

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 11. The risk management office shall cease to exist on June 30, 1981, unless extended by law for an additional fixed period of time.

Passed the House March 22, 1977.

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## CHAPTER 271

[Substitute House Bill No. 643]

### CHILD CUSTODY—VISITATION RIGHTS

AN ACT Relating to visitation rights; and amending section 24, chapter 157, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 26.09.240.

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

Section 1. Section 24, chapter 157, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 26.09.240 are each amended to read as follows:

A parent not granted custody of the child is entitled to reasonable visitation rights unless the court finds, after a hearing, that visitation would endanger the child's physical, mental, or emotional health. The court may order visitation rights for any person when visitation may serve the best interest of the child whether or not there has been any change of circumstances.

Any person may petition the court for visitation rights at any time including, but not limited to, custody proceedings.

The court may modify an order granting or denying visitation rights whenever modification would serve the best interests of the child but the court shall not restrict a parent's visitation rights unless it finds that the visitation would endanger the child's physical, mental, or emotional health.

Passed the House June 7, 1977.

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## CHAPTER 272

[Substitute House Bill No. 880]

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS—EMPLOYMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND/OR VICE PRINCIPALS—DUTIES

AN ACT Relating to education; creating new sections; and adding a new section to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28A.58 RCW.

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.58 RCW a new section to read as follows:

School districts may employ public school principals and/or vice principals to supervise the operation and management of the school to which they are assigned. Such persons shall hold valid teacher and administrative certificates. In addition to

such other duties as shall be prescribed by law and by the job description adopted by the board of directors, each principal shall:

(1) Assume administrative authority, responsibility and instructional leadership, under the supervision of the school district superintendent, and in accordance with the policies of the school district board of directors, for the planning, management, supervision and evaluation of the educational program of the attendance area for which he or she is responsible.

(2) Submit recommendations to the school district superintendent regarding appointment, assignment, promotion, transfer and dismissal of all personnel assigned to the attendance area for which he or she is responsible.

(3) Submit recommendations to the school district superintendent regarding the fiscal needs to maintain and improve the instructional program of the attendance area for which he or she is responsible.

(4) Assume administrative authority and responsibility for the supervision, counseling and discipline of pupils in the attendance area for which he or she is responsible.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. 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.

Passed the House June 7, 1977.

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## CHAPTER 273

[House Bill No. 1153]

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT—SERVICES TO HANDICAPPED PERSONS  
AN ACT Relating to employment; and adding a new section to chapter 50.12 RCW.

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

**NEW SECTION.** Section 1. There is added to chapter 50.12 RCW a new section to read as follows:

It is the policy of the state of Washington that persons with physical, mental, or sensory handicaps shall be given equal opportunities in employment. The legislature recognizes that handicapped persons have faced unfair discrimination in employment.

For these reasons, the state employment service division of the employment security department shall give particular and special attention service to those persons with physical, mental, or sensory handicaps which substantially limit one or more of their major life functions as defined under P.L. 93-112 and rules promulgated thereunder. Particular and special attention service shall include but not be limited to particular and special attention in counseling, referral, notification of job listings in advance of other persons, and other services of the employment service division.

Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to affect the veteran's preference or any other requirement of the United States department of labor.