

CHAPTER 369.

[H. B. 534.]

JUVENILE DETENTION—FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

AN ACT relating to juvenile detention; prescribing financial responsibility for the cost of detention; adding a new section to chapter 13.16 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 13.16 RCW, New section. a new section to read as follows:

In any case in which a child under eighteen years of age has been placed in any detention facility under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the court may inquire into the facts concerning the necessity or propriety of such child's detention notwithstanding the fact that such child may not have been found to be either a dependent or a delinquent child.

Inquiry authorized as to necessity or propriety of detention.

The court may, either in the proceedings involving the question of dependency or delinquency of such child or in a separate proceeding, upon the parent or parents, guardian, or other person having custody of said child being duly summoned or voluntarily appearing, proceed to inquire into the necessity or propriety of such detention and into the ability of such person or persons to pay the cost of such detention.

Cost of detention.

If the court finds that such detention was necessary or proper for the welfare of the child or for the protection of the community, and if the court also finds the parent or parents, guardian, or other person having the custody of such child able to pay or contribute to the payment of the cost of such detention, the court may enter such order or decree as shall be equitable in the premises, and may enforce the same by execution or in any way a court of equity may enforce its decrees.

Equitable decree.

Emergency.

SEC. 2. 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.

Passed the House March 9, 1955.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1955.

CHAPTER 370.

[H. B. 538.]

STATE FUNDS ABOLISHED.

AN ACT relating to state government; abolishing certain state funds, creating accounts in the state general fund and transferring moneys thereto; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. All moneys to the credit of the following state funds on the first day of May, 1955, and all moneys thereafter paid to the state treasurer for or to the credit of such funds, are hereby transferred to the following accounts in the state general fund, the creation of which is hereby authorized:

Following state funds abolished—transfer to general fund accounts.

(1) State institutional revolving fund moneys and reformatory revolving fund moneys, to the state institutional revolving account;

(2) Capitol building construction fund moneys, to the capitol building construction account;

(3) Cemetery fund moneys, to the cemetery account;

(4) Commercial feed fund moneys, to the commercial feed account;

(5) Commission merchants fund moneys, to the commission merchants account;

(6) Electrical licenses fund moneys, to the electrical licenses account;