

CHAPTER 78

[Engrossed House Bill No. 322]
SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION OF
HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

AN ACT Relating to school districts providing school bus transportation for handicapped children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The directors of school districts are authorized to lease school buses to nonprofit organizations to transport handicapped children to and from the site of activities deemed beneficial to such children by such organizations: PROVIDED, That commercial bus transportation is not reasonably available for such purposes.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The directors of school districts may authorize leases under this act: PROVIDED, That such leases do not conflict with regular school purposes.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. 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.

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CHAPTER 79

[Engrossed House Bill No. 523]
COUNTIES--
EMPLOYEE SAFETY AWARDS

AN ACT Relating to counties; authorizing employee safety awards; and adding a new section to Title 36 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to Title 36 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The board of county commissioners may establish an employee safety award program to reward and encourage the safe performance of assigned duties by county employees.

The board may establish standards and regulations necessary or appropriate for the proper administration and for otherwise accomplishing the purposes of such program.

The board may authorize every department head and other