

CHAPTER 78

[Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 2258]
SCREENING FOR LEARNING/LANGUAGE
DISABILITIES ACT

AN ACT Relating to the screening of certain school children in order to identify any of such children with learning/language disabilities; adding new sections to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28A.03 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28A.03 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The legislature recognizes as its initial duty in carrying out its responsibility to see to the education of the children of this state the importance of screening children within the schools to determine if there be any of such children with learning/language disabilities. It is the intent and purpose of this act to identify the number of children with recognizable learning/language disabilities, the type thereof, and to determine educational methods appropriate thereto.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28A.03 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The superintendent of public instruction shall, by rule or regulation in accordance with chapter 34.04 RCW, adopt a program under which all public schools within the state carrying out an elementary school program shall implement an appropriate screening device designed to identify children with learning/language disabilities to be administered to first grade students prior to their entrance into the second grade. After approval by the superintendent, or his designee, of any such appropriate screening device offered by a particular school, such screening shall be administered not later than January 1, 1976. The results thereof shall be forthwith transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction who shall prepare a detailed report thereof for submission to the governor and to the house and senate education and ways and means committees of the legislature prior to February 1, 1976. Such reports shall include a description of the type of learning/language disabilities identified and the number of children involved therewith, together with recommendations for additional legislation as the superintendent deems appropriate. In no instance in conducting any program under this section shall disclosure of any individual test score obtained pursuant to such program be permitted except to the parents or guardians of such child: PROVIDED, That such scores, without identification of the individual concerned, may be utilized in the report and recommendations of the superintendent: PROVIDED, That the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the intermediate school districts, or the local districts will not use any additional personnel to implement this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28A.03 RCW a new section to read as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Screening for Learning/Language Disabilities Act".

NEW SECTION. Sec. 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.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. 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.

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CHAPTER 79

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 2322]

INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE—VOLUNTEER SERVICE

AN ACT Relating to industrial insurance; and amending section 1, chapter 20, Laws of 1971 as amended by section 44, chapter 171, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 51.12.035.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 20, Laws of 1971 as amended by section 44, chapter 171, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 51.12.035 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Volunteers shall be deemed employees and/or workmen, as the case may be, for all purposes relating to medical aid benefits under ~~((Title 51))~~ chapter 51.36 RCW.

A "volunteer" shall mean a person who performs any assigned or authorized duties for the state or any agency thereof, except emergency services workers as described by chapter 38.52 RCW, brought about by one's own free choice, receives no ~~((salary))~~ wages, and is registered and accepted as a volunteer ~~((with a))~~ by the state or any agency ((or organization)) thereof, prior to the occurrence of the injury or the contraction of an occupational disease, for the purpose of engaging in authorized volunteer service: PROVIDED, That ((said)) such person ((may)) shall be deemed to be a volunteer although he may be granted maintenance and reimbursement for actual expenses necessarily incurred in performing his assigned or authorized duties.

Any and all premiums or assessments due under this title on account of such volunteer service shall be the obligation of and be paid by the state or any agency thereof which has registered and accepted the services of volunteers.

(2) Volunteers may be deemed employees and/or workmen, as the case may be, for all purposes relating to medical aid benefits under chapter 51.36 RCW at the option of any city, county, town, special district, municipal corporation, or political subdivision of any type, or any private nonprofit charitable organization, when any such unit of local government or any such nonprofit organization has given notice of covering all of its volunteers to the director prior to the occurrence of the injury or contraction of an occupational disease.

A "volunteer" shall mean a person who performs any assigned or authorized duties for any such unit of local government, or any such organization, except emergency services workers as described by chapter 38.52 RCW, or firemen covered by chapter 41.24 RCW, brought about by one's own free choice, receives no wages, and is registered and accepted as a volunteer by any such unit of local