43.72.910 through 43.72.915.

Intent—1990 1st ex.s. c 11: "The legislature recognizes the rising costs of health insurance premiums for school employees, and the increasing need to ensure effective use of state benefit dollars to obtain basic coverage for employees and their dependents. In school districts that do not pool benefit allocations among employees, increases in premium rates create particular hardships for employees with families. For many of these employees, the increases translate directly into larger payroll deductions simply to maintain basic benefits.

The goal of this act is to provide access for school employees to basic coverage, including coverage for dependents, while minimizing employees' out-of-pocket premium costs. Unnecessary utilization of medical services can contribute to rising health insurance costs. Therefore, the legislature intends to encourage plans that promote appropriate utilization without creating major barriers to access to care. The legislature also intends that school districts pool state benefit allocations so as to eliminate major differences in out-of-pocket premium expenses for employees who do and do not need coverage for dependents." [1990 1st ex.s. c 11 § 1.]

Intent—Severability—Effective date—1987 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 84.52.0531.

28A.400.210 Employee attendance incentive program—Remuneration or benefit plan for unused sick leave. Every school district board of directors may, in accordance with chapters 41.56 and 41.59 RCW, establish an attendance incentive program for all certificated and noncertificated employees in the following manner, including covering persons who were employed during the 1982-'83 school year:

(1) In January of the year following any year in which a minimum of sixty days of leave for illness or injury is accrued, and each January thereafter, any eligible employee may exercise an option to receive remuneration for unused leave for illness or injury accumulated in the previous year at a rate equal to one day's monetary compensation of the employee for each four full days of accrued leave for illness or injury in excess of sixty days. Leave for illness or injury for which compensation has been received shall be deducted from accrued leave for illness or injury at the rate of four

days for every one day's monetary compensation. No employee may receive compensation under this section for any portion of leave for illness or injury accumulated at a rate in excess of one day per month.

(2) Except as provided in RCW 28A.400.212, at the time of separation from school district employment due to retirement or death an eligible employee or the employee's estate shall receive remuneration at a rate equal to one day's current monetary compensation of the employee for each four full days accrued leave for illness or injury.

(3) In lieu of remuneration for unused leave for illness or injury as provided in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, a school district board of directors may, with equivalent funds, provide eligible employees a benefit plan that provides reimbursement for medical expenses. Any benefit plan adopted after July 28, 1991, shall require, as a condition of participation under the plan, that the employee sign an agreement with the district to hold the district harmless should the United States government find that the district or the employee is in debt to the United States as a result of the employee not paying income taxes due on the equivalent funds placed into the plan, or as a result of the district not withholding or deducting any tax, assessment, or other payment on such funds as required under federal law.

Moneys or benefits received under this section shall not be included for the purposes of computing a retirement allowance under any public retirement system in this state.

The superintendent of public instruction in its administration hereof, shall promulgate uniform rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this section.

Should the legislature revoke any benefits granted under this section, no affected employee shall be entitled thereafter to receive such benefits as a matter of contractual right. [1992 c 234 § 12; 1991 c 92 § 2; 1989 c 69 § 2; 1983 c 275 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.096.]

Intent—Construction—1983 c 275: "This act is intended to effectuate the legislature's intent in the original enactment of chapter 182, Laws of 1980 and constitutes a re-adoption of the relevant portions of that law. This act shall be construed as being in effect since June 12, 1980." [1983 c 275 § 5.]

28A.400.212 Employee attendance incentive program—Effect of early retirement. An employee of a school district that has established an attendance incentive program under RCW 28A.400.210 who retires under section 1 or 3, chapter 234, Laws of 1992, section 1 or 3, chapter 86, Laws of 1993, or section 4 or 6, chapter 519, Laws of 1993, shall receive, at the time of his or her separation from school district employment, not less than one-half of the remuneration for accrued leave for illness or injury payable to him or her under the district's incentive program. The school district board of directors may, at its discretion, pay the remainder of such an employee's remuneration for accrued leave for illness or injury after the time of the employee's separation from school district employment, but the employee or the employee's estate is entitled to receive the remainder of the remuneration no later than the date the employee would have been eligible to retire under the provisions of RCW 41.40.180 or 41.32.480 had the employee continued to work for the district until eligible to retire, or three years following the date of the employee's separation from school district employment, whichever occurs first.

A district exercising its discretion under this section to pay the remainder of the remuneration after the time of the employee's separation from school district employment shall establish a policy and procedure for paying the remaining remuneration that applies to all affected employees equally and without discrimination. Any remuneration paid shall be based on the number of days of leave the employee had accrued and the compensation the employee received at the time he or she retired under section 1 or 3, chapter 234, Laws of 1992, section 1 or 3, chapter 86, Laws of 1993, or section 4 or 6, chapter 519, Laws of 1993. [1993 c 519 § 14; 1993 c 86 § 8; 1992 c 234 § 13.]

Reviser's note: This section was amended by 1993 c 86 § 8 and by 1993 c 519 § 14, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Part headings not law—Effective date—1993 c 519: See notes following RCW 41.32.4871.

Effective date—1993 c 86: See note following RCW 43.01.170.

28A.400.220 Employee salary or compensation—Limitations respecting. (1) No school district board of directors or administrators may:

- (a) Increase an employee's salary or compensation to include a payment in lieu of providing a fringe benefit; or
- (b) Allow any payment to an employee which is partially or fully conditioned on the termination or retirement of the employee, except as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) A school district board of directors may compensate an employee for termination of the employee's contract in accordance with the termination provisions of the contract. If no such provisions exist the compensation must be reasonable based on the proportion of the uncompleted contract. Compensation received under this subsection shall not be included for the purposes of computing a retirement allowance under any public retirement system in this state.

(3) Provisions of any contract in force on March 27, 1982, which conflict with the requirements of this section shall continue in effect until contract expiration. After expiration, any new contract including any renewal, extension, amendment or modification of an existing contract executed between the parties shall be consistent with this section. [1989 c 11 § 5; 1982 1st ex.s. c 10 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.098.]

Severability—1989 c 11: See note following RCW 9A.56.220.

Severability—1982 1st ex.s. c 10: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1982 1st ex.s. c 10 § 3.]

28A.400.230 Deposit of cumulative total of earnings of group of employees—Authorized—Conditions. Any school district authorized to draw and issue their own warrants may deposit the cumulative total of the net earnings of any group of employees in one or more banks within the state such group or groups may designate, to be credited to the individuals composing such groups, by a single warrant to each bank so designated or by other commercially acceptable methods: PROVIDED, That any such collective authorization shall be made in writing by a minimum of twenty-five employees or ten percent of the employees,

whichever is less. [1973 c 111 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.58.730.]

Severability—1973 c 111: See note following RCW 28A.330.230.

28A.400.240 Deferred compensation plan for district employees—Limitations. In addition to any other powers and duties, any school district may contract with any classified or certificated employee to defer a portion of that employee's income, which deferred portion shall in no event exceed the appropriate internal revenue service exclusion allowance for such plans, and shall subsequently with the consent of the employee, deposit or invest in a credit union, savings and loan association, bank, mutual savings bank, or purchase life insurance, shares of an investment company, or a fixed and/or variable annuity contract, for the purpose of funding a deferred compensation program for the employee, from any life underwriter or registered representative duly licensed by this state who represents an insurance company or an investment company licensed to contract business in this state. In no event shall the total investments or payments, and the employee's nondeferred income for any year exceed the total annual salary, or compensation under the existing salary schedule or classification plan applicable to such employee in such year. Any income deferred under such a plan shall continue to be included as regular compensation, for the purpose of computing the retirement and pension benefits earned by any employee, but any sum so deducted shall not be included in the computation of any taxes withheld on behalf of any such employee. [1975 1st ex.s. c 205 § 1; 1974 ex.s. c 11 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.740.]

28A.400.250 Tax deferred annuities. The board of directors of any school district, the Washington state teachers' retirement system, the superintendent of public instruction, and educational service district superintendents are authorized to provide and pay for tax deferred annuities for their respective employees in lieu of a portion of salary or wages as authorized under the provisions of 26 U.S.C., section 403(b), as amended by Public Law 87-370, 75 Stat. 796, as now or hereafter amended. The superintendent of public instruction and educational service district superintendents, if eligible, may also be provided with such annuities.

At the request of at least five employees, the employees' employer shall arrange for the purchase of tax deferred annuity contracts which meet the requirements of 26 U.S.C., section 403(b), as now or hereafter amended, for the employees from any company the employees may choose that is authorized to do business in this state through a Washington-licensed insurance agent that the employees may select. Payroll deductions shall be made in accordance with the arrangements for the purpose of paying the entire premium due and to become due under the contracts. Employees' rights under the annuity contract are nonforfeitable except for the failure to pay premiums.

The board of directors of any school district, the Washington state teachers' retirement system, the superintendent of public instruction, and educational service district superintendents shall not restrict, except as provided in this section, employees' right to select the tax deferred annuity of their choice or the agent, broker, or company licensed by

the state of Washington through which the tax deferred annuity is placed or purchased, and shall not place limitations on the time or place that the employees make the selection.

The board of directors of any school district, the Washington state teachers' retirement system, the superintendent of public instruction, and educational service district superintendents may each adopt rules regulating the sale of tax deferred annuities which: (1) Prohibit solicitation of employees for the purposes of selling tax deferred annuities on school premises during normal school hours; (2) only permit the solicitation of tax deferred annuities by agents, brokers, and companies licensed by the state of Washington; and (3) require participating companies to execute reasonable agreements protecting the respective employers from any liability attendant to procuring tax deferred annuities. [1984 c 228 § 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 113; 1971 c 48 § 31; 1969 c 97 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.560. Prior: 1965 c 54 § 1, part. Formerly RCW 28A.58.560, 28.02.120, part.]

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

28A.400.260 Pension benefits or annuity benefits for certain classifications of employees—Procedure. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any school district shall have the authority to provide for all employees within an employment classification pension benefits or annuity benefits as may already be established and in effect by other employers of a similar classification of employees, and payment therefor may be made by making contributions to such pension plans or funds already established and in effect by the other employers and in which the school district is permitted to participate for such particular classifications of its employees by the trustees or other persons responsible for the administration of such established plans or funds.

Notwithstanding provisions of RCW 41.40.023(4), the coverage under such private plan shall not exclude such employees from simultaneous coverage under the Washington public employees' retirement system. [1972 ex.s. c 27 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.565.]

28A.400.270 Employee benefit—Definitions. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout RCW 28A.400.275 and 28A.400.280.

(1) "School district employee benefit plan" means the overall plan used by the district for distributing fringe benefit subsidies to employees, including the method of determining employee coverage and the amount of employer contributions, as well as the characteristics of benefit providers and the specific benefits or coverage offered. It shall not include coverage offered to district employees for which there is no contribution from public funds.

(2) "Fringe benefit" does not include liability coverage, old-age survivors' insurance, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, retirement benefits under the Washington state retirement system, or payment for unused leave for illness or injury under RCW 28A.400.210.

(3) "Basic benefits" are determined through local bargaining and are limited to medical, dental, vision, group term life, and group long-term disability insurance coverage.

(4) "Benefit providers" include insurers, third party claims administrators, direct providers of employee fringe benefits, health maintenance organizations, health care service contractors, and the Washington state health care authority or any plan offered by the authority.

(5) "Group term life insurance coverage" means term life insurance coverage provided for, at a minimum, all full-time employees in a bargaining unit or all full-time nonbargaining group employees.

(6) "Group long-term disability insurance coverage" means long-term disability insurance coverage provided for, at a minimum, all full-time employees in a bargaining unit or all full-time nonbargaining group employees. [1990 1st ex.s. c 11 § 4.]

Intent—1990 1st ex.s. c 11: See note following RCW 28A.400.200.

28A.400.275 Employee benefits—Contracts. (1) Any contract for employee benefits executed after April 13, 1990, between a school district and a benefit provider or employee bargaining unit is null and void unless it contains an agreement to abide by state laws relating to school district employee benefits. The term of the contract may not exceed one year.

(2) School districts shall annually submit to the Washington state health care authority summary descriptions of all benefits offered under the district's employee benefit plan. The districts shall also submit data to the health care authority specifying the total number of employees and, for each employee, types of coverage or benefits received including numbers of covered dependents, the number of eligible dependents, the amount of the district's contribution, additional premium costs paid by the employee through payroll deductions, and the age and sex of the employee and each dependent. The plan descriptions and the data shall be submitted in a format and according to a schedule established by the health care authority.

(3) Any benefit provider offering a benefit plan by contract with a school district under subsection (1) of this section shall agree to make available to the school district the benefit plan descriptions and, where available, the demographic information on plan subscribers that the district is required to report to the Washington state health care authority under this section.

(4) This section shall not apply to benefit plans offered in the 1989-90 school year. [1990 1st ex.s. c 11 § 5.]

Intent—1990 1st ex.s. c 11: See note following RCW 28A.400.200.

28A.400.280 Employee benefits—Employer contributions. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, school districts may provide employer fringe benefit contributions after October 1, 1990, only for basic benefits. However, school districts may continue payments under contracts with employees or benefit providers in effect on April 13, 1990, until the contract expires.

(2) School districts may provide employer contributions after October 1, 1990, for optional benefit plans, in addition to basic benefits, only for employees included in pooling arrangements under this subsection. Optional benefit plans may not include employee beneficiary accounts that can be liquidated by the employee on termination of employment. Optional benefit plans may be offered only if:

(a) The school district pools benefit allocations among employees using a pooling arrangement that includes at least one employee bargaining unit and/or all nonbargaining group employees;

(b) Each full-time employee included in the pooling arrangement is offered basic benefits, including coverage for dependents, without a payroll deduction for premium charges;

(c) Each full-time employee included in the pooling arrangement, regardless of the number of dependents receiving basic coverage, receives the same additional employer contribution for other coverage or optional benefits; and

(d) For part-time employees included in the pooling arrangement, participation in optional benefit plans shall be governed by the same eligibility criteria and/or proration of employer contributions used for allocations for basic benefits.

(3) Savings accruing to school districts due to limitations on benefit options under this section shall be pooled and made available by the districts to reduce out-of-pocket premium expenses for employees needing basic coverage for dependents. School districts are not intended to divert state benefit allocations for other purposes. [1990 1st ex.s. c 11 § 6.]

Intent—1990 1st ex.s. c 11: See note following RCW 28A.400.200.

28A.400.285 Contracts for services previously performed by classified employees. (1) When a school district or educational service district enters into a contract for services that had been previously performed by classified school employees, the contract shall contain a specific clause requiring the contractor to provide for persons performing such services under the contract, health benefits that are similar to those provided for school employees who would otherwise perform the work, but in no case are such health benefits required to be greater than the benefits provided for basic health care services under chapter 70.47 RCW.

(2) Decisions to enter into contracts for services by a school district or educational service district may only be made: (a) After the affected district has conducted a feasibility study determining the potential costs and benefits, including the impact on district employees who would otherwise perform the work, that would result from contracting for the services; (b) after the decision to contract for the services has been reviewed and approved by the superintendent of public instruction; and (c) subject to any applicable requirements for collective bargaining. The factors to be considered in the feasibility study shall be developed in consultation with representatives of the affected employees and may include both long-term and short-term effects of the proposal to contract for services.

(3) This section applies only if the contract would be for services that are being performed by classified school employees as of July 25, 1993.

(4) This section does not apply to:

(a) Temporary, nonongoing, or nonrecurring service contracts; or

(b) Contracts for services previously performed by employees in director/supervisor, professional, and technical positions.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (4) of this section:

(a) "Director/supervisor position" means a position in which an employee directs staff members and manages a function, a program, or a support service.

(b) "Professional position" means a position for which an employee is required to have a high degree of knowledge and skills acquired through a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent.

(c) "Technical position" means a position for which an employee is required to have a combination of knowledge and skills that can be obtained through approximately two years of posthigh school education, such as from a community or technical college, or by on-the-job training. [1993 c 349 § 1.]

HIRING AND DISCHARGE

28A.400.300 Hiring and discharging of employees—Seniority and leave benefits, transfers between school districts. Every board of directors, unless otherwise specially provided by law, shall:

(1) Employ for not more than one year, and for sufficient cause discharge all certificated and noncertificated employees;

(2) Adopt written policies granting leaves to persons under contracts of employment with the school district(s) in positions requiring either certification or noncertification qualifications, including but not limited to leaves for attendance at official or private institutes and conferences and sabbatical leaves for employees in positions requiring certification qualification, and leaves for illness, injury, bereavement and, emergencies for both certificated and noncertificated employees, and with such compensation as the board of directors prescribe: PROVIDED, That the board of directors shall adopt written policies granting to such persons annual leave with compensation for illness, injury and emergencies as follows:

(a) For such persons under contract with the school district for a full year, at least ten days;

(b) For such persons under contract with the school district as part time employees, at least that portion of ten days as the total number of days contracted for bears to one hundred eighty days;

(c) For certificated and noncertificated employees, annual leave with compensation for illness, injury, and emergencies shall be granted and accrue at a rate not to exceed twelve days per year; provisions of any contract in force on June 12, 1980, which conflict with requirements of this subsection shall continue in effect until contract expiration; after expiration, any new contract executed between the parties shall be consistent with this subsection;

(d) Compensation for leave for illness or injury actually taken shall be the same as the compensation such person would have received had such person not taken the leave provided in this proviso;

(e) Leave provided in this proviso not taken shall accumulate from year to year up to a maximum of one hundred eighty days for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.210 and 28A.400.220, and for leave purposes up to a maximum of the number of contract days agreed to in a given contract, but not greater than one year. Such accumulated time may

be taken at any time during the school year or up to twelve days per year may be used for the purpose of payments for unused sick leave.

(f) Sick leave heretofore accumulated under section 1, chapter 195, Laws of 1959 (former RCW 28.58.430) and sick leave accumulated under administrative practice of school districts prior to the effective date of section 1, chapter 195, Laws of 1959 (former RCW 28.58.430) is hereby declared valid, and shall be added to leave for illness or injury accumulated under this proviso;

(g) Any leave for injury or illness accumulated up to a maximum of forty-five days shall be creditable as service rendered for the purpose of determining the time at which an employee is eligible to retire, if such leave is taken it may not be compensated under the provisions of RCW 28A.400.210 and 28A.310.490;

(h) Accumulated leave under this proviso shall be transferred to and from one district to another, the office of superintendent of public instruction and offices of educational service district superintendents and boards, to and from such districts and such offices;

(i) Leave accumulated by a person in a district prior to leaving said district may, under rules and regulations of the board, be granted to such person when the person returns to the employment of the district.

When any certificated or classified employee leaves one school district within the state and commences employment with another school district within the state, the employee shall retain the same seniority, leave benefits and other benefits that the employee had in his or her previous position: PROVIDED, That classified employees who transfer between districts after July 28, 1985, shall not retain any seniority rights other than longevity when leaving one school district and beginning employment with another. If the school district to which the person transfers has a different system for computing seniority, leave benefits, and other benefits, then the employee shall be granted the same seniority, leave benefits and other benefits as a person in that district who has similar occupational status and total years of service. [1990 c 33 § 382. Prior: 1985 c 210 § 1; 1985 c 46 § 1; 1983 c 275 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.58.099.]

Intent—Construction—1983 c 275: See note following RCW 28A.400.210.

28A.400.303 Record checks for employees. School districts, educational service districts, and their contractors hiring employees who will have regularly scheduled unsupervised access to children shall require a record check through the Washington state patrol criminal identification system under RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.834, 10.97.030, and 10.97.050 and through the federal bureau of investigation before hiring an employee. The record check shall include a fingerprint check using a complete Washington state criminal identification fingerprint card. The requesting entity shall provide a copy of the record report to the applicant. When necessary, applicants may be employed on a conditional basis pending completion of the investigation. If the applicant has had a record check within the previous two years, the district or contractor may waive the requirement. The district, pursuant to chapter 41.59 or 41.56 RCW, or contractor hiring the employee shall determine who shall pay costs associated with the record check. [1992 c 159 § 2.]

(1994 Ed.)

Findings—1992 c 159: "The legislature finds that additional safeguards are necessary to ensure the safety of Washington's school children. The legislature further finds that the results from state patrol record checks are more complete when fingerprints of individuals are provided, and that information from the federal bureau of investigation also is necessary to obtain information on out-of-state criminal records. The legislature further finds that confidentiality safeguards in state law are in place to ensure that the rights of applicants for certification or jobs and newly hired employees are protected." [1992 c 159 § 1.]

28A.400.306 Fingerprints accepted by the state patrol—Fingerprints forwarded to the federal bureau of investigation—Conditions—Report to the legislature. The state patrol shall accept fingerprints obtained under this chapter only if it can ensure that the patrol will not retain a record of the fingerprints after the check is complete. It shall not forward fingerprints obtained under this chapter to the federal bureau of investigation unless it can ensure that the federal bureau of investigation will not retain a record of the fingerprints after the check is complete. The state patrol shall report to the house of representatives appropriations committee and the senate ways and means committee on measures taken to implement this section before accepting any fingerprints obtained under this chapter. [1992 c 159 § 9.]

Findings—1992 c 159: See note following RCW 28A.400.303.

28A.400.310 Law against discrimination applicable to districts' employment practices. The provisions of chapter 49.60 RCW as now or hereafter amended shall be applicable to the employment of any certificated or noncertificated employee by any school district organized in this state. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.02.050. Prior: (i) 1937 c 52 § 1; RRS § 4693-1. Formerly RCW 28.02.050. (ii) 1937 c 52 § 2; RRS § 4693-2. Formerly RCW 28A.02.050, 28.02.051.]

28A.400.315 Employment contracts. Employment contracts entered into between an employer and a superintendent, or administrator as defined in RCW 28A.405.230, under RCW 28A.400.010, 28A.400.300, or 28A.405.210:

(1) Shall end no later than June 30th of the calendar year that the contract expires except that, a contract entered into after June 30th of a given year may expire during that same calendar year; and

(2) Shall not be revised or entered into retroactively. [1990 c 8 § 6.]

Findings—1990 c 8: See note following RCW 41.50.065.

28A.400.320 Crimes against children—Mandatory termination of classified employees—Appeal. (1) The school district board of directors shall immediately terminate the employment of any classified employee who has contact with children during the course of his or her employment upon a guilty plea or conviction of any felony crime involving the physical neglect of a child under chapter 9A.42 RCW, the physical injury or death of a child under chapter 9A.32 or 9A.36 RCW (except motor vehicle violations under chapter 46.61 RCW), sexual exploitation of a child under chapter 9.68A RCW, sexual offenses under chapter 9A.44 RCW where a minor is the victim, promoting prostitution of a minor under chapter 9A.88 RCW, the sale or purchase of

a minor child under RCW 9A.64.030, or violation of similar laws of another jurisdiction.

(2) The employee shall have a right of appeal under chapter 28A.645 RCW including any right of appeal under a collective bargaining agreement. [1990 c 33 § 383; 1989 c 320 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.58.1001.]

Severability—1989 c 320: See note following RCW 28A.410.090.

Crimes against children—Notification of conviction or guilty plea of school employee: RCW 43.43.845.

28A.400.330 Crimes against children—Contractor employees—Termination of contract. The school district board of directors shall include in any contract for services with an entity or individual other than an employee of the school district a provision requiring the contractor to prohibit any employee of the contractor from working at a public school who has contact with children at a public school during the course of his or her employment and who has pled guilty to or been convicted of any felony crime involving the physical neglect of a child under chapter 9A.42 RCW, the physical injury or death of a child under chapter 9A.32 or 9A.36 RCW (except motor vehicle violations under chapter 46.61 RCW), sexual exploitation of a child under chapter 9.68A RCW, sexual offenses under chapter 9A.44 RCW where a minor is the victim, promoting prostitution of a minor under chapter 9A.88 RCW, the sale or purchase of a minor child under RCW 9A.64.030, or violation of similar laws of another jurisdiction. The contract shall also contain a provision that any failure to comply with this section shall be grounds for the school district immediately terminating the contract. [1989 c 320 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.58.1002.]

Severability—1989 c 320: See note following RCW 28A.410.090.

28A.400.340 Notice of discharge to contain notice of right to appeal if available. Any notice of discharge given to a classified or certificated employee, if that employee has a right to appeal the discharge, shall contain notice of that right, notice that a description of the appeal process is available, and how the description of the appeal process may be obtained. [1991 c 102 § 1.]

INSURANCE

28A.400.350 Liability, life, health, health care, accident, disability, and salary insurance authorized—When required—Premiums. (1) The board of directors of any of the state's school districts may make available liability, life, health, health care, accident, disability and salary protection or insurance or any one of, or a combination of the enumerated types of insurance, or any other type of insurance or protection, for the members of the boards of directors, the students, and employees of the school district, and their dependents. Such coverage may be provided by contracts with private carriers, with the state health care authority after July 1, 1990, pursuant to the approval of the authority administrator, or through self-insurance or self-funding pursuant to chapter 48.62 RCW, or in any other manner authorized by law. Except for health benefits purchased with nonstate funds as provided in RCW 28A.400.200, effective on and after October 1, 1995, health

care coverage, life insurance, liability insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, and disability income insurance shall be provided only by contracts with the state health care authority.

(2) Whenever funds are available for these purposes the board of directors of the school district may contribute all or a part of the cost of such protection or insurance for the employees of their respective school districts and their dependents. The premiums on such liability insurance shall be borne by the school district.

After October 1, 1990, school districts may not contribute to any employee protection or insurance other than liability insurance unless the district's employee benefit plan conforms to RCW 28A.400.275 and 28A.400.280.

(3) For school board members and students, the premiums due on such protection or insurance shall be borne by the assenting school board member or student. The school district may contribute all or part of the costs, including the premiums, of life, health, health care, accident or disability insurance which shall be offered to all students participating in interschool activities on the behalf of or as representative of their school or school district. The school district board of directors may require any student participating in extracurricular interschool activities to, as a condition of participation, document evidence of insurance or purchase insurance that will provide adequate coverage, as determined by the school district board of directors, for medical expenses incurred as a result of injury sustained while participating in the extracurricular activity. In establishing such a requirement, the district shall adopt regulations for waiving or reducing the premiums of such coverage as may be offered through the school district to students participating in extracurricular activities, for those students whose families, by reason of their low income, would have difficulty paying the entire amount of such insurance premiums. The district board shall adopt regulations for waiving or reducing the insurance coverage requirements for low-income students in order to assure such students are not prohibited from participating in extracurricular interschool activities.

(4) All contracts for insurance or protection written to take advantage of the provisions of this section shall provide that the beneficiaries of such contracts may utilize on an equal participation basis the services of those practitioners licensed pursuant to chapters 18.22, 18.25, 18.53, 18.57, and 18.71 RCW. [1993 c 492 § 226. Prior: 1990 1st ex.s. c 11 § 3; 1990 c 74 § 1; 1988 c 107 § 16; 1985 c 277 § 8; 1977 ex.s. c 255 § 1; 1973 1st ex.s. c 9 § 1; 1971 ex.s. c 269 § 2; 1971 c 8 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 237 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.420; prior: 1967 c 135 § 2, part; 1959 c 187 § 1, part. Formerly RCW 28A.58.420, 28.76.410, part.]

Findings—Intent—1993 c 492: See notes following RCW 43.72.005.

Short title—Severability—Savings—Captions not law—Reservation of legislative power—Effective dates—1993 c 492: See RCW 43.72.910 through 43.72.915.

Intent—1990 1st ex.s. c 11: See note following RCW 28A.400.200.

Implementation—Effective dates—1988 c 107: See RCW 41.05.901.

Retrospective application—1985 c 277: See note following RCW 48.01.050.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 269: "If any provision of this 1971 act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1971 ex.s. c 269 § 4.]

Hospitalization and medical insurance authorized: RCW 41.04.180.

Operation of student transportation program responsibility of local district—Scope—Transporting of elderly—Insurance: RCW 28A.160.010.

Retirement allowance deductions for health care benefit plans: RCW 41.04.235.

28A.400.360 Liability insurance for officials and employees authorized. The board of directors of each school district may purchase liability insurance with such limits as they may deem reasonable for the purpose of protecting their officials and employees against liability for personal or bodily injuries and property damage arising from their acts or omissions while performing or in good faith purporting to perform their official duties. [1973 c 125 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.423.]

28A.400.370 Mandatory insurance protection for employees. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, after August 9, 1971 boards of directors of all school districts shall provide their employees with insurance protection covering those employees while engaged in the maintenance of order and discipline and the protection of school personnel and students and the property thereof when that is deemed necessary by such employees. Such insurance protection must include as a minimum, liability insurance covering injury to persons and property, and insurance protecting those employees from loss or damage of their personal property incurred while so engaged. [1971 ex.s. c 269 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.425.]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 269: See note following RCW 28A.400.350.

28A.400.380 Leave sharing program. Every school district board of directors and educational service district superintendent may, in accordance with RCW 41.04.650 through 41.04.665, establish and administer a leave sharing program for their certificated and noncertificated employees. For employees of school districts and educational service districts, the superintendent of public instruction shall adopt standards: (1) Establishing appropriate parameters for the program which are consistent with the provisions of RCW 41.04.650 through 41.04.665; and (2) establishing procedures to ensure that the program does not significantly increase the cost of providing leave. [1990 c 23 § 4; 1989 c 93 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.58.0991.]

Severability—1989 c 93: See note following RCW 41.04.650.

28A.400.391 Insurance for retired and disabled employees—Application—Rules. (1) Every group disability insurance policy, health care service contract, health maintenance agreement, and health and welfare benefit plan obtained or created to provide benefits to employees of school districts and their dependents shall contain provisions that permit retired and disabled employees to continue medical, dental, or vision coverage under the group policy, contract, agreement, or plan until September 30, 1993, or until the employee becomes eligible for federal medicare coverage, whichever occurs first. The terms and conditions for election and maintenance of such continued coverage shall conform to the standards established under the federal

consolidated omnibus budget reconciliation act of 1985, as amended. The period of continued coverage provided under this section shall run concurrently with any period of coverage guaranteed under the federal consolidated omnibus budget reconciliation act of 1985, as amended.

(2) This section applies to:

(a) School district employees who retired or lost insurance coverage due to disability after July 28, 1991;

(b) School district employees who retired or lost insurance coverage due to disability within the eighteen-month period ending on July 28, 1991; and

(c) School district employees who retired or lost insurance coverage due to disability prior to January 28, 1990, and who were covered by their employing district's insurance plan on January 1, 1991.

(3) For the purposes of this section "retired employee" means an employee who separates from district service and is eligible at the time of separation from service to receive, immediately following separation from service, a retirement allowance under chapter 41.32 or 41.40 RCW.

(4) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt administrative rules to implement this section. [1993 c 386 § 2; 1992 c 152 § 1.]

Intent—1993 c 386: "It is the legislature's intent to increase access to health insurance for retired and disabled school employees and also to improve equity between state employees and school employees by providing for the reduction of health insurance premiums charged to retired school employees through a subsidy charged against health insurance allocations for active employees. It is further the legislature's intent to improve the cost-effectiveness of state-purchased health care by managing programs for public employees, in this case retired school employees, through the state health care authority." [1993 c 386 § 1.]

Effective date—1993 c 386 §§ 1, 2, 4-6, 8-10, and 12-16: "Sections 1, 2, 4 through 6, 8 through 10, and 12 through 16 of this act are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [May 15, 1993]." [1993 c 386 § 18.]

28A.400.395 Insurance for retired employees and their dependents—Method of payment of premium. A group disability insurance policy, health care service contract, health maintenance agreement, or health and welfare benefit plan that provides benefits to retired school district employees and eligible dependents shall not require the beneficiary to make payment by monthly deduction from the beneficiary's state retirement allowance if the payment exceeds the retirement allowance. In such cases, the payment may be made directly by the individual beneficiary. [1992 c 152 § 3.]

28A.400.400 District contributions to the retired school employees' subsidy account. (Effective until January 1, 1995.) (1) In a manner prescribed by the state health care authority, school districts and educational service districts shall remit to the health care authority for deposit in the retired school employees' subsidy account established in RCW 41.05.260:

(a) During the period beginning October 1, 1993, and ending September 30, 1994:

(i) For each full-time employee of the district, ten dollars for each month of the school year;

(ii) For each part-time employee of the district who, at the time of the remittance, is employed in an eligible

position as defined in RCW 41.32.010 or 41.40.010 and is eligible for employer fringe benefit contributions for basic benefits as defined in RCW 28A.400.270, ten dollars for each month of the school year, prorated by the proportion of employer fringe benefit contributions for a full-time employee that the part-time employee receives;

(b) Beginning October 1, 1994:

(i) For each full-time employee of the district, an amount equal to four and seven-tenths percent multiplied by the insurance benefit allocation rate in the appropriations act for a certificated or classified staff, for each month of the school year;

(ii) For each part-time employee of the district who, at the time of the remittance, is employed in an eligible position as defined in RCW 41.32.010 or 41.40.010 and is eligible for employer fringe benefit contributions for basic benefits as defined in RCW 28A.400.270, an amount equal to four and seven-tenths percent multiplied by the insurance benefit allocation rate in the appropriations act for a certificated or classified staff, for each month of the school year, prorated by the proportion of employer fringe benefit contributions for a full-time employee that the part-time employee receives.

(2) The legislature reserves the right to increase or decrease the percent or amount required to be remitted in this section. [1993 c 386 § 13.]

Intent—1993 c 386: See note following RCW 28A.400.391.

Effective date—1993 c 386 §§ 1, 2, 4-6, 8-10, and 12-16: See note following RCW 28A.400.391.

28A.400.400 District contributions to the public employees' and retirees' insurance account. (Effective January 1, 1995, until October 1, 1995.) (1) In a manner prescribed by the state health care authority, school districts and educational service districts shall remit to the health care authority for deposit in the public employees' and retirees' insurance account established in RCW 41.05.120:

(a) During the period beginning October 1, 1993, and ending September 30, 1994:

(i) For each full-time employee of the district, ten dollars for each month of the school year;

(ii) For each part-time employee of the district who, at the time of the remittance, is employed in an eligible position as defined in RCW 41.32.010 or 41.40.010 and is eligible for employer fringe benefit contributions for basic benefits as defined in RCW 28A.400.270, ten dollars for each month of the school year, prorated by the proportion of employer fringe benefit contributions for a full-time employee that the part-time employee receives;

(b) Beginning October 1, 1994:

(i) For each full-time employee of the district, an amount equal to four and seven-tenths percent multiplied by the insurance benefit allocation rate in the appropriations act for a certificated or classified staff, for each month of the school year;

(ii) For each part-time employee of the district who, at the time of the remittance, is employed in an eligible position as defined in RCW 41.32.010 or 41.40.010 and is eligible for employer fringe benefit contributions for basic benefits as defined in RCW 28A.400.270, an amount equal to four and seven-tenths percent multiplied by the insurance

benefit allocation rate in the appropriations act for a certificated or classified staff, for each month of the school year, prorated by the proportion of employer fringe benefit contributions for a full-time employee that the part-time employee receives.

(2) The legislature reserves the right to increase or decrease the percent or amount required to be remitted in this section. [1994 c 153 § 11; 1993 c 386 § 13.]

Use of funds under RCW 28A.400.400—1994 c 153: "For the January 1, 1995, through December 31, 1995, plan year, amounts remitted by school districts and educational service districts under *RCW 28A.400.400 may be used for the subsidy provided under RCW 41.05.085. Amounts remitted under *RCW 28A.400.400 may also be used to reduce the increase in the premiums for active employees which may result from the single community rated risk pool under RCW 41.05.080. The reduction may be necessary before the enrollment of all active school district and educational service district employees under the health care authority plans as required under RCW 28A.400.350. This section shall expire January 1, 1996." [1994 c 153 § 12.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 28A.400.400 was repealed by 1994 c 153 § 15, effective October 1, 1995.

Intent—Effective dates—1994 c 153: See notes following RCW 41.05.011.

Intent—1993 c 386: See note following RCW 28A.400.391.

Effective date—1993 c 386 §§ 1, 2, 4-6, 8-10, and 12-16: See note following RCW 28A.400.391.

28A.400.400 District contributions to the public employees' and retirees' insurance account. (Effective October 1, 1995.)

Reviser's note: RCW 28A.400.400 was both amended and repealed during the 1994 legislative session, each without reference to the other. It has been decodified, effective October 1, 1995, for publication purposes pursuant to RCW 1.12.025.

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QUALIFICATIONS

28A.405.010 Qualifications—Certificate or permit required. No person shall be accounted as a qualified teacher within the meaning of the school law who is not the holder of a valid teacher's certificate or permit issued by lawful authority of this state. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.67.010. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 306 § 1; RRS § 4844; prior: 1907 c 240 § 6; 1897 c 118 § 51; 1891 c 127 § 14; 1890 p 369 § 37; 1886 p 18 § 47; 1873 p 430 § 15. Formerly RCW 28A.67.010, 28.67.010.]

28A.405.025 Qualifications—Coursework on issues of abuse. To receive initial certification as a teacher in this state after August 31, 1991, an applicant shall have successfully completed a course on issues of abuse. The content of the course shall discuss the identification of physical, emotional, sexual, and substance abuse, information on the impact of abuse on the behavior and learning abilities of students, discussion of the responsibilities of a teacher to report abuse or provide assistance to students who are the victims of abuse, and methods for teaching students about abuse of all types and their prevention. [1990 c 90 § 1.]

28A.405.030 Must teach morality and patriotism. It shall be the duty of all teachers to endeavor to impress on the minds of their pupils the principles of morality, truth, justice, temperance, humanity and patriotism; to teach them to avoid idleness, profanity and falsehood; to instruct them in the principles of free government, and to train them up to the true comprehension of the rights, duty and dignity of American citizenship. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.67.110. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 308 § 8; RRS § 4855; prior: 1897 c 118 § 58; 1890 p 371 § 42; 1886 p 19 § 50; Code 1881 § 3203. Formerly RCW 28A.67.110, 28.67.110.]

28A.405.040 Disqualification for failure to emphasize patriotism. No person, whose certificate or permit authorizing him or her to teach in the common schools of this state has been revoked due to his or her failure to endeavor to impress on the minds of his or her pupils the principles of patriotism, or to train them up to the true comprehension of the rights, duty and dignity of American citizenship, shall be permitted to teach in any common school in this state. [1990 c 33 § 384; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.67.030. Prior: 1919 c 38 § 2; RRS § 4846. Formerly RCW 28A.67.030, 28.67.030.]

28A.405.050 Noncompliance with RCW 28A.405.040—Penalties. Any person teaching in any school in violation of RCW 28A.405.040, and any school director knowingly permitting any person to teach in any school in violation of RCW 28A.405.040, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. [1991 c 115 § 1; 1990 c 33 § 385; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.67.035. Prior: 1919 c 38 § 3; RRS § 4847. Formerly RCW 28A.67.035, 28.67.035, 28.67.120.]

28A.405.060 Course of study and regulations—Enforcement—Withholding salary warrant for failure. Certificated employees shall faithfully enforce in the com-

mon schools the course of study and regulations prescribed, whether regulations of the district, the superintendent of public instruction, or the state board of education, and shall furnish promptly all information relating to the common schools which may be requested by the educational service district superintendent.

Any certificated employee who wilfully refuses or neglects to enforce the course of study or the rules and regulations as above in this section required, shall not be allowed by the directors any warrant for salary due until said person shall have complied with said requirements. [1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 132; 1971 c 48 § 49; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.67.060. Prior: (i) 1909 c 97 p 307 § 4; RRS § 4850; prior: 1899 c 142 § 11; 1897 c 118 § 54; 1886 p 18 § 47. Formerly RCW 28.67.060. (ii) 1909 c 97 p 360 § 8; RRS § 5051; prior: 1903 c 156 § 8; 1897 c 118 § 166. Formerly RCW 28A.67.060, 28.87.150.]

28A.405.070 Job sharing. In filling a position, school and educational service districts shall consider applications from two individuals wishing to share a job. All announcements of job openings shall contain a statement indicating the district will accept applications from individuals wishing to share the position. Job sharing shall be available to certificated staff. [1989 c 206 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.580.]

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION AND MODEL PROGRAMS

28A.405.100 Minimum criteria for the evaluation of certificated employees, including administrators—Procedure—Scope—Penalty. (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall establish and may amend from time to time minimum criteria for the evaluation of the professional performance capabilities and development of certificated classroom teachers and certificated support personnel. For classroom teachers the criteria shall be developed in the following categories: Instructional skill; classroom management, professional preparation and scholarship; effort toward improvement when needed; the handling of student discipline and attendant problems; and interest in teaching pupils and knowledge of subject matter.

Every board of directors shall, in accordance with procedure provided in RCW 41.59.010 through 41.59.170, 41.59.910 and 41.59.920, establish evaluative criteria and procedures for all certificated classroom teachers and certificated support personnel. The evaluative criteria must contain as a minimum the criteria established by the superintendent of public instruction pursuant to this section and must be prepared within six months following adoption of the superintendent of public instruction's minimum criteria. The district must certify to the superintendent of public instruction that evaluative criteria have been so prepared by the district.

Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, it shall be the responsibility of a principal or his or her designee to evaluate all certificated personnel in his or her school. During each school year all classroom teachers and certificated support personnel, hereinafter referred to as "employees" in this section, shall be observed for the

purposes of evaluation at least twice in the performance of their assigned duties. Total observation time for each employee for each school year shall be not less than sixty minutes. Following each observation, or series of observations, the principal or other evaluator shall promptly document the results of the observation in writing, and shall provide the employee with a copy thereof within three days after such report is prepared. New employees shall be observed at least once for a total observation time of thirty minutes during the first ninety calendar days of their employment period.

Every employee whose work is judged unsatisfactory based on district evaluation criteria shall be notified in writing of stated specific areas of deficiencies along with a suggested specific and reasonable program for improvement on or before February 1st of each year. A probationary period shall be established beginning on or before February 1st and ending no later than May 1st. The purpose of the probationary period is to give the employee opportunity to demonstrate improvements in his or her areas of deficiency. The establishment of the probationary period and the giving of the notice to the employee of deficiency shall be by the school district superintendent and need not be submitted to the board of directors for approval. During the probationary period the evaluator shall meet with the employee at least twice monthly to supervise and make a written evaluation of the progress, if any, made by the employee. The evaluator may authorize one additional certificated employee to evaluate the probationer and to aid the employee in improving his or her areas of deficiency; such additional certificated employee shall be immune from any civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed with regard to the good faith performance of such evaluation. The probationer may be removed from probation if he or she has demonstrated improvement to the satisfaction of the principal in those areas specifically detailed in his or her initial notice of deficiency and subsequently detailed in his or her improvement program. Lack of necessary improvement shall be specifically documented in writing with notification to the probationer and shall constitute grounds for a finding of probable cause under RCW 28A.405.300 or 28A.405.210.

The establishment of a probationary period shall not be deemed to adversely affect the contract status of an employee within the meaning of RCW 28A.405.300.

(2) Every board of directors shall establish evaluative criteria and procedures for all superintendents, principals, and other administrators. It shall be the responsibility of the district superintendent or his or her designee to evaluate all administrators. Such evaluation shall be based on the administrative position job description. Such criteria, when applicable, shall include at least the following categories: Knowledge of, experience in, and training in recognizing good professional performance, capabilities and development; school administration and management; school finance; professional preparation and scholarship; effort toward improvement when needed; interest in pupils, employees, patrons and subjects taught in school; leadership; and ability and performance of evaluation of school personnel.

(3) Each certificated employee shall have the opportunity for confidential conferences with his or her immediate supervisor on no less than two occasions in each school year. Such confidential conference shall have as its sole

purpose the aiding of the administrator in his or her assessment of the employee's professional performance.

(4) The failure of any evaluator to evaluate or supervise or cause the evaluation or supervision of certificated employees or administrators in accordance with this section, as now or hereafter amended, when it is his or her specific assigned or delegated responsibility to do so, shall be sufficient cause for the nonrenewal of any such evaluator's contract under RCW 28A.405.210, or the discharge of such evaluator under RCW 28A.405.300.

(5) After an employee has four years of satisfactory evaluations under subsection (1) of this section, a school district may use a short form of evaluation, a locally bargained evaluation emphasizing professional growth, an evaluation under subsection (1) of this section, or any combination thereof. The short form of evaluation shall include either a thirty minute observation during the school year with a written summary or a final annual written evaluation based on the criteria in subsection (1) of this section and based on at least two observation periods during the school year totaling at least sixty minutes without a written summary of such observations being prepared. However, the evaluation process set forth in subsection (1) of this section shall be followed at least once every three years unless this time is extended by a local school district under the bargaining process set forth in chapter 41.59 RCW. The employee or evaluator may require that the evaluation process set forth in subsection (1) of this section be conducted in any given school year. No evaluation other than the evaluation authorized under subsection (1) of this section may be used as a basis for determining that an employee's work is unsatisfactory under subsection (1) of this section or as probable cause for the nonrenewal of an employee's contract under RCW 28A.405.210 unless an evaluation process developed under chapter 41.59 RCW determines otherwise. [1994 c 115 § 1; 1990 c 33 § 386; 1985 c 420 § 6; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 114 § 3; 1975 1st ex.s. c 288 § 22; 1969 ex.s. c 34 § 22. Formerly RCW 28A.67.065.]

Effective date—1994 c 115: "This act shall take effect September 1, 1994." [1994 c 115 § 2.]

Severability—1985 c 420: See note following RCW 28A.405.110.

Savings—Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 114: See notes following RCW 28A.400.010.

Effective date—1975 1st ex.s. c 288: See RCW 41.59.940.

Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 288: See RCW 41.59.950.

Construction of chapter—Employee's rights preserved: See RCW 41.59.920.

Construction of chapter—Employer's responsibilities and rights preserved: See RCW 41.59.930.

Criteria used for evaluation of staff members to be included in guide: RCW 28A.150.230.

RCW 28A.405.100 not applicable to contract renewal of school superintendent: RCW 28A.400.010.

28A.405.110 Evaluations—Legislative findings. The legislature recognizes the importance of teachers in the educational system. Teachers are the fundamental element in assuring a quality education for the state's and the nation's children. Teachers, through their direct contact with children, have a great impact on the development of the child. The legislature finds that this important role of the

teacher requires an assurance that teachers are as successful as possible in attaining the goal of a well-educated society. The legislature finds, therefore, that the evaluation of those persons seeking to enter the teaching profession is no less important than the evaluation of those persons currently teaching. The evaluation of persons seeking teaching credentials should be strenuous while making accommodations uniquely appropriate to the applicants. Strenuous teacher training and preparation should be complemented by examinations of prospective teachers prior to candidates being granted official certification by the state board of education. Teacher preparation program entrance evaluations, teacher training, teacher preparation program exit examinations, official certification, in-service training, and ongoing evaluations of individual progress and professional growth are all part of developing and maintaining a strong precertification and postcertification professional education system.

The legislature further finds that an evaluation system for teachers has the following elements, goals, and objectives: (1) An evaluation system must be meaningful, helpful, and objective; (2) an evaluation system must encourage improvements in teaching skills, techniques, and abilities by identifying areas needing improvement; (3) an evaluation system must provide a mechanism to make meaningful distinctions among teachers and to acknowledge, recognize, and encourage superior teaching performance; and (4) an evaluation system must encourage respect in the evaluation process by the persons conducting the evaluations and the persons subject to the evaluations through recognizing the importance of objective standards and minimizing subjectivity. [1985 c 420 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.67.205.]

Contingency—Effective date—1985 c 420: "If specific funding for the purposes of this act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by the legislature by July 1, 1987, sections 1 through 5 and 7 through 10 of this act shall be null and void. This act shall be of no effect unless such specific funding is so provided. If such funding is so provided, this act shall take effect when the legislation providing the funding takes effect." [1985 c 420 § 11.]

Reviser's note: (1) 1985 ex.s. c 6 § 501 provides specific funding for the purposes of this act.

(2) 1985 ex.s. c 6 took effect June 27, 1985.

Severability—1985 c 420: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1985 c 420 § 12.]

28A.405.120 Training for evaluators—Superintendent of public instruction to provide technical assistance. School districts shall require each administrator, each principal, or other supervisory personnel who has responsibility for evaluating classroom teachers to have training in evaluation procedures. The superintendent of public instruction shall provide technical assistance to the local school districts and to the educational service districts in providing training to evaluators. [1985 c 420 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.67.210.]

Contingency—Effective date—Severability—1985 c 420: See notes following RCW 28A.405.110.

28A.405.130 Training in evaluation procedures required. No administrator, principal, or other supervisory personnel may evaluate a teacher without having received

training in evaluation procedures. [1985 c 420 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.67.215.]

Effective date—1985 c 420 § 4: "Section 4 of this act shall take effect September 1, 1986." [1985 c 420 § 10.]

Contingency—Effective date—Severability—1985 c 420: See notes following RCW 28A.405.110.

28A.405.140 Assistance for teacher may be required after evaluation. After an evaluation conducted pursuant to RCW 28A.405.100, the principal or the evaluator may require the teacher to take in-service training provided by the district in the area of teaching skills needing improvement, and may require the teacher to have a mentor for purposes of achieving such improvement. [1993 c 336 § 403; 1990 c 33 § 387; 1985 c 420 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.67.220.]

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

Contingency—Effective date—Severability—1985 c 420: See notes following RCW 28A.405.110.

28A.405.150 Minimum standards for evaluations—Superintendent of public instruction to develop minimum procedural standards and programs—Establishment and implementation of programs—Reports. (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop for field-test purposes, and in consultation with local school directors, administrators, parents, students, the business community, and teachers, minimum procedural standards for evaluations of certificated classroom teachers and certificated support personnel. The minimum procedural standards for evaluation shall be based on available research and shall include: (a) A statement of the purpose of evaluations; (b) the frequency of evaluations, with recognition of the need for more frequent evaluations for beginning teachers; (c) the conduct of the evaluation; (d) the procedure to be used in making the evaluation; and (e) the use of the results of the evaluation.

The superintendent of public instruction shall propose the minimum procedural standards for field tests not later than July 1, 1986.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop or purchase and conduct field tests in local districts during the 1987-88 and 1988-89 school years model evaluation programs, including standardized evaluation instruments, which meet the minimum standards developed pursuant to subsection (1) of this section and the minimum criteria established pursuant to RCW 28A.405.100. In consultation with school directors, administrators, parents, students, the business community, and teachers, the superintendent of public instruction shall consider a variety of programs such as programs providing for peer review and evaluation input by parents, input by students in appropriate circumstances, instructional assistance teams, and outside professional evaluation. Such programs shall include specific indicators of performance or detailed work expectations against which performance can be measured. The superintendent of public instruction shall compensate any district participating in such tests for the actual expenses incurred by the district.

(3) Not later than September 1, 1989, the superintendent of public instruction shall adopt state procedural standards and select from one to five model evaluation programs

which may be used by local districts in conducting evaluations pursuant to RCW 28A.405.100(1). Local school districts shall establish and implement an evaluation program on or before September 1, 1990, by selecting one of the models approved by the superintendent of public instruction or by adopting an evaluation program pursuant to the bargaining process set forth in chapters 41.56 and 41.59 RCW. Local school districts may adopt an evaluation program which contains criteria and standards in excess of the minimum criteria and standards established by the superintendent of public instruction.

(4) The superintendent of public instruction shall report to the legislature on the progress of the development and field testing of minimum procedural standards and model evaluation programs on or before January 1, 1987, January 1, 1988, and January 1, 1989. [1990 c 33 § 388; 1988 c 241 § 1; 1986 c 73 § 1; 1985 c 420 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.67.225.]

Contingency—Effective date—Severability—1985 c 420: See notes following RCW 28A.405.110.

28A.405.160 Implementation of minimum standards and model evaluation programs—Superintendent of public instruction to assist. The superintendent of public instruction shall provide technical assistance to local districts for implementation of the minimum standards and model evaluation programs selected under RCW 28A.405.150. [1990 c 33 § 389; 1985 c 420 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.67.230.]

Contingency—Effective date—Severability—1985 c 420: See notes following RCW 28A.405.110.

CONDITIONS AND CONTRACTS OF EMPLOYMENT

28A.405.200 Annual salary schedules as basis for salaries of certificated employees. Every school district by action of its board of directors shall adopt annual salary schedules and reproduce the same by printing, mimeographing or other reasonable method, which shall be the basis for salaries for all certificated employees in the district. [1969 ex.s. c 283 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.67.066, 28.67.066.]

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.150.050.

28A.405.210 Conditions and contracts of employment—Determination of probable cause for nonrenewal of contracts—Nonrenewal due to enrollment decline or revenue loss—Notice—Opportunity for hearing. No teacher, principal, supervisor, superintendent, or other certificated employee, holding a position as such with a school district, hereinafter referred to as "employee", shall be employed except by written order of a majority of the directors of the district at a regular or special meeting thereof, nor unless he or she is the holder of an effective teacher's certificate or other certificate required by law or the state board of education for the position for which the employee is employed.

The board shall make with each employee employed by it a written contract, which shall be in conformity with the laws of this state, and except as otherwise provided by law,

limited to a term of not more than one year. Every such contract shall be made in duplicate, one copy to be retained by the school district superintendent or secretary and one copy to be delivered to the employee. No contract shall be offered by any board for the employment of any employee who has previously signed an employment contract for that same term in another school district of the state of Washington unless such employee shall have been released from his or her obligations under such previous contract by the board of directors of the school district to which he or she was obligated. Any contract signed in violation of this provision shall be void.

In the event it is determined that there is probable cause or causes that the employment contract of an employee should not be renewed by the district for the next ensuing term such employee shall be notified in writing on or before May 15th preceding the commencement of such term of that determination, which notification shall specify the cause or causes for nonrenewal of contract. Such determination of probable cause for certificated employees, other than the superintendent, shall be made by the superintendent. Such notice shall be served upon the employee personally, or by certified or registered mail, or by leaving a copy of the notice at the house of his or her usual abode with some person of suitable age and discretion then resident therein. Every such employee so notified, at his or her request made in writing and filed with the president, chair or secretary of the board of directors of the district within ten days after receiving such notice, shall be granted opportunity for hearing pursuant to RCW 28A.405.310 to determine whether there is sufficient cause or causes for nonrenewal of contract: PROVIDED, That any employee receiving notice of nonrenewal of contract due to an enrollment decline or loss of revenue may, in his or her request for a hearing, stipulate that initiation of the arrangements for a hearing officer as provided for by RCW 28A.405.310(4) shall occur within ten days following July 15 rather than the day that the employee submits the request for a hearing. If any such notification or opportunity for hearing is not timely given, the employee entitled thereto shall be conclusively presumed to have been reemployed by the district for the next ensuing term upon contractual terms identical with those which would have prevailed if his or her employment had actually been renewed by the board of directors for such ensuing term.

This section shall not be applicable to "provisional employees" as so designated in RCW 28A.405.220; transfer to a subordinate certificated position as that procedure is set forth in RCW 28A.405.230 shall not be construed as a nonrenewal of contract for the purposes of this section. [1990 c 33 § 390. Prior: 1983 c 83 § 1; 1983 c 56 § 11; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 114 § 4; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 133; 1973 c 49 § 2; 1970 ex.s. c 15 § 16; prior: 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 143; 1969 ex.s. c 34 § 12; 1969 ex.s. c 15 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.67.070; prior: 1961 c 241 § 1; 1955 c 68 § 3; prior: (i) 1909 c 97 p 307 § 5; 1897 c 118 § 55; 1891 c 127 § 14; 1890 p 369 § 37; 1886 p 18 § 47; Code 1881 § 3200; RRS § 4851. (ii) 1943 c 52 § 1, part; 1941 c 179 § 1, part; 1939 c 131 § 1, part; 1925 ex.s. c 57 § 1, part; 1919 c 89 § 3, part; 1915 c 44 § 1, part; 1909 c 97 p 285 § 2, part; 1907 c 240 § 5, part; 1903 c 104 § 17, part; 1901 c 41 § 3, part; 1897 c 118 § 40, part; 1890 p 364 § 26, part; Rem. Supp. 1943 § 4776, part. Formerly RCW 28A.67.070, 28.67.070.]

(1994 Ed.)

Severability—1983 c 56: See note following RCW 28A.195.010.

Savings—Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 114: See notes following RCW 28A.400.010.

Severability—1970 ex.s. c 15: See note following RCW 28A.230.160.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

Minimum criteria for the evaluation of certificated employees, including administrators—Procedure—Scope—Penalty: RCW 28A.405.100.

School superintendent—RCW 28A.405.210 not applicable to contract renewal: RCW 28A.400.010.

28A.405.220 Conditions and contracts of employment—Nonrenewal of provisional employees—Procedure. Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 28A.405.210, every person employed by a school district in a teaching or other nonsupervisory certificated position shall be subject to nonrenewal of employment contract as provided in this section during the first two years of employment by such district, unless the employee has previously completed at least two years of certificated employment in another school district in the state of Washington, in which case the employee shall be subject to nonrenewal of employment contract pursuant to this section during the first year of employment with the new district. Employees as defined in this section shall hereinafter be referred to as "provisional employees".

In the event the superintendent of the school district determines that the employment contract of any provisional employee should not be renewed by the district for the next ensuing term such provisional employee shall be notified thereof in writing on or before May 15th preceding the commencement of such school term, which notification shall state the reason or reasons for such determination. Such notice shall be served upon the provisional employee personally, or by certified or registered mail, or by leaving a copy of the notice at the place of his or her usual abode with some person of suitable age and discretion then resident therein. The determination of the superintendent shall be subject to the evaluation requirements of RCW 28A.405.100.

Every such provisional employee so notified, at his or her request made in writing and filed with the superintendent of the district within ten days after receiving such notice, shall be given the opportunity to meet informally with the superintendent for the purpose of requesting the superintendent to reconsider his or her decision. Such meeting shall be held no later than ten days following the receipt of such request, and the provisional employee shall be given written notice of the date, time and place of meeting at least three days prior thereto. At such meeting the provisional employee shall be given the opportunity to refute any facts upon which the superintendent's determination was based and to make any argument in support of his or her request for reconsideration.

Within ten days following the meeting with the provisional employee, the superintendent shall either reinstate the provisional employee or shall submit to the school district board of directors for consideration at its next regular meeting a written report recommending that the employment contract of the provisional employee be nonrenewed and stating the reason or reasons therefor. A copy of such report shall be delivered to the provisional employee at least three

days prior to the scheduled meeting of the board of directors. In taking action upon the recommendation of the superintendent, the board of directors shall consider any written communication which the provisional employee may file with the secretary of the board at any time prior to that meeting.

The board of directors shall notify the provisional employee in writing of its final decision within ten days following the meeting at which the superintendent's recommendation was considered. The decision of the board of directors to nonrenew the contract of a provisional employee shall be final and not subject to appeal.

This section applies to any person employed by a school district in a teaching or other nonsupervisory certificated position after June 25, 1976. This section provides the exclusive means for nonrenewing the employment contract of a provisional employee and no other provision of law shall be applicable thereto, including, without limitation, RCW 28A.405.210 and chapter 28A.645 RCW. [1992 c 141 § 103; 1990 c 33 § 391; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 114 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.67.072.]

Effective date—1992 c 141 § 103: "Section 103 of this act shall take effect July 1, 1992." [1992 c 141 § 105.]

Findings—Part headings—Severability—1992 c 141: See notes following RCW 28A.410.040.

Savings—Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 114: See notes following RCW 28A.400.010.

28A.405.230 Conditions and contracts of employment—Transfer of administrator to subordinate certificated position—Procedure. Any certificated employee of a school district employed as an assistant superintendent, director, principal, assistant principal, coordinator, or in any other supervisory or administrative position, hereinafter in this section referred to as "administrator", shall be subject to transfer, at the expiration of the term of his or her employment contract, to any subordinate certificated position within the school district. "Subordinate certificated position" as used in this section, shall mean any administrative or nonadministrative certificated position for which the annual compensation is less than the position currently held by the administrator.

Every superintendent determining that the best interests of the school district would be served by transferring any administrator to a subordinate certificated position shall notify that administrator in writing on or before May 15th preceding the commencement of such school term of that determination, which notification shall state the reason or reasons for the transfer, and shall identify the subordinate certificated position to which the administrator will be transferred. Such notice shall be served upon the administrator personally, or by certified or registered mail, or by leaving a copy of the notice at the place of his or her usual abode with some person of suitable age and discretion then resident therein.

Every such administrator so notified, at his or her request made in writing and filed with the president or chair, or secretary of the board of directors of the district within ten days after receiving such notice, shall be given the opportunity to meet informally with the board of directors in an executive session thereof for the purpose of requesting the board to reconsider the decision of the superintendent. Such

board, upon receipt of such request, shall schedule the meeting for no later than the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board, and shall notify the administrator in writing of the date, time and place of the meeting at least three days prior thereto. At such meeting the administrator shall be given the opportunity to refute any facts upon which the determination was based and to make any argument in support of his or her request for reconsideration. The administrator and the board may invite their respective legal counsel to be present and to participate at the meeting. The board shall notify the administrator in writing of its final decision within ten days following its meeting with the administrator. No appeal to the courts shall lie from the final decision of the board of directors to transfer an administrator to a subordinate certificated position: PROVIDED, That in the case of principals such transfer shall be made at the expiration of the contract year and only during the first three consecutive school years of employment as a principal by a school district; except that if any such principal has been previously employed as a principal by another school district in the state of Washington for three or more consecutive school years the provisions of this section shall apply only to the first full school year of such employment.

This section applies to any person employed as an administrator by a school district on June 25, 1976 and to all persons so employed at any time thereafter. This section provides the exclusive means for transferring an administrator to a subordinate certificated position at the expiration of the term of his or her employment contract. [1990 c 33 § 392; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 114 § 9. Formerly RCW 28A.67.073.]

Savings—Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 114: See notes following RCW 28A.400.010.

28A.405.240 Conditions and contracts of employment—Supplemental contracts, when—Continuing contract provisions not applicable to. No certificated employee shall be required to perform duties not described in the contract unless a new or supplemental contract is made, except that in an unexpected emergency the board of directors or school district administration may require the employee to perform other reasonable duties on a temporary basis.

No supplemental contract shall be subject to the continuing contract provisions of this title. [1990 c 33 § 393; 1985 c 341 § 15; 1969 ex.s. c 283 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.67.074, 28.67.074.]

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.150.050.

RCW 28A.405.240 not applicable to contract renewal of school superintendent: RCW 28A.400.010.

28A.405.250 Certificated employees, applicants for certificated position, not to be discriminated against—Right to inspect personnel file. The board of directors of any school district, its employees or agents shall not discriminate in any way against any applicant for a certificated position or any certificated employee

(1) On account of his or her membership in any lawful organization, or

(2) For the orderly exercise during off-school hours of any rights guaranteed under the law to citizens generally, or

(3) For family relationship, except where covered by chapter 42.23 RCW.

The school district personnel file on any certificated employee in the possession of the district, its employees, or agents shall not be withheld at any time from the inspection of that employee. [1990 c 33 § 394; 1969 ex.s. c 34 § 21. Formerly RCW 28A.58.445.]

Code of ethics for municipal officers—Contract interests: Chapter 42.23 RCW.

HIRING AND DISCHARGE

28A.405.300 Adverse change in contract status of certificated employee—Determination of probable cause—Notice—Opportunity for hearing. In the event it is determined that there is probable cause or causes for a teacher, principal, supervisor, superintendent, or other certificated employee, holding a position as such with the school district, hereinafter referred to as "employee", to be discharged or otherwise adversely affected in his or her contract status, such employee shall be notified in writing of that decision, which notification shall specify the probable cause or causes for such action. Such determinations of probable cause for certificated employees, other than the superintendent, shall be made by the superintendent. Such notices shall be served upon that employee personally, or by certified or registered mail, or by leaving a copy of the notice at the house of his or her usual abode with some person of suitable age and discretion then resident therein. Every such employee so notified, at his or her request made in writing and filed with the president, chair of the board or secretary of the board of directors of the district within ten days after receiving such notice, shall be granted opportunity for a hearing pursuant to RCW 28A.405.310 to determine whether or not there is sufficient cause or causes for his or her discharge or other adverse action against his or her contract status.

In the event any such notice or opportunity for hearing is not timely given, or in the event cause for discharge or other adverse action is not established by a preponderance of the evidence at the hearing, such employee shall not be discharged or otherwise adversely affected in his or her contract status for the causes stated in the original notice for the duration of his or her contract.

If such employee does not request a hearing as provided herein, such employee may be discharged or otherwise adversely affected as provided in the notice served upon the employee.

Transfer to a subordinate certificated position as that procedure is set forth in RCW 28A.405.230 shall not be construed as a discharge or other adverse action against contract status for the purposes of this section. [1990 c 33 § 395; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 114 § 2; 1973 c 49 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 34 § 13; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.450. Prior: 1961 c 241 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.450, 28.58.450.]

Savings—Severability-1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 114: See notes following RCW 28A.400.010.

Minimum criteria for the evaluation of certificated employees, including administrators—Procedure—Scope—Penalty: RCW 28A.405.100.

RCW 28A.405.300 not applicable to contract renewal of school superintendent: RCW 28A.400.010.

Transfer of administrator to subordinate certificated position—Procedure: RCW 28A.405.230.

28A.405.310 Adverse change in contract status of certificated employee, including nonrenewal of contract—Hearings—Procedure. (1) Any employee receiving a notice of probable cause for discharge or adverse effect in contract status pursuant to RCW 28A.405.300, or any employee, with the exception of provisional employees as defined in RCW 28A.405.220, receiving a notice of probable cause for nonrenewal of contract pursuant to RCW 28A.405.210, shall be granted the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to this section.

(2) In any request for a hearing pursuant to RCW 28A.405.300 or 28A.405.210, the employee may request either an open or closed hearing. The hearing shall be open or closed as requested by the employee, but if the employee fails to make such a request, the hearing officer may determine whether the hearing shall be open or closed.

(3) The employee may engage counsel who shall be entitled to represent the employee at the prehearing conference held pursuant to subsection (5) of this section and at all subsequent proceedings pursuant to this section. At the hearing provided for by this section, the employee may produce such witnesses as he or she may desire.

(4) In the event that an employee requests a hearing pursuant to RCW 28A.405.300 or 28A.405.210, a hearing officer shall be appointed in the following manner: Within fifteen days following the receipt of any such request the board of directors of the district or its designee and the employee or employee's designee shall each appoint one nominee. The two nominees shall jointly appoint a hearing officer who shall be a member in good standing of the Washington state bar association or a person adhering to the arbitration standards established by the public employment relations commission and listed on its current roster of arbitrators. Should said nominees fail to agree as to who should be appointed as the hearing officer, either the board of directors or the employee, upon appropriate notice to the other party, may apply to the presiding judge of the superior court for the county in which the district is located for the appointment of such hearing officer, whereupon such presiding judge shall have the duty to appoint a hearing officer who shall, in the judgment of such presiding judge, be qualified to fairly and impartially discharge his or her duties. Nothing herein shall preclude the board of directors and the employee from stipulating as to the identity of the hearing officer in which event the foregoing procedures for the selection of the hearing officer shall be inapplicable. The district shall pay all fees and expenses of any hearing officer selected pursuant to this subsection.

(5) Within five days following the selection of a hearing officer pursuant to subsection (4) of this section, the hearing officer shall schedule a prehearing conference to be held within such five day period, unless the board of directors and employee agree on another date convenient with the hearing officer. The employee shall be given written notice of the date, time, and place of such prehearing conference at least three days prior to the date established for such conference.

(6) The hearing officer shall preside at any prehearing conference scheduled pursuant to subsection (5) of this section and in connection therewith shall:

(a) Issue such subpoenas or subpoenas duces tecum as either party may request at that time or thereafter; and

(b) Authorize the taking of prehearing depositions at the request of either party at that time or thereafter; and

(c) Provide for such additional methods of discovery as may be authorized by the civil rules applicable in the superior courts of the state of Washington; and

(d) Establish the date for the commencement of the hearing, to be within ten days following the date of the prehearing conference, unless the employee requests a continuance, in which event the hearing officer shall give due consideration to such request.

(7) The hearing officer shall preside at any hearing and in connection therewith shall:

(a) Make rulings as to the admissibility of evidence pursuant to the rules of evidence applicable in the superior court of the state of Washington.

(b) Make other appropriate rulings of law and procedure.

(c) Within ten days following the conclusion of the hearing transmit in writing to the board and to the employee, findings of fact and conclusions of law and final decision. If the final decision is in favor of the employee, the employee shall be restored to his or her employment position and shall be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees.

(8) Any final decision by the hearing officer to nonrenew the employment contract of the employee, or to discharge the employee, or to take other action adverse to the employee's contract status, as the case may be, shall be based solely upon the cause or causes specified in the notice of probable cause to the employee and shall be established by a preponderance of the evidence at the hearing to be sufficient cause or causes for such action.

(9) All subpoenas and prehearing discovery orders shall be enforceable by and subject to the contempt and other equity powers of the superior court of the county in which the school district is located upon petition of any aggrieved party.

(10) A complete record shall be made of the hearing and all orders and rulings of the hearing officer and school board. [1990 c 33 § 396; 1987 c 375 § 1; 1977 ex.s. c 7 § 1; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 114 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.58.455.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 7: "If any provision of this 1977 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1977 ex.s. c 7 § 2.]

Savings—Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 114: See notes following RCW 28A.400.010.

28A.405.320 Adverse change in contract status of certificated employee, including nonrenewal of contract—Appeal from—Notice—Service—Filing—Contents. Any teacher, principal, supervisor, superintendent, or other certificated employee, desiring to appeal from any action or failure to act upon the part of a school board relating to the discharge or other action adversely affecting his or her contract status, or failure to renew that employee's contract for the next ensuing term, within thirty days after his or her receipt

of such decision or order, may serve upon the chair of the school board and file with the clerk of the superior court in the county in which the school district is located a notice of appeal which shall set forth also in a clear and concise manner the errors complained of. [1990 c 33 § 397; 1969 ex.s. c 34 § 14; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.460. Prior: 1961 c 241 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.58.460, 28.58.460.]

RCW 28A.405.320 not applicable to contract renewal of school superintendent: RCW 28A.400.010.

28A.405.330 Adverse change in contract status of certificated employee, including nonrenewal of contract—Appeal from—Certification and filing with court of transcript. The clerk of the superior court, within ten days of receipt of the notice of appeal shall notify in writing the chair of the school board of the taking of the appeal, and within twenty days thereafter the school board shall at its expense file the complete transcript of the evidence and the papers and exhibits relating to the decision complained of, all properly certified to be correct. [1990 c 33 § 398; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.470. Prior: 1961 c 241 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.58.470, 28.58.470.]

RCW 28A.405.330 not applicable to contract renewal of school superintendent: RCW 28A.400.010.

28A.405.340 Adverse change in contract status of certificated employee, including nonrenewal of contract—Appeal from—Scope. Any appeal to the superior court by an employee shall be heard by the superior court without a jury. Such appeal shall be heard expeditiously. The superior court's review shall be confined to the verbatim transcript of the hearing and the papers and exhibits admitted into evidence at the hearing, except that in cases of alleged irregularities in procedure not shown in the transcript or exhibits and in cases of alleged abridgment of the employee's constitutional free speech rights, the court may take additional testimony on the alleged procedural irregularities or abridgment of free speech rights. The court shall hear oral argument and receive written briefs offered by the parties.

The court may affirm the decision of the board or hearing officer or remand the case for further proceedings; or it may reverse the decision if the substantial rights of the employee may have been prejudiced because the decision was:

- (1) In violation of constitutional provisions; or
- (2) In excess of the statutory authority or jurisdiction of the board or hearing officer; or
- (3) Made upon unlawful procedure; or
- (4) Affected by other error of law; or
- (5) Clearly erroneous in view of the entire record as submitted and the public policy contained in the act of the legislature authorizing the decision or order; or
- (6) Arbitrary or capricious. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 114 § 6; 1969 ex.s. c 34 § 15; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.480. Prior: 1961 c 241 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.58.480, 28.58.480.]

Savings—Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 114: See notes following RCW 28A.400.010.

RCW 28A.405.340 not applicable to contract renewal of school superintendent: RCW 28A.400.010.

28A.405.350 Adverse change in contract status of certificated employee, including nonrenewal of contract—Appeal from—Costs, attorney’s fee and damages. If the court enters judgment for the employee, and if the court finds that the probable cause determination was made in bad faith or upon insufficient legal grounds, the court in its discretion may award to the employee a reasonable attorneys’ fee for the preparation and trial of his or her appeal, together with his or her taxable costs in the superior court. If the court enters judgment for the employee, in addition to ordering the school board to reinstate or issue a new contract to the employee, the court may award damages for loss of compensation incurred by the employee by reason of the action of the school district. [1990 c 33 § 399; 1975-’76 2nd ex.s. c 114 § 7; 1969 ex.s. c 34 § 16; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.490. Prior: 1961 c 241 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.58.490, 28.58.490.]

Savings—Severability—1975-’76 2nd ex.s. c 114: See notes following RCW 28A.400.010.

RCW 28A.405.350 not applicable to contract renewal of school superintendent: RCW 28A.400.010.

28A.405.360 Adverse change in contract status of certificated employee, including nonrenewal of contract—Appellate review. Either party to the proceedings in the superior court may seek appellate review of the decision as any other civil action. [1988 c 202 § 26; 1971 c 81 § 71; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.500. Prior: 1961 c 241 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.58.500, 28.58.500.]

Severability—1988 c 202: See note following RCW 2.24.050.

RCW 28A.405.360 not applicable to contract renewal of school superintendent: RCW 28A.400.010.

28A.405.370 Adverse change in contract status of certificated employee, including nonrenewal of contract—Appeal from—Other statutes not applicable. The provisions of chapter 28A.645 RCW shall not be applicable to RCW 28A.405.300 through 28A.405.360. [1990 c 33 § 400; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.510. Prior: 1961 c 241 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.58.510, 28.58.510.]

RCW 28A.405.370 not applicable to contract renewal of school superintendents: RCW 28A.400.010.

28A.405.380 Adverse change in contract status of certificated employee, including nonrenewal of contract—Appeal from—Direct judicial appeal, when. In the event that an employee, with the exception of a provisional employee as defined in RCW 28A.405.220, receives a notice of probable cause pursuant to RCW 28A.405.300 or 28A.405.210 stating that by reason of a lack of sufficient funds or loss of levy election the employment contract of such employee should not be renewed for the next ensuing school term or that the same should be adversely affected, the employee may appeal any said probable cause determination directly to the superior court of the county in which the school district is located. Such appeal shall be perfected by serving upon the secretary of the school board and filing with the clerk of the superior court a notice of appeal within ten days after receiving the probable cause notice. The notice of appeal shall set forth in a clear and concise manner the action appealed from. The superior court shall determine

whether or not there was sufficient cause for the action as specified in the probable cause notice, which cause must be proven by a preponderance of the evidence, and shall base its determination solely upon the cause or causes stated in the notice of the employee. The appeal provided in this section shall be tried as an ordinary civil action: PROVIDED, That the board of directors’ determination of priorities for the expenditure of funds shall be subject to superior court review pursuant to the standards set forth in RCW 28A.405.340: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the provisions of RCW 28A.405.350 and 28A.405.360 shall be applicable thereto. [1990 c 33 § 401; 1975-’76 2nd ex.s. c 114 § 8; 1973 c 49 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 34 § 18. Formerly RCW 28A.58.515.]

Savings—Severability—1975-’76 2nd ex.s. c 114: See notes following RCW 28A.400.010.

RCW 28A.405.380 not applicable to contract renewal of school superintendent: RCW 28A.400.010.

SALARY AND COMPENSATION

28A.405.400 Payroll deductions authorized for employees. In addition to other deductions permitted by law, any person authorized to disburse funds in payment of salaries or wages to employees of school districts, upon written request of at least ten percent of the employees, shall make deductions as they authorize, subject to the limitations of district equipment or personnel. Any person authorized to disburse funds shall not be required to make other deductions for employees if fewer than ten percent of the employees make the request for the same payee. Moneys so deducted shall be paid or applied monthly by the school district for the purposes specified by the employee. The employer may not derive any financial benefit from such deductions. A deduction authorized before July 28, 1991, shall be subject to the law in effect at the time the deduction was authorized. [1991 c 116 § 18; 1972 ex.s. c 39 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.67.095.]

28A.405.410 Payroll deductions authorized for certificated employees—Savings. Nothing in RCW 28A.405.400 shall be construed to annul or modify any lawful agreement heretofore entered into between any school district and any representative of its employees or other existing lawful agreements and obligations in effect on May 23, 1972. [1990 c 33 § 402; 1972 ex.s. c 39 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.67.096.]

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

28A.405.460 Lunch period for certificated employees. All certificated employees of school districts shall be allowed a reasonable lunch period of not less than thirty continuous minutes per day during the regular school lunch periods and during which they shall have no assigned duties. [1991 c 116 § 15; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.275. Prior: 1965 c 18 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.275, 28.58.275.]

28A.405.465 Use of noncertificated personnel to supervise in noninstructional activities. Any school district may employ noncertificated personnel to supervise

school children in noninstructional activities, and in instructional activities while under the supervision of a certificated employee. [1991 c 116 § 16.]

TERMINATION OF CERTIFICATED STAFF

28A.405.470 Crimes against children—Mandatory termination of certified employees—Appeal. The school district shall immediately terminate the employment of any person whose certificate or permit authorized under chapter 28A.405 or 28A.410 RCW is subject to revocation under RCW 28A.410.090(2) upon a guilty plea or conviction of any felony crime involving the physical neglect of a child under chapter 9A.42 RCW, the physical injury or death of a child under chapter 9A.32 or 9A.36 RCW (except motor vehicle violations under chapter 46.61 RCW), sexual exploitation of a child under chapter 9.68A RCW, sexual offenses under chapter 9A.44 RCW where a minor is the victim, promoting prostitution of a minor under chapter 9A.88 RCW, the sale or purchase of a minor child under RCW 9A.64.030, or violation of similar laws of another jurisdiction. Employment shall remain terminated unless the employee successfully prevails on appeal. This section shall only apply to employees holding a certificate or permit who have contact with children during the course of their employment. [1990 c 33 § 405; 1989 c 320 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.58.1003.]

Severability—1989 c 320: See note following RCW 28A.410.090.

28A.405.900 Certain certificated employees exempt from chapter provisions. Certificated employees subject to the provisions of RCW 28A.405.010 through 28A.405.240, 28A.405.400 through 28A.405.410, 28A.415.250, and 28A.405.900 shall not include those certificated employees hired to replace certificated employees who have been granted sabbatical, regular, or other leave by school districts.

It is not the intention of the legislature that this section apply to any regularly hired certificated employee or that the legal or constitutional rights of such employee be limited, abridged, or abrogated. [1990 c 33 § 404; 1972 ex.s. c 142 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.67.900.]

Chapter 28A.410 CERTIFICATION

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28A.410.010 Certification—State board duty—Rules and regulations—Record check—Superintendent of public instruction as administrator. The state board of education shall establish, publish, and enforce rules and regulations determining eligibility for and certification of personnel employed in the common schools of this state, including certification for emergency or temporary, substitute or provisional duty and under such certificates or permits as the board shall deem proper or as otherwise prescribed by law. The rules shall require that the initial application for certification shall require a record check of the applicant through the Washington state patrol criminal identification system and through the federal bureau of investigation at the applicant's expense. The record check shall include a fingerprint check using a complete Washington state criminal identification fingerprint card. The superintendent of public instruction may waive the record check for any applicant who has had a record check within the two years before application.

In establishing rules pertaining to the qualifications of instructors of American sign language the state board shall consult with the national association of the deaf, "sign instructors guidance network" (s.i.g.n.), and the Washington state association of the deaf for evaluation and certification of sign language instructors.

The superintendent of public instruction shall act as the administrator of any such rules and regulations and have the power to issue any certificates or permits and revoke the same in accordance with board rules and regulations. [1992 c 159 § 3; 1992 c 60 § 2. Prior: 1988 c 172 § 3; 1988 c 97 § 1; 1987 c 486 § 8; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 92 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.70.005. Formerly RCW 28A.70.005.]

Reviser's note: This section was amended by 1992 c 60 § 2 and by 1992 c 159 § 3, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Findings—1992 c 159: See note following RCW 28A.400.303.

Severability—1988 c 97: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1988 c 97 § 3.]

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 92: See note following RCW 28A.305.130.

28A.410.020 Requirements for admission to teacher preparation programs—Exemptions—Rules. (1) No person may be admitted to a professional teacher preparation program within Washington state without first demonstrating that he or she is competent in the basic skills required for oral and written communication and computation. This requirement shall be waived for persons who have completed a baccalaureate degree; or graduate degree program; or who

have completed two or more years of college level course work, demonstrated competency through college level course work and a written essay, and are over the age of twenty-one.

(2) After June 30, 1989, no person shall be admitted to a teacher preparation program who has a combined score of less than the state-wide median score for the prior school year scored by all persons taking tests of general achievement selected by the state board of education. The state board of education shall develop criteria and adopt rules for exemptions from this subsection.

(3) The state board of education shall adopt rules to implement this section. [1991 c 116 § 20; 1988 c 251 § 4; 1987 c 525 § 202. Formerly RCW 28A.04.122.]

Intent—1987 c 525 §§ 201-233: "The legislature intends to enhance the education of the state's youth by improving the quality of teaching. The legislature intends to establish a framework for teacher and principal preparation programs and to recognize teaching as a profession.

The legislature finds that the quality of teacher preparation programs is enhanced when a planned, sequenced approach is used that provides for the application of practice to academic course work.

The legislature supports better integration of the elements of teacher preparation programs including knowledge of subject matter, teaching methods, and actual teaching experiences.

The legislature finds that establishing: (1) A teaching internship program; (2) a post-baccalaureate program resulting in a masters degree; (3) stronger requirements for earning principal credentials; and (4) a review of the preparation standards for school principals and educational staff associates are appropriate next steps in enhancing the quality of educational personnel in Washington." [1987 c 525 § 201.]

Short title—1987 c 525 §§ 202-233: "Sections 202 through 233 of this act shall be known as the professional educator excellence act of 1987." [1987 c 525 § 234.] For codification of sections 202 through 233, [1987 c 525], see Codification Tables, Volume 0.

28A.410.030 Individual assessment for candidates for initial certification—Rules—Fees. (1) Effective May 1, 1996, the state board of education shall require teacher certification candidates applying for initial certification to pass an individual assessment before being granted an initial certificate. The assessment shall include but not be limited to essay questions. The requirement shall be waived for out-of-state applicants with more than three years of teaching experience. The assessment shall test knowledge and competence in subjects including, but not limited to, instructional skills, classroom management, student behavior and development, oral and written language skills, student performance-based assessment skills, and other knowledge, skills, and attributes needed to be successful in assisting all students, including students with diverse and unique needs, in achieving mastery of the essential academic learning requirements established pursuant to RCW 28A.630.885. In administering the assessment, the state board shall address the needs of certification candidates who have specific learning disabilities or physical conditions that may require special consideration in taking the assessment.

(2) The state board of education shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to implement this section, including, but not limited to, rules establishing the fees assessed persons who apply to take the assessment and the circumstances, if any, under which such fees may be refunded in whole or part. Fees shall be set at a level not higher than the costs for administering the tests. Fees shall not include costs of developing the test. Fee revenues received under this section shall be deposited in the teacher assessment revolving fund

hereby established in the custody of the state treasurer. The fund is subject to the allotment procedures provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for disbursement. The superintendent of public instruction shall be responsible for administering the assessment program consistent with state board of education rules. The superintendent of public instruction shall expend moneys from the teacher assessment revolving fund exclusively for the direct and indirect costs of establishing, equipping, maintaining, and operating the assessment program.

(3) The state board of education shall only require the assessment in subsection (1) of this section when the legislature appropriates funds to develop the assessment under this section. [1993 c 336 § 801; 1991 c 116 § 21; 1987 c 525 § 203. Formerly RCW 28A.70.010.]

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

Intent—Short title—1987 c 525 §§ 202-233: See notes following RCW 28A.410.020.

Severability—1987 c 525: See note following RCW 28A.300.050.

28A.410.040 Initial-level certificates. The state board of education shall adopt rules providing that, except as provided in this section, all individuals qualifying for an initial-level teaching certificate after August 31, 1992, shall possess a baccalaureate degree in the arts, sciences, and/or humanities and have fulfilled the requirements for teacher certification pursuant to RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). However, candidates for grades preschool through eight certificates shall have fulfilled the requirements for a major as part of their baccalaureate degree. If the major is in early childhood education, elementary education, or special education, the candidate must have at least thirty quarter hours or twenty semester hours in one academic field. [1992 c 141 § 101; 1990 c 33 § 406. Prior: 1989 c 402 § 1; 1989 c 29 § 1; 1987 c 525 § 212. Formerly RCW 28A.70.040.]

Findings—1992 c 141: "The legislature finds that the educational needs of students when they leave the public school system has [have] increased dramatically in the past two decades. If young people are to prosper in our democracy and if our nation is to grow economically, it is imperative that the overall level of learning achieved by students be significantly increased.

To achieve this higher level of learning, the legislature finds that the state of Washington needs to develop a performance-based school system. Instead of maintaining burdensome state accountability laws and rules that dictate educational offerings, the state needs to hold schools accountable for their performance based on what their students learn.

The legislature further finds moving toward a performance-based accountability system will require repealing state laws and rules that inhibit the freedom of school boards and professional educators to carry out their work, and also will require that significantly more decisions be made at the school district and school building levels. In addition, it will be necessary to set high expectations for students, to identify what is expected of all students, and to develop a rigorous academic assessment system to determine if these expectations have been achieved.

The legislature further finds that the governor's council on education reform and funding will, by December 1992, identify broad student learning goals. Subject to decisions made by the 1993 legislature, the legislature finds that it is critical that an organization be established to continue the council's work in identifying necessary student skills and knowledge, to develop student assessment and school accountability systems, and to take other steps necessary to develop a performance-based education system.

The legislature further finds that there is a need for high quality professional development as the state implements a performance-based system. Professional development must be available to schools and school

districts to maintain quality control and to assure access to proven research on effective teaching." [1992 c 141 § 1.]

Part Headings—1992 c 141: "Part headings as used in this act constitute no part of the law." [1992 c 141 § 601.]

Severability—1992 c 141: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1992 c 141 § 602.]

Intent—Short title—1987 c 525 §§ 202-233: See notes following RCW 28A.410.020.

Severability—1987 c 525: See note following RCW 28A.300.050.

28A.410.050 Baccalaureate and masters degree equivalency requirements for vocational instructors—Rules. The state board of education shall develop and adopt rules establishing baccalaureate and masters degree equivalency standards for vocational instructors performing instructional duties and acquiring certification after August 31, 1992. [1992 c 141 § 102; 1989 c 29 § 2; 1987 c 525 § 215. Formerly RCW 28A.70.042.]

Findings—Part headings—Severability—1992 c 141: See notes following RCW 28A.410.040.

Intent—Short title—1987 c 525 §§ 202-233: See notes following RCW 28A.410.020.

Severability—1987 c 525: See note following RCW 28A.300.050.

28A.410.060 Fee for certification—Disposition. The fee for any certificate, or any renewal thereof, issued by the authority of the state of Washington, and authorizing the holder to teach or perform other professional duties in the public schools of the state shall be not less than one dollar or such reasonable fee therefor as the state board of education by rule or regulation shall deem necessary therefor. The fee must accompany the application and cannot be refunded unless the application is withdrawn before it is finally considered. The educational service district superintendent, or other official authorized to receive such fee, shall within thirty days transmit the same to the treasurer of the county in which the office of the educational service district superintendent is located, to be by him or her placed to the credit of said school district or educational service district: PROVIDED, That if any school district collecting fees for the certification of professional staff does not hold a professional training institute separate from the educational service district then all such moneys shall be placed to the credit of the educational service district.

Such fees shall be used solely for the purpose of precertification professional preparation, program evaluation, and professional in-service training programs in accord with rules and regulations of the state board of education herein authorized. [1990 c 33 § 407; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 92 § 3; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 15 § 17. Prior: 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 134; 1975 1st ex.s. c 192 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 144; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.70.110; prior: 1965 c 139 § 20; 1909 c 97 p 336 § 3; RRS § 4968; prior: 1897 c 118 § 142. Formerly RCW 28A.70.110, 28.70.110, 28.70.120.]

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 92: See note following RCW 28A.305.130.

Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 192: "If any provision of this amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1975 1st ex.s. c 192 § 3.]

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.410.070 Registration of certificates. All certificates issued by the superintendent of public instruction shall be valid and entitle the holder thereof to employment in any school district of the state upon being registered by the school district if designated to do so by the school district, which fact shall be evidenced on the certificate in the words, "Registered for use in district," together with the date of registry, and an official signature of the person registering the same: PROVIDED, That a copy of the original certificate duly certified by the superintendent of public instruction may be used for the purpose of registry and endorsement in lieu of the original. [1983 c 56 § 12; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 92 § 4; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 135; 1971 c 48 § 50; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.70.130. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 338 § 11; RRS § 4976; prior: 1897 c 118 § 147. Formerly RCW 28A.70.130, 28.70.130.]

Severability—1983 c 56: See note following RCW 28A.195.010.

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 92: See note following RCW 28A.305.130.

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

28A.410.080 School year—For certification or qualification purposes. The school year for all matters pertaining to teacher certification or for computing experience in teaching shall consist of not fewer than one hundred eighty school days. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.01.025. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 262 § 3, part; RRS § 4687, part; prior: 1903 c 104 § 22, part. Formerly RCW 28A.01.025, 28.01.010, part.]

28A.410.090 Revocation or suspension of certificate or permit to teach—Investigation by superintendent of public instruction—Mandatory revocation for crimes against children. (1) Any certificate or permit authorized under the provisions of this chapter, chapter 28A.405 RCW, or rules and regulations promulgated thereunder may be revoked or suspended by the authority authorized to grant the same upon complaint of any school district superintendent, educational service district superintendent, or private school administrator for immorality, violation of written contract, unprofessional conduct, intemperance, or crime against the law of the state.

If the superintendent of public instruction has reasonable cause to believe that an alleged violation of this chapter or rules adopted under it has occurred, but no complaint has been filed pursuant to this chapter, and that a school district superintendent, educational service district superintendent, or private school administrator has sufficient notice of the alleged violation and opportunity to file a complaint, the superintendent of public instruction may cause an investigation to be made of the alleged violation, together with such other matters that may be disclosed in the course of the investigation related to certificated personnel.

(2) Any such certificate or permit authorized under this chapter or chapter 28A.405 RCW shall be revoked by the authority authorized to grant the certificate upon a guilty plea or the conviction of any felony crime involving the physical neglect of a child under chapter 9A.42 RCW, the

physical injury or death of a child under chapter 9A.32 or 9A.36 RCW (excepting motor vehicle violations under chapter 46.61 RCW), sexual exploitation of a child under chapter 9.68A RCW, sexual offenses under chapter 9A.44 RCW where a minor is the victim, promoting prostitution of a minor under chapter 9A.88 RCW, the sale or purchase of a minor child under RCW 9A.64.030, or violation of similar laws of another jurisdiction. The person whose certificate is in question shall be given an opportunity to be heard. Mandatory permanent revocation upon a guilty plea or the conviction of felony crimes specified under this subsection shall apply to such convictions or guilty pleas which occur after July 23, 1989. Revocation of any certificate or permit authorized under this chapter or chapter 28A.405 RCW for a guilty plea or criminal conviction occurring prior to July 23, 1989, shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section. [1992 c 159 § 4; 1990 c 33 § 408; 1989 c 320 § 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 137; 1974 ex.s. c 55 § 2; 1971 c 48 § 51; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.70.160. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 345 § 1; RRS § 4992; prior: 1897 c 118 § 148. Formerly RCW 28A.70.160, 28.70.160.]

Findings—1992 c 159: See note following RCW 28A.400.303.

Severability—1989 c 320: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1989 c 320 § 7.]

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

Crimes against children—Notification of conviction or guilty plea of school employee: RCW 43.43.845.

28A.410.095 Violation or noncompliance—Investigatory powers of superintendent of public instruction—Court orders—Contempt. (1) The superintendent of public instruction may initiate and conduct investigations as may be reasonably necessary to establish the existence of any alleged violations of or noncompliance with this chapter or any rules adopted under it. For the purpose of any investigation or proceeding under this chapter, the superintendent or any officer designated by the superintendent may administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses and compel their attendance, take evidence, and require the production of any books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, agreements, or other documents or records that the superintendent deems relevant and material to the inquiry.

(2) If any person fails to obey a subpoena or obeys a subpoena but refuses to give evidence, any court of competent jurisdiction, upon application by the superintendent, may issue to that person an order requiring him or her to appear before the court and to show cause why he or she should not be compelled to obey the subpoena, and give evidence material to the matter under investigation. The failure to obey an order of the court may be punishable as contempt. [1992 c 159 § 5.]

Findings—1992 c 159: See note following RCW 28A.400.303.

28A.410.100 Revocation of authority to teach—Hearings and appeals. Any teacher whose certificate to teach has been questioned under RCW 28A.410.090 shall have a right to be heard by the issuing authority before his or her certificate is revoked. Any teacher whose certificate to teach has been revoked shall have a right of appeal to the

state board of education if notice of appeal is given by written affidavit to the board within thirty days after the certificate is revoked.

An appeal to the state board of education within the time specified shall operate as a stay of revocation proceedings until the next regular or special meeting of said board and until the board's decision has been rendered. [1992 c 159 § 6; 1990 c 33 § 409; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 138; 1971 c 48 § 52; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.70.170. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 346 § 3; RRS § 4994. Formerly RCW 28A.70.170, 28.70.170.]

Findings—1992 c 159: See note following RCW 28A.400.303.

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

28A.410.110 Limitation on reinstatement after revocation—Reinstatement prohibited for crimes against children. In case any certificate or permit authorized under this chapter or chapter 28A.405 RCW is revoked, the holder shall not be eligible to receive another certificate or permit for a period of twelve months after the date of revocation. However, if the certificate or permit authorized under this chapter or chapter 28A.405 RCW was revoked because of a guilty plea or the conviction of a felony crime involving the physical neglect of a child under chapter 9A.42 RCW, the physical injury or death of a child under chapter 9A.32 or 9A.36 RCW (except motor vehicle violations under chapter 46.61 RCW), sexual exploitation of a child under chapter 9.68A RCW, sexual offenses under chapter 9A.44 RCW where a minor is the victim, promoting prostitution of a minor under chapter 9A.88 RCW, the sale or purchase of a minor child under RCW 9A.64.030, or violation of similar laws of another jurisdiction, the certificate or permit shall not be reinstated. [1990 c 33 § 410; 1989 c 320 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.70.180. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 346 § 2; RRS § 4993. Formerly RCW 28A.70.180, 28.70.180.]

Severability—1989 c 320: See note following RCW 28A.410.090.

28A.410.120 Professional certification not to be required of superintendents, deputy or assistant superintendents. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the state board of education or superintendent of public instruction shall not require any professional certification or other qualifications of any person elected superintendent of a local school district by that district's board of directors, or any person hired in any manner to fill a position designated as, or which is, in fact, deputy superintendent, or assistant superintendent. [1990 c 33 § 411; 1975 1st ex.s. c 254 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.02.260.]

Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 254: "If any provision of this 1975 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1975 1st ex.s. c 254 § 4.]

Chapter 28A.415

INSTITUTES, WORKSHOPS, AND TRAINING
(Formerly: Teachers' institutes, workshops, and other in-service training)

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28A.415.010 Center for improvement of teaching—Improvement of teaching coordinating council—Teachers' institutes and workshops. It shall be the responsibility of each educational service district board to establish a center for the improvement of teaching. The center shall administer, coordinate, and act as fiscal agent for such programs related to the recruitment and training of certificated and classified K-12 education personnel as may be delegated to the center by the superintendent of public instruction under RCW 28A.310.470, or the state board of education under RCW 28A.310.480. To assist in these activities, each educational service district board shall establish an improvement of teaching coordinating council to include, at a minimum, representatives as specified in RCW 28A.415.040. An existing in-service training task force, established pursuant to RCW 28A.415.040, may serve as the improvement of teaching coordinating council. The educational service district board shall ensure coordination of programs established pursuant to RCW 28A.415.030, 28A.410.060, and 28A.415.250.

The educational service district board may arrange each year for the holding of one or more teachers' institutes and/or workshops for professional staff preparation and in-service training in such manner and at such time as the board believes will be of benefit to the teachers and other professional staff of school districts within the educational service district and shall comply with rules and regulations of the state board of education pursuant to RCW 28A.410.060 or the superintendent of public instruction or

state board of education pursuant to RCW 28A.415.250. The board may provide such additional means of teacher and other professional staff preparation and in-service training as it may deem necessary or appropriate and there shall be a proper charge against the educational service district general expense fund when approved by the educational service district board.

Educational service district boards of contiguous educational service districts, by mutual arrangements, may hold joint institutes and/or workshops, the expenses to be shared in proportion to the numbers of certificated personnel as shown by the last annual reports of the educational service districts holding such joint institutes or workshops.

In local school districts employing more than one hundred teachers and other professional staff, the school district superintendent may hold a teachers' institute of one or more days in such district, said institute when so held by the school district superintendent to be in all respects governed by the provisions of this title and state board of education rules and regulations relating to teachers' institutes held by educational service district superintendents. [1991 c 285 § 1; 1990 c 33 § 414; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 15 § 18. Prior: 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 139; 1975 1st ex.s. c 192 § 2; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 31; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 146; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.71.100; prior: 1965 c 139 § 21. Formerly RCW 28A.71.100, 28.71.100.]

Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 192: See note following RCW 28A.410.060.

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

Transitional bilingual instruction program—In-service training: RCW 28A.180.040(4).

28A.415.020 Credit on salary schedule for approved in-service training and continuing education. (1) Certificated personnel shall receive for each ten clock hours of approved in-service training attended the equivalent of a one credit college quarter course on the salary schedule developed by the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee.

(2) Certificated personnel shall receive for each ten clock hours of approved continuing education earned, as continuing education is defined by rule adopted by the state board of education, the equivalent of a one credit college quarter course on the salary schedule developed by the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee.

(3) An approved in-service training program shall be a program approved by a school district board of directors, which meet standards adopted by the state board of education, and the development of said program has been participated in by an in-service training task force whose membership is the same as provided under RCW 28A.415.040, or a program offered by an education agency approved to provide in-service for the purposes of continuing education as provided for under rules adopted by the state board of education, or both.

(4) Clock hours eligible for application to the salary schedule developed by the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee as described in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, shall be those hours acquired after

August 31, 1987. [1990 c 33 § 415; 1987 c 519 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.71.110.]

28A.415.030 In-Service Training Act of 1977—Purpose. In order to provide for the improvement of the instructional process in the public schools and maintain and improve the skills of public school certificated and classified personnel, there is hereby adopted an act to be known as the "In-Service Training Act of 1977". [1977 ex.s. c 189 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.71.200.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 189: "If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1977 ex.s. c 189 § 4.]

28A.415.040 In-Service Training Act of 1977—Administration of funds—Rules—Requirements for local districts—In-service training task force. The superintendent of public instruction is hereby empowered to administer funds now or hereafter appropriated for the conduct of in-service training programs for public school certificated and classified personnel and to supervise the conduct of such programs. The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW that provide for the allocation of such funds to public school district or educational service district applicants on such conditions and for such training programs as he or she deems to be in the best interest of the public school system: PROVIDED, That each district requesting such funds shall have:

(1) Conducted a district needs assessment, including plans developed at the building level, to be reviewed and updated at least every two years, of certificated and classified personnel to determine identified strengths and weakness of personnel that would be strengthened by such in-service training program;

(2) Demonstrate that the plans are consistent with the goals of basic education;

(3) Established an in-service training task force and demonstrated to the superintendent of public instruction that the task force has participated in identifying in-service training needs and goals; and

(4) Demonstrated to the superintendent of public instruction its intention to implement the recommendations of the needs assessment and thereafter the progress it has made in providing in-service training as identified in the needs assessment.

The task force required by this section shall be composed of representatives from the ranks of administrators, building principals, teachers, classified and support personnel employed by the applicant school district or educational service district, from the public, and from an institution(s) of higher education, in such numbers as shall be established by the school district board of directors or educational service district board of directors. [1987 c 525 § 301; 1985 c 214 § 1; 1979 c 149 § 10; 1977 ex.s. c 189 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.71.210.]

Severability—1987 c 525: See note following RCW 28A.630.100.

Severability—1979 c 149: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1979 c 149 § 11.]

Severability—1977 ex.s. c 189: See note following RCW 28A.300.050.

28A.415.050 In-service training programs—Instruction on teaching skills to children to resist and report abuse. The superintendent of public instruction, the educational service districts, and local school districts are encouraged to devise programs of in-service training for public school certificated and classified personnel who come into contact with students in grades kindergarten through twelve for the purpose of providing instruction on how to effectively teach children the skills to resist and report attempts to abuse them. [1985 c 419 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.71.220.]

Severability—1985 c 419: See note following RCW 28A.305.230.

28A.415.060 Credits for educational staff associates to fulfill continuing education requirements. The state board of education rules for continuing education shall provide that educational staff associates may use credits or clock hours that satisfy the continuing education requirements for their state professional licensure, if any, to fulfill the continuing education requirements established by the state board of education. [1991 c 155 § 1.]

28A.415.100 Student teaching centers—Legislative recognition—Intent. (1) The legislature recognizes that:

(a) Strong teacher preparation programs are vital to the success of the state's entire education system;

(b) Clinical field experiences, particularly student teaching, are critical to the developmental preparation of teacher candidates and to the success of teacher preparation programs;

(c) Schools, school districts, educational service districts, and institutions of higher education benefit mutually from cooperative relationships that provide teacher candidates with appropriate, necessary, and successful student teaching experiences that establish continuity between the theory and practice of teaching;

(d) Positive student teaching experiences result from the careful match between cooperating teachers and student teachers;

(e) Teacher candidates should have student teaching opportunities and other field experiences that are reflective of the diversity existing among schools and school districts state-wide; and

(f) School districts state-wide should have access to student teachers.

(2) Therefore, in support of quality, professional, research-based training of prospective teachers, it is the intent of the legislature to continue its support of evolving partnerships among schools, school districts, educational service districts, community colleges, and colleges and universities, that are:

(a) Benefiting the teaching profession;

(b) Enhancing the ability of all new teachers to assume initial teaching responsibilities with greater confidence and a higher level of training;

(c) Providing important and positive mentoring opportunities for experienced teachers; and

(d) Strengthening cooperation and communication between the precollegiate and collegiate sectors of the state education system. [1991 c 258 § 1.]

28A.415.105 Definitions. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout RCW 28A.415.110 through 28A.415.140.

(1) "Cooperating organizations" means that at least one school district, one college or university, and one educational service district are involved jointly with the development of a student teaching center.

(2) "Cooperating teacher" means a teacher who holds a continuing certificate and supervises and coaches a student teacher.

(3) "Field experience" means opportunities for observation, tutoring, microteaching, extended practicums, and clinical and laboratory experiences which do not fall within the meaning of student teaching.

(4) "School setting" means a classroom in a public, common school in the state of Washington.

(5) "Student teacher" means a candidate for initial teacher certification who is in a state board of education-approved, or regionally or nationally accredited teacher preparation program in a school setting as part of the field-based component of their preparation program.

(6) "Student teaching" means the full quarter or semester in a school setting during which the student teacher observes the cooperating teacher, participates in instructional activities, and assumes both part-time and full-time teaching responsibilities under the supervision of the cooperating teacher.

(7) "Student teaching center" means the program established to provide student teachers in a geographic region of the state with special support and training as part of their teacher preparation program.

(8) "Supervisor or university supervisor" means the regular or adjunct faculty member, or college or university-approved designee, who assists and supervises the work of cooperating teachers and student teachers. [1991 c 258 § 2.]

28A.415.110 Cooperating teachers. (1) Cooperating teachers shall provide a source of continuing and sustained assistance, coaching, and support for student teachers, and may participate with supervisors in evaluating student teachers, and shall submit recommendations to the institutions of higher education respecting the competency of the student teacher. Cooperating teachers shall collaborate with their school principals respecting the support, training, and assistance they provide to student teachers.

(2) All student teachers from an institution of higher education whose preparation program has been approved by the state board of education, or has been regionally or nationally accredited, shall be provided a cooperating teacher.

(3) Cooperating teachers will be appointed by school districts in a joint selection process with the institutions of higher education. [1991 c 258 § 3.]

28A.415.115 Salary stipends for cooperating teachers. Salary stipends for cooperating teachers shall be paid through supplemental contracts under RCW

28A.400.200(4) and as provided in the state operating appropriations act. [1991 c 258 § 4.]

28A.415.120 Application of RCW 28A.415.110 and 28A.415.115. The provisions of RCW 28A.415.110 and 28A.415.115 shall apply to RCW 28A.415.125 through 28A.415.140. [1991 c 258 § 5.]

28A.415.125 Network of student teaching centers. The state board of education, from appropriated funds, shall establish a network of student teaching centers to support the continuing development of the field-based component of teacher preparation programs. The purpose of the training centers is to:

(1) Expand opportunities for student teacher placements in school districts state-wide, with an emphasis on those populations and locations that are unserved or underserved;

(2) Provide cooperating teachers for all student teachers during their student internship for up to two academic quarters;

(3) Enhance the student teaching component of teacher preparation programs, including a placement of student teachers in special education and multi-ethnic school settings; and

(4) Expand access to each other and opportunities for collaboration in teacher education between colleges and universities and school districts. [1991 c 258 § 6.]

28A.415.130 Allocation of funds for student teaching centers. Funds for the student teaching centers shall be allocated by the superintendent of public instruction among the educational service district regions on the basis of student teaching placements. The fiscal agent for each center shall be either an educational service district or a state institution of higher education. Prospective fiscal agents shall document to the state board of education the following information:

(1) The existing or proposed center was developed jointly through a process including participation by at least one school district, one college or university, and one educational service district;

(2) Primary administration for each center shall be the responsibility of one or more of the cooperating organizations;

(3) Assurance that the training center program provides appropriate and necessary training in observation, supervision, and assistance skills and techniques for:

(a) Cooperating teachers;

(b) Other school building personnel; and

(c) School district employees. [1991 c 258 § 7.]

28A.415.135 Alternative means of teacher placement. The student teaching centers shall be an alternative means of placing teachers into school districts throughout the state. Nothing in RCW 28A.415.100 through 28A.415.140 or 28A.415.250 precludes a higher education institution that is not a participant in a training center from placing student teachers into a district that may be participating formally with other institutions in a student teaching center program, or placing student teachers into districts pursuant to an

agreement between the institution and district. [1991 c 258 § 8.]

28A.415.140 Field experiences. Field experiences may be provided through a student teaching center. The cost of providing such experiences and opportunities shall be the sole responsibility of the participants cooperating in the operation of the center. [1991 c 258 § 9.]

28A.415.145 Rules. The state board of education and the superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to carry out the purposes of RCW 28A.415.100 through 28A.415.140. [1991 c 258 § 10.]

28A.415.200 Minority teacher recruitment program—Intent. The legislature finds that it is important to have a teaching force that reflects the rich diversity of the students served in the public schools. The legislature further finds that certain groups, as characterized by ethnic background, are traditionally underrepresented in the teaching profession in the state of Washington and that the ethnic diversity of the student population in the state of Washington is increasing. The legislature intends to increase the number of people from underrepresented groups entering our teaching force. [1989 c 146 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.305.260, 28A.67.250.]

28A.415.205 Minority teacher recruitment program. (1) The Washington state minority teacher recruitment program is established. The program shall be administered by the state board of education. The state board of education shall consult with the higher education coordinating board, representatives of institutions of higher education, education organizations having an interest in teacher recruitment issues, the superintendent of public instruction, the state board for community and technical colleges, the department of employment security, and the work force training and education coordinating board. The program shall be designed to recruit future teachers from students in the targeted groups who are in the ninth through twelfth grades and from adults in the targeted groups who have entered other occupations.

(2) The program shall include the following:

(a) Encouraging students in targeted groups in grades nine through twelve to acquire the academic and related skills necessary to prepare for the study of teaching at an institution of higher education;

(b) Promoting teaching career opportunities to develop an awareness of opportunities in the education profession;

(c) Providing opportunities for students to experience the application of regular high school course work to activities related to a teaching career; and

(d) Providing for increased cooperation among institutions of higher education including community colleges, the superintendent of public instruction, the state board of education, and local school districts in working toward the goals of the program. [1991 c 238 § 75; 1989 c 146 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.305.270, 28A.67.260.]

Effective dates—Severability—1991 c 238: See RCW 28B.50.917 and 28B.50.918.

28A.415.220 Teachers recruiting future teachers program. (1) The teachers recruiting future teachers program is created within the professional development centers located in educational service districts to help enlarge the pool of qualified high school students who are motivated to become teachers.

(2) Subject to funds being appropriated, the professional development centers shall:

(a) Promote and replicate the teachers recruiting future teachers model program; and

(b) Place special emphasis on the recruitment of future teachers who are representative of the diversity of public school populations; and

(c) Place emphasis on the recruitment of future teachers who will teach mathematics, science and technology. [1993 c 217 § 1; 1991 c 252 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.300.260.]

28A.415.250 Teacher assistance program—Provision for mentor teachers. The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules to establish and operate a teacher assistance program. For the purposes of this section, the terms "mentor teachers," "beginning teachers," and "experienced teachers" may include any person possessing any one of the various certificates issued by the superintendent of public instruction under RCW 28A.410.010. The program shall provide for:

(1) Assistance by mentor teachers who will provide a source of continuing and sustained support to beginning teachers, or experienced teachers who are having difficulties, or both, both in and outside the classroom. A mentor teacher may not be involved in evaluations under RCW 28A.405.100 of a teacher who receives assistance from said mentor teacher under the teacher assistance program established under this section. The mentor teachers shall also periodically inform their principals respecting the contents of training sessions and other program activities;

(2) Stipends for mentor teachers and beginning and experienced teachers which shall not be deemed compensation for the purposes of salary lid compliance under RCW 28A.400.200: PROVIDED, That stipends shall not be subject to the continuing contract provisions of this title;

(3) Workshops for the training of mentor and beginning teachers;

(4) The use of substitutes to give mentor teachers, beginning teachers, and experienced teachers opportunities to jointly observe and evaluate teaching situations and to give mentor teachers opportunities to observe and assist beginning and experienced teachers in the classroom;

(5) Mentor teachers who are superior teachers based on their evaluations, pursuant to RCW 28A.405.010 through 28A.405.240, and who hold valid continuing certificates;

(6) Mentor teachers shall be selected by the district and may serve as mentors up to and including full time. If a bargaining unit, certified pursuant to RCW 41.59.090 exists within the district, classroom teachers representing the bargaining unit shall participate in the mentor teacher selection process; and

(7) Periodic consultation by the superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee with representatives of educational organizations and associations, including educational service districts and public and private institu-

tions of higher education, for the purposes of improving communication and cooperation and program review. [1993 c 336 § 401; 1991 c 116 § 19; 1990 c 33 § 403; 1987 c 507 § 1; 1985 c 399 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.405.450, 28A.67.240.]

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

Effective date—1987 c 507: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect June 15, 1987." [1987 c 507 § 4.]

28A.415.260 Pilot program using full-time mentor teachers. (1) To the extent specific funds are appropriated for the pilot program in this section, the superintendent of public instruction shall establish a pilot program to support the pairing of full-time mentor teachers with experienced teachers who are having difficulties and full-time mentor teachers with beginning teachers under RCW 28A.415.250.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall submit a report to the legislature by December 31, 1995, with findings about the pilot program. The report shall include an analysis of the effectiveness of the pilot program in the remediation of teachers having difficulties, recommendations regarding continuing the program, and recommendations on new procedures under chapter 28A.405 RCW regarding teachers who have not shown sufficient progress in the area or areas of teaching skills needing improvement.

(3) The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint an oversight committee, which shall include teachers and administrators from the pilot districts, that shall be involved in the evaluation of the pilot program under this section.

(4) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to implement the pilot program established under subsection (1) of this section. [1993 c 336 § 402.]

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

28A.415.270 Principal internship support program. (1) To the extent funds are appropriated, the Washington state principal internship support program is created beginning in the 1994-95 school year. The purpose of the program is to provide funds to school districts to hire substitutes for district employees who are in a principal preparation program to complete an internship with a mentor principal.

(2) Participants in the principal internship support program shall be selected as follows:

(a) The candidate shall be enrolled in a state board-approved school principal preparation program;

(b) The candidate shall apply in writing to his or her local school district;

(c) Each school district shall determine which applicants meet its criteria for participation in the principal internship support program and shall notify its educational service district of the school district's selected applicants. When submitting the names of applicants, the school district shall identify a mentor principal for each principal intern applicant, and shall agree to provide the internship applicant at

least forty-five student days of release time for the internship; and

(d) Educational service districts, with the assistance of an advisory board, shall select internship participants.

(3)(a) The maximum amount of state funding for each internship shall be the estimated state-wide average cost of providing a substitute teacher for forty-five school days.

(b) Funds appropriated for the principal internship support program shall be allocated by the superintendent of public instruction to the educational service districts based on the percentage of full-time equivalent public school students enrolled in school districts in each educational service district. Participants should be selected to reflect the percentage of minorities of the student population in the educational service district region, and to the extent practicable, represent an equal number of women and men. If it is not possible to find qualified candidates reflecting the percentage of minorities of the student population of the educational service district, the educational service district shall select those qualified candidates who meet these criteria and leave the remaining positions unfilled, and any unspent funds shall revert to the state general fund.

(c) Once principal internship participants have been selected, the educational service districts shall allocate the funds to the appropriate school districts. The funds shall be used to pay for replacement substitute staff while the school district employee is completing the principal internship.

(d) Educational service districts may be reimbursed for costs associated with implementing the program. Reimbursement rates shall be determined by the superintendent of public instruction. [1993 c 336 § 404.]

Reviser's note: 1993 c 336 directed that this section be added to chapter 28A.405 RCW. This section has been codified in chapter 28A.415 RCW, which relates more directly to educators' training.

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

28A.415.280 Superintendent and program administrator internship support program. (1) To the extent funds are appropriated, the Washington state superintendent and program administrator internship support program is created beginning in the 1994-95 school year. The purpose of the program is to provide funds to school districts to hire substitutes for district employees who are in a superintendent or program administrator preparation program to complete an internship with a mentor administrator.

(2) Participants in the superintendent and program administrator internship support program shall be selected as follows:

(a) The candidate shall be enrolled in a state board-approved school district superintendent or program administrator preparation program;

(b) The candidate shall apply in writing to his or her local school district;

(c) Each school district shall determine which applicants meet its criteria for participation in the internship support program and shall notify its educational service district of the school district's selected applicants. When submitting the names of applicants, the school district shall identify a mentor administrator for each intern applicant and shall

agree to provide the internship applicant at least forty-five student days of release time for the internship; and

(d) Educational service districts, with the assistance of an advisory board, shall select internship participants.

(3)(a) The maximum amount of state funding for each internship shall be the estimated state-wide average cost of providing a substitute teacher for forty-five school days as calculated by the superintendent of public instruction.

(b) Funds appropriated for the internship support program shall be allocated by the superintendent of public instruction to the educational service districts based on the percentage of full-time equivalent public school students enrolled in school districts in each educational service district. To the extent practicable, participants should be selected to reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of the student population in the educational service district region, and represent an equal number of women and men.

(c) Once internship participants have been selected, the educational service districts shall allocate the funds to the appropriate school districts. The funds shall be used to pay for replacement substitute staff while the school district employee is completing the internship.

(d) Educational service districts may be reimbursed for costs associated with implementing the program. Reimbursement rates shall be determined by the superintendent of public instruction. [1993 c 336 § 405.]

Reviser's note: 1993 c 336 directed that this section be added to chapter 28A.405 RCW. This section has been codified in chapter 28A.415 RCW, which relates more directly to educators' training.

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

28A.415.290 Administrator internship task force.

(1) The state board of education shall appoint an administrator internship advisory task force to develop and recommend to the board standards for the principal and superintendent and program administrator internship support programs created in RCW 28A.415.270 and 28A.415.280. Interns shall be required to complete the state board standards in order to successfully complete the internship program. These standards shall be adopted by the state board of education before the allocation of funds by the superintendent of public instruction pursuant to RCW 28A.415.270(3)(c) and 28A.415.280(3)(c). Colleges, universities, and school districts may establish additional standards.

(2) Task force membership shall include, but not be limited to, representatives of the office of the superintendent of public instruction, principals, superintendents, program administrators, teachers, school directors, parents, higher education administrative preparation programs, and educational service districts. The task force membership shall, to the extent possible, be racially and ethnically diverse. [1993 c 336 § 406.]

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

28A.415.300 Rules. The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to administer the principal and superintendent and

program administrator internship support programs. [1993 c 336 § 407.]

Reviser's note: 1993 c 336 directed that this section be added to chapter 28A.300 RCW. This section has been codified in chapter 28A.415 RCW, which relates more directly to educators' training.

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

28A.415.310 Paraprofessional training program.

(1) The paraprofessional training program is created. The primary purpose of the program is to provide training for classroom assistants to assist them in helping students achieve the student learning goals under RCW 28A.150.210. Another purpose of the program is to provide training to certificated personnel who work with classroom assistants.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction may allocate funds, to the extent funds are appropriated for this program, to educational service districts, school districts, and other organizations for providing the training in subsection (1) of this section. [1993 c 336 § 408.]

Reviser's note: 1993 c 336 directed that this section be added to chapter 28A.300 RCW. This section has been codified in chapter 28A.415 RCW, which relates more directly to educators' training.

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

**Chapter 28A.500
LOCAL EFFORT ASSISTANCE**

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28A.500.010 Local assistance funds—Definitions—Allocation. (Expires December 31, 1995.) (1) Commencing with taxes assessed in 1993 to be collected in calendar year 1994 and thereafter, in addition to a school district's other general fund allocations, each eligible district shall be provided local effort assistance funds as provided in this section. Such funds are not part of the district's basic education allocation. For distribution of local effort assistance funds provided under this section in calendar years 1994 and 1995, state funds may be prorated as provided in the omnibus appropriations act.

(2)(a) "Prior tax collection year" shall mean the year immediately preceding the year in which the local effort assistance shall be allocated.

(b) The "state-wide average twelve percent levy rate" shall mean twelve percent of the total levy bases as defined in RCW 84.52.0531(4) summed for all school districts, and divided by the total assessed valuation for excess levy purposes in the prior tax collection year for all districts as adjusted to one hundred percent by the county indicated ratio established in RCW 84.48.075.

(c) The "twelve percent levy rate" of a district shall mean:

(i) Twelve percent of the district's levy base as defined in RCW 84.52.0531(4), plus one-half of any amount computed under RCW 84.52.0531(3)(b) in the case of nonhigh school districts; divided by

(ii) The district's assessed valuation for excess levy purposes for the prior tax collection year as adjusted to one hundred percent by the county indicated ratio.

(d) "Eligible districts" shall mean those districts with a twelve percent levy rate which exceeds the state-wide average twelve percent levy rate.

(3) Allocation of state matching funds to eligible districts for local effort assistance shall be determined as follows:

(a) Funds raised by the district through maintenance and operation levies during that tax collection year shall be matched with state funds using the following ratio of state funds to levy funds: (i) The difference between the district's twelve percent levy rate and the state-wide average twelve percent levy rate; to (ii) the state-wide average twelve percent levy rate.

(b) The maximum amount of state matching funds for which a district may be eligible in any tax collection year shall be twelve percent of the district's levy base as defined in RCW 84.52.0531(4), multiplied by the following percentage: (i) The difference between the district's twelve percent levy rate and the state-wide average twelve percent levy rate; divided by (ii) the district's twelve percent levy rate.

(4) In tax collection year 1993 and thereafter, local effort assistance funds shall be distributed to qualifying districts as follows:

- (a) Thirty percent in April;
- (b) Twenty-three percent in May;
- (c) Two percent in June;
- (d) Seventeen percent in August;
- (e) Nine percent in October;
- (f) Seventeen percent in November; and

(g) Two percent in December. [1993 c 465 § 2; 1993 c 410 § 1; 1992 c 49 § 2; 1987 1st ex.s. c 2 § 102. Formerly RCW 28A.41.155.]

Reviser's note: This section was amended by 1993 c 410 § 1 and by 1993 c 465 § 2, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Expiration date—1993 c 465 § 2: "Section 2 of this act shall expire December 31, 1995." [1993 c 465 § 3.]

Intent—Severability—Effective date—1987 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 84.52.0531.

28A.500.010 Local assistance funds—Definitions—Allocation. (Effective December 31, 1995.) (1) Commencing with taxes assessed in 1988 to be collected in calendar year 1989 and thereafter, in addition to a school district's other general fund allocations, each eligible district shall be provided local effort assistance funds as provided in this section. Such funds are not part of the district's basic education allocation. For the first distribution of local effort assistance funds provided under this section in calendar year 1989, state funds may be prorated according to the formula in this section.

(2) (a) "Prior tax collection year" shall mean the year immediately preceding the year in which the local effort assistance shall be allocated.

(b) The "state-wide average ten percent levy rate" shall mean ten percent of the total levy bases as defined in RCW 84.52.0531(4) summed for all school districts, and divided

by the total assessed valuation for excess levy purposes in the prior tax collection year for all districts as adjusted to one hundred percent by the county indicated ratio established in RCW 84.48.075.

(c) The "ten percent levy rate" of a district shall mean:

(i) Ten percent of the district's levy base as defined in RCW 84.52.0531(4), plus one-half of any amount computed under RCW 84.52.0531(3)(b) in the case of nonhigh school districts; divided by

(ii) The district's assessed valuation for excess levy purposes for the prior tax collection year as adjusted to one hundred percent by the county indicated ratio.

(d) "Eligible districts" shall mean those districts with a ten percent levy rate which exceeds the state-wide average ten percent levy rate.

(3) Allocation of state matching funds to eligible districts for local effort assistance shall be determined as follows:

(a) Funds raised by the district through maintenance and operation levies during that tax collection year shall be matched with state funds using the following ratio of state funds to levy funds: (i) The difference between the district's ten percent levy rate and the state-wide average ten percent levy rate; to (ii) the state-wide average ten percent levy rate.

(b) The maximum amount of state matching funds for which a district may be eligible in any tax collection year shall be ten percent of the district's levy base as defined in RCW 84.52.0531(4), multiplied by the following percentage: (i) The difference between the district's ten percent levy rate and the state-wide average ten percent levy rate; divided by (ii) the district's ten percent levy rate.

(4)(a) Through tax collection year 1992, fifty-five percent of local effort assistance funds shall be distributed to qualifying districts during the applicable tax collection year on or before June 30 and forty-five percent shall be distributed on or before December 31 of any year.

(b) In tax collection year 1993 and thereafter, local effort assistance funds shall be distributed to qualifying districts as follows:

- (i) Thirty percent in April;
- (ii) Twenty-three percent in May;
- (iii) Two percent in June;
- (iv) Seventeen percent in August;
- (v) Nine percent in October;
- (vi) Seventeen percent in November; and
- (vii) Two percent in December. [1993 c 410 § 1; (1993 c 465 § 2 expired December 31, 1995); 1992 c 49 § 2; 1987 1st ex.s. c 2 § 102. Formerly RCW 28A.41.155.]

Intent—Severability—Effective date—1987 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 84.52.0531.

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28A.505.010 Definitions. The following terms when used in this chapter shall have the following meanings, unless where used the context thereof shall clearly indicate to the contrary:

(1) "Revenue" means an addition to assets of a fund of a school district during a fiscal period that is available to finance the fund's expenditures during the fiscal period. Revenue does not accompany the increase of liabilities or represent refunds of previous disbursements. Revenue may be in the form of cash or in the form of noncash assets such as donated commodities. Revenue for accrual basis expenditure funds is limited to amounts received in cash or noncash donations plus or minus adjustments for revenue accruals.

(2) "Accrual basis expenditures" mean expenditures incurred during a given fiscal period, whether paid or unpaid.

(3) "Cash basis expenditures" mean actual disbursements during a given fiscal period except for debt service, regardless of when liabilities are incurred, or the period of incurrence of expenditures.

(4) "Cash basis revenue" means actual receipt of revenue not adjusted for revenue accruals.

(5) "Revenue accruals" means those revenues anticipated to be received in cash after the close of the fiscal period that represent reimbursement for expenditures incurred by the end of the fiscal period.

(6) "Appropriation" means the maximum authorization during a given fiscal period to incur expenditures.

(7) "Disbursements" mean payments in cash, including but not limited to issuance of warrants. [1983 c 59 § 1; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.65.400.]

Application—Effective date—1983 c 59: "This act shall apply to school district budgets, financial statements, and bookkeeping and accounting procedures, practices, and principles beginning with fiscal year 1983-'84 starting September 1, 1983. This act shall take effect September 1, 1983." [1983 c 59 § 19.]

Severability—1983 c 59: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1983 c 59 § 20.]

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: "If any provision of this 1976 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 37.]

28A.505.020 Districts must utilize methods of revenue and expenditure recognition. All school districts must utilize the following methods of revenue and expenditure recognition in budgeting, accounting and financial reporting:

(1) Recognize revenue as defined in RCW 28A.505.010(1) for all funds: PROVIDED, That school districts that elect the cash basis of expenditure recognition under subsection (2) of this section shall recognize revenue on the cash basis.

(2) Recognition of expenditures for all funds shall be on the accrual basis: PROVIDED, That school districts with under one thousand full time equivalent students for the preceding fiscal year may make a uniform election for all funds, except debt service funds, to be on the cash basis of expenditure recognition. Notification of such election shall be given to the state superintendent of public instruction in the budget of the school district and shall remain in effect for one full fiscal year. [1990 c 33 § 416; 1983 c 59 § 2; 1980 c 18 § 1; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.65.405.]

Application—Effective date—Severability—1983 c 59: See notes following RCW 28A.505.010.

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

28A.505.030 District fiscal year. Beginning September 1, 1977 the fiscal year for all school districts shall be September 1 through August 31. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.65.410.]

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

28A.505.040 Budget—When prepared—Contents. On or before the tenth day of July in each year, all school districts shall prepare their budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget shall set forth the complete financial plan of the district for the ensuing fiscal year. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.65.415.]

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

28A.505.050 Budget—Notice of completion and of hearing—Copies for the public—ESD review, when. Upon completion of their budgets as provided in RCW 28A.505.040, every school district shall publish a notice stating that the district has completed the budget and placed the same on file in the school district administration office, that a copy thereof will be furnished any person who will call upon the district for it, and that the board of directors will meet for the purpose of fixing and adopting the budget of the district for the ensuing fiscal year. Such notice shall designate the date, time, and place of said meeting which shall occur no later than the thirty-first day of August for first class school districts, and the first day of August for second class school districts. The notice shall also state that

any person may appear thereat and be heard for or against any part of such budget. Said notice shall be published at least once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the district, or, if there be none, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties in which such district is a part. The last notice shall be published no later than seven days immediately prior to the hearing.

The district shall provide a sufficient number of copies of the budget to meet the reasonable demands of the public not later than July 20th in the first class school districts, and not later than July 15th in second class school districts. School districts shall submit one copy of their budget to their educational service districts for review and comment by these dates. [1990 c 33 § 417; 1983 c 59 § 3; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.65.420.]

Application—Effective date—Severability—1983 c 59: See notes following RCW 28A.505.010.

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

28A.505.060 Budget—Hearing and adoption of—Copies filed with ESD's. On the date given in said notice as provided in RCW 28A.505.050 the school district board of directors shall meet at the time and place designated. Any person may appear thereat and be heard for or against any part of such budget. Such hearing may be continued not to exceed a total of two days: PROVIDED, That the budget must be adopted no later than August 31st in first class school districts, and not later than August 1st in second class school districts.

Upon conclusion of the hearing, the board of directors shall fix and determine the appropriation from each fund contained in the budget separately, and shall by resolution adopt the budget and the appropriations as so finally determined, and enter the same in the official minutes of the board: PROVIDED, That first class school districts shall file copies of their adopted budget with their educational service district no later than September 3rd, and second class school districts shall forward copies of their adopted budget to their educational service district no later than August 3rd for review, alteration and approval as provided for in RCW 28A.505.070 by the budget review committee. [1990 c 33 § 418; 1983 c 59 § 4; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.65.425.]

Application—Effective date—Severability—1983 c 59: See notes following RCW 28A.505.010.

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

28A.505.070 Budget review committee—Members—Review of budget, limitations. The budget review committee shall fix and approve the amount of the appropriation from each fund of the budget of second class districts not later than August 31st. No budget review committee shall knowingly approve any budget or appropriation that is in violation of this chapter or rules and regulations adopted by the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with RCW 28A.505.140(1). A copy of said budget shall be returned to the local school districts no later than September 10th.

Members of the budget review committee as referred to in this section shall consist of the educational service district superintendent or a representative thereof, a member of the local school district board of directors or a representative thereof, and a representative of the superintendent of public instruction. [1990 c 33 § 419; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.65.430.]

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

28A.505.080 Budget—Disposition of copies. Copies of the budgets for all local school districts shall be filed with the superintendent of public instruction no later than September 10th. One copy will be retained by the educational service district. [1984 c 128 § 8; 1983 c 59 § 5; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.65.435.]

Application—Effective date—Severability—1983 c 59: See notes following RCW 28A.505.010.

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

28A.505.090 Budget—Format, classifications, mandatory. Every school district budget shall be prepared, submitted and adopted in the format prescribed by the office of the superintendent of public instruction. The budget classifications contained in said format shall be in accordance with the accounting manual for public school districts, published by the office of the superintendent of public instruction and the office of the state auditor. Budgets prepared and adopted in a format other than that prescribed by the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall not be official and will have no legal effect. [1983 c 59 § 6; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 9. Formerly RCW 28A.65.440.]

Application—Effective date—Severability—1983 c 59: See notes following RCW 28A.505.010.

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

28A.505.100 Budget—Contents—Display of salaries. The budget shall set forth the estimated revenues for the ensuing fiscal year, the estimated revenues for the fiscal year current at the time of budget preparation, the actual revenues for the last completed fiscal year, and the reserved and unreserved fund balances for each year. The estimated revenues from all sources for the ensuing fiscal year shall not include any revenue not anticipated to be available during that fiscal year: PROVIDED, That school districts, pursuant to RCW 28A.505.110 can be granted permission by the superintendent of public instruction to include as revenues in their budgets, receivables collectible in future fiscal years.

The budget shall set forth by detailed items or classes the estimated expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year, the estimated expenditures for the fiscal year current at the time of budget preparation, and the actual expenditures for the last completed fiscal year. Total salary amounts, full-time equivalents, and the high, low, and average annual salaries, shall be displayed by job classification within each budget classification. If individual salaries within each job classification are not displayed, districts shall provide the individual salaries together with the title or position of the recipient and

the total amounts of salary under each budget class upon request. Salary schedules shall be displayed. In districts where negotiations have not been completed, the district may budget the salaries at the current year's rate and restrict fund balance for the amount of anticipated increase in salaries, so long as an explanation shall be attached to the budget on such restriction of fund balance. [1990 c 33 § 420; 1983 c 59 § 7; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 10. Formerly RCW 28A.65.445.]

Application—Effective date—Severability—1983 c 59: See notes following RCW 28A.505.010.

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

28A.505.110 Budget—Including receivables collectible in future years—Limitations. When a school district board is unable to prepare a budget or budget extension pursuant to RCW 28A.505.170 or 28A.505.180 in which the estimated revenues for the budgeted fiscal year plus the estimated fund balance at the beginning of the budgeted fiscal year less the ending reserved fund balance for the budgeted fiscal year do not at least equal the estimated expenditures for the budgeted fiscal year, the school district board may deliver a petition in writing, at least twenty days before the budget or budget extension is scheduled for adoption, to the superintendent of public instruction requesting permission to include receivables collectible in future years, in order to balance the budget. If such permission is granted, it shall be in writing, and it shall contain conditions, binding on the district, designed to improve the district's financial condition. Any budget or appropriation adopted by the board of directors without written permission from the superintendent of public instruction that contains estimated expenditures in excess of the total of estimated revenue for the budgeted fiscal year plus estimated fund balance at the beginning of the budgeted fiscal year less ending reserve fund balance for the budgeted fiscal year shall be null and void and shall not be considered an appropriation. [1990 c 33 § 421; 1983 c 59 § 8; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 11. Formerly RCW 28A.65.450.]

Application—Effective date—Severability—1983 c 59: See notes following RCW 28A.505.010.

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

28A.505.120 Withholding state funds upon district noncompliance—Notice of. If a local school district fails to comply with any binding restrictions issued by the superintendent of public instruction, the allocation of state funds for support of the local school district may be withheld, pending an investigation of the reason for such noncompliance by the office of the superintendent of public instruction. Written notice of the intent to withhold state funds, with reasons stated for this action, shall be made to the school district by the office of the superintendent of public instruction before any portion of the state allocation is withheld. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 12. Formerly RCW 28A.65.455.]

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

28A.505.130 Budget—Requirements for balancing estimated expenditures. For each fund contained in the school district budget the estimated expenditures for the budgeted fiscal year must not be greater than the total of the estimated revenues for the budgeted fiscal year, the estimated fund balance at the beginning of the budgeted fiscal year less the estimated reserve fund balance at the end of the budgeted fiscal year, and the projected revenue from receivables collectible on future years as approved by the superintendent of public instruction for inclusion in the budget.

The proceeds of any interfund loan must not be used to balance the budget of the borrowing fund. [1983 c 59 § 9; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 13. Formerly RCW 28A.65.460.]

Application—Effective date—Severability—1983 c 59: See notes following RCW 28A.505.010.

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

28A.505.140 Rules and regulations for budgetary procedures—Review when superintendent determines budget irregularity—Revised budget, state board's financial plan until adoption. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the superintendent of public instruction is hereby directed to promulgate such rules and regulations as will insure proper budgetary procedures and practices, including monthly financial statements consistent with the provisions of RCW 43.09.200, and this chapter.

(2) If the superintendent of public instruction determines upon a review of the budget of any district that said budget does not comply with the budget procedures established by this chapter or by rules and regulations promulgated by the superintendent of public instruction, or the provisions of RCW 43.09.200, the superintendent shall give written notice of this determination to the board of directors of the local school district.

(3) The local school district, notwithstanding any other provision of law, shall, within thirty days from the date the superintendent of public instruction issues a notice pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, submit a revised budget which meets the requirements of RCW 43.09.200, this chapter, and the rules and regulations of the superintendent of public instruction: PROVIDED, That if the district fails or refuses to submit a revised budget which in the determination of the superintendent of public instruction meets the requirements of RCW 43.09.200, this chapter, and the rules and regulations of the superintendent of public instruction, the matter shall be submitted to the state board of education, which board shall meet and adopt a financial plan which shall be in effect until a budget can be adopted and submitted by the district in compliance with this section. [1990 c 33 § 422; 1983 c 59 § 10; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 14. Formerly RCW 28A.65.465.]

Application—Effective date—Severability—1983 c 59: See notes following RCW 28A.505.010.

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

28A.505.150 Budgeted expenditures as appropriations—Interim expenditures—Transfer between budget classes—Liability for nonbudgeted expenditures. Total

budgeted expenditures for each fund as adopted in the budget of a school district shall constitute the appropriations of the district for the ensuing fiscal year and the board of directors shall be limited in the incurring of expenditures to the grand total of such appropriations. The board of directors shall incur no expenditures for any purpose in excess of the appropriation for each fund: PROVIDED, That no board of directors shall be prohibited from incurring expenditures for the payment of regular employees, for the necessary repairs and upkeep of the school plant, for the purchase of books and supplies, and for their participation in joint purchasing agencies authorized in RCW 28A.320.080 during the interim while the budget is being settled under RCW 28A.505.140: PROVIDED FURTHER, That transfers between budget classes may be made by the school district's chief administrative officer or finance officer, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the school district board of directors.

Directors, officers or employees who knowingly or negligently violate or participate in a violation of this section by the incurring of expenditures in excess of any appropriation(s) shall be held civilly liable, jointly and severally, for such expenditures in excess of such appropriation(s), including consequential damages following therefrom, for each such violation. If as a result of any civil or criminal action the violation is found to have been done knowingly, such director, officer, or employee who is found to have participated in such breach shall immediately forfeit his or her office or employment, and the judgment in any such action shall so provide.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the duty of the attorney general to carry out the provisions of RCW 43.09.260, as now or hereafter amended. [1990 c 33 § 423; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 15. Formerly RCW 28A.65.470.]

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

28A.505.160 Appropriations lapse at end of fiscal year—Exception. All appropriations for any school district upon which their budget is based shall lapse at the end of the fiscal year. At the expiration of said period all appropriations shall become null and void and any claim presented thereafter against any such appropriation for the fiscal year just closed shall be provided for in the appropriation for the next fiscal year: PROVIDED, That this shall not prevent payments upon incompleting improvements in progress at the close of the fiscal year. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 16. Formerly RCW 28A.65.475.]

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

28A.505.170 First class school districts—Emergency or additional appropriation resolutions—Procedure. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, upon the happening of any emergency in first class school districts caused by fire, flood, explosion, storm, earthquake, epidemic, riot, insurrection, or for the restoration to a condition of usefulness of any school district property, the usefulness of which has been destroyed by accident, and no provision has been made for such expenditures in the adopted appropri-

ation, the board of directors, upon the adoption by the vote of the majority of all board members of a resolution stating the facts constituting the emergency, may make an appropriation therefor without notice or hearing.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if in first class districts it becomes necessary to increase the amount of the appropriation, and if the reason is not one of the emergencies specifically enumerated in subsection (1) of this section, the school district board of directors, before incurring expenditures in excess of the appropriation, shall adopt a resolution stating the facts and the estimated amount of appropriation to meet it.

Such resolution shall be voted on at a public meeting, notice to be given in the manner provided in RCW 28A.505.050. Its introduction and passage shall require the vote of a majority of all members of the school district board of directors.

Any person may appear at the meeting at which the appropriation resolution is to be voted on and be heard for or against the adoption thereof.

Copies of all adopted appropriation resolutions shall be filed with the educational service district who shall forward one copy each to the office of the superintendent of public instruction. One copy shall be retained by the educational service district. [1990 c 33 § 424; 1984 c 128 § 9; 1983 c 59 § 11; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 17. Formerly RCW 28A.65.480.]

Application—Effective date—Severability—1983 c 59: See notes following RCW 28A.505.010.

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

28A.505.180 Second class school districts—Additional appropriation resolutions—Procedure. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if a second class school district needs to increase the amount of the appropriation from any fund for any reason, the school district board of directors, before incurring expenditures in excess of appropriation, shall adopt a resolution stating the facts and estimating the amount of additional appropriation needed.

Such resolution shall be voted on at a public meeting, notice to be given in the manner provided by RCW 28A.505.050. Its introduction and passage shall require the vote of a majority of all members of the school district board of directors.

Any person may appear at the meeting at which the appropriation resolution is to be voted on and be heard for or against the adoption thereof.

Upon passage of the appropriation resolution the school district shall petition the superintendent of public instruction for approval to increase the amount of its appropriations in the manner prescribed in rules and regulations for such approval by the superintendent.

Copies of all appropriation resolutions approved by the superintendent of public instruction shall be filed by the office of the superintendent of public instruction with the educational service district. [1990 c 33 § 425; 1984 c 128 § 10; 1983 c 59 § 12; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 18. Formerly RCW 28A.65.485.]

Application—Effective date—Severability—1983 c 59: See notes following RCW 28A.505.010.

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

July	10.0%
August	10.0%

28A.505.200 Repayment of federal moneys—Federal disallowance determination. Each school district that receives federal moneys from or through the superintendent of public instruction shall comply with applicable federal requirements and shall repay expenditures subsequently disallowed by the federal government together with such interest as may be assessed by the federal government. Once a federal disallowance determination, decision, or order becomes final respecting federal moneys expended by a school district, the superintendent of public instruction may withhold all or a portion of the annual basic education allocation amounts otherwise due and apportionable to the school district as necessary to facilitate payment of the principal and interest to the federal government. The superintendent of public instruction may pay withheld basic education allocation moneys:

(1) To the school district before the close of the biennium and following the school district's repayment of moneys due the federal government, or the school district's commitment to an acceptable repayment plan, or both; or

(2) To the federal government, subject to the reappropriation of the withheld basic education allocation, moneys for the purpose of payment to the federal government.

No withholding of basic education allocation moneys may occur under this subsection until the superintendent of public instruction has first determined that the withholding should not substantially impair the school district's financial ability to provide the basic education program offerings required by statute. [1990 c 103 § 1.]

The annual amount due and apportionable shall be the amount apportionable for all apportionment credits estimated to accrue to the schools during the apportionment year beginning September first and continuing through August thirty-first. Appropriations made for school districts for each year of a biennium shall be apportioned according to the schedule set forth in this section for the fiscal year starting September 1st of the then calendar year and ending August 31st of the next calendar year. The apportionment from the state general fund for each month shall be an amount which will equal the amount due and apportionable to the several educational service districts during such month: **PROVIDED,** That any school district may petition the superintendent of public instruction for an emergency advance of funds which may become apportionable to it but not to exceed ten percent of the total amount to become due and apportionable during the school districts apportionment year. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine if the emergency warrants such advance and if the funds are available therefor. If the superintendent determines in the affirmative, he or she may approve such advance and, at the same time, add such an amount to the apportionment for the educational service district in which the school district is located: **PROVIDED,** That the emergency advance of funds and the interest earned by school districts on the investment of temporary cash surpluses resulting from obtaining such advance of state funds shall be deducted by the superintendent of public instruction from the remaining amount apportionable to said districts during that apportionment year in which the funds are advanced. [1990 c 33 § 426; 1982 c 136 § 1; 1981 c 282 § 1; 1981 c 5 § 32; 1980 c 6 § 5; 1979 ex.s. c 237 § 1; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 27; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 67; 1974 ex.s. c 89 § 1; 1972 ex.s. c 146 § 1; 1970 ex.s. c 15 § 15. Prior: 1969 ex.s. c 184 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 108; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.48.010; prior: 1965 ex.s. c 162 § 1; 1959 c 276 § 3; prior: 1945 c 141 § 3, part; 1923 c 96 § 1; 1911 c 118 § 1; 1909 c 97 p 312 §§ 1, 2, 3; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 4940-3, part. Formerly RCW 28A.48.010, 28.48.010.]

Chapter 28A.510

APPORTIONMENT TO DISTRICT—DISTRICT ACCOUNTING

Sections

28A.510.250	By state superintendent.
28A.510.260	Distribution by ESD superintendent.
28A.510.270	County treasurer's duties.

28A.510.250 By state superintendent. On or before the last business day of September 1969 and each month thereafter, the superintendent of public instruction shall apportion from the state general fund to the several educational service districts of the state the proportional share of the total annual amount due and apportionable to such educational service districts for the school districts thereof as follows:

September	9%
October	9%
November	5.5%
December	9%
January	9%
February	9%
March	9%
April	9%
May	5.5%
June	6.0%

Certain 1982-83 school year monthly payments delayed—Interest—1982 c 136: "For the 1982-83 school year, one-half of the September, October, March, and April payments under RCW 28A.48.010 shall be made on the last business day of the respective month and the remainder on the fifteenth day of the following month. Interest shall be paid on the amounts deferred under this section at the rate for state interfund loans as established by the state finance committee." [1982 c 136 § 2.]

Effective date—1982 c 136: "Section 3 of this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [April 1, 1982]. The remainder to [of] this act shall take effect September 1, 1982." [1982 c 136 § 5.]

Severability—1980 c 6: See note following RCW 28A.515.320.

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

Effective date—1972 ex.s. c 146: "This 1972 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and section 1 shall take effect July 1, 1972, and section 2 shall take effect immediately [February 25, 1972]." [1972 ex.s. c 146 § 3.]

Severability—1970 ex.s. c 15: See note following RCW 28A.230.160.

Student transportation allocation—Notice—Revised eligible student data, when—Allocation payments, amounts, when: RCW 28A.160.190.

Student transportation vehicle acquisition allocation—Reimbursement schedule—Depreciation schedule: RCW 28A.160.200.

28A.510.260 Distribution by ESD superintendent.

Upon receiving the certificate of apportionment from the superintendent of public instruction the educational service district superintendent shall promptly apportion to the school districts of his or her educational service district the amounts then due and apportionable to such districts as certified by the superintendent of public instruction. [1990 c 33 § 427; 1983 c 56 § 5; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 68; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 109; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.48.030. Prior: 1965 ex.s. c 162 § 2; 1945 c 141 § 9; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 4940-8. Formerly RCW 28A.48.030, 28.48.030.]

Severability—1983 c 56: See note following RCW 28A.195.010.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.510.270 County treasurer's duties. The county treasurer of each county of this state shall be ex officio treasurer of the several school districts of their respective counties, and, except as otherwise provided by law, it shall be the duty of each county treasurer:

(1) To receive and hold all moneys belonging to such school districts, and to pay them only for legally authorized obligations of the district.

(2) To prepare and submit to each school district superintendent in the county a written report of the state of the finances of such district on the first day of each month, which report shall be submitted not later than the seventh business day of the month, which report shall contain the balance on hand the first of the preceding month, the funds paid in, warrants paid with interest thereon, if any, the number of warrants issued and not paid, and the balance on hand.

(3) The treasurer of each county shall submit a statement of all canceled warrants of districts to the respective school district superintendents. The canceled warrants of each district shall be preserved separately and shall at all times be open to inspection by the school district superintendent or by any authorized accountant of such district. [1991 c 245 § 2; 1990 c 33 § 428; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118 § 28; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 73; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 114; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.48.100. Prior: 1911 c 85 § 1; 1909 c 97 p 309 § 1; RRS § 4867; prior: 1907 c 240 § 8; 1897 c 118 § 59; 1893 c 109 § 8; 1891 c 127 § 27; 1890 p 380 § 71; 1886 p 26 § 83; Code 1881 § 3236. Formerly RCW 28A.48.100, 28.48.100.]

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 118: See note following RCW 28A.505.010.

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

Chapter 28A.515

COMMON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUND

Sections

28A.515.300	Permanent common school fund—Sources—Use.
28A.515.310	Certain losses to permanent common school fund or other state educational funds as funded debt against state.
28A.515.320	Common school construction fund—Sources—Use—Excess moneys in, availability, repayment.

28A.515.300 Permanent common school fund—Sources—Use. The principal of the common school fund as the same existed on June 30, 1965, shall remain permanent and irreducible. The said fund shall consist of the principal amount thereof existing on June 30, 1965, and such additions thereto as may be derived after June 30, 1965, from the following named sources, to wit: Appropriations and donations by the state to this fund; donations and bequests by individuals to the state or public for common schools; the proceeds of lands and other property which revert to the state by escheat and forfeiture; the proceeds of all property granted to the state, when the purpose of the grant is not specified, or is uncertain; funds accumulated in the treasury of the state for the disbursement of which provision has not been made by law; the proceeds of the sale of stone, minerals or property other than timber and other crops from school and state lands, other than those granted for specific purposes; all moneys received from persons appropriating stone, minerals or property other than timber and other crops from school and state lands other than those granted for specific purposes, and all moneys other than rental, recovered from persons trespassing on said lands; five percent of the proceeds of the sale of public lands lying within the state, which shall be sold by the United States subsequent to the admission of the state into the Union as approved by section 13 of the act of congress enabling the admission of the state into the Union; the principal of all funds arising from the sale of lands and other property which have been, and hereafter may be, granted to the state for the support of common schools and such other funds as may be provided by legislative enactment. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.40.010. Prior: 1967 c 29 § 1; 1909 c 97 p 320 § 1; RRS § 4932; prior: 1897 c 118 § 109; 1890 p 373 § 50; 1886 p 20 § 57, part; Code 1881 § 3210, part; 1873 p 421 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.40.010, 28.40.010.]

Banks and trust companies, liquidation and winding up dividends unclaimed deposited in: RCW 30.44.150, 30.44.180.
personal property, proceeds deposited in: RCW 30.44.220.

Enlargement of, legislature may provide: State Constitution Art. 9 § 3 (Amendment 43).

Escheated estates deposited in: RCW 11.08.210.

Game and game fish lands

payments to in lieu of property taxes: RCW 77.12.203.

withdrawn from lease, payment of amount of lease into: RCW 77.12.360.

Interest deposited in current state school fund used for current expenses: State Constitution Art. 9 § 3 (Amendment 43).

Investment of permanent common school fund: State Constitution Art. 16 § 5 (Amendment 44).

Lands set aside and permanent funds established: Enabling act §§ 10 through 25.

Losses occasioned by default, fraud, etc., to become permanent debt against state: State Constitution Art. 9 § 5.

Permanent and irreducible: State Constitution Art. 9 § 3 (Amendment 43), RCW 28A.515.300.

Safe deposit box contents

*rent unpaid, sale, proceeds deposited in: RCW 22.28.040.
unclaimed after liquidation and winding up of bank or trust company,
proceeds from sale deposited in: RCW 30.44.220.*

School funds enumerated—Deposits—Uses: RCW 28A.320.330.

State land

*acquired, lease and sale of, disposition of proceeds: RCW 79.01.612.
withdrawn for game purposes, payment of amount of lease into: RCW
77.12.360.*

28A.515.310 Certain losses to permanent common school fund or other state educational funds as funded debt against state. All losses to the permanent common school or any other state educational fund, which shall be occasioned by defalcation, mismanagement or fraud of the agents or officers controlling or managing the same, shall be audited by the proper authorities of the state. The amount so audited shall be a permanent funded debt against the state in favor of the particular fund sustaining such loss, upon which not less than six percent annual interest shall be paid. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.40.020. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 321 § 2; RRS § 4933; prior: 1897 c 118 § 110, part; 1890 p 373 § 51, part. Formerly RCW 28A.40.020, 28.40.020.]

28A.515.320 Common school construction fund—Sources—Use—Excess moneys in, availability, repayment. The common school construction fund is to be used exclusively for the purpose of financing the construction of facilities for the common schools. The sources of said fund shall be: (1) Those proceeds derived from sale or appropriation of timber and other crops from school and state land other than those granted for specific purposes; (2) the interest accruing on the permanent common school fund less the allocations to the state treasurer's service account [fund] pursuant to RCW 43.08.190 and the state investment board expense account pursuant to RCW 43.33A.160 together with all rentals and other revenue derived therefrom and from land and other property devoted to the permanent common school fund; (3) all moneys received by the state from the United States under the provisions of section 191, Title 30, United States Code, Annotated, and under section 810, chapter 12, Title 16, (Conservation), United States Code, Annotated, except moneys received before June 30, 2001, and when thirty megawatts of geothermal power is certified as commercially available by the receiving utilities and the state energy office, eighty percent of such moneys, under the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 pursuant to RCW 43.140.030; and (4) such other sources as the legislature may direct. That portion of the common school construction fund derived from interest on the permanent common school fund may be used to retire such bonds as may be authorized by law for the purpose of financing the construction of facilities for the common schools.

The interest accruing on the permanent common school fund less the allocations to the state treasurer's service account [fund] pursuant to RCW 43.08.190 and the state investment board expense account pursuant to RCW 43.33A.160 together with all rentals and other revenues accruing thereto pursuant to subsection (2) of this section prior to July 1, 1967, shall be exclusively applied to the current use of the common schools.

To the extent that the moneys in the common school construction fund are in excess of the amount necessary to allow fulfillment of the purpose of said fund, the excess shall be available for deposit to the credit of the permanent common school fund or available for the current use of the common schools, as the legislature may direct. Any money from the common school construction fund which is made available for the current use of the common schools shall be restored to the fund by appropriation, including interest income foregone, before the end of the next fiscal biennium following such use. [1991 sp.s. c 13 § 58; 1991 c 76 § 2; 1981 c 158 § 6; 1981 c 4 § 1; 1980 c 6 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.40.100. Prior: 1967 c 29 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.40.100, 28.40.100.]

Effective dates—Severability—1991 sp.s. c 13: See notes following RCW 18.08.240.

Severability—1981 c 4: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1981 c 4 § 10.]

Severability—1980 c 6: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1980 c 6 § 8.]

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Chapter 28A.520

FOREST RESERVE FUNDS DISTRIBUTION

Sections

28A.520.010	Distribution of forest reserve funds—Procedure—Proportional county area distribution, when.
28A.520.020	Distribution of forest reserve funds—Revolving account created—Use—Apportionments from—As affects basic education allocation.

28A.520.010 Distribution of forest reserve funds—Procedure—Proportional county area distribution, when. Of the moneys received by the state from the federal government in accordance with Title 16, section 500, United States Code, fifty percent shall be spent by the counties on public schools or public roads, and fifty percent shall be spent by the counties on public schools as provided in RCW 28A.520.020(2), or for any other purposes as now or hereafter authorized by federal law, in the counties in the United States forest reserve from which such moneys were received. Where the reserve is situated in more than one county, the state treasurer shall determine the proportional area of the counties therein. The state treasurer is authorized and required to obtain the necessary information to enable him or her to make that determination.

The state treasurer shall distribute to the counties, according to the determined proportional area, the money to be spent by the counties. The county legislative authority shall expend the fifty percent received by the county for the benefit of the public roads or public schools of the county, or for any other purposes as now or hereafter authorized by federal law. [1990 c 33 § 429; 1985 c 311 § 1; 1982 c 126 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.02.300.]

Effective date—1982 c 126: "This act shall take effect July 1, 1983." [1982 c 126 § 5.]

Severability—1982 c 126: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1982 c 126 § 4.]

28A.520.020 Distribution of forest reserve funds—Revolving account created—Use—Apportionments from—As affects basic education allocation. (1) There shall be a fund known as the federal forest revolving account. The state treasurer, who shall be custodian of the revolving account, shall deposit into the revolving account the funds for each county received by the state in accordance with Title 16, section 500, United States Code. The state treasurer shall distribute these moneys to the counties according to the determined proportional area. The county legislative authority shall expend fifty percent of the money for the benefit of the public roads and other public purposes as authorized by federal statute or public schools of such county and not otherwise. Disbursements by the counties of the remaining fifty percent of the money shall be as authorized by the superintendent of public instruction, or the superintendent's designee, and shall occur in the manner provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) No later than thirty days following receipt of the funds from the federal government, the superintendent of public instruction shall apportion moneys distributed to counties for schools to public school districts in the respective counties in proportion to the number of full time equivalent students enrolled in each public school district to the number of full time equivalent students enrolled in public schools in the county. In apportioning these funds, the superintendent of public instruction shall utilize the October enrollment count.

(3) If the amount received by any public school district pursuant to subsection (2) of this section is less than the basic education allocation to which the district would otherwise be entitled, the superintendent of public instruction shall apportion to the district, in the manner provided by RCW 28A.510.250, an amount which shall be the difference between the amount received pursuant to subsection (2) of this section and the basic education allocation to which the district would otherwise be entitled.

(4) All federal forest funds shall be expended in accordance with the requirements of Title 16, section 500, United States Code, as now existing or hereafter amended. [1991 sp.s. c 13 § 113; 1990 c 33 § 430; 1985 c 311 § 2; 1982 c 126 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.02.310.]

Effective dates—Severability—1991 sp.s. c 13: See notes following RCW 18.08.240.

Effective date—Severability—1982 c 126: See notes following RCW 28A.520.010.

Chapter 28A.525 BOND ISSUES

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provisions be enacted for the purpose of establishing and providing for the operation of a program of state assistance to school districts in providing school plant facilities. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.47.050. Prior: 1947 c 278 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4940-12. Formerly RCW 28A.47.050, 28.47.050.]

28A.525.020 Duties of state board of education.

The state board of education shall have the power and it shall be its duty (1) to prescribe rules and regulations governing the administration, control, terms, conditions, and disbursements of allotments to school districts to assist them in providing school plant facilities; (2) to approve allotments to districts that apply for state assistance whenever the board deems such action advisable and in so doing to give due consideration to the findings, reports, and recommendations of the superintendent of public instruction pertaining thereto; (3) to authorize the payment of approved allotments by warrant of the state treasurer; and (4) in the event that the amount of state assistance applied for exceeds the funds available for such assistance during any biennium, to make allotments on the basis of the urgency of need for school facilities in the districts that apply for assistance and/or to prorate allotments among such districts in conformity with procedures and regulations applicable thereto which shall be established by the state board. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.47.060. Prior: 1947 c 278 § 2; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4940-13. Formerly RCW 28A.47.060, 28.47.060.]

28A.525.030 Modernization of existing school facilities. Whenever funds are appropriated for modernization of existing school facilities, the state board of education is authorized to approve the use of such funds for modernization of existing facilities, modernization being limited to major structural changes in such facilities and, as necessary to bring such facilities into compliance with the handicapped access requirements of section 504 of the federal rehabilitation act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 706) and rules implementing the act, both major and minor structural changes, and may include as incidental thereto the replacement of fixtures, fittings, furnishings and service systems of a building in order to bring it up to a contemporary state consistent with the needs of changing educational programs. The allocation of such funds shall be made upon the same basis as funds used for the financing of a new school plant project utilized for a similar purpose. [1980 c 154 § 17; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.47.073. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 21 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.47.073, 28.47.073.]

Purpose—Effective dates—Savings—Disposition of certain funds—Severability—1980 c 154: See notes following chapter 82.45 RCW digest.

28A.525.040 Portable buildings or classrooms. State matching funds shall not be denied to any school district undertaking any construction, repairs or improvements for school district purposes solely on the ground that said construction, repairs and improvements are in connection with portable buildings or classrooms. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.47.075. Prior: 1953 c 158 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.47.075, 28.47.075.]

28A.525.010 Statement of intent. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legislature that the following

28A.525.050 Applications for aid—Rules and regulations—Recommendations. All applications by school districts for state assistance in providing school plant facilities shall be made to the superintendent of public instruction in conformity with rules and regulations which shall be prescribed by the state board of education. Studies and surveys shall be conducted by the aforesaid officer for the purpose of securing information relating to (1) the kind and extent of the school plant facilities required and the urgency of need for such facilities in districts that seek state assistance, (2) the ability of such districts to provide capital outlay funds by local effort, (3) the need for improvement of school administrative units and school attendance areas among or within such districts, and (4) any other pertinent matters. Recommendations respecting action on the aforesaid applications shall be submitted to the state board of education by the superintendent of public instruction together with such reports of the findings, studies, and surveys made by said officer as may be required by the state board. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.47.080. Prior: 1947 c 278 § 4; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4940-15. Formerly RCW 28A.47.080, 28.47.080.]

28A.525.055 New construction—Eligibility for state assistance—Inventory assessment exclusion. The state board of education, for purposes of determining eligibility for state assistance for new construction, shall adopt rules excluding from the inventory of available educational space those spaces that have been constructed for educational and community activities from grants received from other public or private entities. [1994 c 219 § 11.]

Finding—1994 c 219: See note following RCW 43.88.030.

28A.525.060 Manual—Contents—Preparation and revision. It shall be the duty of the superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the Washington state department of social and health services, to prepare, and so often as the superintendent deems necessary revise, a manual for the information and guidance of local school district authorities and others responsible for and concerned with the designing, planning, maintenance, and operation of school plant facilities for the common schools. In the preparation and revision of the aforesaid manual due consideration shall be given to the presentation of information regarding (1) the need for cooperative state-local district action in planning school plant facilities arising out of the cooperative plan for financing said facilities provided for in RCW 28A.525.010 through 28A.525.080 and 28A.335.230; (2) procedures in inaugurating and conducting a school plant planning program for a school district; (3) standards for use in determining the selection and development of school sites and in designing, planning, and constructing school buildings to the end that the health, safety, and educational well-being and development of school children will be served; (4) the planning of readily expansible and flexible school buildings to meet the requirements of an increasing school population and a constantly changing educational program; (5) an acceptable school building maintenance program and the necessity therefor; (6) the relationship of an efficient school building operations service to the health and educational progress of pupils; and (7) any other matters regarded by the aforesaid

officer as pertinent or related to the purposes and requirements of RCW 28A.525.010 through 28A.525.080 and 28A.335.230. [1990 c 33 § 431; 1979 c 141 § 36; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.47.090. Prior: 1947 c 278 § 5; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4940-16. Formerly RCW 28A.47.090, 28.47.090.]

28A.525.070 State superintendent to assist districts and state board. The superintendent of public instruction shall furnish (1) to school districts seeking state assistance consultatory and advisory service in connection with the development of school building programs and the planning of school plant facilities for such district, and (2) to the state board of education such service as may be required by the board in the exercise of the powers and the performance of the duties vested in and required to be performed by the board. [1985 c 136 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.47.100. Prior: 1947 c 278 § 6; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4940-17. Formerly RCW 28A.47.100, 28.47.100.]

28A.525.080 Federal grants—Rules and regulations. Insofar as is permissible under acts of congress, funds made available by the federal government for the purpose of assisting school districts in providing school plant facilities shall be made available to such districts in conformity with rules and regulations which the state board of education shall establish. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.47.120. Prior: 1947 c 278 § 8; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 4940-19. Formerly RCW 28A.47.120, 28.47.120.]

28A.525.120 1967 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Authorized—Sale, conditions—Form, terms, etc. For the purpose of furnishing funds for state assistance to school districts in providing common school plant facilities and modernization of existing common school plant facilities, there shall be issued and sold limited obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of twenty-two million dollars to be paid and discharged in accordance with terms to be established by the finance committee. The issuance, sale and retirement of said bonds shall be under the general supervision and control of the state finance committee: **PROVIDED**, That no part of the twenty-two million dollar bond issue shall be sold unless there are insufficient funds in the common school construction fund to meet appropriations authorized by RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.134 as evidenced by a joint agreement entered into between the governor and the superintendent of public instruction.

The state finance committee is authorized to prescribe the forms of such bonds; the provisions of sale of all or any portion or portions of such bonds; the terms, provisions, and covenants of said bonds, and the sale, issuance and redemption thereof. The covenants of said bonds may include but not be limited to a covenant for the creation, maintenance and replenishment of a reserve account or accounts within the common school building bond redemption fund of 1967 to secure the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, into which it shall be pledged there will be paid, from the same sources pledged for the payment of such principal and interest, such amounts at such times which in the opinion of the state finance committee are necessary for the

most advantageous sale of said bonds; a covenant that additional bonds which may be authorized by the legislature payable out of the same source or sources may be issued on a parity with the bonds authorized in RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.134 upon compliance with such conditions as the state finance committee may deem necessary to effect the most advantageous sale of the bonds authorized in RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.134 and such additional bonds; and if found reasonably necessary by the state finance committee to accomplish the most advantageous sale of the bonds authorized herein or any issue or series thereof, such committee may select a trustee for the owners and holders of such bonds or issue or series thereof and shall fix the rights, duties, powers and obligations of such trustee. The money in such reserve account or accounts and in such common school construction fund may be invested in any investments that are legal for the permanent common school fund of the state, and any interest earned on or profits realized from the sale of any such investments shall be deposited in such common school building bond redemption fund of 1967. None of the bonds herein authorized shall be sold for less than the par value thereof.

The committee may provide that the bonds, or any of them, may be called prior to the maturity date thereof under such terms, conditions, and provisions as it may determine and may authorize the use of facsimile signatures in the issuance of such bonds and upon any coupons attached thereto. Such bonds shall be payable at such places as the state finance committee may provide. [1990 c 33 § 440; 1970 ex.s. c 15 § 26; 1969 c 77 § 4; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.47.784. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 56 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.47.784.]

Severability—1970 ex.s. c 15: See note following RCW 28A.230.160.

28A.525.122 1967 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Common school building construction account—Created—Proceeds from bond sale deposited in—Use. The common school building construction account of the general fund is hereby created as an account of the general fund and the proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.134 shall be deposited therein and shall be used exclusively for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.134 and for payment of the expense incurred in the printing, issuance and sale of such bonds. [1990 c 33 § 441; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.47.785. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 56 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.47.785, 28.47.785.]

28A.525.124 1967 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Bonds not general obligation of state—Bonds, interest on, source for payment of—Pledge. Bonds issued under the provisions of RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.134 shall distinctly state that they are not a general obligation bond of the state, but are payable in the manner provided in RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.134 from that portion of the common school construction fund derived from the interest on the permanent common school fund. That portion of the common school construction fund derived from interest on

the permanent common school fund is hereby pledged to the payment of any bonds and the interest thereon issued under the provisions of RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.134. [1990 c 33 § 442; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.47.786. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 56 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.47.786, 28.47.786.]

Common school construction fund: Chapter 28A.515 RCW.

28A.525.126 1967 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Common school building bond redemption fund of 1967—Created—Use—Transfer of funds to—Prior charge against certain common school construction fund moneys. The common school building bond redemption fund of 1967 is hereby created in the state treasury which fund shall be exclusively devoted to the retirement of the bonds and interest authorized by RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.134 and to the retirement of and payment of interest on any additional bonds which may be issued on a parity therewith. The state finance committee shall, on or before June thirtieth of each year, certify to the state treasurer the amount needed in the ensuing twelve months to meet reserve account payments, interest payments on and retirement of bonds payable out of such common school building bond redemption fund of 1967. On July first of each year the state treasurer shall transfer such amount to the common school building bond redemption fund of 1967 from moneys in the common school construction fund certified by the state finance committee to be interest on the permanent common school fund and such amount certified by the state finance committee to the state treasurer shall be a prior charge against that portion of the common school construction fund derived from interest on the permanent common school fund.

The owner and holder of each of said bonds or the trustee for any of the bonds may by mandamus or other appropriate proceeding require and compel the transfer and payment of funds as directed herein. [1990 c 33 § 443; 1969 c 77 § 5; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.47.787. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 56 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.47.787.]

28A.525.128 1967 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Legislature may provide additional means of revenue—General credit of state not pledged. The legislature may provide additional means for raising funds for the payment of interest and principal of the bonds authorized by RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.134 from any source or sources not prohibited by the state Constitution and RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.134 shall not be deemed to provide an exclusive method of payment. The power given to the legislature by this section is permissive and shall not be construed to constitute a pledge of general credit of the state of Washington. [1990 c 33 § 444; 1969 c 77 § 6; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.47.788. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 56 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.47.788.]

28A.525.130 1967 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Bonds are negotiable, legal investment and security. The bonds authorized in RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.134 shall be fully negotiable instruments and shall be legal investment

for all state funds or for funds under state control and all funds of municipal corporations, and shall be legal security for all state, county and municipal deposits. [1990 c 33 § 445; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.47.789. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 56 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.47.789, 28.47.789.]

28A.525.132 1967 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Allotment of funds appropriated from common school building construction account or common school construction fund—Local responsibility—Duties, rules and regulations of state board of education. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.134 funds appropriated to the state board of education from the common school building construction account of the general fund or the common school construction fund shall be allotted by the state board of education in accordance with the provisions of *RCW 28A.47.732 through 28A.47.748: PROVIDED, That no allotment shall be made to a school district for the purpose aforesaid until such district has provided funds for school building construction purposes through the issuance of bonds or through the authorization of excess tax levies or both in an amount equivalent to ten percent of its taxable valuation or such amount as may be required by the state board of education. The state board of education shall prescribe and make effective such rules and regulations as are necessary to equate insofar as possible the efforts made by school districts to provide capital funds by the means aforesaid. [1990 c 33 § 446; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.47.790. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 56 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.47.790, 28.47.790.]

*Reviser's note: RCW 28A.47.732 through 28A.47.748 were repealed by 1983 c 189 § 1.

28A.525.134 1967 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Appropriations to state board of education—Allocation of, limitations. There is hereby appropriated to the state board of education the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.134: (1) Twenty-two million dollars from the common school building construction account and (2) twenty-nine million seven hundred forty-four thousand five hundred and fifty-four dollars from the common school construction fund including three million for modernization of existing school facilities.

In accordance with RCW 28A.525.132, the state board of education is authorized to allocate for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.134 the sum of sixty-three million nine hundred thousand dollars: PROVIDED, That expenditures against such allocation shall not exceed the amount appropriated in this section: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no part of the allocation provided in this section in excess of the total amount appropriated by RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.134 shall be allocated unless joint agreement of its necessity shall be determined by the governor and the superintendent of public instruction. [1990 c 33 § 447; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.47.791. Prior: 1967 ex.s. c 56 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.47.791, 28.47.791.]

28A.525.140 1969 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Authorized—Sale, conditions—Form, terms. For the purpose of furnishing funds for state assistance to school districts in providing common school plant facilities and modernization of existing common school plant facilities, there shall be issued and sold general obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of twenty-two million five hundred thousand dollars to be paid and discharged in accordance with terms to be established by the state finance committee. The issuance, sale and retirement of said bonds shall be under the general supervision and control of the state finance committee: PROVIDED, That no part of the twenty-six million four hundred thousand dollar bond issue shall be sold unless there are insufficient funds in the common school construction fund to meet appropriations authorized by RCW 28A.525.140 through 28A.525.154 as evidenced by a joint agreement entered into between the governor and the superintendent of public instruction.

The state finance committee is authorized to prescribe the forms of such bonds; the provisions of sale of all or any portion or portions of such bonds; the terms, provisions, and covenants of said bonds, and the sale, issuance and redemption thereof. The covenants of said bonds may include but not be limited to a covenant for the creation, maintenance and replenishment of a reserve account or accounts within the common school building bond redemption fund of 1967 to secure the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, into which it shall be pledged there will be paid, from the same sources pledged for the payment of such principal and interest, such amounts at such times which in the opinion of the state finance committee are necessary for the most advantageous sale of said bonds; a covenant that additional bonds which may be authorized by the legislature payable out of the same source or sources may be issued on a parity with the bonds authorized in RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.134 and 28A.525.140 through 28A.525.154 upon compliance with such conditions as the state finance committee may deem necessary to effect the most advantageous sale of the bonds authorized in RCW 28A.525.140 through 28A.525.154 and such additional bonds; and if found reasonably necessary by the state finance committee to accomplish the most advantageous sale of the bonds authorized herein or any issue or series thereof, such committee may select a trustee for the owners and holders of such bonds or issue or series thereof and shall fix the rights, duties, powers and obligations of such trustee. The money in such reserve account or accounts and in such common school construction fund may be invested in any investments that are legal for the permanent common school fund of the state, and any interest earned on or profits realized from the sale of any such investments shall be deposited in such common school building bond redemption fund of 1967. None of the bonds herein authorized shall be sold for less than the par value thereof.

The committee may provide that the bonds, or any of them, may be called prior to the maturity date thereof under such terms, conditions, and provisions as it may determine and may authorize the use of facsimile signatures in the issuance of such bonds and upon any coupons attached thereto. Such bonds shall be payable at such places as the state finance committee may provide. [1990 c 33 § 448;

1985 ex.s. c 4 § 11; 1974 ex.s. c 108 § 1; 1971 ex.s. c 4 § 1; 1969 c 13 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.47.792, 28.47.792.]

Severability—1985 ex.s. c 4: See RCW 43.99G.900.

Severability—1969 c 13: "If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this 1969 act shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such 1969 act shall not affect nor impair the validity or constitutionality of any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this 1969 act. It is hereby declared that had any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word as to which this 1969 act is declared invalid been eliminated from the act at the time the same was considered, the act would have nevertheless been enacted with such portions eliminated." [1969 c 13 § 9.]

Rescinding authority to issue balance of bonds authorized under RCW 28A.525.140 through 28A.525.154: RCW 28A.525.158.

28A.525.142 1969 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Proceeds from bond sale deposited in common school building construction account—Use. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized herein shall be deposited in the common school building construction account of the general fund and shall be used exclusively for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of *RCW 28A.47.742 through 28A.47.748, and for payment of the expense incurred in the printing, issuance and sale of such bonds. [1969 c 13 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.47.793, 28.47.793.]

*Reviser's note: RCW 28A.47.742 through 28A.47.748 were repealed by 1983 c 189 § 1.

Severability—1969 c 13: See note following RCW 28A.525.140.

28A.525.144 1969 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Bonds not general obligation of state—Bonds, interest on, source of payment of—Pledge. Bonds issued under the provisions of RCW 28A.525.140 through 28A.525.154 shall distinctly state that they are a general obligation bond of the state of Washington, shall pledge the full faith and credit of the state to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon and shall contain an unconditional promise to pay such principal and interest as the same shall become due. The principal of and interest on such bonds shall be first payable in the manner provided in RCW 28A.525.140 through 28A.525.154 from that portion of the common school construction fund derived from the interest on the permanent common school fund. That portion of the common school construction fund derived from interest on the permanent common school fund is hereby pledged to the payment of any bonds and the interest thereon issued under the provisions of RCW 28A.525.140 through 28A.525.154. [1990 c 33 § 449; 1974 ex.s. c 108 § 2; 1969 c 13 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.47.794, 28.47.794.]

Severability—1969 c 13: See note following RCW 28A.525.140.

28A.525.146 1969 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Common school building bond redemption fund of 1967—Use—Transfer of funds to—Prior charge against certain common school construction fund moneys. The common school building bond redemption fund of 1967 has been created in the state treasury which fund shall be exclusively devoted to the retirement of the bonds and interest authorized by RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.134 and 28A.525.140 through 28A.525.154 and to the retirement of and payment of interest

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on any additional bonds which may be issued on a parity therewith. The state finance committee shall, on or before June thirtieth of each year, certify to the state treasurer the amount needed in the ensuing twelve months to meet reserve account payments, interest payments on and retirement of bonds payable out of such common school building bond redemption fund of 1967. On July first of each year the state treasurer shall transfer such amount to the common school building bond redemption fund of 1967 from moneys in the common school construction fund certified by the state finance committee to be interest on the permanent common school fund and such amount certified by the state finance committee to the state treasurer shall be a prior charge against that portion of the common school construction fund derived from interest on the permanent common school fund.

The owner and holder of each of said bonds or the trustee for any of the bonds may by mandamus or other appropriate proceeding require and compel the transfer and payment of funds as directed herein. [1990 c 33 § 450; 1971 ex.s. c 4 § 2; 1969 c 13 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.47.795, 28.47.795.]

Severability—1969 c 13: See note following RCW 28A.525.140.

28A.525.148 1969 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Legislature may provide additional means of revenue. The legislature may provide additional means for raising funds for the payment of interest and principal of the bonds authorized by RCW 28A.525.140 through 28A.525.154 from any source or sources not prohibited by the state Constitution and RCW 28A.525.140 through 28A.525.154 shall not be deemed to provide an exclusive method of payment. [1990 c 33 § 451; 1974 ex.s. c 108 § 3; 1971 ex.s. c 4 § 3; 1969 c 13 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.47.796, 28.47.796.]

Severability—1969 c 13: See note following RCW 28A.525.140.

28A.525.150 1969 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Bonds are negotiable, legal investment and security. The bonds herein authorized shall be fully negotiable instruments and shall be legal investment for all state funds or for funds under state control and all funds of municipal corporations, and shall be legal security for all state, county and municipal deposits. [1969 c 13 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.47.797, 28.47.797.]

Severability—1969 c 13: See note following RCW 28A.525.140.

28A.525.152 1969 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Allotment of funds appropriated from common school building construction account—Local responsibility—Duties of state board of education. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of RCW 28A.525.140 through 28A.525.154 funds appropriated to the state board of education from the common school building construction account of the general fund shall be allotted by the state board of education in accordance with the provisions of *RCW 28A.47.732 through 28A.47.748: PROVIDED, That no allotment shall be made to a school district for the purpose aforesaid until such district has provided funds for school building construction purposes through the issuance of bonds or through the

authorization of excess tax levies or both in an amount equivalent to ten percent of its taxable valuation or such amount as may be required by the state board of education. The state board of education shall prescribe and make effective such rules and regulations as are necessary to equate insofar as possible the efforts made by school districts to provide capital funds by the means aforesaid. [1990 c 33 § 452; 1969 c 13 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.47.798, 28.47.798.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 28A.47.732 through 28A.47.748 were repealed by 1983 c 189 § 1.

Severability—1969 c 13: See note following RCW 28A.525.140.

28A.525.154 1969 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Appropriations to state board of education—Allocation of, limitations. There is hereby appropriated to the state board of education the following sums or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of RCW 28A.525.140 through 28A.525.154: Twenty-six million four hundred thousand dollars from the common school building construction account of the general fund and five million seven hundred and fifty-five thousand four hundred and forty-six dollars from the common school construction fund.

In accordance with RCW 28A.525.152, the state board of education is authorized to allocate for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of RCW 28A.525.140 through 28A.525.154 the entire amount of such appropriation as hereinabove in this section provided which is not already allocated for that purpose: PROVIDED, That expenditures against such allocation shall not exceed the amount appropriated in this section. [1990 c 33 § 453; 1969 c 13 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.47.799, 28.47.799.]

Severability—1969 c 13: See note following RCW 28A.525.140.

28A.525.156 Bonds authorized under RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.154 may be refunded—Security. Any or all of the heretofore issued and outstanding bonds authorized by RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.134 and 28A.525.140 through 28A.525.154 may be refunded by the issuance of general obligation bonds of the state of Washington pursuant to the provisions of chapter 39.53 RCW as heretofore or hereafter amended. Any such refunding general obligation bonds shall be additionally secured as to the payment thereof by a pledge of interest on the permanent common school fund. [1990 c 33 § 454; 1974 ex.s. c 108 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.47.7991.]

28A.525.158 Rescinding authority to issue balance of bonds authorized under RCW 28A.525.140 through 28A.525.154. Authority to issue the balance of general obligation bonds authorized by chapter 13, Laws of 1969 and unissued in the amount of three million nine hundred thousand dollars is hereby rescinded. [1979 ex.s. c 241 § 13. Formerly RCW 28A.47.7992.]

Effective date—1979 ex.s. c 241: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [June 15, 1979]." [1979 ex.s. c 241 § 15.]

Severability—1979 ex.s. c 241: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of

the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1979 ex.s. c 241 § 14.]

28A.525.160 1969 appropriation for construction, modernization of school plant facilities. For the purpose of furnishing funds for state assistance to school districts in providing common school plant facilities and modernization of existing common school plant facilities, there is hereby appropriated from the common school construction fund the sum of thirty-seven million, four thousand, four hundred twenty-seven dollars. [1969 ex.s. c 244 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.47.800, 28.47.800.]

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 244: "If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this act should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such act shall not affect nor impair the validity or constitutionality of any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this act. It is hereby declared that had any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word as to which this act is declared invalid been eliminated from the act at the time the same was considered, the act would have nevertheless been enacted with such portions eliminated." [1969 ex.s. c 244 § 16.]

28A.525.162 Allotment of appropriations for school plant facilities by state board—Local school district participation—Computing state matching percentage—Rules. (1) Funds appropriated to the state board of education from the common school construction fund shall be allotted by the state board of education in accordance with student enrollment and the provisions of RCW 28A.525.200.

(2) No allotment shall be made to a school district until such district has provided matching funds equal to or greater than the difference between the total approved project cost and the amount of state assistance to the district for financing the project computed pursuant to RCW 28A.525.166, with the following exceptions:

(a) The state board may waive the matching requirement for districts which have provided funds for school building construction purposes through the authorization of bonds or through the authorization of excess tax levies or both in an amount equivalent to two and one-half percent of the value of its taxable property, as defined in RCW 39.36.015.

(b) No such matching funds shall be required as a condition to the allotment of funds for the purpose of making major or minor structural changes to existing school facilities in order to bring such facilities into compliance with the handicapped access requirements of section 504 of the federal rehabilitation act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 706) and rules implementing the act.

(3) For the purpose of computing the state matching percentage under RCW 28A.525.166 when a school district is granted authority to enter into contracts, adjusted valuation per pupil shall be calculated using headcount student enrollments from the most recent October enrollment reports submitted by districts to the superintendent of public instruction, adjusted as follows:

(a) In the case of projects for which local bonds were approved after May 11, 1989:

(i) For districts which have been designated as serving high school districts under RCW 28A.540.110, students residing in the nonhigh district so designating shall be excluded from the enrollment count if the student is enrolled in any grade level not offered by the nonhigh district;

(ii) The enrollment of nonhigh school districts shall be increased by the number of students residing within the

district who are enrolled in a serving high school district so designated by the nonhigh school district under RCW 28A.540.110, including only students who are enrolled in grade levels not offered by the nonhigh school district; and

(iii) The number of preschool handicapped students included in the enrollment count shall be multiplied by one-half;

(b) In the case of construction or modernization of high school facilities in districts serving students from nonhigh school districts, the adjusted valuation per pupil shall be computed using the combined adjusted valuations and enrollments of each district, each weighted by the percentage of the district's resident high school students served by the high school district; and

(c) The number of kindergarten students included in the enrollment count shall be multiplied by one-half.

(4) The state board of education shall prescribe and make effective such rules and regulations as are necessary to equate insofar as possible the efforts made by school districts to provide capital funds by the means aforesaid.

(5) For the purposes of this section, "preschool handicapped students" means developmentally disabled children of preschool age who are entitled to services under RCW 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100 and are not included in the kindergarten enrollment count of the district. [1990 c 33 § 455; 1989 c 321 § 1; 1980 c 154 § 18; 1974 ex.s. c 56 § 1; 1970 ex.s. c 42 § 5; 1969 ex.s. c 244 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.47.801, 28.47.801.]

Purpose—Effective dates—Savings—Disposition of certain funds—Severability—1980 c 154: See notes following chapter 82.45 RCW digest.

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 56: "If any provision of this 1974 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1974 ex.s. c 56 § 9.]

Severability—Effective date—1970 ex.s. c 42: See notes following RCW 39.36.015.

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 244: See note following RCW 28A.525.160.

28A.525.164 Allotment of appropriations for school plant facilities—Duties of board. In allotting the state funds provided by RCW 28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182, the state board of education shall:

(1) Prescribe rules and regulations not inconsistent with RCW 28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182 governing the administration, control, terms, conditions, and disbursement of allotments to school districts to assist them in providing school plant facilities;

(2) Approve, whenever the board deems such action advisable, allotments to districts that apply for state assistance;

(3) Authorize the payment of approved allotments by warrant of the state treasurer; and

(4) In the event that the amount of state assistance applied for pursuant to the provisions hereof exceeds the funds available for such assistance during any biennium, make allotments on the basis of the urgency of need for school facilities in the districts that apply for assistance or prorate allotments among such districts in conformity with procedures and regulations applicable thereto which shall be established by the board. [1990 c 33 § 456; 1989 c 321 §

2; 1974 ex.s. c 56 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 244 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.47.802, 28.47.802.]

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 56: See note following RCW 28A.525.162.

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 244: See note following RCW 28A.525.160.

28A.525.166 Allotment of appropriations for school plant facilities—Basis of state aid for school plant.

Allocations to school districts of state funds provided by RCW 28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182 shall be made by the state board of education and the amount of state assistance to a school district in financing a school plant project shall be determined in the following manner:

(1) The boards of directors of the districts shall determine the total cost of the proposed project, which cost may include the cost of acquiring and preparing the site, the cost of constructing the building or of acquiring a building and preparing the same for school use, the cost of necessary equipment, taxes chargeable to the project, necessary architects' fees, and a reasonable amount for contingencies and for other necessary incidental expenses: PROVIDED, That the total cost of the project shall be subject to review and approval by the state board of education.

(2) The state matching percentage for a school district shall be computed by the following formula:

The ratio of the school district's adjusted valuation per pupil divided by the ratio of the total state adjusted valuation per pupil shall be subtracted from three, and then the result of the foregoing shall be divided by three plus (the ratio of the school district's adjusted valuation per pupil divided by the ratio of the total state adjusted valuation per pupil).

Computed State Ratio =	District adjusted 3-valuation per pupil	÷	Total state ad- justed valuation per pupil	= -% Assist- ance
	District adjusted 3+valuation per pupil	÷	Total state ad- justed valuation per pupil	

PROVIDED, That in the event the percentage of state assistance to any school district based on the above formula is less than twenty percent and such school district is otherwise eligible for state assistance under RCW 28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182, the state board of education may establish for such district a percentage of state assistance not in excess of twenty percent of the approved cost of the project, if the state board finds that such additional assistance is necessary to provide minimum facilities for housing the pupils of the district.

(3) In addition to the computed percent of state assistance developed in (2) above, a school district shall be entitled to additional percentage points determined by the average percentage of growth for the past three years. One percent shall be added to the computed percent of state assistance for each percent of growth, with a maximum of twenty percent.

(4) The approved cost of the project determined in the manner herein prescribed times the percentage of state assistance derived as provided for herein shall be the amount of state assistance to the district for the financing of the project: PROVIDED, That need therefor has been established to the satisfaction of the state board of education:

PROVIDED, FURTHER, That additional state assistance may be allowed if it is found by the state board of education that such assistance is necessary in order to meet (a) a school housing emergency resulting from the destruction of a school building by fire, the condemnation of a school building by properly constituted authorities, a sudden excessive and clearly foreseeable future increase in school population, or other conditions similarly emergent in nature; or (b) a special school housing burden imposed by virtue of the admission of nonresident students into educational programs established, maintained and operated in conformity with the requirements of law; or (c) a deficiency in the capital funds of the district resulting from financing, subsequent to April 1, 1969, and without benefit of the state assistance provided by prior state assistance programs, the construction of a needed school building project or projects approved in conformity with the requirements of such programs, after having first applied for and been denied state assistance because of the inadequacy of state funds available for the purpose, or (d) a condition created by the fact that an excessive number of students live in state owned housing, or (e) a need for the construction of a school building to provide for improved school district organization or racial balance, or (f) conditions similar to those defined under (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) hereinabove, creating a like emergency. [1990 c 33 § 457; 1989 c 321 § 3; 1975 1st ex.s. c 98 § 1; 1974 ex.s. c 56 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 244 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.47.803, 28.47.803.]

Effective date—1975 1st ex.s. c 98: "This 1975 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect July 1, 1975." [1975 1st ex.s. c 98 § 3.]

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 56: See note following RCW 28A.525.162.

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 244: See note following RCW 28A.525.160.

28A.525.168 Allotment of appropriations for school plant facilities—Taxable valuation and percentage of state assistance to be used in determining eligibility. Whenever the voters of a school district authorize the issuance of bonds and/or the levying of excess taxes in an amount sufficient to meet the requirements of RCW 28A.525.162 respecting eligibility for state assistance in providing school facilities, the taxable valuation of the district and the percentage of state assistance in providing school facilities prevailing at the time of such authorization shall be the valuation and the percentage used for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the district for an allotment of state funds and the amount or amounts of such allotments, respectively, for all projects for which the voters authorize capital funds as aforesaid, unless a higher percentage of state assistance prevails on the date that state funds for assistance in financing a project are allotted by the state board of education in which case the percentage prevailing on the date of allotment by the state board of funds for each project shall govern: PROVIDED, That if the state board of education determines at any time that there has been undue or unwarranted delay on the part of school district authorities in advancing a project to the point of readiness for an allotment of state funds, the taxable valuation of the school district and the percentage of state

assistance prevailing on the date that the allotment is made shall be used for the purposes aforesaid: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the date herein specified as applicable in determining the eligibility of an individual school district for state assistance and in determining the amount of such assistance shall be applicable also to cases where it is necessary in administering chapter 28A.540 RCW to determine eligibility for and the amount of state assistance for a group of school districts considered as a single school administrative unit. [1990 c 33 § 458; 1969 ex.s. c 244 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.47.804, 28.47.804.]

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 244: See note following RCW 28A.525.160.

28A.525.170 Allotment of appropriations for school plant facilities—Additional allotment authorized—Effect of allotment on future disbursements to district. If a school district which has qualified for an allotment of state funds under the provisions of RCW 28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182 for school building construction is found by the state board of education to have a school housing emergency requiring an allotment of state funds in excess of the amount allocable under RCW 28A.525.166, an additional allotment may be made to such district: PROVIDED, That the total amount allotted shall not exceed ninety percent of the total cost of the approved project which may include the cost of the site and equipment. At any time thereafter when the state board of education finds that the financial position of such school district has improved through an increase in its taxable valuation or through retirement of bonded indebtedness or through a reduction in school housing requirements, or for any combination of these reasons, the amount of such additional allotment, or any part of such amount as the state board of education determines, shall be deducted, under terms and conditions prescribed by the board, from any state school building construction funds which might otherwise be provided to such district. [1990 c 33 § 459; 1974 ex.s. c 56 § 4; 1969 ex.s. c 244 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.47.805, 28.47.805.]

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 56: See note following RCW 28A.525.162.

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 244: See note following RCW 28A.525.160.

28A.525.172 Allotment of appropriations for school plant facilities—Application by district for state assistance—Studies and surveys by state board. All applications by school districts for state assistance in providing school plant facilities shall be made to the superintendent of public instruction in conformity with rules and regulations which shall be prescribed by the state board of education. Studies and surveys shall be conducted by the state board for the purpose of securing information relating to (a) the kind and extent of the school plant facilities required and the urgency of need for such facilities in districts that seek state assistance, (b) the ability of such districts to provide capital funds by local effort, (c) the need for improvement of school administrative units and school attendance areas among or within such districts, and (d) any other pertinent matters. [1969 ex.s. c 244 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.47.806, 28.47.806.]

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 244: See note following RCW 28A.525.162.

28A.525.174 Allotment of appropriations for school plant facilities—Manual, other materials to guide and provide information to district. It shall be the duty of the state board of education, in consultation with the Washington state department of social and health services, to prepare a manual and/or to specify other materials for the information and guidance of local school district authorities and others responsible for and concerned with the designing, planning, maintenance and operation of school plant facilities for the public schools. In so doing due consideration shall be given to the presentation of information regarding (a) the need for cooperative state-local district action in planning school plant facilities arising out of the cooperative plan for financing said facilities provided for in RCW 28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182; (b) procedures in inaugurating and conducting a school plant planning program for a school district; (c) standards for use in determining the selection and development of school sites and in designing, planning, and constructing school buildings to the end that the health, safety, and educational well-being and development of school children will be served; (d) the planning of readily expandable and flexible school buildings to meet the requirements of an increasing school population and a constantly changing educational program; (e) an acceptable school building maintenance program and the necessity therefor; (f) the relationship of an efficient school building operations service to the health and educational progress of pupils; and (g) any other matters regarded by the state board as pertinent or related to the purposes and requirements of RCW 28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182. [1990 c 33 § 460; 1979 c 141 § 39; 1974 ex.s. c 56 § 5; 1969 ex.s. c 244 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.47.807, 28.47.807.]

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 56: See note following RCW 28A.525.162.

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 244: See note following RCW 28A.525.160.

28A.525.176 Allotment of appropriations for school plant facilities—State board to provide district with consultatory, advisory service. The state board of education shall furnish to school districts seeking state assistance under the provisions of RCW 28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182 consultatory and advisory service in connection with the development of school building programs and the planning of school plant facilities. [1990 c 33 § 461; 1974 ex.s. c 56 § 6; 1969 ex.s. c 244 § 9. Formerly RCW 28A.47.808, 28.47.808.]

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 56: See note following RCW 28A.525.162.

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 244: See note following RCW 28A.525.160.

28A.525.178 Allotment of appropriations for school plant facilities—Modifiable basic or standard plans for school buildings. Whenever in the judgment of the state board of education economies may be effected without impairing the usefulness and adequacy of school buildings, said board may prescribe rules and regulations and establish procedures governing the preparation and use of modifiable

basic or standard plans for school building construction projects for which state assistance funds provided by RCW 28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182 are allotted. [1990 c 33 § 462; 1974 ex.s. c 56 § 7; 1969 ex.s. c 244 § 10. Formerly RCW 28A.47.809, 28.47.809.]

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 56: See note following RCW 28A.525.162.

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 244: See note following RCW 28A.525.160.

28A.525.180 Allotment of appropriations for school plant facilities—Appropriation to be reduced by amount of federal funds made available for school construction except to federally affected areas. The total amount of funds appropriated under the provisions of RCW 28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182 shall be reduced by the amount of federal funds made available during each biennium for school construction purposes under any applicable federal law. The funds appropriated by RCW 28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182 and available for allotment by the state board of education shall be reduced by the amount of such federal funds made available. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the total amount of funds appropriated by RCW 28A.525.160 through 28A.525.182 shall not be reduced by reason of any grants to any school district of federal moneys paid under Public Law No. 815 or any other federal act authorizing school building construction assistance to federally affected areas. [1990 c 33 § 463; 1974 ex.s. c 56 § 8; 1969 ex.s. c 244 § 11. Formerly RCW 28A.47.810, 28.47.810.]

Severability—1974 ex.s. c 56: See note following RCW 28A.525.162.

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 244: See note following RCW 28A.525.160.

28A.525.182 Allotment of appropriations for school plant facilities—Permissible allocations. In accordance with RCW 28A.525.162, the state board of education is authorized to allocate for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of RCW 28A.525.160 through 28A.525.180 the sum of forty-three million, two hundred thousand dollars: PROVIDED, That expenditures against such allocation shall not exceed the amount appropriated in RCW 28A.525.160. [1990 c 33 § 464; 1969 ex.s. c 244 § 12. Formerly RCW 28A.47.811, 28.47.811.]

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 244: See note following RCW 28A.525.160.

28A.525.190 Board limited when prioritizes construction. The state board of education shall prioritize the construction of common school facilities only from funds appropriated and available in the common school construction fund. [1975 1st ex.s. c 98 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.47.820.]

Effective date—1975 1st ex.s. c 98: See note following RCW 28A.525.166.

28A.525.200 Specific RCW sections enumerated governing allocation and distribution of funds for school plant facilities. Notwithstanding any other provision of RCW 28A.525.010 through 28A.525.222, the allocation and distribution of funds by the state board of education which

are now or may hereafter be appropriated for the purposes of providing assistance in the construction of school plant facilities shall be governed by RCW 28A.525.010 through 28A.525.080 and 28A.525.162 through 28A.525.178. [1990 c 33 § 465; 1985 c 136 § 2; 1977 ex.s. c 227 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.47.830.]

28A.525.210 1984 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Intent. It is the intent of the legislature to authorize general obligation bonds of the state of Washington for common school plant facilities which provides for the reimbursement of the state treasury for principal and interest payments and which therefore is not subject to the limitations on indebtedness under RCW 39.42.060. [1984 c 266 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.47.840.]

Severability—1984 c 266: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1984 c 266 § 8.]

28A.525.212 1984 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Authorized—Sale. For the purpose of furnishing funds for state assistance to school districts in providing common school plant facilities and modernization of existing common school plant facilities, and to provide for the state administrative cost of such projects, including costs of bond issuance and retirement, salaries and related costs of officials and employees of the state, costs of credit enhancement agreements, and other expenses incidental to the administration of capital projects, the state finance committee is authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of forty million one hundred seventy thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be required, to finance these projects and all costs incidental thereto.

Bonds authorized in this section may be sold in such manner, at such time or times, in such amounts, and at such price as the state finance committee shall determine. No such bonds may be offered for sale without prior legislative appropriation of the net proceeds of the sale of the bonds. The state finance committee may obtain insurance or letters of credit and may authorize the execution and delivery of agreements, promissory notes, and other obligations for the purpose of insuring the payment or enhancing the marketability of bonds authorized in this section. Promissory notes or other obligations issued pursuant to this section shall not constitute a debt or the contracting of indebtedness under any constitutional or statutory indebtedness limitation if their payment is conditioned upon the failure of the state to pay the principal of or interest on the bonds with respect to which the same relate. [1985 ex.s. c 3 § 1; 1984 c 266 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.47.841.]

Severability—1984 c 266: See note following RCW 28A.525.210.

28A.525.214 1984 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Proceeds deposited in common school construction fund—Use. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized in RCW 28A.525.212 shall be deposited in the common school construction fund and shall be used exclusively for the purposes specified in RCW 28A.525.212 and section 887,

chapter 57, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and for the payment of expenses incurred in the issuance and sale of the bonds. [1990 c 33 § 466; 1984 c 266 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.47.842.]

Severability—1984 c 266: See note following RCW 28A.525.210.

28A.525.216 1984 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Proceeds—Administered by state board of education. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds deposited under RCW 28A.525.214 in the common school construction fund shall be administered by the state board of education. [1990 c 33 § 467; 1984 c 266 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.47.843.]

Severability—1984 c 266: See note following RCW 28A.525.210.

28A.525.218 1984 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—State general obligation bond fund utilized for payment of principal and interest—Committee's and treasurer's duties—Form and condition of bonds. The state general obligation bond retirement fund shall be used for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds authorized in RCW 28A.525.212. The state finance committee may provide that a special account be created in such fund to facilitate payment of such principal and interest.

The state finance committee shall, on or before June 30th of each year, certify to the state treasurer the amount required for principal and interest on such bonds in accordance with the provisions of the bond proceedings. The state treasurer shall withdraw from any general state revenues received in the state treasury and deposit in the general obligation bond retirement fund, or a special account in such fund, such amounts and at such times as are required by the bond proceedings. On each date on which any interest or principal and interest is due, the state treasurer shall cause an identical amount to be transferred to the general fund of the state treasury from that portion of the common school construction fund derived from the interest on the permanent common school fund. The transfers from the common school construction fund shall be subject to all pledges, liens, and encumbrances heretofore granted or created on the portion of the fund derived from interest on the permanent common school fund. Any deficiency in such transfer shall be made up as soon as moneys are available for transfer and shall constitute a continuing obligation of that portion of the common school construction fund derived from the interest on the permanent common school fund until all deficiencies are fully paid.

Bonds issued under RCW 28A.525.212 shall state that they are a general obligation of the state of Washington, shall pledge the full faith and credit of the state to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon, and shall contain an unconditional promise to pay the principal and interest as the same shall become due.

The owner and holder of each of the bonds or the trustee for the owner and holder of any of the bonds may by mandamus or other appropriate proceeding require the transfer and payment of funds as directed in this section. [1990 c 33 § 468; 1985 ex.s. c 3 § 2; 1984 c 266 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.47.844.]

Severability—1984 c 266: See note following RCW 28A.525.210.

28A.525.220 1984 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Legislature may provide additional means for payment. The legislature may provide additional means for raising moneys for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds authorized in RCW 28A.525.212 and 28A.525.218 shall not be deemed to provide an exclusive method for the payment. [1990 c 33 § 469; 1984 c 266 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.47.845.]

Severability—1984 c 266: See note following RCW 28A.525.210.

28A.525.222 1984 bond issue for construction, modernization of school plant facilities—Bonds as legal investment for public funds. The bonds authorized in RCW 28A.525.212 shall be a legal investment for all state funds or funds under state control and for all funds of any other public body. [1990 c 33 § 470; 1984 c 266 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.47.846.]

Severability—1984 c 266: See note following RCW 28A.525.210.

28A.525.230 Bonds authorized—Amount—As compensation for sale of timber—Sale, conditions. For the purpose of furnishing funds for state assistance to school districts in providing for the construction of common school plant facilities, the state finance committee is hereby authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of twenty-two million seven hundred thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be required to provide state assistance to local school districts for the construction of common school plant facilities and to compensate the common school construction fund for the sale of timber from common school, indemnity, and escheat trust lands sold to the parks and recreation commission prior to March 13, 1980, pursuant to RCW 43.51.270 and 43.51.280. The amount of bonds issued under RCW 28A.525.230 through 28A.525.300 shall not exceed the fair market value of the timber. No bonds authorized by RCW 28A.525.230 through 28A.525.300 shall be offered for sale without prior legislative appropriation and these bonds shall be paid and discharged in not more than thirty years of the date of issuance. [1990 c 33 § 471; 1985 ex.s. c 4 § 12; 1980 c 141 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.47B.010.]

Severability—1985 ex.s. c 4: See RCW 43.99G.900.

28A.525.240 Bond anticipation notes—Authorized—Payment. When the state finance committee has determined to issue the general obligation bonds or a portion thereof as authorized in RCW 28A.525.230 it may, pending the issuance thereof, issue in the name of the state temporary notes in anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, which notes shall be designated as "bond anticipation notes." Such portion of the proceeds of the sale of bonds as may be required for the payment of the principal of and redemption premium, if any, and interest on the notes shall be applied thereto when the bonds are issued. [1990 c 33 § 472; 1980 c 141 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.47B.020.]

28A.525.250 Form, terms, conditions, sale and covenants of bonds and notes. The state finance committee is authorized to prescribe the form, terms, conditions, and covenants of the bonds and the bond anticipation notes

authorized by this chapter, the time or times of sale of all or any portion of them, and the conditions and manner of their sale and issuance.

Each bond and bond anticipation note shall pledge the full faith and credit of the state of Washington and shall contain an unconditional promise to pay the principal thereof and interest thereon when due. [1980 c 141 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.47B.030.]

28A.525.260 Disposition of proceeds from sale of bonds and notes—Use. Except for that portion of the proceeds required to pay bond anticipation notes, the proceeds from the sale of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized by RCW 28A.525.230 through 28A.525.300, and any interest earned on the proceeds, together with all grants, donations, transferred funds, and all other moneys which the state finance committee may direct the state treasurer to deposit therein, shall be deposited in the common school construction fund and shall be used exclusively for the purposes of carrying out RCW 28A.525.230 through 28A.525.300, and for payment of the expense incurred in the printing, issuance and sale of the bonds. [1990 c 33 § 473; 1980 c 141 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.47B.040.]

28A.525.270 State general obligation bond retirement fund utilized for payment of bond principal and interest—Procedure. The state general obligation bond retirement fund shall be used for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds authorized by RCW 28A.525.230 through 28A.525.300.

The state finance committee, on or before June 30th of each year, shall certify to the state treasurer the amounts required in the next succeeding twelve months for the payment of the principal of and the interest coming due on the bonds and the dates on which the payments are due. The state treasurer, not less than thirty days prior to the date on which any interest or principal and interest payment is due, shall withdraw from any general state revenues or any other funds constitutionally available and received in the state treasury and deposit in the state general obligation bond retirement fund an amount equal to the amount certified by the state finance committee to be due on the payment date. [1990 c 33 § 474; 1980 c 141 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.47B.050.]

28A.525.280 Bonds as legal investment for public funds. The bonds authorized by RCW 28A.525.230 through 28A.525.300 shall constitute a legal investment for all state funds or for funds under state control and all funds of municipal corporations. [1990 c 33 § 475; 1980 c 141 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.47B.060.]

28A.525.290 Chapter provisions as limited by other statutes, covenants and proceedings. No provisions of RCW 28A.525.230 through 28A.525.300 shall be deemed to repeal, override, or limit any provision of RCW 28A.525.120 through 28A.525.182, nor any provision or covenant of the proceedings of the state finance committee acting for and on behalf of the state of Washington heretofore or hereafter taken in the issuance of its revenue or general obligation bonds secured by a pledge of the interest earnings of the

permanent common school fund under these statutes. [1990 c 33 § 476; 1980 c 141 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.47B.070.]

28A.525.300 Proceeds from sale of bonds as compensation for sale of timber from trust lands. The proceeds received from the sale of the bonds issued under RCW 28A.525.230 through 28A.525.300 which are deposited in the common school construction fund and available for common school construction purposes shall serve as total compensation to the common school construction fund for the proceeds from the sale of timber from trust lands sold prior to March 13, 1980, to the state parks and recreation commission pursuant to RCW 43.51.270 and 43.51.280 which are required to be deposited in the common school construction fund. The superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education shall expend by June 30, 1981, the proceeds received from the bonds issued under RCW 28A.525.230 through 28A.525.300. [1990 c 33 § 477; 1980 c 141 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.47B.080.]

Chapter 28A.530

DISTRICT BONDS FOR LAND, BUILDINGS, AND EQUIPMENT

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28A.530.010 Directors may borrow money, issue bonds. The board of directors of any school district may borrow money and issue negotiable bonds therefor for the purpose of:

- (1) Funding outstanding indebtedness or bonds theretofore issued; or
- (2) For the purchase of sites for all buildings, playgrounds, physical education and athletic facilities and structures authorized by law or necessary or proper to carry out the functions of a school district; or
- (3) For erecting all buildings authorized by law, including but not limited to those mentioned in subsection (2) of this section immediately above or necessary or proper to carry out the functions of a school district, and providing the necessary furniture, apparatus, or equipment therefor; or
- (4) For improving the energy efficiency of school district buildings and/or installing systems and components to utilize renewable and/or inexhaustible energy resources; or
- (5) For major and minor structural changes and structural additions to buildings, structures, facilities and sites necessary or proper to carrying out the functions of the school district; or
- (6) For any or all of these and other capital purposes.

Neither the amount of money borrowed nor bonds issued therefor shall exceed the limitation of indebtedness prescribed by chapter 39.36 RCW, as now or hereafter amended.

Except for bonds issued under RCW 28A.530.080, bonds may be issued only when authorized by the vote of the qualified electors of the district as provided by law.

The bonds shall be issued and sold in accordance with chapter 39.46 RCW. [1991 c 114 § 3; 1984 c 186 § 10; 1983 c 167 § 21; 1980 c 170 § 1; 1970 ex.s. c 42 § 7; 1969 c 142 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.51.010. Prior: 1953 c 163 § 1; 1927 c 99 § 1; 1921 c 147 § 1; 1919 c 90 § 12; 1909 c 97 p 324 § 1; RRS § 4941; prior: 1907 c 240 § 7 1/2; 1907 c 101 § 1; 1903 c 153 § 1; 1897 c 118 § 117; 1890 p 45 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.51.010, 28.51.010, 28.51.050, part.]

Purpose—1984 c 186: See note following RCW 39.46.110.

Liberal construction—Severability—1983 c 167: See RCW 39.46.010 and note following.

Severability—Effective date—1970 ex.s. c 42: See notes following RCW 39.36.015.

Validation—1969 c 142: See RCW 39.36.900.

School funds enumerated—Deposits—Uses—Energy audits: RCW 28A.320.330.

28A.530.020 Bond issuance—Election. The question whether the bonds shall be issued, as provided in RCW 28A.530.010, shall be determined at an election to be held pursuant to RCW 39.36.050. If a majority of the votes cast at such election favor the issuance of such bonds, the board of directors must issue such bonds: PROVIDED, That if the amount of bonds to be issued, together with any outstanding indebtedness of the district that only needs a simple majority voter approval, exceeds three-eighths of one percent of the value of the taxable property in said district, as the term "value of the taxable property" is defined in RCW 39.36.015, then three-fifths of the votes cast at such election must be in favor of the issuance of such bonds, before the board of directors is authorized to issue said bonds. [1990 c 33 § 478; 1984 c 186 § 11; 1970 ex.s. c 42 § 9; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.51.020. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 324 § 2; RRS § 4942; prior: 1897 c 118 § 118; 1890 p 46 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.51.020, 28.51.020, 28.51.050, part.]

Purpose—1984 c 186: See note following RCW 39.46.110.

Severability—Effective date—1970 ex.s. c 42: See notes following RCW 39.36.015.

28A.530.030 Disposition of bond proceeds—Capital projects fund. When the bonds have been sold, the county treasurer shall place the money derived from such sale to the credit of the capital projects fund of the district, and such fund is hereby created. [1984 c 186 § 12; 1983 c 167 § 24; 1979 ex.s. c 257 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.51.070. Prior: 1911 c 88 § 1; 1909 c 97 p 326 § 4; RRS § 4944; prior: 1907 c 240 § 9; 1905 c 142 § 7; 1897 c 118 § 120; 1890 p 47 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.51.070, 28.51.070, 28.51.080, 28.51.090, 28.51.100 and 28.51.110.]

Purpose—1984 c 186: See note following RCW 39.46.110.

Liberal construction—Severability—1983 c 167: See RCW 39.46.010 and note following.

Severability—1979 ex.s. c 257: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1979 ex.s. c 257 § 3.]

28A.530.040 Refunding former issues without vote of the people. Whenever any bonds lawfully issued by any school district under the provisions of this chapter shall reach maturity and shall remain unpaid, or may be paid under any option provided in the bonds, the board of directors thereof shall have the power without any vote of the school district to fund the same by issuing bonds conformable to the requirements of this chapter and use the proceeds exclusively for the purpose of retiring and canceling such outstanding bonds as aforesaid, or the said directors in their discretion may exchange such refunding bonds par for par for such outstanding bonds. [1984 c 186 § 13; 1983 c 167 § 25; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.51.180. Prior: 1969 ex.s. c 232 § 66; 1945 c 32 § 1; 1909 c 97 p 329 § 12; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 4952; prior: 1897 c 118 § 124, part; 1890 p 48 § 8, part. Formerly RCW 28A.51.180, 28.51.180.]

Purpose—1984 c 186: See note following RCW 39.46.110.

Liberal construction—Severability—1983 c 167: See RCW 39.46.010 and note following.

Validation—Saving—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 232: See notes following RCW 39.52.020.

28A.530.050 Holder to notify treasurer—Redemption. Every holder of any of the bonds so issued as a bearer bond as provided in this chapter, within ten days after the owner becomes the owner or holder thereof, shall notify the county treasurer of the county in which such bonds are issued of his or her ownership, together with his or her full name and post office address, and the county treasurer of said county shall deposit in the post office, properly stamped and addressed to each owner of any such bonds subject to redemption or payment, a notice in like form, stating the time and place of the redemption of such bonds and the number of the bonds to be redeemed, and in case any owners of bonds shall fail to notify the treasurer of their ownership as aforesaid, then a notice mailed to the last holder of such bonds shall be deemed sufficient, and any and all such notices so mailed as aforesaid shall be deemed to be personal notice to the holders of such bonds, and at the expiration of the time therein named shall have the force to suspend the interest upon any such bonds. [1990 c 33 § 479; 1983 c 167 § 26; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.51.190. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 330 § 13; RRS § 4953; prior: 1897 c 118 § 125; 1890 p 49 § 9. Formerly RCW 28A.51.190, 28.51.190.]

Liberal construction—Severability—1983 c 167: See RCW 39.46.010 and note following.

28A.530.060 Expense of county treasurer. At any time after the issuance of such bonds as in this chapter provided, and in the discharge of the duties imposed upon said county treasurer, should any incidental expense, costs or charges arise, the said county treasurer shall present his or her claim for the same to the board of directors of the school district issuing such bonds, and the same shall be audited and paid in the same manner as other services are paid under the provisions of law. [1990 c 33 § 480; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.51.200. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 330 § 14; RRS § 4954; prior: 1897 c 118 § 126; 1890 p 50 § 10. Formerly RCW 28A.51.200, 28.51.200.]

28A.530.070 Exchange of warrants for bonds. If bonds issued under this chapter are not sold as in this chapter provided, the owners of unpaid warrants drawn on the county treasurer by such district for an indebtedness existing at the date of the election may exchange said warrants at the face value thereof and accrued interest thereon for bonds issued under this chapter, at not less than par value and accrued interest of such bonds at the time of the exchange; such exchange to be made under such regulations as may be provided by the board of directors of such district. [1983 c 167 § 27; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.51.220. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 327 § 5; RRS § 4945. Formerly RCW 28A.51.220, 28.51.220.]

Liberal construction—Severability—1983 c 167: See RCW 39.46.010 and note following.

28A.530.080 Additional authority to contract indebtedness. In addition to the authority granted under RCW 28A.530.010, a school district may contract indebtedness for the purpose of purchasing any real or personal property, or property rights, in connection with the exercise of any powers or duties which it is now or hereafter authorized to exercise, and issue bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness therefor without a vote of the qualified electors of the district, subject to the limitations on indebtedness set forth in RCW 39.36.020(3). Such bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness shall be issued and sold in accordance with chapter 39.46 RCW, and the proceeds thereof shall be deposited in the capital projects fund, the transportation vehicle fund, or the general fund, as applicable. [1991 c 114 § 1.]

Chapter 28A.535

VALIDATING INDEBTEDNESS

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Reviser's note: The above reference to RCW 39.36.020 (1) and (3) was apparently based upon the 1967 version of that section [1967 c 107 § 4]; the contents and organization of that section have been altered by subsequent amendments.

28A.535.020 Resolution providing for election—Vote required to validate. Whenever the board of directors of any school district shall deem it advisable to validate and ratify the indebtedness mentioned in RCW 28A.535.010, they shall provide therefor by resolution, which shall be entered on the records of such school district, which resolution shall provide for the holding of an election for the purpose of submitting the question of validating and ratifying the indebtedness so incurred to the voters of such school district for approval or disapproval, and if at such election three-fifths of the voters in such school district voting at such election shall vote in favor of the validation and ratification of such indebtedness, then such indebtedness so validated and ratified and every part thereof existing at the time of the adoption of said resolution shall thereby become and is hereby declared to be validated and ratified and a binding obligation upon such school district. [1990 c 33 § 481; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.52.020. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 331 § 2; RRS § 4957; prior: 1897 c 118 § 129; 1895 c 21 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.52.020, 28.52.020.]

28A.535.030 Notice of election. At the time of the adoption of the resolution provided for in RCW 28A.535.020, the board of directors shall direct the school district superintendent to give notice to the county auditor of the suggested time and purpose of such election, and specifying the amount and general character of the indebtedness proposed to be ratified. Such superintendent shall also cause written or printed notices to be posted in at least five places in such school district at least twenty days before such election. In addition to his or her other duties relating thereto, the county auditor shall give notice of such election as provided for in RCW 29.27.080. [1990 c 33 § 482; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.52.030. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 332 § 3; RRS § 4958; prior: 1897 c 118 § 131; 1895 c 21 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.52.030, 28.52.030.]

28A.535.040 Manner and result of election. Elections hereunder shall be by ballot, and conducted in the manner provided for conducting annual school elections. The ballot must contain the words, "Validating and ratifying indebtedness, yes," or the words, "Validating and ratifying indebtedness, no." Ballots containing the words, "Validating and ratifying indebtedness, yes," shall be counted in favor of validating and ratifying such indebtedness, and ballots containing the words, "Validating and ratifying indebtedness, no," shall be counted against validating and ratifying such indebtedness. At their next meeting following ascertainment of the result of the election from the county auditor, the board of directors of any such district holding such an election shall cause to be entered a minute thereof on the records of such district. The qualifications of voters at such election shall be the same as prescribed for the election of school officials. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.52.040. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 332 § 4; RRS § 4959; prior: 1897 c 118 § 130; 1895 c 21 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.52.040, 28.52.040.]

Conduct of elections, canvass: RCW 29.13.040.

28A.535.050 Authority to borrow, issue bonds. If the indebtedness of such school district is validated and ratified, as provided in this chapter, by three-fifths of the voters voting at such election, the board of directors of such school district, without any further vote, may borrow money and issue and sell negotiable bonds therefor in accordance with chapter 39.46 RCW. [1984 c 186 § 14; 1983 c 167 § 28; 1975 c 43 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.52.050. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 333 § 5; RRS § 4960; prior: 1897 c 118 § 132; 1895 c 21 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.52.050, 28.52.050.]

Purpose—1984 c 186: See note following RCW 39.46.110.

Liberal construction—Severability—1983 c 167: See RCW 39.46.010 and note following.

Effective date—Severability—1975 c 43: See notes following RCW 28A.315.230.

28A.535.060 Exchange of warrants for bonds. If bonds issued under this chapter are not sold as herein provided, the owners of unpaid warrants drawn on the county treasurer by such district for an indebtedness existing at the time of the adoption of the resolution mentioned in RCW 28A.535.020, may exchange said warrants at the face value thereof and accrued interest thereon for bonds issued under this chapter, at not less than par value and accrued interest of such bonds at the time of the exchange; such exchange to be made under such regulations as may be provided by the board of directors of such district. [1990 c 33 § 483; 1983 c 167 § 30; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.52.060. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 334 § 7; RRS § 4962; prior: 1897 c 118 § 134; 1895 c 21 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.52.060, 28.52.060.]

Liberal construction—Severability—1983 c 167: See RCW 39.46.010 and note following.

28A.535.070 Notice to county treasurer of authority to issue bonds—Annual levy for payment of interest and principal on bonds—Penalty against officer for expenditures in excess of revenues. When authorized to issue bonds, as provided in this chapter the board of directors shall immediately cause to be sent to the appropriate county treasurer, notice thereof. The county officials charged by law with the duty of levying taxes for the payment of said bonds and interest shall do so as provided in RCW 39.46.110.

The annual expense of such district shall not thereafter exceed the annual revenue thereof, and any officer of such district who shall knowingly aid in increasing the annual expenditure in excess of the annual revenue of such district, in addition to any other penalties, whether civil or criminal, as provided by law, shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars. [1985 c 7 § 90; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.52.070. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 335 § 8; RRS § 4963; prior: 1897 c 118 § 135; 1895 c 21 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.52.070, 28.52.070.]

28A.535.080 Validating indebtedness proceedings after merger. In case any school district has heretofore incurred, or shall hereafter incur, indebtedness for strictly school purposes and has heretofore, or shall hereafter, become merged with another district as provided in RCW

28A.315.010 through 28A.315.680 and 28A.315.900, the directors of the last named district may, after such merger, cause to be submitted to the voters within the limits of the district which incurred the obligations, the question of validating and ratifying such indebtedness. The vote shall be taken and the question determined in the manner prescribed in RCW 28A.535.020, 28A.535.030, and 28A.535.040. The directors of the district to which the district incurring the obligations was merged shall make provisions for payment of the indebtedness so validated by certifying the amount thereof in the manner prescribed in RCW 28A.535.070: PROVIDED, Such enlarged district may pay a part, or all, of such validating indebtedness from any funds available or by issuing bonds therefor when such enlarged district has taken over property of any district and in making such adjustment and apportionment as provided in RCW 28A.315.010 through 28A.315.680 and 28A.315.900, the value of the property received shall be found to exceed the total indebtedness of the district annexed to the extent of such value over the total indebtedness of the district annexed. [1990 c 33 § 484; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.52.080. Prior: 1913 c 136 § 1; RRS § 4964. Formerly RCW 28A.52.080, 28.52.080.]

Chapter 28A.540

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likely will be continued. [1985 c 385 § 31; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.56.005. Prior: 1959 c 262 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.56.005, 28.56.005.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

28A.540.020 Plan for nonhigh district to provide capital funds in aid of high school district. Upon receipt of a written request from the board of directors of a high school district or a nonhigh school district that presents to the regional committee on school district organization satisfactory evidence of a need for high school facilities to be located therein and of ability to provide such facilities, the regional committee shall prepare a plan for participation by any nonhigh school district or districts in providing capital funds to pay the costs of such school facilities and equipment to be provided for the education of students residing in the school districts. Prior to submission of the aforesaid request the board of directors of the school district concerned therewith shall determine the nature and extent of the high school facilities proposed to be provided, the approximate amount of local capital funds required to pay the cost thereof, and the site or sites upon which the proposed facilities are to be located, and shall submit a report thereon to the regional committee along with the aforesaid request. [1985 c 385 § 32; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.56.010. Prior: 1959 c 262 § 1; 1955 c 344 § 1; 1953 c 229 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.56.010, 28.56.010.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

28A.540.030 Factors to be considered in preparation of plan. The regional committee on school district organization shall give consideration to:

(1) The report submitted by the board of directors as stated above;

(2) The exclusion from the plan of nonhigh school districts because of remoteness or isolation or because they are so situated with respect to location, present and/or clearly foreseeable future population, and other pertinent factors as to warrant the establishment of a high school therein within a period of two years or the inclusion of their territory in some other nonhigh school district within which the establishment of a high school within a period of two years is warranted;

(3) The assessed valuation of the school districts involved;

(4) The cash balance, if any, in the capital projects fund of the district submitting the request which is designated for high school building construction purposes, together with the sources of such balance; and

(5) Any other factors found by the committee to have a bearing on the preparation of an equitable plan. [1985 c 385 § 33; 1985 c 7 § 91; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.56.020. Prior: 1959 c 262 § 3; 1955 c 344 § 2; 1953 c 229 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.56.020, 28.56.020.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

28A.540.040 Public hearing—Notice. The regional committee on school district organization shall also hold a public hearing or hearings on any proposed plan: PROVIDED, That three members of the committee or two members of the committee and the educational service district superin-

tendent, or his or her designee, may be designated by the committee to hold such public hearing or hearings and to submit a report thereof to the regional committee. The regional committee shall cause to be posted, at least ten days prior to the date appointed for any such hearing, a written or printed notice thereof in at least three prominent and public places in the school districts involved and at the place of hearing. [1985 c 385 § 34; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 74; 1971 c 48 § 21; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.56.030. Prior: 1959 c 262 § 4; 1955 c 344 § 3; 1953 c 229 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.56.030, 28.56.030.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

28A.540.050 Review by state board—Approval—Revised plan. Subsequent to the holding of a hearing or hearings as provided in RCW 28A.540.040, the regional committee on school district organization shall determine the nonhigh school districts to be included in the plan and the amount of capital funds to be provided by every school district included therein, and shall submit the proposed plan to the state board of education together with such maps and other materials pertaining thereto as the state board may require. The state board shall review such plan, shall approve any plan which in its judgment makes adequate and satisfactory provision for participation by the nonhigh school districts in providing capital funds to be used for the purpose above stated, and shall notify the regional committee of such action. Upon receipt by the regional committee of such notification, the educational service district superintendent, or his or her designee, shall notify the board of directors of each school district included in the plan, supplying each board with complete details of the plan and shall state the total amount of funds to be provided and the amount to be provided by each district.

If any such plan submitted by a regional committee is not approved by the state board, the regional committee shall be so notified, which notification shall contain a statement of reasons therefor and suggestions for revision. Within sixty days thereafter the regional committee shall submit to the state board a revised plan which revision shall be subject to approval or disapproval by the state board and the procedural requirements and provisions of law applicable to an original plan submitted to said board. [1990 c 33 § 485; 1985 c 385 § 35; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 75; 1971 c 48 § 22; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.56.040. Prior: 1959 c 262 § 5; 1955 c 344 § 4; 1953 c 229 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.56.040, 28.56.040.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

28A.540.060 Bond, excess levy, elections—Use of proceeds. Within sixty days after receipt of the notice of approval from the educational service district superintendent, the board of directors of each school district included in the plan shall submit to the voters thereof a proposal or proposals for providing, through the issuance of bonds and/or the authorization of an excess tax levy, the amount of capital funds that the district is required to provide under the plan. The proceeds of any such bond issue and/or excess tax levy shall be credited to the capital projects fund of the school district in which the proposed high school facilities are to be

located and shall be expended to pay the cost of high school facilities for the education of such students residing in the school districts as are included in the plan and not otherwise. [1985 c 7 § 92; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 76; 1971 c 48 § 23; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.56.050. Prior: 1959 c 262 § 6; 1955 c 344 § 5; 1953 c 229 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.56.050, 28.56.050.]

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

28A.540.070 Rejection by voters of nonhigh districts—Additional elections—Revised plan—Annexation proposal. In the event that a proposal or proposals for providing capital funds as provided in RCW 28A.540.060 is not approved by the voters of a nonhigh school district a second election thereon shall be held within sixty days thereafter. If the vote of the electors of the nonhigh school district is again in the negative, the high school students residing therein shall not be entitled to admission to the high school under the provisions of RCW 28A.225.210, following the close of the school year during which the second election is held: PROVIDED, That in any such case the regional committee on school district organization shall determine within thirty days after the date of the aforesaid election the advisability of initiating a proposal for annexation of such nonhigh school district to the school district in which the proposed facilities are to be located or to some other district where its students can attend high school without undue inconvenience: PROVIDED FURTHER, That pending such determination by the regional committee and action thereon as required by law the board of directors of the high school district shall continue to admit high school students residing in the nonhigh school district. Any proposal for annexation of a nonhigh school district initiated by a regional committee shall be subject to the procedural requirements of this chapter respecting a public hearing and submission to and approval by the state board of education. Upon approval by the state board of any such proposal, the educational service district superintendent shall make an order, establishing the annexation. [1990 c 33 § 486; 1985 c 385 § 36; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 77; 1971 c 48 § 24; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.56.060. Prior: 1959 c 262 § 7; 1955 c 344 § 6; 1953 c 229 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.56.060, 28.56.060.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

Severability—1971 c 48: See note following RCW 28A.305.040.

28A.540.080 Failure of nonhigh districts to submit proposal to vote within time limits—Annexation procedure. In case of failure or refusal by a board of directors of a nonhigh school district to submit a proposal or proposals to a vote of the electors within the time limit specified in RCW 28A.540.060 and 28A.540.070, the regional committee on school district reorganization may initiate a proposal for annexation of such nonhigh school district as provided for in RCW 28A.540.070. [1990 c 33 § 487; 1985 c 385 § 37; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.56.070. Prior: 1959 c 262 § 8; 1955 c 344 § 7; 1953 c 229 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.56.070, 28.56.070.]

Severability—1985 c 385: See note following RCW 28A.315.020.

28A.540.090 Nonhigh districts, time of levy and issuance of bonds. If the voters of a nonhigh school district

approve an excess tax levy, the levy shall be made at the earliest time permitted by law. If the voters of a nonhigh school district approve the issuance of bonds, the board of directors of the nonhigh school district shall issue and sell said bonds within ninety days after receiving a copy of a resolution of the board of directors of the high school district that the high school district is ready to proceed with the construction of the high school facilities provided for in the plan and requesting the sale of the bonds. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.56.075. Prior: 1959 c 262 § 9. Formerly RCW 28A.56.075, 28.56.075.]

28A.540.100 Validation of proceedings under 1955 act, when. All proceedings had and taken under chapter 344, Laws of 1955, shall be valid and binding although not in compliance with that act if said proceedings comply with the requirements of this chapter. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.56.170. Prior: 1959 c 262 § 11. Formerly RCW 28A.56.170, 28.56.170.]

28A.540.110 Designation of high school district nonhigh district students shall attend—Effect when attendance otherwise. (1) In cases where high school students resident in a nonhigh school district are to be educated in a high school district, the board of directors of the nonhigh school district shall, by mutual agreement with the serving district(s), designate the serving high school district or districts which its high school students shall attend. A nonhigh school district shall designate a district as a serving high school district when more than thirty-three and one-third percent of the high school students residing within the boundaries of the nonhigh school district are enrolled in the serving district.

(2) Students residing in a nonhigh school district shall be allowed to attend a high school other than in the designated serving district referred to in subsection (1) of this section, however the nonhigh school board of directors shall not be required to contribute to building programs in any such high school district. Contribution shall be made only to those districts which are designated as serving high school districts at the time the county auditor is requested by the high school district to place a measure on the ballot regarding a proposal or proposals for the issuance of bonds or the authorization of an excess tax levy to provide capital funds for building programs. The nonhigh school district shall be subject to the capital fund aid provisions contained in this chapter with respect to the designated high school serving district(s). [1989 c 321 § 4; 1981 c 239 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.56.200.]

Chapter 28A.545

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Exemptions: State Constitution Art. 7 § 1 (Amendment 14).

28A.545.010 School district divisions—High and nonhigh. For the purposes of this chapter all school districts in the state of Washington shall be and the same are hereby divided into two divisions to be known and designated respectively as high school districts and nonhigh school districts. [1983 c 3 § 31; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.44.045. Prior: 1917 c 21 § 1; RRS § 4710. Formerly RCW 28A.44.045, 28.44.045, 28.01.040, part.]

28A.545.020 Reimbursement not a tuition charge. The reimbursement of a high school district for cost of educating high school pupils for a nonhigh school district, as provided for in this chapter, shall not be deemed a tuition charge as affecting the apportionment of current state school funds. [1983 c 3 § 32; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.44.095. Prior: 1917 c 21 § 11; RRS § 4720. Formerly RCW 28A.44.095, 28.44.095.]

28A.545.030 Purposes. The purposes of RCW 28A.545.030 through 28A.545.110 and 84.52.0531 are to:

(1) Simplify the annual process of determining and paying the amounts due by nonhigh school districts to high school districts for educating students residing in a nonhigh school district;

(2) Provide for a payment schedule that coincides to the extent practicable with the ability of nonhigh school districts to pay and the need of high school districts for payment; and

(3) Establish that the maximum amount due per annual average full-time equivalent student by a nonhigh school district for each school year is no greater than the maintenance and operation excess tax levy rate per annual average full-time equivalent student levied upon the taxpayers of the high school district. [1990 c 33 § 488; 1981 c 264 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.44.150.]

Severability—1981 c 264: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1981 c 264 § 13.]

28A.545.040 "Student residing in a nonhigh school district" defined. The term "student residing in a nonhigh school district" and its equivalent as used in RCW 28A.545.030 through 28A.545.110 and 84.52.0531 shall mean any handicapped or nonhandicapped common school age person who resides within the boundaries of a nonhigh school district that does not conduct the particular kindergarten through grade twelve grade which the person has not yet successfully completed and is eligible to enroll in. [1990 c 33 § 489; 1981 c 264 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.44.160.]

Severability—1981 c 264: See note following RCW 28A.545.030.

28A.545.050 Amounts due from nonhigh districts. Each year at such time as the superintendent of public instruction determines and certifies such maximum allowable

amounts of school district levies under RCW 84.52.0531 he or she shall also:

(1) Determine the extent to which the estimated amounts due by nonhigh school districts for the previous school year exceeded or fell short of the actual amounts due; and

(2) Determine the estimated amounts due by nonhigh school districts for the current school year and increase or decrease the same to the extent of overpayments or underpayments for the previous school year. [1985 c 341 § 11; 1981 c 264 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.44.170.]

Severability—1981 c 264: See note following RCW 28A.545.030.

28A.545.060 Enrollment data for computation of amounts due. The student enrollment data necessary for the computation of the annual amounts due by nonhigh school districts pursuant to RCW 28A.545.030 through 28A.545.110 and 84.52.0531 shall be established as follows:

(1) On or before July tenth preceding the school year, or such other date as may be established by the superintendent of public instruction, each high school district superintendent shall certify to the superintendent of public instruction:

(a) The estimated number of students residing in a nonhigh school district that will be enrolled in the high school district during the school year which estimate has been mutually agreed upon by the high school district superintendent and the superintendent of each nonhigh school district in which one or more of such students resides;

(b) The total estimated number of kindergarten through twelfth grade annual average full-time equivalent students, inclusive of nonresident students, that will be enrolled in the high school district during the school year;

(c) The actual number of annual average full-time equivalent students provided for in subsections (1)(a) and (b) of this section that were enrolled in the high school district during the regular school term just completed; and

(d) The name, address, and the school district and county of residence of each student residing in a nonhigh school district reported pursuant to this subsection (1), to the extent the same can reasonably be established.

(2) In the event the superintendents of a high school district and a nonhigh school district are unable to reach agreement respecting the estimated number of annual average full-time equivalent students residing in the nonhigh school district that will be enrolled in the high school district during the school year, the estimate shall be established by the superintendent of public instruction. [1990 c 33 § 490; 1981 c 264 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.44.180.]

Severability—1981 c 264: See note following RCW 28A.545.030.

28A.545.070 Superintendent's annual determination of estimated amount due—Process. (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall annually determine the estimated amount due by a nonhigh school district to a high school district for the school year as follows:

(a) The total of the high school district's maintenance and operation excess tax levy that has been authorized and determined by the superintendent of public instruction to be allowable pursuant to RCW 84.52.0531, as now or hereafter amended, for collection during the next calendar year, shall first be divided by the total estimated number of annual

average full-time equivalent students which the high school district superintendent or the superintendent of public instruction has certified pursuant to RCW 28A.545.060 will be enrolled in the high school district during the school year;

(b) The result of the calculation provided for in subsection (1)(a) of this section shall then be multiplied by the estimated number of annual average full-time equivalent students residing in the nonhigh school district that will be enrolled in the high school district during the school year which has been established pursuant to RCW 28A.545.060; and

(c) The result of the calculation provided for in subsection (1)(b) of this section shall be adjusted upward to the extent the estimated amount due by a nonhigh school district for the prior school year was less than the actual amount due based upon actual annual average full-time equivalent student enrollments during the previous school year and the actual per annual average full-time equivalent student maintenance and operation excess tax levy rate for the current tax collection year, of the high school district, or adjusted downward to the extent the estimated amount due was greater than such actual amount due or greater than such lesser amount as a high school district may have elected to assess pursuant to RCW 28A.545.090.

(2) The amount arrived at pursuant to subsection (1)(c) of this subsection shall constitute the estimated amount due by a nonhigh school district to a high school district for the school year. [1990 c 33 § 491; 1981 c 264 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.44.190.]

Severability—1981 c 264: See note following RCW 28A.545.030.

28A.545.080 Estimated amount due paid in May and November installments. The estimated amounts due by nonhigh school districts as determined pursuant to RCW 28A.545.070 shall be paid in two installments. During the month of May of the school year for which the amount is due, each nonhigh school district shall pay to each high school district fifty percent of the total estimated amount due to the high school district for the school year as determined by the superintendent of public instruction pursuant to RCW 28A.545.070. The remaining fifty percent shall be paid by each nonhigh school district to each high school district during the following November. [1990 c 33 § 492; 1981 c 264 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.44.200.]

Severability—1981 c 264: See note following RCW 28A.545.030.

28A.545.090 Assessing nonhigh school lesser amount—Notice of. Notwithstanding any provision of RCW 28A.545.050 through 28A.545.080 to the contrary, any high school district board of directors may elect to assess a nonhigh school district an amount which is less than that otherwise established by the superintendent of public instruction pursuant to RCW 28A.545.070 to be due. In the event a high school district elects to do so, it shall notify both the superintendent of public instruction and the nonhigh school district of its election and the lesser amount no later than September first following the school year for which the amount is due. In the absence of such notification, each nonhigh school district shall pay the amount otherwise established by the superintendent of public instruction

pursuant to RCW 28A.545.070. [1990 c 33 § 493; 1981 c 264 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.44.210.]

Severability—1981 c 264: See note following RCW 28A.545.030.

28A.545.100 Amount due reflects cost of education and transportation of students. Unless otherwise agreed to by the board of directors of a nonhigh school district, the amounts which are established as due by a nonhigh school district pursuant to RCW 28A.545.030 through 28A.545.110 and 84.52.0531, as now or hereafter amended, shall constitute the entire amount which is due by a nonhigh school district for the school year for the education of any and all handicapped and nonhandicapped students residing in the nonhigh school district who attend a high school district pursuant to RCW 28A.225.210, and for the transportation of such students by a high school district. [1990 c 33 § 494; 1983 1st ex.s. c 61 § 7; 1981 c 264 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.44.220.]

Severability—1983 1st ex.s. c 61: See note following RCW 28A.160.010.

Severability—1981 c 264: See note following RCW 28A.545.030.

28A.545.110 Rules to effect purposes and implementation provisions. The superintendent of public instruction is hereby empowered to adopt rules pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, as now or hereafter amended, deemed necessary or advisable by the superintendent to effect the purposes and implement the provisions of RCW 28A.545.030 through 28A.545.110 and 84.52.0531. [1990 c 33 § 495; 1981 c 264 § 9. Formerly RCW 28A.44.230.]

Severability—1981 c 264: See note following RCW 28A.545.030.

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28A.600.010 Government of schools, pupils, employees, rules and regulations for—Due process guarantees—Enforcement. Every board of directors, unless otherwise specifically provided by law, shall:

(1) Enforce the rules and regulations prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education for the government of schools, pupils, and certificated employees.

(2) Adopt and make available to each pupil, teacher and parent in the district reasonable written rules and regulations regarding pupil conduct, discipline, and rights, including but not limited to short-term and long-term suspensions. Such rules and regulations shall not be inconsistent with law or the rules and regulations of the superintendent of public instruction or the state board of education and shall include such substantive and procedural due process guarantees as prescribed by the state board of education under RCW 28A.305.160. Commencing with the 1976-77 school year, when such rules and regulations are made available to each pupil, teacher and parent, they shall be accompanied by a detailed description of rights, responsibilities and authority of teachers and principals with respect to the discipline of pupils as prescribed by state statutory law, superintendent of public instruction and state board of education rules and regulations and rules and regulations of the school district.

For the purposes of this subsection, computation of days included in "short-term" and "long-term" suspensions shall be determined on the basis of consecutive school days.

(3) Suspend, expel, or discipline pupils in accordance with RCW 28A.305.160. [1990 c 33 § 496; 1979 ex.s. c 173 § 2; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 97 § 2; 1975 1st ex.s. c 254 § 1; 1971 ex.s. c 268 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.101. Prior: 1969 c 53 § 1, part; 1967 ex.s. c 29 § 1, part; 1967 c 12 § 1, part; 1965 ex.s. c 49 § 1, part; 1963 c 104 § 1, part; 1963 c 5 § 1, part; 1961 c 305 § 1, part; 1961 c 237 § 1, part; 1961 c 66 § 1, part; 1955 c 68 § 2, part. Formerly RCW 28A.58.101, 28.58.100(2), (6).]

Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 254: See note following RCW 28A.410.120.

28A.600.020 Government of schools, pupils, employees, rules and regulations for—Aim—Exclusion of student by teacher—Written procedures developed for administering discipline, scope. (1) The rules adopted pursuant to RCW 28A.600.010 shall be interpreted to insure that the optimum learning atmosphere of the classroom is maintained, and that the highest consideration is given to the judgment of qualified certificated educators regarding conditions necessary to maintain the optimum learning atmosphere.

(2) Any student who creates a disruption of the educational process in violation of the building disciplinary standards while under a teacher's immediate supervision may be excluded by the teacher from his or her individual classroom and instructional or activity area for all or any portion of the balance of the school day or until the principal or designee and teacher have conferred, whichever occurs first: **PROVIDED**, That except in emergency circumstances, the teacher shall have first attempted one or more alternative forms of corrective action: **PROVIDED FURTHER**, That in no event without the consent of the teacher shall an excluded student be returned during the balance of that class or activity period.

(3) In order to preserve a beneficial learning environment for all students and to maintain good order and discipline in each classroom, every school district board of directors shall provide that written procedures are developed for administering discipline at each school within the district. Such procedures shall be developed with the participation of parents and the community, and shall provide that the teacher, principal or designee, and other authorities designated by the board of directors, make every reasonable attempt to involve the parent or guardian and the student in the resolution of student discipline problems. Such procedures shall provide that students may be excluded from their individual classes or activities for periods of time in excess of that provided in subsection (2) of this section if such students have repeatedly disrupted the learning of other students: **PROVIDED**, That the procedures are consistent with the regulations of the state board of education and provide for early involvement of parents in attempts to improve the student's behavior: **PROVIDED FURTHER**, That pursuant to RCW 28A.400.110, the procedures shall assure that all staff work cooperatively toward consistent enforcement of proper student behavior throughout each school as well as within each classroom. [1990 c 33 § 497;

1980 c 171 § 1; 1972 ex.s. c 142 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.58.1011.]

28A.600.030 Grading policies—Option to consider attendance. Each school district board of directors may establish student grading policies which permit teachers to consider a student's attendance in determining the student's overall grade or deciding whether the student should be granted or denied credit. Such policies shall take into consideration the circumstances pertaining to the student's inability to attend school. However, no policy shall be adopted whereby a grade shall be reduced or credit shall be denied for disciplinary reasons only, rather than for academic reasons, unless due process of law is provided as set forth by the state board of education under RCW 28A.305.160. [1990 c 33 § 498; 1984 c 278 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.58.195.]

Severability—1984 c 278: See note following RCW 28A.185.010.

28A.600.040 Pupils to comply with rules and regulations. All pupils who attend the common schools shall comply with the rules and regulations established in pursuance of the law for the government of the schools, shall pursue the required course of studies, and shall submit to the authority of the teachers of such schools, subject to such disciplinary or other action as the local school officials shall determine. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.200. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 263 § 6; RRS § 4690; prior: 1897 c 118 § 69; 1890 p 372 § 48. Formerly RCW 28A.58.200, 28.58.200.]

28A.600.050 State honors awards program established—Purpose. The Washington state honors awards program is hereby established for the purpose of promoting academic achievement among high school students enrolled in public or approved private high schools by recognizing outstanding achievement of students in academic core subjects. This program shall be voluntary on the part of each school district and each student enrolled in high school. [1985 c 62 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.03.440.]

State scholars' program: RCW 28A.600.100 through 28A.600.150.

28A.600.060 State honors awards program—Areas included. The recipients of the Washington state honors awards shall be selected based on student achievement in both verbal and quantitative areas, as measured by a test or tests of general achievement selected by the superintendent of public instruction, and shall include student performance in the academic core areas of English, mathematics, science, social studies, and languages other than English, which may be American Indian languages. The performance level in such academic core subjects shall be determined by grade point averages, numbers of credits earned, and courses enrolled in during the beginning of the senior year. [1993 c 371 § 4; 1991 c 116 § 22; 1985 c 62 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.03.442.]

28A.600.070 State honors awards program—Rules. The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules for the establishment and administration of the Washington state honors awards program. The rules shall establish: (1) The

test or tests of general achievement that are used to measure verbal and quantitative achievement, (2) academic subject performance levels, (3) timelines for participating school districts to notify students of the opportunity to participate, (4) procedures for the administration of the program, and (5) the procedures for providing the appropriate honors award designation. [1991 c 116 § 23; 1985 c 62 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.03.444.]

28A.600.080 State honors awards program—Materials—Recognition by business and industry encouraged. The superintendent of public instruction shall provide participating high schools with the necessary materials for conferring honors. The superintendent of public instruction shall require participating high schools to encourage local representatives of business and industry to recognize students in their communities who receive an honors designation based on the Washington state honors awards program. [1985 c 62 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.03.446.]

28A.600.100 State scholars' program—Purpose. Each year high schools in the state of Washington graduate a significant number of students who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic achievement. The purpose of RCW 28A.600.100 through 28A.600.150 is to establish a consistent and uniform program which will recognize and honor the accomplishments of these students; encourage and facilitate privately funded scholarship awards among them; stimulate the recruitment of outstanding students to Washington public and private colleges and universities; and allow educational and legislative leaders, as well as the governor, to reaffirm the importance of educational excellence to the future of this state. [1990 c 33 § 499; 1985 c 341 § 14; 1981 c 54 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.820.]

Severability—1981 c 54: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1981 c 54 § 10.]

State honors awards program: RCW 28A.600.050 through 28A.600.080.

Waiver of tuition and fees for recipients of the Washington scholars award: RCW 28B.15.543.

28A.600.110 State scholars' program—Established—Scope. There is established by the legislature of the state of Washington the Washington state scholars program. The purposes of this program annually are to:

(1) Provide for the selection of three seniors residing in each legislative district in the state graduating from high schools who have distinguished themselves academically among their peers.

(2) Maximize public awareness of the academic achievement, leadership ability, and community contribution of Washington state public and private high school seniors through appropriate recognition ceremonies and events at both the local and state level.

(3) Provide a listing of the Washington scholars to all Washington state public and private colleges and universities to facilitate communication regarding academic programs and scholarship availability.

(4) Make available a state level mechanism for utilization of private funds for scholarship awards to outstanding high school seniors.

(5) Provide, on written request and with student permission, a listing of the Washington scholars to private scholarship selection committees for notification of scholarship availability.

(6) Permit a waiver of tuition and services and activities fees as provided for in RCW 28B.15.543 and grants under RCW 28B.80.245. [1994 c 234 § 4; 1988 c 210 § 4; 1987 c 465 § 1; 1981 c 54 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.822.]

Severability—1981 c 54: See note following RCW 28A.600.100.

28A.600.120 State scholars' program—Administration—Cooperation with other agencies. The higher education coordinating board shall have the responsibility for administration of the Washington scholars program. The program will be developed cooperatively with the Washington association of secondary school principals, a voluntary professional association of secondary school principals. The cooperation of other state agencies and private organizations having interest and responsibility in public and private education shall be sought for planning assistance. [1985 c 370 § 32; 1981 c 54 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.58.824.]

Severability—Effective dates—1985 c 370: See RCW 28B.80.911 and 28B.80.912.

Severability—1981 c 54: See note following RCW 28A.600.100.

28A.600.130 State scholars' program—Planning committee—Composition—Duties. The higher education coordinating board shall establish a planning committee to develop criteria for screening and selection of the Washington scholars each year in accordance with RCW 28A.600.110(1). It is the intent that these criteria shall emphasize scholastic achievement but not exclude such criteria as leadership ability and community contribution in final selection procedures. The Washington scholars planning committee shall have members from selected state agencies and private organizations having an interest and responsibility in education, including but not limited to, the state board of education, the office of superintendent of public instruction, the council of presidents, the *state board for community college education, and the Washington friends of higher education. [1990 c 33 § 500; 1985 c 370 § 33; 1981 c 54 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.58.826.]

***Reviser's note:** The state board for community college education was renamed the state board for community and technical colleges by 1991 c 238 § 30.

Severability—Effective dates—1985 c 370: See RCW 28B.80.911 and 28B.80.912.

Severability—1981 c 54: See note following RCW 28A.600.100.

28A.600.140 State scholars' program—Principal's association to submit names to board. Each year on or before March 1st, the Washington association of secondary school principals shall submit to the higher education coordinating board the names of graduating senior high school students who have been identified and recommended to be outstanding in academic achievement by their school principals based on criteria to be established under RCW

28A.600.130. [1990 c 33 § 501; 1985 c 370 § 34; 1981 c 54 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.58.828.]

Severability—Effective dates—1985 c 370: See RCW 28B.80.911 and 28B.80.912.

Severability—1981 c 54: See note following RCW 28A.600.100.

28A.600.150 State scholars' program—Selection and notification process—Certificates—Awards ceremony. Washington scholars annually shall be selected from among the students so identified. The higher education coordinating board shall notify the students so designated, their high school principals, the legislators of their respective districts, and the governor when final selections have been made.

The board, in conjunction with the governor's office, shall prepare appropriate certificates to be presented to the Washington scholars recipients. An awards ceremony at an appropriate time and place shall be planned by the board in cooperation with the Washington association of secondary school principals, and with the approval of the governor. [1985 c 370 § 35; 1981 c 54 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.58.830.]

Severability—Effective dates—1985 c 370: See RCW 28B.80.911 and 28B.80.912.

Severability—1981 c 54: See note following RCW 28A.600.100.

28A.600.200 Interschool athletic and other extracurricular activities for students, regulation of—Delegation, conditions. Each school district board of directors is hereby granted and shall exercise the authority to control, supervise and regulate the conduct of interschool athletic activities and other interschool extracurricular activities of an athletic, cultural, social or recreational nature for students of the district. A board of directors may delegate control, supervision and regulation of any such activity to the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association or any other voluntary nonprofit entity and compensate such entity for services provided, subject to the following conditions:

(1) The voluntary nonprofit entity shall submit an annual report to the state board of education of student appeal determinations, assets, and financial receipts and disbursements at such time and in such detail as the state board shall establish by rule;

(2) The voluntary nonprofit entity shall not discriminate in connection with employment or membership upon its governing board, or otherwise in connection with any function it performs, on the basis of race, creed, national origin, sex or marital status;

(3) Any rules and policies applied by the voluntary nonprofit entity which govern student participation in any interschool activity shall be written and subject to the annual review and approval of the state board of education at such time as it shall establish;

(4) All amendments and repeals of such rules and policies shall be subject to the review and approval of the state board; and

(5) Such rules and policies shall provide for notice of the reasons and a fair opportunity to contest such reasons prior to a final determination to reject a student's request to participate in or to continue in an interschool activity. Any

such decision shall be considered a decision of the school district conducting the activity in which the student seeks to participate or was participating and may be appealed pursuant to RCW 28A.645.010 through 28A.645.030. [1990 c 33 § 502; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 32 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.125.]

School buses, transport of general public to interscholastic activities—Limitations: RCW 28A.160.100.

28A.600.210 School locker searches—Findings. The legislature finds that illegal drug activity and weapons in schools threaten the safety and welfare of school children and pose a severe threat to the state educational system. School officials need authority to maintain order and discipline in schools and to protect students from exposure to illegal drugs, weapons, and contraband. Searches of school-issued lockers and the contents of those lockers is a reasonable and necessary tool to protect the interests of the students of the state as a whole. [1989 c 271 § 244. Formerly RCW 28A.67.300.]

Severability—1989 c 271: See note following RCW 9.94A.310.

28A.600.220 School locker searches—No expectation of privacy. No right nor expectation of privacy exists for any student as to the use of any locker issued or assigned to a student by a school and the locker shall be subject to search for illegal drugs, weapons, and contraband as provided in RCW 28A.600.210 through 28A.600.240. [1990 c 33 § 503; 1989 c 271 § 245. Formerly RCW 28A.67.310.]

Severability—1989 c 271: See note following RCW 9.94A.310.

28A.600.230 School locker searches—Authorization—Limitations. (1) A school principal, vice principal, or principal's designee may search a student, the student's possessions, and the student's locker, if the principal, vice principal, or principal's designee has reasonable grounds to suspect that the search will yield evidence of the student's violation of the law or school rules.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the scope of the search is proper if the search is conducted as follows:

(a) The methods used are reasonably related to the objectives of the search; and

(b) Is not excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the suspected infraction.

(3) A principal or vice principal or anyone acting under their direction may not subject a student to a strip search or body cavity search as those terms are defined in RCW 10.79.070. [1989 c 271 § 246. Formerly RCW 28A.67.320.]

Severability—1989 c 271: See note following RCW 9.94A.310.

28A.600.240 School locker searches—Notice and reasonable suspicion requirements. (1) In addition to the provisions in RCW 28A.600.230, the school principal, vice principal, or principal's designee may search all student lockers at any time without prior notice and without a reasonable suspicion that the search will yield evidence of any particular student's violation of the law or school rule.

(2) If the school principal, vice principal, or principal's designee, as a result of the search, develops a reasonable

suspicion that a certain container or containers in any student locker contain evidence of a student's violation of the law or school rule, the principal, vice principal, or principal's designee may search the container or containers according to the provisions of RCW 28A.600.230(2). [1990 c 33 § 504; 1989 c 271 § 247. Formerly RCW 28A.67.330.]

Severability—1989 c 271: See note following RCW 9.94A.310.

28A.600.300 High school students' options—

Definition. For the purposes of RCW 28A.600.310 through 28A.600.400, "participating institution of higher education" or "institution of higher education" means:

(1) A community or technical college as defined in RCW 28B.50.030; and

(2) Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, and Washington State University, if the institution's governing board decides to participate in the program in RCW 28A.600.310 through 28A.600.400. [1994 c 205 § 1; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 401.]

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

28A.600.310 High school students' options— Enrollment in institutions of higher education—

Transmittal of funds. (1) Eleventh and twelfth grade students or students who have not yet received a high school diploma or its equivalent and are eligible to be in the eleventh or twelfth grades may apply to a participating institution of higher education to enroll in courses or programs offered by the institution of higher education. However, students are eligible to enroll in courses or programs in participating universities only if the board of directors of the student's school district has decided to participate in the program. Participating institutions of higher education, in consultation with school districts, may establish admission standards for these students. If the institution of higher education accepts a secondary school pupil for enrollment under this section, the institution of higher education shall send written notice to the pupil and the pupil's school district within ten days of acceptance. The notice shall indicate the course and hours of enrollment for that pupil.

(2) The pupil's school district shall transmit to the institution of higher education an amount per each full-time equivalent college student at state-wide uniform rates for vocational and nonvocational students. The superintendent of public instruction shall separately calculate and allocate moneys appropriated for basic education under RCW 28A.150.260 to school districts for purposes of making such payments and for granting school districts seven percent thereof to offset program related costs. The calculations and allocations shall be based upon the estimated state-wide annual average per full-time equivalent high school student allocations under RCW 28A.150.260, excluding small high school enhancements, and applicable rules adopted under chapter 34.05 RCW. The superintendent of public instruction, the higher education coordinating board, and the state board for community and technical colleges shall consult on the calculation and distribution of the funds. The institution of higher education shall not require the pupil to pay any other fees. The funds received by the institution of higher

education from the school district shall not be deemed tuition or operating fees and may be retained by the institution of higher education. A student enrolled under this subsection shall not be counted for the purpose of determining any enrollment restrictions imposed by the state on the institution of higher education. [1994 c 205 § 2; 1993 c 222 § 1; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 402.]

Effective date—1993 c 222: "This act shall take effect September 1, 1993." [1993 c 222 § 2.]

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

28A.600.320 High school students' options—

Information on enrollment. A school district shall provide general information about the program to all pupils in grades ten, eleven, and twelve and the parents and guardians of those pupils. To assist the district in planning, a pupil shall inform the district of the pupil's intent to enroll in courses at an institution of higher education for credit. Students are responsible for applying for admission to the institution of higher education. [1994 c 205 § 3; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 403.]

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

28A.600.330 High school students' options—

Maximum terms of enrollment for high school credit. A pupil who enrolls in an institution of higher education in grade eleven may not enroll in postsecondary courses under RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.390 for high school credit and postsecondary credit for more than the equivalent of the course work for two academic years. A pupil who first enrolls in an institution of higher education in grade twelve may not enroll in postsecondary courses under this section for high school credit and postsecondary credit for more than the equivalent of the course work for one academic year. [1994 c 205 § 4; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 404.]

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

28A.600.340 High school students' options—

Enrolled students not displaced. Once a pupil has been enrolled in a postsecondary course or program under RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.400, the pupil shall not be displaced by another student. [1994 c 205 § 5; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 405.]

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

28A.600.350 High school students' options—

Enrollment for secondary and postsecondary credit. A pupil may enroll in a course under RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.390 for both high school credit and postsecondary credit. [1994 c 205 § 6; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 406.]

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

28A.600.360 High school students' options— Enrollment in postsecondary institution—Determination of high school credits—Application toward graduation

requirements. A school district shall grant academic credit to a pupil enrolled in a course for high school credit if the pupil successfully completes the course. If no comparable course is offered by the school district, the school district superintendent shall determine how many credits to award for the course. The determination shall be made in writing before the pupil enrolls in the course. The credits shall be applied toward graduation requirements and subject area requirements. Evidence of the successful completion of each course in an institution of higher education shall be included in the pupil's secondary school records and transcript. The transcript shall also note that the course was taken at an institution of higher education. [1994 c 205 § 7; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 407.]

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

28A.600.370 High school students' options—Postsecondary credit. Any state institution of higher education may award postsecondary credit for college level academic and vocational courses successfully completed by a student while in high school and taken at an institution of higher education. The state institution of higher education shall not charge a fee for the award of the credits. [1994 c 205 § 8; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 408.]

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

28A.600.380 High school students' options—School district not responsible for transportation. Transportation to and from the institution of higher education is not the responsibility of the school district. [1994 c 205 § 9; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 409.]

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

28A.600.390 High school students' options—Rules. The superintendent of public instruction, the state board for community and technical colleges, and the higher education coordinating board shall jointly develop and adopt rules governing RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.380, if rules are necessary. The rules shall be written to encourage the maximum use of the program and shall not narrow or limit the enrollment options under RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.380. [1994 c 205 § 10; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 410.]

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

28A.600.400 High school students' options—Existing agreements not affected. RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.390 are in addition to and not intended to adversely affect agreements between school districts and institutions of higher education in effect on April 11, 1990, and in the future. [1994 c 205 § 11; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 412.]

Finding—Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW 28A.225.220.

28A.600.410 Alternatives to suspension—Encouraged. School districts are encouraged to find alternatives to suspension including reducing the length of a

student's suspension conditioned by the commencement of counseling or other treatment services. Consistent with current law, the conditioning of a student's suspension does not obligate the school district to pay for the counseling or other treatment services except for those stipulated and agreed to by the district at the inception of the suspension. [1992 c 155 § 1.]

28A.600.415 Alternatives to suspension—Community service encouraged—Information provided to school districts. (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall encourage school districts to utilize community service as an alternative to student suspension. Community service shall include the provision of volunteer services by students in social and educational organizations including, but not limited to, hospitals, fire and police stations, nursing homes, food banks, day care organizations, and state and local government offices.

(2) At a minimum, by February 1, 1993, the superintendent shall prepare and distribute information to school districts regarding existing programs, the potential benefits and considerations of using community service as an alternative to suspension, and recommended guidelines for starting new programs. The superintendent also shall address, and attempt to clarify and resolve, any potential liability, supervision, and transportation issues associated with using community service as an alternative to suspension. [1992 c 155 § 2.]

28A.600.425 Fair start program—Definitions. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout RCW 28A.600.425 through 28A.600.450.

(1) "Child intervention specialist" or "community-based public or private human service provider" means a person who provides early intervention and prevention services and includes but is not limited to services provided by licensed mental health professionals, child psychiatrists, health care providers, social service caseworkers or social workers, school counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, and school social workers.

(2) "Early grades," "elementary grades," and "elementary level" mean kindergarten through grade six and may include preschool age children served by the school district.

(3) "Elementary grades prevention and intervention program" means a district-wide program or plan of early detection, prevention, and intervention of learning, emotional, environmental, social, or physical problems of elementary students, that addresses student and family needs; the appropriate use and roles of child intervention specialists, including training and necessary supervision; interprofessional cooperation; and interagency, public and private, collaboration and coordination of the planning, delivery, and evaluation of programs and services.

(4) "Early intervention services" means services that are provided to address social and emotional factors that can affect student performance and behavior and that are provided when problems just begin to emerge.

(5) "Prevention services" means services that are provided to address social and emotional factors that can

affect student performance and behavior and that are provided to students before problems occur.

(6) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of public instruction. [1992 c 196 § 2.]

Findings—1992 c 196: "(1) A student's ability to learn can be adversely impacted by a number of factors, including but not limited to: Lack of parent involvement and support; child abuse and neglect; poverty, including parental unemployment or underemployment; family transiency and homelessness; drug and alcohol abuse; poor health and nutrition; crime; and peer influence.

(2) The legislature finds that:

(a) Prevention and intervention services at the elementary school level can offer early identification, encouragement, and follow-up of each child's special interests, creative talents, and particular abilities as well as identification of and cooperative assistance with learning, emotional, environmental, social, or physical obstacles to normal child growth and development; and

(b) The provision of counseling and related prevention and intervention services at the elementary school level can contribute to enhancement of the classroom environment for students and teachers, and better enable students to realize their academic and personal potential.

(c) [3] The legislature finds that services should be provided to the extent possible by public or private human service agencies." [1992 c 196 § 1.]

Severability—1992 c 196: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1992 c 196 § 9.]

28A.600.430 Fair start program—Established—Distribution of funds—Cooperative administration by two or more school districts—Administration by educational service district. (1) From funds appropriated by the legislature, the superintendent shall establish the fair start program to assist school districts in providing prevention and intervention programs for elementary grade students. The fair start program shall not become a part of the state's basic program of education obligation as set forth under Article IX of the state Constitution.

(2) The superintendent shall distribute funds equitably to all school districts based on the district's enrollment in grades kindergarten through six. However, the allocations for school districts enrolling fewer than one thousand full-time equivalent students shall be distributed to the educational service district in which the district is located. The educational service district shall use the allocation to provide early intervention and prevention services under a cooperative agreement between the district and the educational service district. Educational service districts shall coordinate the use of staff and resources to serve school districts. Fair start funds shall not be used to replace funding for existing activities. However, any district currently providing elementary students with prevention and intervention services that loses the source of funding for those services, for reasons beyond the control of the district, may use fair start funds to continue or enhance the existing level of prevention and intervention services.

(3) Two or more school districts may cooperatively administer an elementary prevention and intervention program. An educational service district may administer a program on behalf of one or more school districts. [1992 c 196 § 3.]

Findings—Severability—1992 c 196: See notes following RCW 28A.600.425.

28A.600.435 Fair start program—Information required from districts accepting funds—Written interagency agreements. (1) School districts and educational service districts accepting fair start funds shall submit not later than June 1, 1993, the following information to the superintendent of public instruction:

(a) District goals relating to prevention and early intervention services for elementary students and the district's plan, based on the goals, for providing prevention and early intervention services to students. To ensure delivery of appropriate services to students through a coordinated network of service providers, districts shall document that community-based public and/or private human service providers, district-level and building-level staff and administrators, and parents participated in developing the goals and plan;

(b) Documentation of written interagency agreements or contracts between school and educational service districts, and public and/or private community-based human service providers to provide prevention and early intervention services to students;

(c) Procedures for notifying parents or guardians regarding the referral of students for prevention and intervention services and liability issues relating to the provision of prevention and intervention services to students outside school buildings;

(d) Use of grant funds for prevention and intervention-related inservice purposes, including as necessary and appropriate, multicultural in-service training; and

(e) Other information as requested by the superintendent.

(2) To the greatest extent possible, the delivery of prevention and early intervention services to students:

(a) Shall not be duplicative of other programs;

(b) Shall be consistent with the applicable children's mental health delivery system developed under chapter 71.36 RCW;

(c) Shall emphasize the most efficient and cost-effective use of fair start funds; and

(d) Shall be provided on a twelve-month basis.

(3) When using school personnel to provide prevention and intervention services, school districts are encouraged to utilize paraprofessionals.

(4) School districts and educational service districts accepting fair start funds shall enter into written interagency agreements with community-based public and/or private human service providers to assure delivery of appropriate services to students. [1992 c 196 § 4.]

Findings—Severability—1992 c 196: See notes following RCW 28A.600.425.

28A.600.440 Fair start program—Prevention and intervention services—Information regarding health care.

(1) Districts shall use fair start funds to provide prevention and intervention services to students with priority given to students based on need. Districts shall establish the criteria determining need.

(2) Funds from the fair start program regarding health care shall be used only for services and information relating to nutrition and poor health.

(3) Nothing under RCW 28A.600.425 through 28A.600.450 precludes a district from incorporating a

primary intervention program model or a family support worker model as part of the district's fair start program. [1992 c 196 § 5.]

Findings—Severability—1992 c 196: See notes following RCW 28A.600.425.

28A.600.445 Fair start program—Rules. The superintendent of public instruction may adopt rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to implement RCW 28A.600.425 through 28A.600.450. [1992 c 196 § 6.]

Findings—Severability—1992 c 196: See notes following RCW 28A.600.425.

28A.600.450 Fair start program—Information to districts on use of funds or establishment of interagency agreements. Upon request, the superintendent shall provide information to districts regarding how other districts have used fair start funds locally or how other districts have established interagency agreements with community-based public and/or private human service providers under RCW 28A.600.435. [1992 c 196 § 7.]

Findings—Severability—1992 c 196: See notes following RCW 28A.600.425.

28A.600.475 Exchange of information with law enforcement and juvenile court officials—Notification of parents and students. School districts may participate in the exchange of information with law enforcement and juvenile court officials to the extent permitted by the family educational and privacy rights act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g. When directed by court order or pursuant to any lawfully issued subpoena, a school district shall make student records and information available to law enforcement officials, probation officers, court personnel, and others legally entitled to the information. Parents and students shall be notified by the school district of all such orders or subpoenas in advance of compliance with them. [1992 c 205 § 120.]

Part headings not law—Severability—1992 c 205: See notes following RCW 13.40.010.

Chapter 28A.605 PARENT ACCESS

Sections

28A.605.010	Removing child from school grounds during school hours—Procedure.
28A.605.020	Parents' access to classroom or school sponsored activities—Limitation.

28A.605.010 Removing child from school grounds during school hours—Procedure. The board of directors of each school district by rule or regulation shall set forth proper procedure to ensure that each school within their district is carrying out district policy providing that no child will be removed from any school grounds or building thereon during school hours except by a person so authorized by a parent or legal guardian having legal custody thereof: PROVIDED, That such rules and regulations need not be applicable to any child in grades nine through twelve. [1975 1st ex.s. c 248 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.050.]

28A.605.020 Parents' access to classroom or school sponsored activities—Limitation. Every school district board of directors shall, after following established procedure, adopt a policy assuring parents access to their child's classroom and/or school sponsored activities for purposes of observing class procedure, teaching material, and class conduct: PROVIDED, That such observation shall not disrupt the classroom procedure or learning activity. [1979 ex.s. c 250 § 8. Formerly RCW 28A.58.053.]

Effective date—Severability—1979 ex.s. c 250: See notes following RCW 28A.150.220.

Chapter 28A.610 PROJECT EVEN START

Sections

28A.610.010	Intent—Short title.
28A.610.020	Definitions.
28A.610.030	Adult literacy program—Basic skills instruction—Credit toward work and training requirement—Rules.
28A.610.040	Preference for existing programs before developing new programs.
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28A.610.010 Intent—Short title. (1) Parents can be the most effective teachers for their children. Providing illiterate or semiliterate parents with opportunities to acquire basic skills and child development knowledge will enhance their ability to assist and support their children in the learning process, and will enhance children's learning experiences in the formal education environment by providing children with the motivation and positive home environment which contribute to enhanced academic performance.

(2) RCW 28A.610.020 through *28A.610.060 may be known and cited as project even start. [1990 c 33 § 505; 1987 c 518 § 104. Formerly RCW 28A.130.010.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 28A.610.060 was repealed by 1994 c 245 § 14.

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

28A.610.020 Definitions. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definition in this section shall apply throughout RCW 28A.610.030 through *28A.610.060.

"Parent" or "parents" means a parent who has less than an eighth grade ability in one or more of the basic skill areas of reading, language arts, or mathematics, as measured by a standardized test, and who has a child or children enrolled in: (1) The state early childhood education and assistance program; (2) a federal head start program; (3) a state or federally funded elementary school basic skills program serving students who have scored below the national average on a standardized test in one or more of the basic skill areas of reading, language arts, or mathematics; or (4) a cooperative nursery school at a community college or vocational technical institute. [1990 c 33 § 506; 1987 c 518 § 105. Formerly RCW 28A.130.012.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 28A.610.060 was repealed by 1994 c 245 § 14.

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

28A.610.030 Adult literacy program—Basic skills instruction—Credit toward work and training requirement—Rules. (1) The superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the *department of community development, the department of social and health services, the **state board for community college education, and community-based, nonprofit providers of adult literacy services, shall develop an adult literacy program to serve eligible parents as defined under RCW 28A.610.020. The program shall give priority to serving parents with children who have not yet enrolled in school or are in grades kindergarten through three.

(2) In addition to providing basic skills instruction to eligible parents, the program may include other program components which may include transportation, child care, and such other directly necessary activities as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of RCW 28A.610.020 through ***28A.610.060.

(3) Parents who elect to participate in training or work programs, as a condition of receiving public assistance, shall have the hours spent in parent participation programs, conducted as part of a federal head start program, or the state early childhood education and assistance program under RCW 28A.215.100 through 28A.215.200 and 28A.215.900 through 28A.215.908, or parent literacy programs under RCW 28A.610.020 through ***28A.610.060, counted toward the fulfillment of their work and training obligation for the receipt of public assistance.

(4) State funds as may be appropriated for project even start shall be used solely to expand and complement, but not supplant, federal funds for adult literacy programs.

(5) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules as necessary to carry out the purposes of RCW 28A.610.020 through ***28A.610.060. [1990 c 33 § 507; 1987 c 518 § 106. Formerly RCW 28A.130.014.]

Reviser's note: *(1) Powers, duties, and functions of the department of community development and the department of trade and economic development were transferred to the department of community, trade, and economic development by 1993 c 280, effective July 1, 1994.

** (2) The state board for community college education was renamed the state board for community and technical colleges by 1991 c 238 § 30.

*** (3) RCW 28A.610.060 was repealed by 1994 c 245 § 14.

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

28A.610.040 Preference for existing programs before developing new programs. The superintendent of public instruction is authorized and directed, whenever possible, to fund or cooperatively work with existing adult literacy programs and parenting related programs offered through the common school and community college systems, vocational-technical institutes, or community-based, nonprofit organizations to provide services for eligible parents before developing and funding new adult literacy programs to carry out the purposes of project even start. [1987 c 518 § 107. Formerly RCW 28A.130.016.]

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

28A.610.050 Reports to legislature. The superintendent of public instruction shall evaluate and submit to the legislature by January 15, 1988, a report on the effectiveness of project even start. The initial report shall include, if appropriate, recommendations relating to the expansion of project even start. The superintendent shall submit a report to the legislature on project even start every two years after the initial report. [1987 c 518 § 108. Formerly RCW 28A.130.018.]

Intent—1994 c 166; 1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Severability—1987 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.215.150.

Chapter 28A.615

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMS

Sections

28A.615.060 Six-plus-sixty volunteer program—Grants—Advisory committee.

28A.615.060 Six-plus-sixty volunteer program—Grants—Advisory committee. (1) Senior citizens have a wealth of experience and knowledge which can be of value to the children of our state. To encourage the exchange of knowledge and experience between senior citizens and our children, the six-plus-sixty volunteer program is created. The purpose of the program is to encourage senior citizens to volunteer in our public schools.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction may grant funds to selected school districts for planning and implementation of a volunteer program utilizing senior citizens. The funds may be used to provide information on volunteer opportunities to the community, to schools, and to senior citizens and may also be used to provide training to the senior citizens who participate in the program. Funds may also be used to compensate volunteers for their transportation costs by paying mileage, providing transportation on school buses, and providing a school lunch.

(3) The superintendent shall appoint an advisory committee composed of certificated and noncertificated staff, administrators, senior citizens, and the state *center for voluntary action under chapter 43.150 RCW. The committee shall propose criteria to the superintendent to evaluate grant proposals for the six-plus-sixty volunteer program. [1989 c 310 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.03.550.]

***Reviser's note:** The "center for voluntary action" was redesignated the "center for volunteerism and citizen service" by 1992 c 66 § 4.

Chapter 28A.620

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Sections

28A.620.010 Purposes.
28A.620.020 Restrictions—Classes on parenting skills and child abuse prevention encouraged.

28A.620.010 Purposes. The purposes of this section and RCW 28A.620.020 are to:

(1) Provide educational, recreational, cultural, and other community services and programs through the establishment

of the concept of community education with the community school serving as the center for such activity;

(2) Promote a more efficient and expanded use of existing school buildings and equipment;

(3) Help provide personnel to work with schools, citizens and with other agencies and groups;

(4) Provide a wide range of opportunities for all citizens including programs, if resources are available, to promote parenting skills and promote awareness of the problem of child abuse and methods to avoid child abuse;

(5) As used in this section, "parenting skills" shall include: The importance of consistency in parenting; the value of providing children with a balance of love and firm discipline; the instruction of children in honesty, morality, ethics, and respect for the law; and the necessity of preserving and nurturing the family unit; and

(6) Help develop a sense of community in which the citizens cooperate with the public schools and community agencies and groups to resolve their school and community concerns and to recognize that the schools are available for use by the community day and night, year-round or any time when the programming will not interfere with the preschool through grade twelve program. [1990 c 33 § 510. Prior: 1985 c 344 § 1; 1985 c 341 § 12; 1979 ex.s. c 120 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.246.]

28A.620.020 Restrictions—Classes on parenting skills and child abuse prevention encouraged. Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 28B.50.250, 28B.50.530 or any other law, rule, or regulation, any school district is authorized and encouraged to provide community education programs in the form of instructional, recreational and/or service programs on a noncredit and nontuition basis, excluding fees for supplies, materials, or instructor costs, for the purpose of stimulating the full educational potential and meeting the needs of the district's residents of all ages, and making the fullest use of the district's school facilities: PROVIDED, That school districts are encouraged to provide programs for prospective parents, prospective foster parents, and prospective adoptive parents on parenting skills, violence prevention, and on the problems of child abuse and methods to avoid child abuse situations: PROVIDED FURTHER, That community education programs shall be consistent with rules and regulations promulgated by the state superintendent of public instruction governing cooperation between common schools, community college districts, and other civic and governmental organizations which shall have been developed in cooperation with the state board for community and technical colleges and shall be programs receiving the approval of said superintendent. [1994 1st sp.s. c 7 § 603; 1985 c 344 § 2; 1979 ex.s. c 120 § 2; 1973 c 138 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.247.]

Finding—Intent—Severability—1994 1st sp.s. c 7: See notes following RCW 43.70.540.

Chapter 28A.623

MEAL PROGRAMS

Sections

28A.623.010	Nonprofit program for elderly—Purpose.
28A.623.020	Nonprofit program for elderly—Authorized—Restrictions.
28A.623.030	Nonprofit program for certain children and students—Conditions and restrictions.

28A.623.010 Nonprofit program for elderly—Purpose. The legislature finds that many elderly persons suffer dietary deficiencies and malnutrition due to inadequate financial resources, immobility, lack of interest due to isolation and loneliness, and characteristics of the aging process, such as physiological, social, and psychological changes which result in a way of life too often leading to feelings of rejection, abandonment, and despair. There is a real need as a matter of public policy to provide the elderly citizens with adequate nutritionally sound meals, through which their isolation may be penetrated with the company and the social contacts of their own. It is the declared purpose of RCW 28A.235.120, 28A.623.010, and 28A.623.020 to raise the level of dignity of the aged population where their remaining years can be lived in a fulfillment equal to the benefits they have bestowed, the richness they have added, and the great part they have played in the life of our society and nation. [1990 c 33 § 511; 1973 c 107 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.720.]

28A.623.020 Nonprofit program for elderly—Authorized—Restrictions. The board of directors of any school district may establish or allow for the establishment of a nonprofit meal program for feeding elderly persons residing within the area served by such school district using school facilities, and may authorize the extension of any school food services for the purpose of feeding elderly persons, subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

(1) The charge to such persons for each meal shall not exceed the actual cost of such meal to the school.

(2) The program will utilize methods of administration which will assure that the maximum number of eligible individuals may have an opportunity to participate in such a program, and will coordinate, whenever possible, with the local area agency on aging.

(3) Any nonprofit meal program established pursuant to RCW 28A.235.120, 28A.623.010, and 28A.623.020 may not be operated so as to interfere with the normal educational process within the schools.

(4) No school district funds may be used for the operation of such a meal program.

(5) For purposes of RCW 28A.235.120, 28A.623.010, and 28A.623.020, "elderly persons" shall mean persons who are at least sixty years of age. [1990 c 33 § 512; 1973 c 107 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.58.722.]

28A.623.030 Nonprofit program for certain children and students—Conditions and restrictions. The board of directors of any school district may establish or allow for the establishment of a nonprofit meal program using school facilities for feeding children who are participating in educational programs or activities conducted by private,

nonprofit organizations and entities and students who are attending private elementary and secondary schools, and may authorize the extension of any school food services for the purpose of feeding such children and students, subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

(1) The charge to such persons, organizations, entities or schools for each meal shall be not less than the actual cost of such meal to the school, inclusive of a reasonable charge for overhead and the value of the use of the facilities.

(2) The meal program shall not be operated so as to interfere with the educational process within the school district.

(3) The meal program shall not be operated so as to impair or reduce the provision of food services to students of the school districts. [1979 c 58 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.724.]

Severability—1979 c 58: "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1979 c 58 § 3.]

Chapter 28A.625 AWARDS

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EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

28A.625.010 Short title. RCW 28A.625.020 through *28A.625.070 and 28B.15.547 may be known and cited as the Washington award for excellence in education program act. [1990 c 33 § 513; 1986 c 147 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.03.520.]

*Reviser's note: RCW 28A.625.070 and 28B.15.547 were repealed by 1991 c 255 § 11.

Commendable employee service and recognition award program: RCW 28A.625.150.

28A.625.020 Recipients—Awards. The superintendent of public instruction shall establish an annual award program for excellence in education to recognize teachers, principals, administrators, classified staff, school district superintendents, and school boards for their leadership, contributions, and commitment to education. The program shall recognize annually:

(1) Five teachers from each congressional district of the state. One individual must be an elementary level teacher, one must be a junior high or middle school level teacher, and one must be a secondary level teacher. Teachers shall include educational staff associates;

(2) Five principals or administrators from the state;

(3) One school district superintendent from the state;

(4) One school district board of directors from the state; and

(5) Three classified staff from each congressional district of the state. [1991 c 255 § 1. Prior: 1990 c 77 § 1; 1990 c 33 § 514; 1989 c 75 § 1; 1988 c 251 § 1; 1987 1st ex. s. c 2 § 209; 1986 c 147 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.03.523.]

Intent—Severability—Effective date—1987 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 84.52.0531.

28A.625.030 Washington State Christa McAuliffe award for teachers. The award for teachers under the Washington award for excellence in education program shall be named the "Washington State Christa McAuliffe Award, in honor and memory of Sharon Christa Corrigan McAuliffe." As the first teacher and private citizen selected nationally to voyage into space, Christa McAuliffe exemplified what is exciting and positive about the teaching profession. Her contributions within the scope of the nation's education system helped to show that education can and should be a vital and dynamic experience for all participants. Christa McAuliffe's chosen profession encompasses learning by discovery and her desire to make new discoveries was reflected by her participation in the nation's space program.

The selection of Christa McAuliffe as the first teacher in space was directly linked to Washington state in that then superintendent of public instruction Dr. Frank Brouillet both appointed and served as a member of the national panel which selected Christa McAuliffe.

The tragic loss of the life of Christa McAuliffe on the flight of the space shuttle Challenger on January 28, 1986, will be remembered through the legacy she gave to her family, friends, relatives, students, colleagues, the education profession, and the nation: A model example of striving

toward excellence. [1991 c 255 § 2; 1986 c 147 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.03.526.]

28A.625.041 Certificates—Grants or stipends—Expiration of section. (1) All recipients of the Washington award for excellence in education shall receive a certificate presented by the governor and the superintendent of public instruction, or their designated representatives, at a public ceremony or ceremonies in appropriate locations.

(2) In addition to certificates under subsection (1) of this section, awards for teachers, classified employees, and principals or administrators shall include one of the following:

(a) Except as provided under RCW 28B.80.255, an academic grant which shall be used to take courses at a state institution of higher education. The academic grant shall provide reimbursement to the recipient for actual costs incurred for tuition and fees for up to forty-five quarter credit hours or thirty semester credit hours at a rate of reimbursement per credit hour not to exceed the resident graduate, part-time cost per credit hour at the University of Washington in the year the recipient takes the credits. In addition, a stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars shall be provided for costs incurred in taking courses covered by the academic grant beginning with 1992 recipients, if funds are appropriated for the stipends in the omnibus appropriations act. This stipend shall be provided as reimbursement for actual costs incurred. The academic grant shall not be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200; or

(b) A recognition stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars. The recognition stipend shall not be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200; or

(c) An educational grant not to exceed one thousand dollars. The educational grant shall be awarded under RCW 28A.625.060 and shall not be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200.

(3) In addition to certificates under subsection (1) of this section, the award for the superintendent shall include one of the following:

(a) A recognition stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars. The recognition stipend shall not be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200; or

(b) An educational grant not to exceed one thousand dollars. The educational grant shall be awarded under RCW 28A.625.060 and shall not be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200.

(4) In addition to certificates under subsection (1) of this section, the award for the school board shall include an educational grant not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars. The educational grant shall be awarded under RCW 28A.625.060.

(5) Within one year of receiving the Washington award for excellence in education, teachers, classified employees, principals or administrators, and the school district superintendent shall notify the superintendent of public instruction in writing of their decision to apply for an academic grant, a recognition stipend, or an educational grant as provided under subsections (2) and (3) of this section. The superintendent shall notify the higher education coordinating board of those recipients who select the academic grant.

(6) This section applies to all individuals named by the office of the superintendent of public instruction as recipients of the Washington award for excellence in education before January 1, 1994.

(7) This section shall expire June 30, 1998. [1994 c 279 § 1. Prior: 1992 c 83 § 1; 1992 c 50 § 1; 1991 c 255 § 3.]

Severability—1994 c 279: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1994 c 279 § 7.]

Effective date—1992 c 83: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect April 30, 1992." [1992 c 83 § 6.]

Effective date—1992 c 50: "This act shall take effect June 30, 1993." [1992 c 50 § 4.]

28A.625.042 Certificates—Recognition awards. (1) All recipients of the Washington award for excellence in education shall receive a certificate presented by the governor and the superintendent of public instruction, or their designated representatives, at a public ceremony or ceremonies in appropriate locations.

(2) In addition to the certificate under subsection (1) of this section, the award for teachers, classified employees, superintendents employed by second class school districts, and principals or administrators shall include a recognition award of at least two thousand five hundred dollars. The amount of the recognition award for superintendents employed by first class school districts shall be at least one thousand dollars. The recognition award shall not be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200.

(3) In addition to the certificate under subsection (1) of this section, the award for the school board shall include a recognition award not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars. The school board must use its recognition award for an educational purpose. [1994 c 279 § 4.]

Effective date—1994 c 279 § 4: "Section 4 of this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect April 1, 1994." [1994 c 279 § 6.]

Severability—1994 c 279: See note following RCW 28A.625.041.

28A.625.050 Rules. The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW to carry out the purposes of RCW 28A.625.010 through *28A.625.070. These rules shall include establishing the selection criteria for the Washington award for excellence in education program. The superintendent is encouraged to consult with teachers, educational staff associates, principals, administrators, classified employees, superintendents, and school board members in developing the selection criteria. Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 28A.625.020 (1) and (2), such rules may allow for the selection of individuals whose teaching or administrative duties, or both, may encompass multiple grade level or building assignments, or both. [1991 c 255 § 8; 1990 c 33 § 516; 1988 c 251 § 2; 1986 c 147 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.03.532.]

*Reviser's note: RCW 28A.625.070 was repealed by 1991 c 255 § 11.

28A.625.060 Grant in lieu of waiver of tuition and fees—Teachers, classified employees, principals or administrators, and superintendents may apply—Expiration of section. (1) Teachers, classified employees, principals or administrators, and superintendents who have received an award for excellence in education and choose to apply for an educational grant under RCW 28A.625.041 shall be awarded the grant by the superintendent of public instruction as long as a written grant application is submitted to the superintendent within one year after the award was received. The grant application shall identify the educational purpose toward which the grant shall be used.

(2) This section applies to all individuals named by the office of the superintendent of public instruction as recipients of the Washington award for excellence in education before January 1, 1994.

(3) This section shall expire June 30, 1998. [1994 c 279 § 2; 1992 c 50 § 3; 1991 c 255 § 9; 1990 c 33 § 517; 1988 c 251 § 3; 1986 c 147 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.03.535.]

Severability—1994 c 279: See note following RCW 28A.625.041.

Effective date—1992 c 50: See note following RCW 28A.625.041.

28A.625.065 Completion of courses paid for by academic grant—Expiration of section. (1) Courses paid for in full by the academic grant under RCW 28A.625.041(2)(a) shall be completed within four years after the academic grant is received.

(2) This section applies to all individuals named by the office of the superintendent of public instruction as recipients of the Washington award for excellence in education before January 1, 1994.

(3) This section shall expire June 30, 1998. [1994 c 279 § 3; 1992 c 83 § 2; 1991 c 255 § 4.]

Severability—1994 c 279: See note following RCW 28A.625.041.

Effective date—1992 c 83: See note following RCW 28A.625.041.

EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION PROGRAM

28A.625.100 Board of directors of a school district may establish. The board of directors of any school district may establish and maintain an employee suggestion program to encourage and reward meritorious suggestions by certificated and classified school employees. The program shall be designed to promote efficiency or economy in the performance of any function of the school district. Each board establishing an employee suggestion program shall establish procedures for the proper administration of the program. [1986 c 143 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.02.320.]

Effective date—1986 c 143: "This act shall take effect on August 1, 1986." [1986 c 143 § 4.]

28A.625.110 Awards. The board of directors of the school district shall make the final determination as to whether an employee suggestion award will be made and shall determine the nature and extent of the award. The award shall not be a regular or supplemental compensation program for all employees and the suggestion must, in fact, result in actual savings greater than the award amount. Any moneys which may be awarded to an employee as part of an employee suggestion program shall not be considered salary

or compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200 or chapter 41.40 RCW. [1990 c 33 § 519; 1987 1st ex.s. c 2 § 207; 1986 c 143 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.02.325.]

Intent—Severability—Effective date—1987 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 84.52.0531.

Effective date—1986 c 143: See note following RCW 28A.625.100.

COMMENDABLE EMPLOYEE SERVICE AND RECOGNITION AWARD

28A.625.150 Award program. The board of directors of any school district may establish a commendable employee service and recognition award program for certificated and classified school employees. The program shall be designed to recognize exemplary service, special achievements, or outstanding contributions by an individual in the performance of his or her duties as an employee of the school district. The board of directors of the school district shall determine the extent and type of any nonmonetary award. The value of any nonmonetary award shall not be deemed salary or compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.400.200 or chapter 41.32 RCW. [1990 c 33 § 520; 1987 1st ex.s. c 2 § 210; 1985 c 399 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.842.]

Intent—Severability—Effective date—1987 1st ex.s. c 2: See notes following RCW 84.52.0531.

Award for excellence in education program: RCW 28A.625.020 through 28A.625.065.

MATHEMATICS, ENGINEERING, AND SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT

28A.625.200 Findings and intent. The legislature finds that high technology is important to the state's economy and the welfare of its citizens. The legislature finds that certain groups, as characterized by sex or ethnic background, are traditionally underrepresented in mathematics, engineering, and the science-related professions in this state. The legislature finds that women and minority students have been traditionally discouraged from entering the fields of science and mathematics including teaching in these fields. The legislature finds that attitudes and knowledges acquired during the kindergarten through eighth grade prepare students to succeed in high school science and mathematics programs and that special skills necessary for these fields need to be acquired during the ninth through twelfth grades. It is the intent of the legislature to promote a mathematics, engineering, and science achievement program to help increase the number of people in these fields and teaching in these fields from groups underrepresented in these fields. [1989 c 66 § 1; 1984 c 265 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.03.430.]

Implementation—Funding required—1984 c 265: "Implementation of this act shall be subject to funds being appropriated or otherwise available for such purposes." [1984 c 265 § 6.]

28A.625.210 Mathematics, engineering, and science achievement program—Establishment and administration through University of Washington—Goals. A program to increase the number of people from groups underrepresented in the fields of mathematics, engineering, and the physical

sciences in this state shall be established by the University of Washington. The program shall be administered through the University of Washington and designed to:

(1) Encourage students in the targeted groups in the common schools, with a particular emphasis on those students in middle and junior high schools and the sixth through twelfth grades, to acquire the academic skills needed to study mathematics, engineering, or related sciences at an institution of higher education;

(2) Promote the awareness of career opportunities including the career opportunities of teaching in the fields of science and mathematics and the skills necessary to achieve those opportunities among students sufficiently early in their educational careers to permit and encourage the students to acquire the skills;

(3) Promote cooperation among institutions of higher education, the superintendent of public instruction and local school districts in working towards the goals of the program; and

(4) Solicit contributions of time and resources from public and private institutions of higher education, high schools, middle and junior high schools, and private business and industry. [1990 c 286 § 1; 1989 c 66 § 2; 1984 c 265 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.03.432.]

Implementation—Funding required—1984 c 265: See note following RCW 28A.625.200.

28A.625.220 Mathematics, engineering, and science achievement program—Coordinator—Staff. A coordinator shall be hired to administer the program. Additional staff as necessary may be hired. [1984 c 265 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.03.434.]

Implementation—Funding required—1984 c 265: See note following RCW 28A.625.200.

28A.625.230 Coordinator to develop selection standards. The coordinator shall develop standards and criteria for selecting students who participate in the program which may include predictive instruments to ascertain aptitude and probability of success. The standards shall include requirements that students take certain courses, maintain a certain grade point average, and participate in activities sponsored by the program. Women and students from minority groups, which are traditionally underrepresented in mathematics and science-related professions and which meet the requirements established by the coordinator shall be selected. [1984 c 265 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.03.436.]

Implementation—Funding required—1984 c 265: See note following RCW 28A.625.200.

28A.625.240 Local program centers. The coordinator shall establish local program centers throughout the state to implement RCW 28A.625.210 through 28A.625.230. Each center shall be managed by a center director. Additional staff as necessary may be hired. [1990 c 33 § 521; 1984 c 265 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.03.438.]

Implementation—Funding required—1984 c 265: See note following RCW 28A.625.200.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

28A.625.300 Grants—Advisory committee—Information clearinghouse. (1) The superintendent of public instruction is hereby authorized to grant funds for selected school improvement and research projects, including improvements in curriculum, instruction, and classroom management developed by teachers.

(2) The superintendent shall appoint an advisory committee on research and development composed of certificated and noncertificated staff, administrators, curriculum specialists, parents, school directors, postsecondary educators, business persons, and others as the superintendent finds necessary. The committee shall propose criteria to the superintendent to evaluate proposed school improvement and research projects proposed by educational employees. The criteria approved by the superintendent shall: (a) Assure to the extent possible that projects will be chosen which represent the various geographical locations, school or district sizes, and grade levels existent in the state; (b) provide for evaluation of each project upon completion; and (c) include such other requirements as the superintendent finds necessary. The committee shall recommend to the superintendent of public instruction the awarding of grants to fund those proposals showing the most potential for developing knowledge which will be helpful to local districts in their efforts to enhance educational equity and excellence. Projects may involve the collaboration of personnel from higher education institutions and kindergarten through grade twelve educators.

(3) The superintendent of public instruction shall award grants to selected project participants in such amounts as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, who shall take into consideration grant amounts as recommended by the advisory committee on research and development under subsection (2) of this section. The sum of all grants awarded per year shall not exceed that amount appropriated by the legislature for such purposes. Grants may be awarded to individual teachers or teams of teachers including teacher's aides and volunteers.

(4) The superintendent of public instruction shall maintain a clearinghouse of information on these research projects for the use of local districts. [1985 c 349 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.67.115.]

Severability—1985 c 349: See note following RCW 28A.630.800.

Clearinghouse for commission on student learning and for information regarding educational restructuring and parental involvement programs: RCW 28A.300.130.

28A.625.350 Short title. RCW 28A.625.360 through 28A.625.390 may be known and cited as the Washington award for excellence in teacher preparation act. [1990 1st ex.s. c 10 § 1.]

Finding—1990 1st ex.s. c 10: "The legislature finds that excellence in teacher preparation requires increased cooperation and coordination between institutions of higher education and school districts as it relates to the preparation of students into the profession of teaching. The legislature further finds that an increase in the level of such cooperation and coordination in selecting, training, and supervising excellent "cooperating" teachers, and the development of new school and university partnerships, will be beneficial to the teaching profession, and will enhance the ability of all new

teachers to perform at a more competent level during their initial teaching experience." [1990 1st ex.s. c 10 § 6.]

28A.625.360 Excellence in teacher preparation award established. (1) The state board of education shall establish an annual award program for excellence in teacher preparation to recognize higher education teacher educators for their leadership, contributions, and commitment to education.

(2) The program shall recognize annually one teacher preparation faculty member from one of the teacher preparation programs approved by the state board of education. [1990 1st ex.s. c 10 § 2.]

Finding—1990 1st ex.s. c 10: See note following RCW 28A.625.350.

28A.625.370 Award for teacher educator. The award for the teacher educator shall include:

(1) A certificate presented to the teacher educator by the governor, the president of the state board of education, and the superintendent of public instruction at a public ceremony; and

(2) A grant to the professional education advisory board of the institution from which the teacher educator is selected, which grant shall not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars and which grant shall be awarded under RCW 28A.625.390. [1990 1st ex.s. c 10 § 3.]

Finding—1990 1st ex.s. c 10: See note following RCW 28A.625.350.

28A.625.380 Rules. The state board of education shall adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW to carry out the purposes of RCW 28A.625.360 through 28A.625.390. These rules shall include establishing the selection criteria for the Washington award for excellence in teacher preparation. The state board of education is encouraged to consult with teacher educators, deans, and professional education advisory board members in developing the selection criteria. The criteria shall include any role performed by nominees relative to implementing innovative developments by the nominee's teacher preparation program and efforts the nominee has made to assist in communicating with legislators, common school teachers and administrators and others about the nominee's teacher preparation program. [1990 1st ex.s. c 10 § 4.]

Finding—1990 1st ex.s. c 10: See note following RCW 28A.625.350.

28A.625.390 Educational grant—Eligibility—Award. The professional education advisory board for the institution from which the teacher educator has been selected to receive an award shall be eligible to apply for an educational grant as provided under RCW 28A.625.370. The state board of education shall award the grant after the state board has approved the grant application as long as the written grant application is submitted to the state board within one year after the award is received by the teacher educator. The grant application shall identify the educational purpose toward which the grant shall be used. [1990 1st ex.s. c 10 § 5.]

Finding—1990 1st ex.s. c 10: See note following RCW 28A.625.350.

28A.625.900 Severability—1990 1st ex.s. c 10. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1990 1st ex.s. c 10 § 10.]

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28A.630.070 All kids can learn incentive grants—Created. In recognition of the importance of the process of defining district purposes and systematically working to achieve the desired results using research and practices that work, the legislature creates the all kids can learn incentive grants. [1990 c 148 § 2.]

Findings—1990 c 148: "As we face a more complex society and increasing demands are placed on schools and the services they provide for children, it is important that each school and school district determine the role it is to play. In addition to determining their roles, school districts need to be able to implement the plans established using research and practices that work. School districts need incentives to develop and implement mission plans that produce more learning for more students. To develop their visions, school districts must determine what it is that they want and what it is that they have or know. These determinations will enable school districts to develop a vision of what the school districts are trying to accomplish and enable all parties involved to direct all activities in each school in the school district to make the vision come true." [1990 c 148 § 1.]

28A.630.075 All kids can learn incentive grants—Terms. The superintendent of public instruction may grant funds to school districts for schools to plan and implement outcome-based education programs. Such grants shall carry out the purposes of the basic education act. Grants shall be of sufficient size and scope, shall be granted for a five-year period, shall be subject to appropriations, and shall conform to the principles underlying the outcomes-driven education process. [1990 c 148 § 3.]

Findings—1990 c 148: See note following RCW 28A.630.070.

28A.630.090 Expiration dates—1987 c 401. (1) RCW 28A.100.012 shall expire December 2, 1988.

(2) RCW 28A.100.010, 28A.100.011, and 28A.100.013 through 28A.100.016 shall expire June 30, 1989.

(3) RCW 28A.630.010 through 28A.630.040 shall expire January 2, 1994. [1990 c 33 § 524; 1987 c 401 § 11. Formerly RCW 28A.100.025.]

28A.630.091 Severability—1987 c 401. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the

application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1987 c 401 § 13. Formerly RCW 28A.100.026.]

SCHOOLS FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

28A.630.290 Expiration date—1987 c 525 §§ 101-114. RCW 28A.630.100 through 28A.630.230 shall expire June 30, 1994. [1990 c 33 § 532; 1987 c 525 § 115. Formerly RCW 28A.100.068.]

28A.630.295 Final report—Expiration of section. (1) The state board of education shall submit by January 15, 1995, to the legislature and the governor, a final report on the schools for the twenty-first century program. This report shall include but is not limited to the following information:

(a) Improvements in student performance resulting from activities carried out under the schools for the twenty-first century program;

(b) The relationship between improvements in student performance and increasing local decision-making authority under the schools for the twenty-first century program; and

(c) Identification of restructuring that occurred with and without the granting of waivers of state statutes or administrative rules.

(2) The state board of education and the superintendent of public instruction, from available funds, may contract for an independent evaluation of the schools for the twenty-first century program.

(3) This section shall expire January 30, 1995. [1992 c 112 § 2.]

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

28A.630.300 Legislative findings—Intent. The legislature finds that the economy of the state of Washington more than that of any other state in the union is dependent on foreign trade, particularly with Pacific Rim countries. If Washington's status as a leading state in international trade is to be maintained and strengthened, students of this state need to be better prepared. The legislature also finds that parents and our public education system can work cooperatively to prepare children as they begin to face complex questions of world order and stability. It is, therefore, the intent of the legislature to provide students with enhanced opportunities to increase their awareness of and understanding about other nations and the relationships of those countries with Washington state. [1987 c 349 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.125.010.]

28A.630.320 Grant program—Application procedure. (1) The superintendent of public instruction may grant funds to selected school districts for the purposes of developing and implementing international education programs. The grants shall be in such amounts as determined by the superintendent of public instruction. The sum of all grants awarded shall not exceed the amount appropriated by the legislature for such purposes.

(2) The grant program shall center on the use of the international education model curriculum or curriculum

guidelines developed in *RCW 28A.630.310. Districts may use the international education model curriculum or curriculum guidelines developed under *RCW 28A.630.310 as a guideline for creating their own model curriculum for participation in the grant program.

(3) School districts may apply singularly or a group of school districts may apply together to participate in the program.

(4) School districts applying for the international education grant program shall submit a plan which includes:

(a) Participation by the school district in both the model curriculum or curriculum guidelines development activities and the grant program activities provided for by RCW 28A.630.300 through 28A.630.390;

(b) The application or intent to conduct a foreign language program including either Japanese or Mandarin Chinese beginning in the ninth grade;

(c) A staff in-service training program addressing the implementation of international education curriculum;

(d) A goal to enlist participation where possible by private enterprise, cultural and ethnic associations, foreign trade or policy organizations, the local community, exchange students and students who have participated in exchange programs, and parents;

(e) Evaluation of the pilot program.

(5) To the extent possible, selected school districts shall represent the various geographical locations, school or school district sizes, and grade levels in the state.

(6) By January 1, 1988, the superintendent of public instruction shall select five school district grantees for the program. The program shall be implemented beginning with the 1988-89 school year.

(7) The program in international education shall be considered a social studies offering for the purpose of RCW 28A.230.090(1). [1990 c 33 § 534; 1987 c 349 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.125.030.]

*Reviser's note: RCW 28A.630.310 was repealed by 1991 c 116 § 26.

28A.630.330 Rules. The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW to carry out the purposes of RCW 28A.630.300 through 28A.630.320. [1990 c 33 § 535; 1987 c 349 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.125.040.]

28A.630.390 Severability—1987 c 349. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1987 c 349 § 7. Formerly RCW 28A.125.900.]

DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PARAPROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

28A.630.400 Associate of arts degree. (1) The state board of education and the *state board for community college education, in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction, the higher education coordinating board, the state apprenticeship training council, and community colleges, shall work cooperatively to develop by September

1, 1992, an educational paraprofessional associate of arts degree.

(2) As used in this section, an "educational paraprofessional" is an individual who has completed an associate of arts degree for an educational paraprofessional. The educational paraprofessional may be hired by a school district to assist certificated instructional staff in the direct instruction of children in small and large groups, individualized instruction, testing of children, recordkeeping, and preparation of materials. The educational paraprofessional shall work under the direction of instructional certificated staff.

(3) The training program for an educational paraprofessional associate of arts degree shall include, but is not limited to, the general requirements for receipt of an associate of arts degree and training in the areas of introduction to childhood education, orientation to handicapped children, fundamentals of childhood education, creative activities for children, instructional materials for children, fine art experiences for children, the psychology of learning, introduction to education, child health and safety, child development and guidance, first aid, and a practicum in a school setting.

(4) In developing the program, consideration shall be given to transferability of credit earned in this program to teacher preparation programs at colleges and universities.

(5) The agencies identified under subsection (1) of this section shall adopt rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to implement this section. [1991 c 285 § 2; 1989 c 370 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.04.180.]

*Reviser's note: The state board for community college education was renamed the state board for community and technical colleges by 1991 c 238 § 30.

PROJECT DREAM

28A.630.750 Findings—Purpose. (1) The legislature finds that more and more young people, especially in the urban areas of the state, are becoming involved with gangs, substance abuse, including drug trafficking, and teen pregnancy. As they become involved in such activities, they more frequently drop out of school than other students and are at greater risk of experiencing unemployment, becoming involved with criminal activities, and turning to public assistance programs for support. The end result is harm to both themselves and society. Substance abuse, gang activity, unemployment, and teen pregnancy are taking a disproportionate toll on minority youth.

(2) The legislature further finds that existing programs take a piecemeal approach to the needs of at-risk youth, offering only limited services. As a consequence, the current programs are not adequately effective in stopping the proliferation of gangs, substance abuse, unemployment, teen pregnancy, or other problems among youth, particularly in the urban areas of the state. Studies show clearly that poor academic performance plays a significant part in these problems.

(3) The purpose of RCW 28A.630.750 through 28A.630.783 is to create a cost-effective program that will challenge, motivate, and give incentive to underachieving, at-risk students in an effort to: Boost their academic achievement in school; reduce their involvement with gangs and substance abuse; reduce the numbers of at-risk youth,

particularly minorities, who are unemployed; and reduce the number of teen pregnancies. [1991 c 346 § 1.]

Contingency—1991 c 346: See RCW 28A.630.786.

28A.630.753 Short title. RCW 28A.630.750 through 28A.630.789 shall be known and may be cited as project DREAM (dare to reach for educational aspirations and marks). [1991 c 346 § 2.]

Contingency—1991 c 346: See RCW 28A.630.786.

28A.630.756 Definitions. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout RCW 28A.630.759 through 28A.630.783.

(1) "Advisor" means an adult assigned specific responsibilities to work individually with at-risk students who receive services under project DREAM established under RCW 28A.630.759. Advisors shall not be required to be professionally certificated.

(2) "At-risk student" or "student" means a student age fourteen through age twenty-one who meets the following criteria:

(a) The student is one or more grade levels behind in basic skills as determined by placement testing or has not graduated from high school or has not successfully completed the general educational development test;

(b) The student has violated school district or school building rules of conduct on at least three occasions in the same school year, is pregnant, or is a parent;

(c) The student comes from an historically disadvantaged group; and

(d) The family income level of the student is below the median level for the state.

(3) "Department" means the department of social and health services.

(4) "Superintendent" means the state superintendent of public instruction. [1991 c 346 § 3.]

Contingency—1991 c 346: See RCW 28A.630.786.

28A.630.759 Project DREAM. (1) The superintendent, working with the employment security department, the department of social and health services, the *state board for vocational education in the office of the governor, and other state agencies as are appropriate, shall be the lead agency in developing and administering project DREAM, dare to reach for educational aspirations and marks, a pilot grant program for academic excellence for underachieving, at-risk students. The program shall emphasize a focus on minority students but shall not be exclusively limited to serving minority students.

(2) Initially, the program shall be limited to the school districts of Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Yakima, and Pasco, focusing on the areas within these school districts with the highest percentages of underachieving, at-risk students.

(3) Project DREAM shall commence at the beginning of the school year following receipt of federal funds by the superintendent of public instruction and, subject to continued federal or state funding, end at the completion of the fourth school year following implementation of the program. [1991 c 346 § 4.]

*Reviser's note: Powers, duties, and functions of the state board for vocational education transferred to the work force training and education coordinating board by 1991 c 238 § 3.

Contingency—1991 c 346: See RCW 28A.630.786.

28A.630.762 Districts' responsibilities. Each school district participating in project DREAM shall be responsible for the following:

(1) Individual programs under project DREAM shall consist of the following:

(a) Academic counseling and outreach, including study skills;

(b) Parent and family outreach and involvement;

(c) Employment and vocational counseling and training;

(d) Substance abuse awareness and counseling, and treatment as necessary;

(e) Teen pregnancy and teen parenting counseling; and

(f) Positive self-image building.

(2) In designing the local program, the participating districts are encouraged to consider:

(a) Dropout prevention strategies developed by school districts under RCW 28A.175.020 through 28A.175.070, the state grant program for local school district student motivation, retention, and retrieval programs; and

(b) Substance abuse prevention, intervention, and aftercare strategies developed by school districts under RCW 28A.170.010 through 28A.170.070, the state grant program for local school district substance abuse awareness programs.

(3) In designing the local program, the participating districts shall:

(a) Contact the local job service center to establish how the center can assist the district in providing participating students employment and vocational counseling and training; and

(b) Contact branch offices of the department and local community-based providers of health care to establish how these entities can and will assist the district in providing participating students counseling and information, and treatment as necessary, relating to substance abuse, teen pregnancy, and teen parenting. [1991 c 346 § 5.]

Contingency—1991 c 346: See RCW 28A.630.786.

28A.630.765 Adult advisors. (1) The participating districts shall be responsible for screening and employing adult advisors and for providing any training necessary for the adult advisors to carry out their responsibilities effectively.

(2) Each adult advisor shall be responsible for the following:

(a) Maintaining a caseload of at-risk students not to exceed fifteen;

(b) Signing a written agreement with each student to comply with specific state or local regulations, or both, while participating in project DREAM;

(c) Meeting weekly with each student to monitor the student's progress under project DREAM;

(d) Meeting bi-weekly with each student's teachers, school counselor, and parents or guardian, and family members;

(e) Maintaining for each student a portfolio; and

(f) Serving as the facilitator in getting the student together with school or community-based health care

providers, vocational counselors, job service center personnel, employment interviews, and other persons or groups that can help the student gain maximum benefits from participating in project DREAM. [1991 c 346 § 6.]

Contingency—1991 c 346: See RCW 28A.630.786.

28A.630.768 Students' responsibilities. Each student shall be responsible to do the following:

(1) Sign a written agreement with his or her adult advisor to comply with all state or local regulations, or both, while a participant in project DREAM;

(2) Meet weekly with his or her adult advisor to discuss the student's progress;

(3) Maintain a personal written or audio portfolio;

(4) Attend all programs, seminars, training sessions, and other activities arranged by their advisor; and

(5) Maintain regular attendance at school or at work or both. [1991 c 346 § 7.]

Contingency—1991 c 346: See RCW 28A.630.786.

28A.630.771 Reporting requirements. (1) Each school district participating in project DREAM shall submit annually to the superintendent of public instruction a report on the district's local program. The report shall include an assessment of the effectiveness of the services, programs, or activities provided to the participating at-risk students and other information required by the superintendent. The superintendent shall establish the date for submittal of reports.

(2) The superintendent shall work with the participating districts in developing reporting requirements that do not create excessive paperwork but that provide information necessary for the superintendent to evaluate the impact of project DREAM on the participating at-risk students.

(3) The superintendent shall submit annually to the legislature and the governor a report on project DREAM. The first report shall be submitted not later than December 1 of the second school year following implementation of the program, and each succeeding report shall be submitted not later than December 1st.

(4) The superintendent's reports shall include information on how many students have or are participating in the local programs and the success of the programs in meeting the needs of the participating at-risk students. [1991 c 346 § 8.]

Contingency—1991 c 346: See RCW 28A.630.786.

28A.630.774 Superintendent's duties. The superintendent shall undertake the following activities:

(1) Organize a speakers' bureau of prominent role models, with an emphasis on minority role models;

(2) Meet with community and business leaders to market project DREAM; and

(3) Coordinate with other state and local agencies a centralized data base of preexisting services that can meet the purposes of project DREAM. [1991 c 346 § 9.]

Contingency—1991 c 346: See RCW 28A.630.786.

28A.630.777 Collection and dissemination of information. Through the state clearinghouse for education information, the superintendent shall collect and disseminate

to school districts and other interested parties information about project DREAM. [1991 c 346 § 10.]

Contingency—1991 c 346: See RCW 28A.630.786.

28A.630.780 Technical support from state agencies.

The employment security department, the department of social and health services, the *state board for vocational education in the office of the governor, and other state agencies as may be involved with the development of project DREAM, shall assist the superintendent in providing appropriate and necessary technical support and assistance to the school districts participating in project DREAM. [1991 c 346 § 11.]

*Reviser's note: Powers, duties, and functions of the state board for vocational education transferred to the work force training and education coordinating board by 1991 c 238 § 3.

Contingency—1991 c 346: See RCW 28A.630.786.

28A.630.783 Rules. (1) The superintendent shall adopt rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to implement the provisions of RCW 28A.630.750 through 28A.630.777.

(2) The respective agencies under RCW 28A.630.780 shall adopt rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to implement RCW 28A.630.780. [1991 c 346 § 12.]

Contingency—1991 c 346: See RCW 28A.630.786.

28A.630.786 Contingency. RCW 28A.630.750 through 28A.630.789 shall take effect when the superintendent of public instruction receives funds made available for the purposes of RCW 28A.630.750 through 28A.630.789 and only if such funds are received by June 30, 1993. [1991 c 346 § 13.]

28A.630.789 Severability—1991 c 346. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1991 c 346 § 14.]

TEMPORARY PROVISIONS

28A.630.800 Career ladders—Legislative intent to investigate. The legislature recognizes the need to keep and attract quality teachers in our public schools. The legislature intends to examine the effectiveness of a career ladder in our public schools. To improve the quality of teaching and foster a professional climate which encourages creativity and cooperation among teachers and enhances the intrinsic rewards teachers experience from helping students learn, the legislature intends to locally test ways in which the goal of attracting and retaining excellent teachers might be accomplished. The legislature recognizes that a career ladder system is one means of enhancing the attractiveness of teaching; however, the legislature wishes to investigate this concept further prior to determining whether to develop such a system. [1985 c 349 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.67.120.]

Severability—1985 c 349: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1985 c 349 § 9.]

28A.630.810 Rules. The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to carry out the provisions of *this act. [1989 c 233 § 17. Formerly RCW 28A.120.800.]

*Reviser's note: "This act" consisted of the enactment of RCW 28A.31.170, 28A.41.172, 28A.120.090, 28A.120.092, 28A.120.094, 28A.120.096, and 28A.120.800, the 1989 c 233 amendments to RCW 28A.120.010, 28A.120.016, 28A.120.020, 28A.120.032, 28A.58.217, and 28A.02.061, and several uncodified and vetoed sections.

28A.630.820 Intent. (Expires September 1, 2001.)

It is the intent of the legislature to (1) encourage school districts, individually and cooperatively, to develop innovative special services demonstration projects that use resources efficiently and increase student learning; (2) promote noncategorical approaches to special services program design, funding, and administration; (3) develop efficient and cost-effective means for identifying students as specific learning disabled, in order to increase the proportion of resources devoted to classroom instruction; (4) avoid unnecessary labeling of students while still providing state funding for needed services; and (5) provide a means to grant waivers from state rules. [1992 c 180 § 1; 1991 c 265 § 1.]

Expiration date of RCW 28A.630.820 through 28A.630.845: See RCW 28A.630.850.

28A.630.825 Special services demonstration projects—Duties of the superintendent of public instruction—Reports. (Expires September 1, 2001.) The superintendent of public instruction shall:

- (1) Approve fifteen to twenty-five demonstration projects in individual school districts and cooperatives, including at least seven projects approved after the effective date of this section;
- (2) Make awards for in-service training of teachers and other staff;
- (3) Provide technical assistance;
- (4) Grant waivers from state rules needed to implement the projects, or request such waivers to be granted by the appropriate agency;
- (5) Perform or contract for an evaluation of the projects;
- (6) Confer on the evaluation design with the selection advisory committee; and
- (7) Submit to the legislature an interim report on the evaluation by December 31, 1993, and a final report by December 31, 1995. [1994 c 13 § 4; 1991 c 265 § 2.]

Expiration date of RCW 28A.630.820 through 28A.630.845: See RCW 28A.630.850.

28A.630.830 Selection advisory committee—Duties. (Expires September 1, 2001.) (1) The selection advisory committee is created. The committee shall be composed of up to three members from the house of representatives, up to three members from the senate, up to two members from the office of the superintendent of public instruction, and one member from each of the following: The office of financial management, Washington state special education coalition, transitional bilingual instruction educators, and Washington education association.

(2) The legislative budget committee and the superintendent of public instruction shall provide staff for the selection advisory committee.

(3) The selection advisory committee shall:

- (a) Develop appropriate criteria for selecting demonstration projects;
- (b) Issue requests for proposals in accordance with RCW 28A.630.820 through 28A.630.845 for demonstration projects;
- (c) Review proposals and recommend demonstration projects for approval by the superintendent of public instruction; and
- (d) Advise the superintendent of public instruction on the evaluation design. [1994 c 13 § 5; 1991 c 265 § 3.]

Expiration date of RCW 28A.630.820 through 28A.630.845: See RCW 28A.630.850.

28A.630.835 School districts' duties. (Expires September 1, 2001.) School districts with demonstration projects shall:

- (1) Confer on a regular basis during project planning and implementation with teachers, support staff, parents of handicapped students, and parents of other students served in the project;
- (2) Administer annual achievement tests to all students served in the project if required in the project contract; and
- (3) Cooperate in providing all information needed for the evaluation. [1991 c 265 § 4.]

Expiration date of RCW 28A.630.820 through 28A.630.845: See RCW 28A.630.850.

28A.630.840 Special services demonstration project funding. (Expires September 1, 2001.) (1) Funding used in demonstration projects may include state, federal, and local funds, as determined by the district.

(2) State handicapped allocations shall be calculated for districts with demonstration projects according to the handicapped funding formula in use for other districts, except for the provisions of RCW 28A.630.845 and with the following changes:

(a) Funding for school districts that had pilot projects approved under section 13, chapter 233, Laws of 1989, and that were participating in projects under this section on January 31, 1992, shall be based for the duration of a project on four percent of the kindergarten through twelfth grade enrollment considered as specific learning disabled, without regard to the actual number of students so identified. The legislature recognizes the importance of continuing and developing the pilot projects.

(b) The funding percentages for districts with demonstration projects specified in (a) of this subsection and in RCW 28A.630.845 shall be used to adjust basic education allocations under RCW 28A.150.260 and learning assistance program allocations under RCW 28A.165.070.

(c) State handicapped allocations up to the level required by federal maintenance of effort rules shall be expended for services to handicapped students. Allocations greater than the amount needed to comply with federal maintenance of effort rules may at the option of the district be designated as noncategorical project funds and may be expended on services to any student served in the project.

(3) Learning assistance program allocations shall be calculated for districts with demonstration projects according to the funding formula in use for other districts, except that any increases in the district allocation above the fiscal year 1991 amount shall be designated as noncategorical project funds and may be expended on services to any student served in the project.

(4) Transitional bilingual program allocations shall be calculated for districts with demonstration projects according to the funding formula in use for other districts, except that any increases in the district allocation above the fiscal year 1991 amount shall be designated as noncategorical project funds and may be expended on services to any student served in the project.

(5) Expenditures of noncategorical project funds under subsections (2)(c), (3), and (4) of this section shall be accounted for in new and discrete program or subprogram codes designated by the superintendent of public instruction. The codes shall take effect by September 1, 1991. [1994 c 13 § 6; 1992 c 180 § 2; 1991 c 265 § 5.]

Expiration date of RCW 28A.630.820 through 28A.630.845: See RCW 28A.630.850.

28A.630.845 Demonstration projects that reduce percentage of students labeled handicapped—Funding. (Expires September 1, 2001.) (1) The legislature finds that the state system of funding handicapped education has fiscal incentives to label children as handicapped and that unnecessary labeling can be detrimental to children. The legislature encourages demonstration projects that provide needed services without unnecessary labeling. To test this approach, the legislature intends to maintain the funding level for innovative special services programs that reduce the incidence of unnecessary labeling.

(2) School districts may propose demonstration projects under this subsection to provide needed services and achieve major reductions in the percentage of district students labeled as handicapped in one or more specified categories. State handicapped funding for districts with such projects shall be based for the duration of the project on the average percentage of the kindergarten through twelfth grade enrollment in the specified categories during the school year before the start of the project.

(3) School districts with specific learning disabled enrollment at or above four percent of the district's kindergarten through twelfth grade enrollment may propose demonstration projects under this subsection to provide needed services and reduce unnecessary labeling to below the four percent level. When the specific learning disabled enrollment is below the four percent level, funding for the district shall be based on four percent of the kindergarten through twelfth grade enrollment considered as specific learning disabled, without regard to the actual number of students so identified.

(4) Funding under subsections (2) and (3) of this section is contingent on the following: (a) The funding is spent on children needing special services; and (b) the overall percentage of first through twelfth grade students in the district labeled as handicapped declines each year of the project, excluding handicapped students who transfer into the district. [1994 c 13 § 1; 1992 c 180 § 3.]

28A.630.850 Expiration date of RCW 28A.630.820 through 28A.630.845. RCW 28A.630.820 through 28A.630.845 shall expire September 1, 2001. [1994 c 13 § 2; 1991 c 265 § 7.]

28A.630.853 Effective date—1994 c 13. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [March 21, 1994]. [1994 c 13 § 7.]

28A.630.861 School-to-work transitions program—Definitions. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout RCW 28A.630.862 through 28A.630.880.

(1) "Integration of vocational and academic instruction" means an educational program that combines vocational and academic concepts into a single curriculum to increase the relevancy of course work, to strengthen and increase academic standards, and to enable students to apply knowledge and skills to career and educational objectives.

(2) "School-to-work transition" means a restructuring effort which provides multiple learning options and seamless integrated pathways to increase all students' opportunities to pursue their career and educational interests.

(3) "Work-based learning" means a competency-based educational experience that coordinates and integrates classroom instruction with structured, work site employment in which the student receives occupational training that advances student knowledge and skills in essential academic learning requirements. [1993 c 335 § 11.]

Findings—Effective date—1993 c 335: See notes following RCW 28A.630.862.

28A.630.862 School-to-work transitions program. (Expires June 30, 1999.) There is established in the office of the superintendent of public instruction a school-to-work transitions program which shall fund and coordinate projects to develop model secondary school programs. The projects shall combine academic and vocational education into a single instructional system that is responsive to the educational needs of all students in secondary schools and shall provide multiple educational pathway options for all secondary students. Goals of the projects within the program shall include at a minimum:

(1) Integration of vocational and academic instructional curriculum into a single curriculum;

(2) Providing each student with a choice of multiple, flexible educational pathways based on the student's career or interest area;

(3) Emphasis on increased vocational and academic guidance and counseling for students as an essential component of the student's high school experience;

(4) Development of student essential academic learning requirements, methods of accurately measuring student performance, and goals for improved student learning;

(5) Partnership with local employers and employees to incorporate work sites as part of work-based learning experiences;

(6) Active participation of educators in the planning, implementation, and operation of the project, including increased opportunities for professional development and in-service training; and

(7) Active participation by employers, private and public community service providers, parents, and community members in the development and operation of the project. [1993 c 335 § 2; 1992 c 137 § 2.]

Findings—1993 c 335: "(1) The legislature finds that demonstrated relevancy and practical application of school work is essential to improving student learning and to increasing the ability of students to transition successfully to the world of work. Employers have an increasing need for highly skilled people whether they are graduating from high school, a community college, a four-year university, or a technical college.

(2) The legislature further finds that the school experience must prepare students to make informed career direction decisions at appropriate intervals in their educational progress. The elimination of rigid tracking into educational programs will increase students' posthigh school options and will expose students to a broad range of interrelated career and educational opportunities.

(3) The legislature further finds that student motivation and performance can be greatly increased by the demonstration of practical application of course work content and its relevancy to potential career directions.

(4) The legislature further finds that secondary schools should provide students with multiple, flexible educational pathways. Each educational pathway should:

(a) Prepare students to demonstrate both core competencies common for all students and competencies in a career or interest area;

(b) Integrate academic and vocational education into a single curriculum; and

(c) Provide both classroom and workplace experience.

(5) The purpose of RCW 28A.630.862 through 28A.630.880 and 28A.630.861 is to equip students with improved school-to-work transition opportunities through the establishment of school-to-work transition model projects throughout the state." [1993 c 335 § 1.]

Effective date—1993 c 335: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [May 12, 1993]." [1993 c 335 § 14.]

Expiration date—1992 c 137: "Sections 1 through 12 of this act shall expire June 30, 1999." [1992 c 137 § 14.]

Severability—1992 c 137: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1992 c 137 § 15.]

Conflict with federal requirements—1992 c 137: "If any part of this act is found to be in conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application to the agencies concerned. The rules under this act shall meet federal requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal funds by the state." [1992 c 137 § 16.]

28A.630.864 School-to-work transitions program—Selection of projects—Evaluation of program. (Expires June 30, 1999.) (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop a process for schools or school districts to apply to participate in the school-to-work transitions program. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall review and select projects for grant awards, and monitor and evaluate the program.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction, in selecting projects for grant awards, shall give additional consideration to schools or school districts whose proposals include collaboration with middle schools or junior high schools to develop school-to-work transition objectives. Middle school or junior high school programs may include career awareness

and exploration, preparation for school-to-school transition, and preparation for educational pathway decisions.

(3) The superintendent of public instruction, in selecting projects for grant awards, shall give additional consideration to schools or school districts whose proposals include a tech prep site selected under P.L. 101-392 or other articulation agreements with a community or technical college.

(4) The superintendent of public instruction, in selecting projects for grant awards, shall give additional consideration to schools or school districts whose proposals include the following elements: Paid student employment in an occupational area with growing labor market demand, instruction on the job from a mentor, demonstration of competency standards for program completion, and a contract to be signed by the participating student, the student's parent or legal guardian, the participating employer, and an education representative.

(5) The superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education may develop a process for teacher preparation programs to apply to participate in the school-to-work transitions program. The office of the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education may review and select projects for grant awards. Teacher preparation grants shall be used to improve teacher preparation in school-to-work transitions, including course work related to integrated curriculum, tech prep concepts, updating technical skills, improving school and private sector partnerships, and assessing students. [1993 c 335 § 3; 1992 c 137 § 3.]

Findings—Effective date—1993 c 335: See notes following RCW 28A.630.862.

Expiration date—Severability—Conflict with federal requirements—1992 c 137: See notes following RCW 28A.630.862.

28A.630.866 School-to-work transitions program—Task force. (Expires June 30, 1999.) The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint a ten-member task force on school-to-work transitions. The task force shall include at least one representative from the work force training and education coordinating board and the state board for community and technical colleges. The task force shall advise the superintendent of public instruction in the development of the process for applying to participate in the school-to-work transitions program, in the review and selection of projects under RCW 28A.630.864, and the monitoring and evaluation of the projects. [1993 c 335 § 4; 1992 c 137 § 4.]

Findings—Effective date—1993 c 335: See notes following RCW 28A.630.862.

Expiration date—Severability—Conflict with federal requirements—1992 c 137: See notes following RCW 28A.630.862.

28A.630.868 School-to-work transitions program—Administration—Duration of projects. (Expires June 30, 1999.) (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall administer RCW *28A.630.860 through 28A.630.880.

(2) The school-to-work transitions projects may be conducted for up to six years, if funds are provided. [1993 c 335 § 5; 1992 c 137 § 6.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 28A.630.860 was repealed by 1993 c 335 § 12.

Findings—Effective date—1993 c 335: See notes following RCW 28A.630.862.

Expiration date—Severability—Conflict with federal requirements—1992 c 137: See notes following RCW 28A.630.862.

28A.630.870 School-to-work transitions program—Gifts, grants, and contributions—School-to-work transitions program account. (Expires June 30, 1999.) (1) The superintendent of public instruction may accept, receive, and administer for the purposes of RCW *28A.630.860 through 28A.630.880 such gifts, grants, and contributions as may be provided from public and private sources for the purposes of RCW *28A.630.860 through 28A.630.880.

(2) The school-to-work transitions program account is hereby established in the custody of the state treasurer. The superintendent of public instruction shall deposit in the account all moneys received under this section. Moneys in the account may be spent only for the purposes of *28A.630.860 through 28A.630.880. Disbursements from this account shall be on the authorization of the superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee. The account is subject to the allotment procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for disbursements. [1993 c 335 § 6; 1992 c 137 § 7.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 28A.630.860 was repealed by 1993 c 335 § 12.

Findings—Effective date—1993 c 335: See notes following RCW 28A.630.862.

Expiration date—Severability—Conflict with federal requirements—1992 c 137: See notes following RCW 28A.630.862.

28A.630.872 School-to-work transitions program—Waivers. (Expires June 30, 1999.) (1) The state board of education, where appropriate, or the superintendent of public instruction, where appropriate, may grant waivers to pilot project districts consistent with law if necessary to implement a pilot project proposal.

(2) State rules dealing with public health, safety, and civil rights, including accessibility by the handicapped, shall not be waived. A school district may request the state board of education or the superintendent of public instruction to ask the United States department of education or other federal agencies to waive certain federal regulations necessary to fully implement the proposed pilot project. [1992 c 137 § 8.]

Expiration date—Severability—Conflict with federal requirements—1992 c 137: See notes following RCW 28A.630.862.

28A.630.874 School-to-work transitions program—Technical assistance—Rules. (Expires June 30, 1999.) (1) The superintendent of public instruction, in coordination with the state board of education, the state board for community and technical colleges, the work force training and education coordinating board, and the higher education coordinating board, shall provide technical assistance to selected schools and shall develop a process that coordinates and facilitates linkages among participating school districts, secondary schools, junior high schools, middle schools, technical colleges, and colleges and universities.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education may adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW as necessary to implement its duties under RCW *28A.630.860 through 28A.630.880. [1993 c 335 § 7; 1992 c 137 § 9.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 28A.630.860 was repealed by 1993 c 335 § 12.

Findings—Effective date—1993 c 335: See notes following RCW 28A.630.862.

Expiration date—Severability—Conflict with federal requirements—1992 c 137: See notes following RCW 28A.630.862.

28A.630.876 School-to-work transitions program—Reporting requirements. (Expires June 30, 1999.) (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall report to the education committees of the legislature on the progress of the schools for the school-to-work transitions program by December 15 of each odd-numbered year.

(2) Each school district selected to participate in the *academic and vocational integration development program shall submit an annual report to the superintendent of public instruction on the progress of the project as a condition of receipt of continued funding. [1993 c 335 § 8; 1992 c 137 § 10.]

***Reviser's note:** The "academic and vocational integration development program" has been changed to the "school-to-work transitions program" by 1993 c 335.

Findings—Effective date—1993 c 335: See notes following RCW 28A.630.862.

Expiration date—Severability—Conflict with federal requirements—1992 c 137: See notes following RCW 28A.630.862.

28A.630.878 School-to-work transitions program—Dissemination of information. (Expires June 30, 1999.) The superintendent of public instruction, through the center for the improvement of student learning, shall collect and disseminate to all school districts and other interested parties information about the school-to-work transitions projects. [1993 c 336 § 603; 1993 c 335 § 9; 1992 c 137 § 11.]

Reviser's note: This section was amended by 1993 c 335 § 9 and by 1993 c 336 § 603, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Expiration date—1993 c 336 § 603: "Section 603 of this act shall expire June 30, 1999." [1993 c 336 § 604.]

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

Findings—Effective date—1993 c 335: See notes following RCW 28A.630.862.

Expiration date—Severability—Conflict with federal requirements—1992 c 137: See notes following RCW 28A.630.862.

28A.630.879 School-to-work transitions program—Selection of programs for grant awards. The superintendent of public instruction, in selecting projects for grant awards under the school-to-work transitions program, shall give additional consideration to schools or school districts whose proposals are consistent with the state comprehensive plan for work force training and education prepared by the work force training and education coordinating board. [1993 c 336 § 602.]

Findings—1993 c 336: "(1) The legislature finds that preparing students to make successful transitions from school to work helps promote educational, career, and personal success for all students.

(2) A successful school experience should prepare students to make informed career direction decisions at critical points in their educational progress. Schools that demonstrate the relevancy and practical application of course work will expose students to a broad range of interrelated career

and educational opportunities and will expand students' posthigh school options.

(3) The school-to-work transitions program, under chapter 335, Laws of 1993, is intended to help secondary schools develop model programs for school-to-work transitions. The purposes of the model programs are to provide incentives for selected schools to:

(a) Integrate vocational and academic instruction into a single curriculum;

(b) Provide each student with a choice of multiple, flexible educational pathways based on the student's career interest areas;

(c) Emphasize increased vocational and academic guidance and counseling for students;

(d) Foster partnerships with local employers and employees to incorporate work sites as part of work-based learning experiences;

(e) Encourage collaboration among middle or junior high schools and secondary schools in developing successful transition programs and to encourage articulation agreements between secondary schools and community and technical colleges.

(4) The legislature further finds that successful implementation of the school-to-work transitions program is an important part of achieving the purposes of chapter 336, Laws of 1993." [1993 c 336 § 601.]

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

28A.630.880 School-to-work transitions program—Short title—1993 c 335; 1992 c 137. (Expires June 30, 1999.) RCW *28A.630.860 through 28A.630.880 may be known and cited as the school-to-work transitions program. [1993 c 335 § 10; 1992 c 137 § 12.]

*Reviser's note: RCW 28A.630.860 was repealed by 1993 c 335 § 12.

Findings—Effective date—1993 c 335: See notes following RCW 28A.630.862.

Expiration date—Severability—Conflict with federal requirements—1992 c 137: See notes following RCW 28A.630.862.

28A.630.883 Washington commission on student learning—Definitions. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout RCW 28A.630.885 and 28A.300.130.

(1) "Commission" means the commission on student learning created in RCW 28A.630.885.

(2) "Student learning goals" mean[s] the goals established in RCW 28A.150.210.

(3) "Essential academic learning requirements" means more specific academic and technical skills and knowledge, based on the student learning goals, as determined under RCW 28A.630.885(3)(a). Essential academic learning requirements shall not limit the instructional strategies used by schools or school districts or require the use of specific curriculum.

(4) "Performance standards" or "standards" means the criteria used to determine if a student has successfully learned the specific knowledge or skill being assessed as determined under RCW 28A.630.885(3)(b). The standards should be set at internationally competitive levels.

(5) "Assessment system" or "student assessment system" means a series of assessments used to determine if students have successfully learned the essential academic learning requirements. The assessment system shall be developed under RCW 28A.630.885(3)(b).

(6) "Performance-based education system" means an education system in which a significantly greater emphasis is placed on how well students are learning, and significantly less emphasis is placed on state-level laws and rules that dictate how instruction is to be provided. The performance-

based education system does not require that schools use an outcome-based instructional model. Decisions regarding how instruction is provided are to be made, to the greatest extent possible, by schools and school districts, not by the state. [1993 c 336 § 201.]

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

28A.630.885 Washington commission on student learning—Advisory committees—Essential academic learning requirements—State-wide academic assessment system—Certificate of mastery—Accountability—Reports to the legislature. (Expires September 1, 1998.) (1) The Washington commission on student learning is hereby established. The primary purposes of the commission are to identify the knowledge and skills all public school students need to know and be able to do based on the student learning goals in RCW 28A.150.210, to develop student assessment and school accountability systems, and to take other steps necessary to develop a performance-based education system. The commission shall include three members of the state board of education, three members appointed by the governor before July 1, 1992, and five members appointed no later than June 1, 1993, by the governor elected in the November 1992 election. The governor shall appoint a chair from the commission members, and fill any vacancies in gubernatorial appointments that may occur. The state board of education shall fill any vacancies of state board of education appointments that may occur. In making the appointments, educators, business leaders, and parents shall be represented, and nominations from state-wide education, business, and parent organizations shall be requested. Efforts shall be made to ensure that the commission reflects the racial and ethnic diversity of the state's K-12 student population and that the major geographic regions in the state are represented. Appointees shall be qualified individuals who are supportive of educational restructuring, who have a positive record of service, and who will devote sufficient time to the responsibilities of the commission to ensure that the objectives of the commission are achieved.

(2) The commission shall establish advisory committees. Membership of the advisory committees shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, professionals from the office of the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education, and other state and local educational practitioners and student assessment specialists.

(3) The commission, with the assistance of the advisory committees, shall:

(a) Develop essential academic learning requirements based on the student learning goals in RCW 28A.150.210. Essential academic learning requirements shall be developed, to the extent possible, for each of the student learning goals in RCW 28A.150.210. Goals one and two shall be considered primary. Essential academic learning requirements for RCW 28A.150.210(1), goal one, and the mathematics component of RCW 28A.150.210(2), goal two, shall be completed no later than March 1, 1995. Essential academic learning requirements that incorporate the remainder of RCW 28A.150.210 (2), (3), and (4), goals two, three, and four, shall be completed no later than March 1, 1996. To the

maximum extent possible, the commission shall integrate goal four and the knowledge and skill areas in the other goals in the development of the essential academic learning requirements;

(b)(i) The commission shall present to the state board of education and superintendent of public instruction a state-wide academic assessment system for use in the elementary, middle, and high school years designed to determine if each student has mastered the essential academic learning requirements identified in (a) of this subsection. The academic assessment system shall include a variety of assessment methods, including performance-based measures that are criterion-referenced. Performance standards for determining if a student has successfully completed an assessment shall be initially determined by the commission in consultation with the advisory committees required in subsection (2) of this section.

(ii) The assessment system shall be designed so that the results under the assessment system are used by educators as tools to evaluate instructional practices, and to initiate appropriate educational support for students who have not mastered the essential academic learning requirements at the appropriate periods in the student's educational development.

(iii) Assessments measuring the essential academic learning requirements developed for RCW 28A.150.210(1), goal one, and the mathematics component of RCW 28A.150.210(2), goal two, shall be initially implemented by the state board of education and superintendent of public instruction no later than the 1996-97 school year, unless the legislature takes action to delay or prevent implementation of the assessment system and essential academic learning requirements. Assessments measuring the essential academic learning requirements developed for RCW 28A.150.210 (2), (3), and (4), goals two, three, and four, shall be initially implemented by the state board of education and superintendent of public instruction no later than the 1997-98 school year, unless the legislature takes action to delay or prevent implementation of the assessment system and essential academic learning requirements. To the maximum extent possible, the commission shall integrate knowledge and skill areas in development of the assessments.

(iv) Before the 2000-2001 school year, participation by school districts in the assessment system shall be optional. School districts that desire to participate before the 2000-2001 school year shall notify the superintendent of public instruction in a manner determined by the superintendent. Beginning in the 2000-2001 school year, all school districts shall be required to participate in the assessment system.

(v) The state board of education and superintendent of public instruction may modify the essential academic learning requirements and academic assessment system, as needed, in subsequent school years.

(vi) The commission shall develop assessments that are directly related to the essential academic learning requirements, and are not biased toward persons with different learning styles, racial or ethnic backgrounds, or on the basis of gender;

(c) After a determination is made by the state board of education that the high school assessment system has been implemented and that it is sufficiently reliable and valid, successful completion of the high school assessment shall lead to a certificate of mastery. The certificate of mastery

shall be obtained by most students at about the age of sixteen, and is evidence that the student has successfully mastered the essential academic learning requirements during his or her educational career. The certificate of mastery shall be required for graduation but shall not be the only requirement for graduation. The commission shall make recommendations to the state board of education regarding the relationship between the certificate of mastery and high school graduation requirements. Upon achieving the certificate of mastery, schools shall provide students with the opportunity to continue to pursue career and educational objectives through educational pathways that emphasize integration of academic and vocational education. Educational pathways may include, but are not limited to, programs such as work-based learning, school-to-work transition, tech prep, vocational-technical education, running start, and preparation for technical college, community college, or university education;

(d) Consider methods to address the unique needs of special education students when developing the assessments in (b) and (c) of this subsection;

(e) Consider methods to address the unique needs of highly capable students when developing the assessments in (b) and (c) of this subsection;

(f) Develop recommendations on the time, support, and resources, including technical assistance, needed by schools and school districts to help students achieve the essential academic learning requirements. These recommendations shall include an estimate for the legislature, superintendent of public instruction, and governor on the expected cost of implementing the academic assessment system;

(g) Develop recommendations for consideration by the higher education coordinating board for adopting college and university entrance requirements for public school students that are consistent with the essential academic learning requirements and the certificate of mastery;

(h) By December 1, 1998, recommend to the legislature, governor, state board of education, and superintendent of public instruction:

(i) A state-wide accountability system to monitor and evaluate accurately and fairly the level of learning occurring in individual schools and school districts. The accountability system shall be designed to recognize the characteristics of the student population of schools and school districts such as gender, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and other factors. The system shall include school-site, school district, and state-level accountability reports;

(ii) A school assistance program to help schools and school districts that are having difficulty helping students meet the essential academic learning requirements;

(iii) A system to intervene in schools and school districts in which significant numbers of students persistently fail to learn the essential academic learning requirements; and

(iv) An awards program to provide incentives to school staff to help their students learn the essential academic learning requirements, with each school being assessed individually against its own baseline. Incentives shall be based on the rate of percentage change of students achieving the essential academic learning requirements. School staff shall determine how the awards will be spent.

It is the intent of the legislature to begin implementation of programs in this subsection (3)(h) on September 1, 2000;

(i) Report annually by December 1st to the legislature, the governor, the superintendent of public instruction, and the state board of education on the progress, findings, and recommendations of the commission; and

(j) Make recommendations to the legislature and take other actions necessary or desirable to help students meet the student learning goals.

(4) The commission shall coordinate its activities with the state board of education and the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

(5) The commission shall seek advice broadly from the public and all interested educational organizations in the conduct of its work, including holding periodic regional public hearings.

(6) The commission shall select an entity to provide staff support and the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall provide administrative oversight and be the fiscal agent for the commission. The commission may direct the office of the superintendent of public instruction to enter into subcontracts, within the commission's resources, with school districts, teachers, higher education faculty, state agencies, business organizations, and other individuals and organizations to assist the commission in its deliberations.

(7) Members of the commission shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. [1994 c 245 § 13. Prior: 1993 c 336 § 202; 1993 c 334 § 1; 1992 c 141 § 202.]

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

Effective date—1993 c 334: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [May 12, 1993]." [1993 c 334 § 2.]

Expiration date—1992 c 141 § 202: "Section 202 of this act shall expire September 1, 1998." [1992 c 141 § 203.]

Findings—Part headings—Severability—1992 c 141: See notes following RCW 28A.410.040.

28A.630.950 Joint select committee on education restructuring. (Expires December 1, 2001.) (1) There is hereby created a joint select committee on education restructuring composed of twelve members as follows:

(a) Six members of the senate, three from each of the major caucuses, to be appointed by the president of the senate; and

(b) Six members of the house of representatives, three from each of the major caucuses, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(2) Staff support shall be provided by senate committee services and house of representatives office of program research as mutually agreed by the cochairs of the joint select committee. The cochairs shall be designated by the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate.

(3) The expenses of the committee members shall be paid by the legislature under chapter 44.04 RCW.

(4) The committee shall seek advice from educators, business and labor leaders, parents, and others during its deliberations. [1993 c 336 § 1001.]

Expiration date—1993 c 336 §§ 1001-1005: "Sections 1001 through 1005 of this act shall expire December 1, 2001." [1993 c 336 § 1010.]

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

28A.630.951 Annual report. (Expires December 1, 2001.) The joint select committee on education restructuring shall monitor, review, and annually report to the full legislature upon the enactment and implementation of education restructuring in Washington both at the state and local level, including the following:

(1) The progress of the commission on student learning in the completion of its tasks as designated in RCW 28A.630.885 and in any subsequent legislation relating to education restructuring;

(2) The success of the center for [the] improvement of student learning established under RCW 28A.300.130;

(3) The number of school districts seeking waivers from basic education act requirements under RCW 28A.305.140 or other legislation, and the success of alternative programs pursued by those school districts;

(4) The progress and success of the commission on student learning, the superintendent of public instruction, the state board of education, the higher education coordinating board, and the state board for community and technical colleges in carrying out RCW 28A.630.885(3)(g), and any subsequent legislation relating to education restructuring; and

(5) Such other areas as the committee may deem appropriate. [1993 c 336 § 1002.]

Expiration date—1993 c 336 §§ 1001-1005: See note following RCW 28A.630.950.

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

28A.630.952 Review of laws and reporting requirements—Report to the legislature. (Expires December 1, 2001.) (1) In addition to the duties in RCW 28A.630.951, the joint select committee on education restructuring shall review all laws pertaining to K-12 public education and to educator preparation and certification with the intent of identifying laws that inhibit the achievement of the new system of performance-based education. The select committee shall report to the legislature by November 15, 1994. The laws pertaining to home schooling and private schools shall not be reviewed in this study.

(2) The joint select committee on education restructuring shall review current school district data reporting requirements for the purposes of accountability and meeting state information needs. The joint select committee shall report to the legislature by January 1996 on:

(a) What data is necessary to compare how school districts are performing before the essential academic learning requirements and the assessment system are implemented with how school districts are performing after the essential academic learning requirements and the assessment system are implemented; and

(b) What data is necessary pertaining to school district reports under the accountability systems developed by the commission on student learning under RCW 28A.630.885(3)(h). [1994 c 245 § 4; 1993 c 336 § 1003.]

Expiration date—1994 c 245 § 4: "Section 4 of this act shall expire December 1, 2001." [1994 c 245 § 16.]

Expiration date—1993 c 336 §§ 1001-1005: See note following RCW 28A.630.950.

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

28A.630.953 Commission on student learning, superintendent of public instruction, state board of education, higher education coordinating board, and state board for community and technical colleges—Annual reports to joint select committee. (Expires December 1, 2001.) By September 1, 1994, and each September 1st thereafter, the commission on student learning, the superintendent of public instruction, the state board of education, the higher education coordinating board, and the state board for community and technical colleges shall each report to the joint select committee on education restructuring regarding their progress in completing tasks as designated in chapter 336, Laws of 1993, and tasks in any subsequent legislation relating to education restructuring. [1993 c 336 § 1004.]

Expiration date—1993 c 336 §§ 1001-1005: See note following RCW 28A.630.950.

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

28A.630.954 Final report. (Expires December 1, 2001.) The joint select committee on education restructuring shall submit its final report to the legislature by December 31, 2001. [1993 c 336 § 1005.]

Expiration date—1993 c 336 §§ 1001-1005: See note following RCW 28A.630.950.

Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336: See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

Findings—1993 c 336: See note following RCW 28A.630.879.

Chapter 28A.635

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28A.635.010 Abusing or insulting teachers, liability for—Penalty. Any person who shall insult or abuse a teacher anywhere on the school premises while such teacher is carrying out his or her official duties, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, the penalty for which shall be a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars. [1990 c 33 § 536; 1984 c 258 § 314; 1969 ex.s. c 199 § 55; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.87.010. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 360 § 11; RRS § 5054; prior: 1903 c 156 § 11; 1897 c 118 § 169; 1890 p 383 § 86. Formerly RCW 28A.87.010, 28.87.010.]

Court Improvement Act of 1984—Effective dates—Severability—Short title—1984 c 258: See notes following RCW 3.30.010.

Intent—1984 c 258: See note following RCW 3.46.120.

28A.635.020 Willfully disobeying school administrative personnel or refusing to leave public property, violations, when—Penalty. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully disobey the order of the chief administrative officer of a public school district, or of an authorized designee of any such administrator, to leave any motor vehicle, building, grounds or other property which is owned, operated or controlled by the school district if the person so ordered is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or is committing, threatens to imminently commit or incites another to imminently commit any act which would disturb or interfere with or obstruct any lawful task, function, process or procedure of the school district or any lawful task, function, process or procedure of any student, official, employee or invitee of the school district. The order of a school officer or designee acting pursuant to this subsection shall be valid if the officer or designee reasonably believes a person ordered to leave is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, is committing acts, or is creating a disturbance as provided in this subsection.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to leave public property immediately adjacent to a building, grounds or property which is owned, operated or controlled by a school district when ordered to do so by a law enforcement officer if such person is engaging in conduct which creates a substantial risk of causing injury to any person, or substantial harm to property, or such conduct amounts to disorderly conduct under RCW 9A.84.030.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit or penalize activity consisting of the lawful exercise of freedom of speech, freedom of press and the right to peaceably assemble and petition the government for a redress of grievances: PROVIDED, That such activity neither does or threatens imminently to materially disturb or interfere with or obstruct any lawful task, function, process or procedure of the school district, or any lawful task, function, process or procedure of any student, official, employee or invitee of the school district: PROVIDED FURTHER, That such activity is not conducted in violation of a prohibition or limitation lawfully imposed by the school district upon entry or use of any motor vehicle, building, grounds or other property which is owned, operated or controlled by the school district.

(4) Any person guilty of violating this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction therefor, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned in jail for not more than six months or both so fined and imprisoned. [1981 c 36 § 1; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 100 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.87.055.]

Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 100: "If any provision of this 1976 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 100 § 3.]

28A.635.030 Disturbing school, school activities or meetings—Penalty. Any person who shall willfully create a disturbance on school premises during school hours or at school activities or school meetings shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, the penalty for which shall be a fine in any sum not more than fifty dollars. [1984 c 258 § 315; 1969 ex.s. c 199 § 57; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.87.060. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 361 § 12; RRS § 5055; prior: 1903 c 156 § 12; 1897 c 118 § 170; 1890 p 383 § 87. Formerly RCW 28A.87.060, 28.87.060.]

Court Improvement Act of 1984—Effective dates—Severability—Short title—1984 c 258: See notes following RCW 3.30.010.

Intent—1984 c 258: See note following RCW 3.46.120.

28A.635.040 Examination questions—Disclosing—Penalty. Any person having access to any question or questions prepared for the examination of teachers or common school pupils, who shall directly or indirectly disclose the same before the time appointed for the use of the questions in the examination of such teachers or pupils, or who shall directly or indirectly assist any person to answer any question submitted, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, the penalty for which shall be a fine in any sum not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars. [1984 c 258 § 316; 1969 ex.s. c 199 § 58; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.87.070. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 357 § 1; RRS § 5043; prior: 1903 c 156 § 1; 1897 c 118 § 159. Formerly RCW 28A.87.070, 28.87.070.]

Court Improvement Act of 1984—Effective dates—Severability—Short title—1984 c 258: See notes following RCW 3.30.010.

Intent—1984 c 258: See note following RCW 3.46.120.

28A.635.050 Certain corrupt practices of school officials—Penalty. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 42.23 RCW, it shall be unlawful for any member of the state board of education, the superintendent of public instruction or any employee of the superintendent's office, any educational service district superintendent, any school district superintendent or principal, or any director of any school district, to request or receive, directly or indirectly, anything of value for or on account of his or her influence with respect to any act or proceeding of the state board of education, the office of the superintendent of public instruction, any office of educational service district superintendent or any school district, or any of these, when such act or proceeding shall inure to the benefit of those offering or giving the thing of value.

Any willful violation of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor and punished as such. [1990 c 33 § 537; 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 § 143; 1969 ex.s. c 176 § 150;

1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.87.090. Prior: 1917 c 126 § 1; RRS § 5050. Formerly RCW 28A.87.090, 28.87.090.]

Rights preserved—Severability—1969 ex.s. c 176: See notes following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.635.060 Defacing or injuring school property—Liability of pupil, parent, or guardian—Withholding grades, diploma, or transcripts—Voluntary work program as alternative—Rights protected. (1) Any pupil who shall deface or otherwise injure any school property, shall be liable to suspension and punishment. Any school district whose property has been lost or willfully cut, defaced, or injured, may withhold the grades, diploma, and transcripts of the pupil responsible for the damage or loss until the pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian has paid for the damages. When the pupil and parent or guardian are unable to pay for the damages, the school district shall provide a program of voluntary work for the pupil in lieu of the payment of monetary damages. Upon completion of voluntary work the grades, diploma, and transcripts of the pupil shall be released. The parent or guardian of such pupil shall be liable for damages as otherwise provided by law.

(2) Before any penalties are assessed under this section, a school district board of directors shall adopt procedures which insure that pupils' rights to due process are protected.

(3) If the department of social and health services or a child-placing agency licensed by the department has been granted custody of a child, that child's records, if requested by the department or agency, are not to be withheld for nonpayment of school fees or any other reason. [1994 c 304 § 1; 1993 c 347 § 3; 1989 c 269 § 6; 1982 c 38 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.87.120. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 361 § 41; RRS § 5057; prior: 1903 c 156 § 14; 1897 c 118 § 172; 1890 p 372 § 48. Formerly RCW 28A.87.120, 28.87.120.]

Effective date—1994 c 304: "This act shall take effect July 1, 1994." [1994 c 304 § 4.]

Action against parent for willful injury to property by minor—Monetary limitation—Common law liability preserved: RCW 4.24.190.

28A.635.070 Property, failure of officials or employees to account for—Mutilation by—Penalties. Any school district official or employee who shall refuse or fail to deliver to his or her qualified successor all books, papers, and records pertaining to his or her position, or who shall willfully mutilate or destroy any such property, or any part thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, the penalty for which shall be a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars: PROVIDED, That for each day there is a refusal or failure to deliver to a successor books, papers and records, a separate offense shall be deemed to have occurred. [1990 c 33 § 538; 1984 c 258 § 317; 1969 ex.s. c 199 § 60; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.87.130. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 359 § 7, part; RRS § 5049, part; prior: 1907 c 240 § 16, part; 1903 c 156 § 7, part; 1897 c 118 § 165, part. Formerly RCW 28A.87.130, 28.87.130, part.]

Court Improvement Act of 1984—Effective dates—Severability—Short title—1984 c 258: See notes following RCW 3.30.010.

Intent—1984 c 258: See note following RCW 3.46.120.

28A.635.080 Director's connivance to employ uncertified teachers—Liability. Any school district

director who shall aid in or give his or her consent to the employment of a teacher who is not the holder of a valid teacher's certificate issued under authority of chapter 28A.410 RCW authorizing him or her to teach in the school district by which employed shall be personally liable to his or her district for any loss which it may sustain by reason of the employment of such person. [1990 c 33 § 539; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.87.135. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 359 § 7, part; RRS § 5049, part; prior: 1907 c 240 § 16, part; 1903 c 156 § 7, part; 1897 c 118 § 165, part. Formerly RCW 28A.87.135, 28.87.130, part, 28.87.160.]

28A.635.090 Interfering by force or violence with any administrator, teacher, classified employee, or student unlawful. It shall be unlawful for any person, singly or in concert with others, to interfere by force or violence with any administrator, teacher, classified employee, or student of any common school who is in the peaceful discharge or conduct of his or her duties or studies. [1990 c 33 § 540; 1988 c 2 § 1; 1971 c 45 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.87.230.]

28A.635.100 Intimidating any administrator, teacher, classified employee, or student by threat of force or violence unlawful. It shall be unlawful for any person, singly or in concert with others, to intimidate by threat of force or violence any administrator, teacher, classified employee, or student of any common school who is in the peaceful discharge or conduct of his or her duties or studies. [1990 c 33 § 541; 1988 c 2 § 2; 1971 c 45 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.87.231.]

28A.635.110 Violations under RCW 28A.635.090 and 28A.635.100—Disciplinary authority exception. The crimes defined in RCW 28A.635.090 and 28A.635.100 shall not apply to school administrators, teachers, or classified employees who are engaged in the reasonable exercise of their disciplinary authority. [1990 c 33 § 542; 1988 c 2 § 3; 1971 c 45 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.87.232.]

28A.635.120 Violations under RCW 28A.635.090 and 28A.635.100—Penalty. Any person guilty of violating RCW 28A.635.090 and 28A.635.100 shall be deemed guilty of a gross misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereon, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned in jail not more than six months or both such fine and imprisonment. [1990 c 33 § 543; 1971 c 45 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.87.233.]

Severability—1971 c 45: See note following RCW 28B.10.570.

**Chapter 28A.640
SEXUAL EQUALITY**

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*Discrimination—Separation of sexes in dormitories, residence halls, etc.:
RCW 49.60.222.*

28A.640.010 Purpose—Discrimination prohibited. Inequality in the educational opportunities afforded women and girls at all levels of the public schools in Washington state is a breach of Article XXXI, section 1, Amendment 61, of the Washington state Constitution, requiring equal treatment of all citizens regardless of sex. This violation of rights has had a deleterious effect on the individuals affected and on society. Recognizing the benefit to our state and nation of equal educational opportunities for all students, discrimination on the basis of sex for any student in grades K-12 of the Washington public schools is prohibited. [1975 1st ex.s. c 226 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.85.010.]

Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 226: "If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1975 1st ex.s. c 226 § 8.]

28A.640.020 Regulations, guidelines to eliminate discrimination—Scope—Sexual harassment policies. (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop regulations and guidelines to eliminate sex discrimination as it applies to public school employment, counseling and guidance services to students, recreational and athletic activities for students, access to course offerings, and in textbooks and instructional materials used by students.

(a) Specifically with respect to public school employment, all schools shall be required to:

(i) Maintain credential requirements for all personnel without regard to sex;

(ii) Make no differentiation in pay scale on the basis of sex;

(iii) Assign school duties without regard to sex except where such assignment would involve duty in areas or situations, such as but not limited to a shower room, where persons might be disrobed;

(iv) Provide the same opportunities for advancement to males and females; and

(v) Make no difference in conditions of employment including, but not limited to, hiring practices, leaves of absence, hours of employment, and assignment of, or pay for, instructional and noninstructional duties, on the basis of sex.

(b) Specifically with respect to counseling and guidance services for students, they shall be made available to all students equally. All certificated personnel shall be required to stress access to all career and vocational opportunities to students without regard to sex.

(c) Specifically with respect to recreational and athletic activities, they shall be offered to all students without regard to sex. Schools may provide separate teams for each sex. Schools which provide the following shall do so with no disparities based on sex: Equipment and supplies; medical care; services and insurance; transportation and per diem allowances; opportunities to receive coaching and instruction; laundry services; assignment of game officials; opportunities for competition, publicity and awards; scheduling of games and practice times including use of courts, gyms, and pools: PROVIDED, That such scheduling of games and practice times shall be determined by local administrative authorities

after consideration of the public and student interest in attending and participating in various recreational and athletic activities. Each school which provides showers, toilets, or training room facilities for athletic purposes shall provide comparable facilities for both sexes. Such facilities may be provided either as separate facilities or shall be scheduled and used separately by each sex.

The superintendent of public instruction shall also be required to develop a student survey to distribute every three years to each local school district in the state to determine student interest for male/female participation in specific sports.

(d) Specifically with respect to course offerings, all classes shall be required to be available to all students without regard to sex: PROVIDED, That separation is permitted within any class during sessions on sex education or gym classes.

(e) Specifically with respect to textbooks and instructional materials, which shall also include, but not be limited to, reference books and audio-visual materials, they shall be required to adhere to the guidelines developed by the superintendent of public instruction to implement the intent of this chapter: PROVIDED, That this subsection shall not be construed to prohibit the introduction of material deemed appropriate by the instructor for educational purposes.

(2)(a) By December 31, 1994, the superintendent of public instruction shall develop criteria for use by school districts in developing sexual harassment policies as required under (b) of this subsection. The criteria shall address the subjects of grievance procedures, remedies to victims of sexual harassment, disciplinary actions against violators of the policy, and other subjects at the discretion of the superintendent of public instruction. Disciplinary actions must conform with collective bargaining agreements and state and federal laws. The superintendent of public instruction also shall supply sample policies to school districts upon request.

(b) By June 30, 1995, every school district shall adopt and implement a written policy concerning sexual harassment. The policy shall apply to all school district employees, volunteers, parents, and students, including, but not limited to, conduct between students.

(c) School district policies on sexual harassment shall be reviewed by the superintendent of public instruction considering the criteria established under (a) of this subsection as part of the monitoring process established in RCW 28A.640.030.

(d) The school district's sexual harassment policy shall be conspicuously posted throughout each school building, and provided to each employee. A copy of the policy shall appear in any publication of the school or school district setting forth the rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct for the school or school district.

(e) Each school shall develop a process for discussing the district's sexual harassment policy. The process shall ensure the discussion addresses the definition of sexual harassment and issues covered in the sexual harassment policy.

(f) "Sexual harassment" as used in this section means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical contact, or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature if:

(i) Submission to that conduct or communication is made a term or condition, either explicitly or implicitly, of obtaining an education or employment;

(ii) Submission to or rejection of that conduct or communication by an individual is used as a factor in decisions affecting that individual's education or employment; or

(iii) That conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's educational or work performance, or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational or work environment. [1994 c 213 § 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 226 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.85.020.]

Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 226: See note following RCW 28A.640.010.

28A.640.030 Administration. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall be required to monitor the compliance by local school districts with this chapter, shall establish a compliance timetable and regulations for enforcement of this chapter, and shall establish guidelines for affirmative action programs to be adopted by all school districts. [1975 1st ex.s. c 226 § 3. Formerly RCW 28A.85.030.]

Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 226: See note following RCW 28A.640.010.

28A.640.040 Civil relief for violations. Any person aggrieved by a violation of this chapter, or aggrieved by the violation of any regulation or guideline adopted hereunder, shall have a right of action in superior court for civil damages and such equitable relief as the court shall determine. [1975 1st ex.s. c 226 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.85.040.]

Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 226: See note following RCW 28A.640.010.

28A.640.050 Enforcement—Superintendent's orders, scope. The superintendent of public instruction shall have the power to enforce and obtain compliance with the provisions of this chapter and the regulations and guidelines adopted pursuant thereto by appropriate order made pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, which order, by way of illustration, may include, the termination of all or part of state apportionment or categorical moneys to the offending school district, the termination of specified programs in which violations may be flagrant within the offending school district, the institution of a mandatory affirmative action program within the offending school district, and the placement of the offending school district on probation with appropriate sanctions until compliance is achieved. [1975 1st ex.s. c 226 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.85.050.]

Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 226: See note following RCW 28A.640.010.

28A.640.900 Chapter supplementary. This chapter shall be supplementary to, and shall not supersede, existing law and procedures and future amendments thereto relating to unlawful discrimination based on sex. [1975 1st ex.s. c 226 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.85.900.]

Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 226: See note following RCW 28A.640.010.

Chapter 28A.645 APPEALS FROM BOARD

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28A.645.010 Appeals—Notice of—Scope—Time limitation. Any person, or persons, either severally or collectively, aggrieved by any decision or order of any school official or board, within thirty days after the rendition of such decision or order, or of the failure to act upon the same when properly presented, may appeal the same to the superior court of the county in which the school district or part thereof is situated, by filing with the secretary of the school board if the appeal is from board action or failure to act, otherwise with the proper school official, and filing with the clerk of the superior court, a notice of appeal which shall set forth in a clear and concise manner the errors complained of.

Appeals by teachers, principals, supervisors, superintendents, or other certificated employees from the actions of school boards with respect to discharge or other action adversely affecting their contract status, or failure to renew their contracts for the next ensuing term shall be governed by the appeal provisions of chapters 28A.400 and 28A.405 RCW therefor and in all other cases shall be governed by chapter 28A.645 RCW. [1990 c 33 § 544; 1971 ex.s. c 282 § 40; 1969 ex.s. c 34 § 17; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.88.010. Prior: 1961 c 241 § 9; 1909 c 97 p 362 § 1; RRS § 5064. Formerly RCW 28A.88.010, 28.88.010.] [SLC-RO-1.]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

RCW 28A.645.010 not applicable to contract renewal of school superintendent: RCW 28A.400.010.

28A.645.020 Transcript filed, certified. Within twenty days of service of the notice of appeal, the school board, at its expense, or the school official, at such official's expense, shall file the complete transcript of the evidence and the papers and exhibits relating to the decision for which a complaint has been filed. Such filings shall be certified to be correct. [1971 ex.s. c 282 § 41. Formerly RCW 28A.88.013.]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.645.030 Appeal to be heard de novo and expeditiously. Any appeal to the superior court shall be heard de novo by the superior court. Such appeal shall be heard expeditiously. [1971 ex.s. c 282 § 42. Formerly RCW 28A.88.015.]

Severability—1971 ex.s. c 282: See note following RCW 28A.310.010.

28A.645.040 Certified copy of decision to county assessor when school district boundaries changed. In cases of appeal resulting in the change of any school district boundaries the decision shall within five days thereafter be also certified by the proper officer to the county assessor of the county, or to the county assessors of the counties, wherein the territory may lie. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.88.090. Prior: 1909 c 97 p 364 § 8; RRS § 5071. Formerly RCW 28A.88.090, 28.88.090.]

Chapter 28A.650 EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY

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28A.650.005 Findings—Intent. The legislature recognizes that up-to-date tools will help students learn. Workplace technology requirements will continue to change and students should be knowledgeable in the use of technologies.

Furthermore, the legislature finds that the Washington systemic initiative is a broad-based effort to promote widespread public literacy in mathematics, science, and technology. An important component of the systemic initiative is the universal electronic access to information by students. It is the intent of the legislature that components of RCW 28A.650.010 through 28A.650.025 will support the state-wide systemic reform effort in mathematics, science, and technology as envisioned by the Washington systemic initiative. [1993 c 336 § 701.]

28A.650.010 Definitions. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Education technology" or "technology" means the effective use of electronic and optical tools, including telephones, and electronic and optical pathways in helping students learn.

(2) "Network" means integrated linking of education technology systems in schools for transmission of voice, data, video, or imaging, or a combination of these. [1993 c 336 § 702.]

28A.650.015 Education technology plan—Educational technology advisory committee. (1) The superintendent of public instruction, to the extent funds are appropriated, shall develop and implement a Washington state K-12 education technology plan. The technology plan, which shall be completed by September 1, 1994, and

updated on at least a biennial basis, shall be developed to coordinate and expand the use of education technology in the common schools of the state. The plan shall be consistent with applicable provisions of chapter 43.105 RCW. The plan, at a minimum, shall address:

(a) The provision of technical assistance to schools and school districts for the planning, implementation, and training of staff in the use of technology in curricular and administrative functions;

(b) The continued development of a network to connect school districts, institutions of higher learning, and other sources of on-line information; and

(c) Methods to equitably increase the use of education technology by students and school personnel throughout the state.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint an educational technology advisory committee to assist in the development and implementation of the technology plan in subsection (1) of this section. The committee shall include, but is not limited to, persons representing: The state board of education, the commission on student learning, the department of information services, educational service districts, school directors, school administrators, school principals, teachers, classified staff, higher education faculty, parents, students, business, labor, scientists and mathematicians, the higher education coordinating board, the work force training and education coordinating board, and the state library. [1994 c 245 § 2; 1993 c 336 § 703.]

28A.650.020 Regional educational technology support centers—Advisory councils. Educational service districts shall establish, subject to available funding, regional educational technology support centers for the purpose of providing ongoing educator training, school district cost-benefit analysis, long-range planning, network planning, distance learning access support, and other technical and programmatic support. Each educational service district shall establish a representative advisory council to advise the educational service district in the expenditure of funds provided to the technology support centers. [1993 c 336 § 705.]

Reviser's note: 1993 c 336 directed that this section be added to chapter 28A.310 RCW. This section has been codified in chapter 28A.650 RCW, which relates more directly to educational technology.

28A.650.025 Distribution of funds for regional educational technology support centers. The superintendent of public instruction, to the extent funds are appropriated, shall distribute funds to educational service districts on a grant basis for the regional educational technology support centers established in RCW 28A.650.020. [1993 c 336 § 706.]

28A.650.030 Distribution of funds to expand the education state-wide network. The superintendent of public instruction, to the extent funds are appropriated, shall distribute funds to the Washington school information processing cooperative and to school districts on a grant basis, from moneys appropriated for the purposes of this section, for equipment, networking, and software to expand

the current K-12 education state-wide network. [1993 c 336 § 707.]

28A.650.035 Education technology account. (1) The superintendent of public instruction may receive such gifts, grants, and endowments from public or private sources as may be made from time to time, in trust or otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of educational technology and expend the same or any income therefrom according to the terms of the gifts, grants, or endowments.

(2) The education technology account is hereby established in the custody of the state treasurer. The superintendent of public instruction shall deposit in the account all moneys received from gifts, grants, or endowments for education technology. Moneys in the account may be spent only for education technology. Disbursements from the account shall be on authorization of the superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee. The account is subject to the allotment procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for disbursements. [1993 c 336 § 708.]

28A.650.040 Rules. The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW governing the operation and scope of this chapter. [1993 c 336 § 709.]

28A.650.900 Findings—Intent—Part headings not law—1993 c 336. See notes following RCW 28A.150.210.

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Chapter 28A.690

AGREEMENT ON QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONNEL

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28A.690.010 Compact entered into—Terms. The Interstate Agreement on Qualifications of Educational Personnel is hereby enacted into law and entered into by this state with all other states legally joining therein in the form substantially as follows:

The contracting states solemnly agree that:

Article I

1. The states party to this Agreement, desiring by common action to improve their respective school systems by utilizing the teacher or other professional educational person wherever educated, declare that it is the policy of each of them, on the basis of cooperation with one another, to take advantage of the preparation and experience of such persons wherever gained, thereby serving the best interests of society, of education, and of the teaching profession. It

is the purpose of this Agreement to provide for the development and execution of such programs of cooperation as will facilitate the movement of teachers and other professional educational personnel among the states party to it, and to authorize specific interstate educational personnel contracts to achieve that end.

2. The party states find that included in the large movement of population among all sections of the nation are many qualified educational personnel who move for family and other personal reasons but who are hindered in using their professional skill and experience in their new locations. Variations from state to state in requirements for qualifying educational personnel discourage such personnel from taking the steps necessary to qualify in other states. As a consequence, a significant number of professionally prepared and experienced educators is lost to our school systems. Facilitating the employment of qualified educational personnel, without reference to their states or origin, can increase the available educational resources. Participation in this compact can increase the availability of educational manpower.

Article II

As used in this Agreement and contracts made pursuant to it, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

1. "Educational personnel" means persons who must meet requirements pursuant to state law as a condition of employment in educational programs.

2. "Designated state official" means the education official of a state selected by that state to negotiate and enter into, on behalf of his or her state, contracts pursuant to this Agreement.

3. "Accept," or any variant thereof, means to recognize and give effect to one or more determinations of another state relating to the qualifications of educational personnel in lieu of making or requiring a like determination that would otherwise be required by or pursuant to the laws of a receiving state.

4. "State" means a state, territory, or possession of the United States; the District of Columbia; or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

5. "Originating State" means a state (and the subdivision thereof, if any) whose determination that certain educational personnel are qualified to be employed for specific duties in schools is acceptable in accordance with the terms of a contract made pursuant to Article III.

6. "Receiving State" means a state (and the subdivisions thereof) which accept educational personnel in accordance with the terms of a contract made pursuant to Article III.

Article III

1. The designated state official of a party state may make one or more contracts on behalf of his or her state with one or more other party states providing for the acceptance of educational personnel. Any such contract for the period of its duration shall be applicable to and binding on the states whose designated state officials enter into it, and the subdivisions of those states, with the same force and effect as if incorporated in this Agreement. A designated state official may enter into a contract pursuant to this Article only with states in which he or she finds that there

are programs of education, certification standards or other acceptable qualifications that assure preparation or qualification of educational personnel on a basis sufficiently comparable, even though not identical to that prevailing in his or her own state.

2. Any such contract shall provide for:

(a) Its duration.

(b) The criteria to be applied by an originating state in qualifying educational personnel for acceptance by a receiving state.

(c) Such waivers, substitutions, and conditional acceptances as shall aid the practical effectuation of the contract without sacrifice of basic educational standards.

(d) Any other necessary matters.

3. No contract made pursuant to this Agreement shall be for a term longer than five years but any such contract may be renewed for like or lesser periods.

4. Any contract dealing with acceptance of educational personnel on the basis of their having completed an educational program shall specify the earliest date or dates on which originating state approval of the program or programs involved can have occurred. No contract made pursuant to this Agreement shall require acceptance by a receiving state of any persons qualified because of successful completion of a program prior to January 1, 1954.

5. The certification or other acceptance of a person who has been accepted pursuant to the terms of a contract shall not be revoked or otherwise impaired because the contract has expired or been terminated. However, any certificate or other qualifying document may be revoked or suspended on any ground which would be sufficient for revocation or suspension of a certificate or other qualifying document initially granted or approved in the receiving state.

6. A contract committee composed of the designated state officials of the contracting states or their representatives shall keep the contract under continuous review, study means of improving its administration, and report no less frequently than once a year to the heads of the appropriate education agencies of the contracting states.

Article IV

1. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to repeal or otherwise modify any law or regulation of a party state relating to the approval of programs of educational preparation having effect solely on the qualification of educational personnel within that state.

2. To the extent that contracts made pursuant to this Agreement deal with the educational requirements for the proper qualification of educational personnel, acceptance of a program of educational preparation shall be in accordance with such procedures and requirements as may be provided in the applicable contract.

Article V

The party states agree that:

1. They will, so far as practicable, prefer the making of multilateral contracts pursuant to Article III of this Agreement.

2. They will facilitate and strengthen cooperation in interstate certification and other elements of educational personnel qualification and for this purpose shall cooperate

with agencies, organizations, and associations interested in certification and other elements of educational personnel qualification.

Article VI

The designated state officials of any party state may meet from time to time as a group to evaluate progress under the Agreement, and to formulate recommendations for changes.

Article VII

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prevent or inhibit other arrangements or practices of any party state or states to facilitate the interchange of educational personnel.

Article VIII

1. This Agreement shall become effective when enacted into law by two states. Thereafter it shall become effective as to any state upon its enactment of this Agreement.

2. Any party state may withdraw from this Agreement by enacting a statute repealing the same, but no such withdrawal shall take effect until one year after the governor of the withdrawing state has given notice in writing of the withdrawal to the governors of all other party states.

3. No withdrawal shall relieve the withdrawing state of any obligation imposed upon it by a contract to which it is a party. The duration of contracts and the methods and conditions of withdrawal therefrom shall be those specified in their terms.

Article IX

This Agreement shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this Agreement shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of this Agreement is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any state or of the United States, or the application thereof to any government, agency, person, or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Agreement and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this Agreement shall be held contrary to the constitution of any state participating therein, the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters. [1990 c 33 § 545; 1969 ex.s. c 283 § 4. Formerly RCW 28A.93.010, 28.93.010.]

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.150.050.

28A.690.020 Superintendent as "designated state official", compact administrator—Board to approve text of contracts. The "designated state official" for this state under Article II of RCW 28A.690.010 shall be the superintendent of public instruction, who shall be the compact administrator and who shall have power to promulgate rules to carry out the terms of this compact. The superintendent of public instruction shall enter into contracts pursuant to Article III of the Agreement only with the approval of the specific text thereof by the state board of education. [1990 c 33 § 546; 1969 ex.s. c 283 § 5. Formerly RCW 28A.93.020, 28.93.020.]

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.150.050.

28A.690.030 True copies of contracts filed in office of superintendent—Publication. True copies of all contracts made on behalf of this state pursuant to the Agreement as provided in RCW 28A.690.010 shall be kept on file in the office of the superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent of public instruction shall publish all such contracts in convenient form. [1990 c 33 § 547; 1969 ex.s. c 283 § 6. Formerly RCW 28A.93.030, 28.93.030.]

Severability—1969 ex.s. c 283: See note following RCW 28A.150.050.

Chapter 28A.900
CONSTRUCTION

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28A.900.010 Repeals and savings. See 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.98.010. Formerly RCW 28A.98.010.

28A.900.030 Continuation of existing law. The provisions of this title, Title 28A RCW, insofar as they are substantially the same as statutory provisions repealed by this chapter, and relating to the same subject matter, shall be construed as restatements and continuations, and not as new enactments. Nothing in this 1969 code revision of Title 28 RCW shall be construed as authorizing any new bond issues or new or additional appropriations of moneys but the bond issue authorizations herein contained shall be construed only as continuations of bond issues authorized by prior laws herein repealed and reenacted, and the appropriations of moneys herein contained are continued herein for historical purposes only and this 1969 act shall not be construed as a reappropriation thereof and no appropriation contained herein shall be deemed to be extended or revived hereby and such appropriation shall lapse or shall have lapsed in accordance with the original enactment: PROVIDED, That this 1969 act shall not operate to terminate, extend or otherwise affect any appropriation for the biennium commencing July 1, 1967, and ending June 30, 1969. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.98.030. Formerly RCW 28A.98.030.]

28A.900.040 Provisions to be construed in pari materia. The provisions of this title, Title 28A RCW, shall be construed in pari materia even though as a matter of prior legislative history they were not originally enacted in the same statute. The provisions of this title shall also be construed in pari materia with the provisions of Title 28B RCW, and with other laws relating to education. This sec-

tion shall not operate retroactively. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.98.040. Formerly RCW 28A.98.040.]

28A.900.050 Title, chapter, section headings not part of law. Title headings, chapter headings, and section or subsection headings, as used in this title, Title 28A RCW, do not constitute any part of the law. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.98.050. Formerly RCW 28A.98.050.]

28A.900.060 Invalidity of part of title not to affect remainder. If any provision of this title, Title 28A RCW, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the title, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.98.060. Formerly RCW 28A.98.060.]

28A.900.070 "This code" defined. As used in this title, Title 28A RCW, "this code" means Titles 28A and 28B RCW. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.98.070. Formerly RCW 28A.98.070.]

28A.900.080 Effective date—1969 ex.s. c 223. Title 28A RCW shall be effective July 1, 1970. [1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.98.080. Formerly RCW 28A.98.080.]

28A.900.100 Purpose—1990 c 33. (1) The purpose of *this act is to reorganize Title 28A RCW. There are three goals to this reorganization: (a) To place related sections in chapters organized by subject matter; (b) to make all terms gender neutral; and (c) to clarify existing language. *This act is technical in nature and is not intended to make substantive changes in the meaning, interpretation, court construction, or constitutionality of any provision of Title 28A RCW or other statutory provisions included in *this act and rules adopted under those provisions.

(2) *This act shall not have the effect of terminating or in any way modifying any proceedings or liability, civil or criminal, which exists on June 7, 1990. [1990 c 33 § 1.]

***Reviser's note:** For codification of "this act" [1990 c 33], see Codification Tables, Volume 0.

28A.900.101 Statutory references—1990 c 33. (1) The code reviser shall correct all statutory references to code sections recodified by *section 4 of this act.

(2)(a) References to "RCW 28A.47.732 through 28A.47.748" in Title 28A RCW have intentionally not been changed since those code sections were repealed by chapter 189, Laws of 1983. These references are not being eliminated because it is not the purpose of this act to correct obsolete references.

(b) References to "RCW 28A.58.095" in Title 28A RCW have intentionally not been changed since that code section was repealed by chapter 2, Laws of 1987 1st ex. sess. These references are not being eliminated because it is not the purpose of this act to correct obsolete references. [1990 c 33 § 2.]

***Reviser's note:** Section 4 of this act is an uncodified section that recodifies sections in Title 28A RCW.

28A.900.102 Severability—1990 c 33. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected. [1990 c 33 § 603.]

28A.900.103 Subheadings not law—1990 c 33. Subheadings as used in this act do not constitute any part of the law. [1990 c 33 § 3.]

