

CHAPTER 59.

[Engrossed House Bill No. 175.]

VISUALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS.

AN ACT relating to public assistance; adding new sections to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to chapter 74.16 RCW; and repealing section 74.16.180, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 1, chapter 234, Laws of 1961, and RCW 74.16.180; and sections 74.16.200, 74.16.210, 74.16.220, 74.16.230, 74.16.240, 74.16.250, 74.16.260, 74.16.270, 74.16.280, 74.16.290, 74.16.296 and 74.16.297, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.16.200, 74.16.210, 74.16.220, 74.16.230, 74.16.240, 74.16.250, 74.16.260, 74.16.270, 74.16.280, 74.16.290, 74.16.296 and 74.16.297.

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

New section.

Section 1. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to chapter 74.16 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Public assist-
ance. Services
for the blind.
Vocational re-
habilitation.

The department of public assistance, services for the blind, may maintain or cause to be maintained in cooperation with the division of vocational rehabilitation of the state department of public instruction a program of services to assist visually handicapped persons to overcome vocational handicaps and to obtain the maximum degree of self-support and self-care, under which program the department may:

(1) Furnish diagnostic evaluation to determine the nature and scope of services to be provided.

(2) Provide physical restoration to eliminate or minimize the effects of the handicap.

(3) Provide for special education and/or training in the professions, business or trades under a vocational rehabilitation plan, and if the same cannot be obtained within the state, provisions shall be made for such purposes outside of the state. Living maintenance during the period of such education and/or training within or without the state may be furnished.

(4) Establish, construct, and/or maintain one or more rehabilitation centers, training centers and/or workshops to teach visually handicapped persons to prepare for and maintain trades or occupations when such training is feasible and will contribute to the efficiency and/or support of such visually handicapped persons, to provide employment for them and to devise means for the sale and distribution of their products.

(5) Provide teacher-counselor services and teaching of subjects which will assist visually handicapped persons in the ease and enjoyment of daily living.

(6) Place visually handicapped persons in jobs and/or business enterprises in accordance with the abilities and interests of the applicant therefor.

(7) Teach visually handicapped persons trades or occupations which may be followed in their homes and to assist them in whatever manner may seem advisable in disposing of the products of their home industries.

(8) Aid individual visually handicapped persons or groups of visually handicapped persons to engage in gainful occupations by furnishing materials, equipment, goods or services to them, by providing such financial assistance as may be necessary to encourage and equip them to reach an objective established for them by the agency.

(9) Services provided for under this section may be furnished to clients from other agencies of this or other states for a fee which shall not be less than the actual costs of such services.

Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to chapter 74.16 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

An applicant for vocational rehabilitation services must be an applicant: Eligibility.

Who has no vision or whose vision with correcting glasses is so defective as to prevent the performance of ordinary activities for which eyesight is essential or who has an eye condition of a progressive nature which may lead to blindness.

Repeal. Sec. 3. Section 74.16.180, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 1, chapter 234, Laws of 1961, and RCW 74.16.180; and sections 74.16.200, 74.16.210, 74.16.220, 74.16.230, 74.16.240, 74.16.250, 74.16.260, 74.16.270, 74.16.280, 74.16.290, 74.16.296 and 74.16.297, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.16.200, 74.16.210, 74.16.220, 74.16.230, 74.16.240, 74.16.250, 74.16.260, 74.16.270, 74.16.280, 74.16.290, 74.16.296 and 74.16.297 are each repealed.

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Passed the Senate March 6, 1967.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1967.

CHAPTER 60.

[House Bill No. 156.]

DETENTION OF CONVICTED FELONS.

AN ACT relating to the place of detention of convicted felons sentenced to a term of confinement in a state correctional institution under the jurisdiction of the department of institutions; amending section 72.68.040, chapter 28, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 1, chapter 47, Laws of 1959 and RCW 72.68.040; amending section 72.68.050, chapter 28, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 2, chapter 47, Laws of 1959 and RCW 72.68.050; and amending section 72.68.060, chapter 28, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 3, chapter 47, Laws of 1959 and RCW 72.68.060; and amending section 72.68.070, chapter 28, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 4, chapter 47, Laws of 1959 and RCW 72.68.070.

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

RCW 72.68.040 amended. Section 1. Section 72.68.040, chapter 28, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 1, chapter 47, Laws of