

~~recipient-as-a-result-of-departmental-error-or-oversight, such amount shall not be recovered by the state by deduction from subsequent assistance payments to such persons)).~~

NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. Section 11, chapter 322, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 4, chapter 206, Laws of 1963 and RCW 74.20.100; and section 14, chapter 206, Laws of 1963 and RCW 74.20.290 are each repealed: PROVIDED, That such repeals shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under the provisions of the statutes repealed; nor any rule, regulation or order adopted pursuant thereto, nor as affecting any proceeding instituted thereunder.

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CHAPTER 174  
[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 128]  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING--LEAVE OF ABSENCE

AN ACT Relating to labor relations; and adding a new section to chapter 108, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and to chapter 41.56 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 108, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and to chapter 41.56 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Any public employee who represents fifty percent or more of a bargaining unit or who represents on a statewide basis a group of five or more bargaining units shall have the right to absent himself from his employment without pay and without suffering any discrimination in his future employment and without losing benefits incident to his employment while representing his bargaining unit at the legislature of the state of Washington during any regular or extraordinary session thereof: PROVIDED, That such employee is replaced by his bargaining unit with an employee who shall be paid by the employer and who shall be qualified to perform the duties and obligations of the absent member in accordance with the rules of the civil service or

other standards established by his employer for such absent employee.

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CHAPTER 175

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 132]

ATTEMPTING OR COMMITTING CRIME

WHILE ARMED--FIRING UPON LAW

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER--PENALTIES

AN ACT Relating to crimes and punishment; defining crimes; repealing section 2, chapter 172, Laws of 1935, as amended by section 2, chapter 124, Laws of 1961 and RCW 9.41.020; and providing penalties.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 9.41 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Any person who shall commit or attempt to commit any felony, or any misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor categorized herein as inherently dangerous, while armed with, or in the possession of any firearm, shall upon conviction, in addition to the penalty provided by statute for the crime committed without use or possession of a firearm, be imprisoned as herein provided:

(1) For the first offense the offender shall be guilty of a felony and the court shall impose a sentence of not less than five years, which sentence shall not be suspended or deferred;

(2) For a second offense, or if, in the case of a first conviction of violation of any provision of this section, the offender shall previously have been convicted of violation of the laws of the United States or of any other state, territory or district relating to the use or possession of a firearm while committing or attempting to commit a crime, the offender shall be guilty of a felony and shall