

The department, in order to provide educational facilities and programs for persons admitted or committed to the state schools for the deaf and blind, is authorized either to:

(1) Enter into an agreement with the school district within which the institution is situated, or

(2) Provide a comprehensive school program in connection with any institution as if that institution were itself a local school system.

In the event that either option is exercised, all teachers shall meet all certification requirements and the program shall conform to the usual standards defined by law or by regulations of the state board of education or the office of the state superintendent of public instruction and/or other recognized national certificating agencies. Commencing with the 1981-82 school year, and each school year thereafter, salaries of all certificated employees shall be set so as to conform to and be contemporary with salaries paid to other certificated employees of similar background and experience in the school district in which the program or facility is located.

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## CHAPTER 59

[House Bill No. 1463]

### SCHOOL STUDENTS—EXCUSED ABSENCES

AN ACT Relating to education; and amending section 2, chapter 10, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. as last amended by section 4, chapter 201, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.27.010.

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

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 10, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. as last amended by section 4, chapter 201, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.27.010 are each amended to read as follows:

All parents, guardians and the persons in this state having custody of any child eight years of age and under fifteen years of age shall cause such child to attend the public school of the district in which the child resides for the full time when such school may be in session or to attend a private school for the same time unless the school district superintendent of the district in which the child resides shall have excused such child from attendance because the child is physically or mentally unable to attend school ((or unless such child)), is attending a residential school operated by the department of social and health services, or has been excused upon the request of his or her parents, guardians, or persons in this state having custody of any such child, for purposes agreed upon by the school authorities and

the parent, guardian or custodian: PROVIDED, That such excused absences shall not be permitted if deemed to cause a serious adverse effect upon the student's educational progress: PROVIDED FURTHER, That students excused for such temporary absences may be claimed as full time equivalent students to the extent they would otherwise have been so claimed for the purposes of RCW 28A.41.130 and 28A.41.140, as now or hereafter amended, and shall not affect school district compliance with the provisions of RCW 28A.58.754, as now or hereafter amended.

All parents, guardians and other persons in this state having custody of any child fifteen years of age and under eighteen years of age shall cause such child to attend the public school of the district in which the child resides for the full time when such school may be in session or to attend a private school for the same time excepting when the school district superintendent determines that such child is physically or mentally unable to attend school or has already attained a reasonable proficiency in the branches required by law to be taught in the first nine grades of the public schools of this state, or the child has been temporarily excused in accordance with this section, or the child is regularly and lawfully engaged in a useful or remunerative occupation, or the child is attending a residential school operated by the department of social and health services, or the child has already met graduation requirements in accordance with state board of education rules and regulations, or the child has received a certificate of educational competence under rules and regulations established by the state board of education under RCW 28A.04.135.

An approved private and/or parochial school for the purposes of this section shall be one approved under regulations established by the state board of education pursuant to RCW 28A.04.120 as now or hereafter amended.

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## CHAPTER 60

[House Bill No. 1464]

### HIGHWAY REST AREAS—SANITARY DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

AN ACT Relating to highways; adding a new section to chapter 47.38 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.68 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 47.38 RCW a new section to read as follows: