

1, 1965, which is effective for a period of two years and which shall not be renewable at the expiration of such conditional license. All conditional licenses previously issued under the authority of RCW 18.71.095 shall expire and be of no further force or effect on July 1, 1967, and shall not be subject to renewal.

Passed the House March 5, 1965.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1965.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1965.

CHAPTER 30.

[House Bill No. 296.]

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.

AN ACT relating to public assistance; adding a new chapter to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and Title 74 RCW; repealing section 74.12.130, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 20, chapter 228, Laws of 1963 and RCW 74.12.130; repealing section 74.12.230, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.12.230; and declaring an emergency.

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

New chapter.

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to Title 74 RCW a new chapter to read as set forth in sections 2 through 4 of this act.

Child welfare services—Public assistance. Purpose.

SEC. 2. The purpose of this chapter is to safeguard, protect and contribute to the welfare of the children of the state, through a comprehensive and coordinated program of public child welfare services providing for: Social services and facilities for children who require guidance, care, control, protection, treatment or rehabilitation; setting of standards for social services and facilities for children; cooperation with public and voluntary agencies, organizations, and citizen groups in the development and coordination of programs and activities in behalf of children; and promotion of community conditions and re-

sources that help parents to discharge their responsibilities for the care, development and well-being of their children.

SEC. 3. As used in Title 74 RCW, child welfare services shall be defined as public social services including adoption services which strengthen, supplement, or substitute for, parental care and supervision for the purpose of:

Child welfare services defined.

(1) Preventing or remedying, or assisting in the solution of problems which may result in the neglect, abuse, exploitation, or delinquency of children;

(2) Protecting and caring for homeless, dependent, or neglected children;

(3) Protecting and promoting the welfare of children, including the strengthening of their own homes where possible, or, where needed;

(4) Providing adequate care of children away from their homes in foster family homes or day care or other child care agencies or facilities.

As used in this chapter, child means a person less than twenty-one years of age.

SEC. 4. The department shall have the duty to provide child welfare services as defined in section 3, and shall:

Departmental duties—Child welfare and day care advisory committee.

(1) Develop, administer, and supervise a plan that establishes, extends aid to, and strengthens services for the protection and care of homeless, dependent or neglected children, or children in danger of becoming delinquent.

(2) Investigate complaints of neglect, abuse, or abandonment of children by parents, guardians, custodians or persons serving in loco parentis; and on the basis of the findings of such investigation, offer child welfare services in relation to the problem to such parents, guardians, custodians or persons serving in loco parentis, and/or bring the situation to the attention of an appropriate court, or another com-

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munity agency. If the investigation reveals that a crime may have been committed, notify the appropriate law enforcement agency.

(3) Cooperate with other public and voluntary agencies and organizations in the development and coordination of programs and activities in behalf of children.

(4) Have authority to accept custody of children from parents, guardians, and/or juvenile courts, to provide child welfare services including placement for adoption, and to provide for the physical care of such children and to make payment of maintenance costs if needed.

(5) Have authority to purchase care for children and shall follow in general the policy of using properly approved private agency services for the actual care and supervision of such children insofar as they are available, paying for care of such children as are accepted by the department as eligible for support at reasonable rates established by the department.

(6) Establish a child welfare and day care advisory committee who shall act as an advisory committee to the state advisory committee and to the director in the development of policy on all matters pertaining to child welfare, day care, and services related thereto. Members shall be appointed on the basis of their interest in and concern for the welfare of children and selected insofar as possible to represent all geographical areas of the state and to represent a wide variety of groups interested in the welfare of children. The committee shall become informed about child welfare service needs of the children of this state and the extent to which resources are available to meet those needs.

The committee shall consist of twelve members appointed by the director who shall designate a chairman. The committee shall hold original terms of office as follows: Four members shall serve one

year; four members shall serve two years; four members shall serve three years. Upon expiration of the original terms, subsequent appointments shall be for three years except that in the case of a vacancy, in which event the appointment shall be only for the remainder of the unexpired term in which the vacancy occurs.

Members of the committee shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in attending authorized meetings, but not to exceed the per diem and travel rates as established for state employees.

(7) Collect and publish statistics, information, and data concerning the conditions and needs of children for child welfare services.

(8) Receive all funds made available from the federal government, the state or private sources for carrying out child welfare services, and expend such funds in accordance with the purposes for which they are made available.

(9) Cooperate with the federal government, and other state agencies in implementing both federal and state programs for child welfare services.

SEC. 5. Section 74.12.130, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 20, chapter 228, Laws of 1963 and RCW 74.12.130, and section 74.12.230, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.12.230 are each repealed. **Repeal.**

SEC. 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. **Severability.**

SEC. 7. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing **Emergency.**

public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House March 7, 1965.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1965.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1965.

CHAPTER 31.

[House Bill No. 309.]

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY—CONVEYANCE OF PICKETT HOUSE.

AN Act authorizing the Washington state historical society to convey the real property constituting the site of Pickett House, in Whatcom County, Washington, to the Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington, Whatcom Chapter No. 5.

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

Pickett House. Conveyance of authorized.

SECTION 1. The Washington state historical society, which holds title thereto as trustee for the state of Washington pursuant to the provisions of RCW 27.28.020, is hereby authorized to convey to the Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington, Whatcom Chapter No. 5, a Washington nonprofit corporation to be organized, for a consideration of one dollar, the following described real property situated in the county of Whatcom, state of Washington, to wit:

Lot 1, in Block 10, of the Town of Whatcom, now a part of the City of Bellingham, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Auditor of said County, which real property constitutes the Pickett House in said city.

Maintenance as historical site—Reversion upon failure to do so.

SEC. 2. 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 pub-