

CHAPTER 330

[Substitute House Bill No. 2066]

SCHOOLS—STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

AN ACT Relating to school students transportation safety evaluation; amending RCW 58.17.060 and 58.17.110; and creating a new section.

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

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 1. (1) An interim task force is created on the safety of students traveling to and from school, whether by walking, riding school buses, or using other transportation.

(2) The task force shall study:

(a) Student pedestrian safety while traveling to and from school, including pedestrian needs, hazardous walking conditions, school crossing guards, and other related issues;

(b) The need for edge striping and curbing for roadways and identify sources of funding such projects; and

(c) The need for school districts, counties, cities, and the state to set standards for infrastructure improvements in conjunction with housing development.

(3) Staffing for the task force shall be provided by the traffic safety commission and the office of the superintendent of public instruction. The governor and the legislature may provide additional staff and facilities as may be reasonably required to assist the task force in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.

(4) The task force on transportation safety shall consist of:

(a) Two members of the house of representatives, one from each caucus, to be selected by the speaker;

(b) Two members of the senate, one from each caucus, to be selected by the president of the senate;

(c) The superintendent of public instruction or a designee;

(d) The secretary of transportation or a designee;

(e) The director of the traffic safety commission or a designee;

(f) A representative of the housing development industry;

(g) A county traffic safety engineer;

(h) A school board member;

(i) Two elected officials from local government;

(j) A local law enforcement representative; and

(k) A member of the Washington state parent/teachers association.

(5) The chair shall be one of the legislative members to be chosen by vote of the designated legislative members. The chair shall select the members of the task force who are not selected by another person or organization.

(6) The task force shall submit a final report to the legislature by March 31, 1990.

(7) This section expires March 31, 1990.

Sec. 2. Section 6, chapter 271, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 5, chapter 354, Laws of 1987 ex. sess. and RCW 58.17.060 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The legislative body of a city, town, or county shall adopt regulations and procedures, and appoint administrative personnel for the summary approval of short plats and short subdivisions or alteration or vacation thereof. When an alteration or vacation involves a public dedication, the alteration or vacation shall be processed as provided in RCW 58.17.212 or 58.17.215. Such regulations shall be adopted by ordinance and may contain wholly different requirements than those governing the approval of preliminary and final plats of subdivisions and may require surveys and monumentations and shall require filing of a short plat, or alteration or vacation thereof, for record in the office of the county auditor: PROVIDED, That such regulations must contain a requirement that land in short subdivisions may not be further divided in any manner within a period of five years without the filing of a final plat, except that when the short plat contains fewer than four parcels, nothing in this section shall prevent the owner who filed the short plat from filing an alteration within the five-year period to create up to a total of four lots within the original short plat boundaries: PROVIDED FURTHER, That such regulations are not required to contain a penalty clause as provided in RCW 36.32.120 and may provide for wholly injunctive relief.

An ordinance requiring a survey shall require that the survey be completed and filed with the application for approval of the short subdivision.

(2) Cities, towns, and counties shall include in their short plat regulations and procedures pursuant to subsection (1) of this section provisions for considering sidewalks and other planning features that assure safe walking conditions for students who walk to and from school.

Sec. 3. Section 11, chapter 271, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 5, chapter 134, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 58.17.110 are each amended to read as follows:

The city, town, or county legislative body shall inquire into the public use and interest proposed to be served by the establishment of the subdivision and dedication. It shall determine if appropriate provisions are made for, but not limited to, the public health, safety, and general welfare, for open spaces, drainage ways, streets, alleys, other public ways, water supplies, sanitary wastes, parks, playgrounds, sites for schools and schoolgrounds, and shall consider all other relevant facts, including sidewalks and other planning features that assure safe walking conditions for students who walk to and from school, and determine whether the public interest will be served by the subdivision and dedication. If it finds that the proposed plat

makes appropriate provisions for the public health, safety, and general welfare and for such open spaces, drainage ways, streets, alleys, other public ways, water supplies, sanitary wastes, parks, playgrounds, sites for schools and schoolgrounds and all other relevant facts, including sidewalks and other planning features that assure safe walking conditions for students who walk to and from school, and that the public use and interest will be served by the platting of such subdivision, then it shall be approved. If it finds that the proposed plat does not make such appropriate provisions or that the public use and interest will not be served, then the legislative body may disapprove the proposed plat. Dedication of land to any public body, may be required as a condition of subdivision approval and shall be clearly shown on the final plat. The legislative body shall not as a condition to the approval of any plat require a release from damages to be procured from other property owners.

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## CHAPTER 331

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 5560]

### HEALTH INSURANCE—COVERAGE OF TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT DISORDERS

AN ACT Relating to health insurance; adding a new section to chapter 48.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.44 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.46 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an effective date.

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

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 1. The legislature finds that:

- (1) Temporomandibular joint disorders are conditions for which treatment often is not covered in medical and dental group insurance contracts;
- (2) Individuals with temporomandibular joint disorders experience substantial pain and financial hardship;
- (3) Public awareness is needed concerning temporomandibular joint disorders and would be promoted by a mandated offering of temporomandibular joint disorders coverage to group purchasers; and
- (4) A mandated offering of temporomandibular joint disorders coverage shall not prescribe minimum initial benefits so that the insurers and the purchasers are allowed broad flexibility in benefit design and application.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 48.21 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) Except as provided in this section, a group disability policy entered into or renewed after December 31, 1989, shall offer optional coverage for the treatment of temporomandibular joint disorders.