CHAPTER 3.
[S. B. 14.]

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES.

An Act relating to public assistance, amending chapter 74.04, RCW, by adding a new section thereto, making appropriations and reappropriations, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 74.04, RCW, is amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

The transfer of responsibility for general assistance from the several counties to the state of Washington, as contemplated by RCW 74.04.150, as amended by section 43, chapter 174, Laws of 1953, shall not take effect until January 1, 1954, the beginning of the fiscal year in which proceeds of the state tax levy authorized by said section 43 will become available and until that date the several counties of the state shall remain responsible for general assistance to the extent provided under pre-existing law.

SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund to the department of public assistance for the payment of senior citizen grants for the biennium beginning April 1, 1953, and ending March 31, 1955, the sum of seven and one-half million dollars ($7,500,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Sec. 3. The following sums, or so much thereof as shall severally be found necessary, are hereby appropriated out of the general fund to the department of public assistance for the fiscal biennium beginning April 1, 1953, and ending March 31, 1955, for the purposes hereinbelow indicated, the same being reappropriations of sums appropriated to the department of social security by Substitute Senate Bill No. 400 and House Bill No. 451 of the thirty-third regular session of the legislature:

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General Administration:
Salaries, Wages and Operations. $10,240,000.00
Survey of Consumers' Expenditures in Low Income Group. 75,000.00

Division of Old Age Assistance:
Senior Citizen Grants........... 86,337,293.00

Division of Public Assistance:
Aid to the Permanently Disabled 8,922,147.00
General Home Assistance....... 7,815,556.00
Burials ........................ 893,750.00

Division for Children:
Child Welfare Services:
Salaries, Wages and Operations ......................... 2,150,000.00
Assistance as Provided by Law ......................... 4,449,520.00
Aid to Dependent Children:
Assistance as Provided by Law ......................... 21,044,033.00

Division for the Blind:
Assistance as Provided by Law. 1,459,967.00
Self-supporting Aid to Blind:
To carry out provisions of chapter 166, Laws of 1949.. 28,800.00
Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind:
Administration:
Salaries and Wages.............. 128,538.00
Operations ....................... 54,532.00
Assistance ........................ 50,000.00
Other Case Services to the Blind ........................ 249,600.00

Contingencies: Provided, That this appropriation shall become available only in the event that 1/24th of the foregoing appropriations for assistance is insufficient to meet the demands for any one month: And provided further, That such allocations shall become available only upon written approval by the Governor .................. 2,471,484.00

Total .......................... $146,370,220.00

Division of Public Assistance:
General Home Assistance....... $3,250,000.00
Contingencies: Provided, That this appropriation shall become available only upon written approval by the Governor....... 750,000.00
(Expenditures from the foregoing two appropriations not to exceed amounts received from the tax levied under the provisions of Substitute House Bill No. 225.)

Total ................................ $4,000,000.00

Sec. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect April 1, 1953.

Passed the Senate March 19, 1953.
Passed the House March 20, 1953.
Approved by the Governor March 25, 1953.

CHAPTER 4.
[S. B. 12.]
TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITALIZATION—STATE AID—FUND ESTABLISHED.

An Act relating to tuberculosis hospitalization; providing state aid therefor; establishing a state tuberculosis equalization fund and prescribing procedure for its disbursement; imposing certain duties upon counties; and repealing section 70.32.020, RCW.

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

Section 1. To provide necessary funds for adequate care of tuberculosis patients in counties having a tuberculosis incidence there is established a state tuberculosis equalization fund which shall be apportioned and expended under the direction of the state director of health to provide state aid to counties in which the proceeds of the six-tenths mill tax levy required by RCW 70.32.010 are not sufficient to provide adequate tuberculosis hospitalization for all cases unable to pay the cost of such care.

Payments from the state equalization fund shall be made by warrant of the state auditor to individual...