

CHAPTER 188.

[S. B. 116.]

DEPENDENT AND DELINQUENT CHILDREN.

AN ACT relating to the welfare of dependent and delinquent children, making their detention and care a mandatory county function, providing for emergency appropriations by counties and methods for financing a program for the care of juveniles, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. The attention of the Legislature having been called to the absence of juvenile detention facilities in the various counties of the State, the Legislature hereby declares that this situation constitutes an emergency demanding the invocation by the several counties affected of the emergency powers granted by virtue of section 2, chapter 143, Extraordinary Laws of 1925, (section 3997-6 Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 478-3).

Preamble.

SEC. 2. The construction, acquisition and maintenance of juvenile detention facilities for dependent, wayward and delinquent children, separate and apart from the detention facilities for adults, is hereby declared to be a mandatory function of the several counties of the State.

Purpose.

SEC. 3. Boards of County Commissioners in the various counties now suffering from a lack of adequate detention facilities for dependent, delinquent and wayward children shall, in the manner provided by law, declare an emergency and appropriate, in the manner provided by law, sufficient funds to meet all demands for adequate care of dependent, delinquent and wayward children. All appropriations made under the provisions of this act are to be used exclusively for the acquisition, purchase, construction or leasing of real and personal property and the employment and payment of salaries for an

County Commissioners shall provide for delinquent children.

adequate staff of juvenile officers and necessary clerical staff and assistants and for furnishing suitable food, clothing and recreational facilities for dependent, delinquent and wayward children.

Aid from Federal Government.

SEC. 4. In connection with the financing of facilities and the employment of a staff of juvenile officers for dependent, delinquent and wayward children, the various Boards of County Commissioners affected shall attempt to secure such advances, loans, grants in aid, donations as gifts as may be secured from the Federal government or any of its agencies or from the state government or from other public or private institutions or individuals.

Appropriations may exceed limitations.

SEC. 5. Appropriations made under authority and by virtue of this act and debts incurred by any county in carrying out the provisions of this act may exceed all statutory limitations otherwise applicable and limiting the debt any county may incur.

Bonds.

SEC. 6. In order to carry out the provisions of this act the several counties affected shall utilize any and all methods available to them by law for financing the program authorized by this act and may fund any and all debts incurred by the issuance of general obligation bonds of the county in the manner provided by law, without submitting the same to a vote of the people.

Allocation of budget.

SEC. 7. In order to carry out the provisions of this act the Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized, any law to the contrary notwithstanding, to allocate any funds that may be available in any item or class of the budget as presently constituted to the fund to be used to carry out the provisions of this act.

Effective immediately.

SEC. 8. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government, its existing public institutions, and for the preservation of the public

health, welfare and safety, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1945.

Passed the House March 7, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1945.

CHAPTER 189.

[S. B. 282.]

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.

AN ACT relating to competitive examinations for public offices, positions and employment; and providing for preferences for all veterans of wars of the United States.

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

SECTION 1. In all competitive examinations to determine the qualifications of applicants for public offices, positions or employment, the State of Washington, and all of its political subdivisions, and all municipal corporations, shall give a preference status of ten per cent (10%) to all veterans, as herein defined, of all wars in which the United States of America has been, now is, or may hereafter be engaged, by adding to the mark, grade or rating, based upon one hundred (100) points as perfect, which a veteran is given on any examination, ten (10) points. The term "veteran" as herein used, shall include every person who has served, now is serving, or may hereafter serve in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Army Transport Service, and the Merchant Marine and, upon termination of the service, has received an honorable discharge, or a physical discharge with an honorable record, or has been re-

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