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CHAPTER 56
[House Bill No. 106]
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICTS


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

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 92, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as last amended by section 9, chapter 359, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.02.201 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislature hereby recognizes that private schools should be subject only to those minimum state controls necessary to insure the health and safety of all the students in the state and to insure a sufficient basic education to meet usual graduation requirements. The state, any agency or official thereof, shall not restrict or dictate any specific educational or other programs for private schools except as hereinafter in this section provided.

Principals of private schools or superintendents of private school districts shall file each year with the state superintendent of public instruction a statement certifying that the minimum requirements hereinafter set forth are being met, noting any deviations. After review of the statement, the state superintendent will notify schools or school districts of those deviations which must be corrected. In case of major deviations, the school or school district may request and the state board of education may grant provisional status for one year in order that the school or school district may take action to meet the requirements. Minimum requirements shall be as follows:

(1) The minimum school year shall be the same as that required of public schools in RCW 28A.01.025 as now or hereafter amended.

(2) The length of the school day shall be the same as that required of public schools in RCW 28A.01.010 and 28A.58.754, each as now or hereafter amended, except that the percentages of total program hour offerings as prescribed in RCW 28A.58.754 for basic skills, work skills, and optional subjects and activities shall not apply to private schools or private sectarian schools.
(3) All classroom teachers shall hold appropriate Washington state certification except as follows:

(a) Teachers for religious courses or courses for which no counterpart exists in public schools shall not be required to obtain a state certificate to teach those courses.

(b) In exceptional cases, people of unusual competence but without certification may teach students so long as a certified person exercises general supervision. Annual written statements shall be submitted to the office of the superintendent of public instruction reporting and explaining such circumstances.

(4) Appropriate measures shall be taken to safeguard all permanent records against loss or damage.

(5) The physical facilities of the school or district shall be adequate to meet the program offered by the school or district: PROVIDED, That each school building shall meet reasonable health and fire safety requirements.

(6) Private school curriculum shall include instruction of the basic skills of occupational education, science, mathematics, language, social studies, history, health, reading, writing, spelling, and the development of appreciation of art and music, all in sufficient units for meeting state board of education graduation requirements.

(7) In compliance with provisions of RCW 28A.31.010 as now or hereafter amended and rules or regulations of the state board of education, each private school teacher shall file with the educational service district in which the school is located a valid health certificate issued by the state department of social and health services.

(b) Each school or school district shall be required to maintain up-to-date policy statements related to the administration and operation of the school or school district.

All decisions of policy, philosophy, selection of books, teaching material, curriculum, except as in subsection (6) above provided, school rules and administration, or other matters not specifically referred to in this section, shall be the responsibility of the administration and administrators of the particular private school involved.

Sec. 2. Section 12, chapter 282, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as last amended by section 2, chapter 103, Laws of 1981 and RCW 28A.21.088 are each amended to read as follows:

In addition to other powers and duties as provided by law, every educational service district board shall:

(1) If the district board deems necessary, hold each year one or more teachers' institutes as provided for in RCW 28A.71.100, as now or hereafter amended, and one or more school directors' meetings.

(2) Cooperate with the state supervisor of special aid for handicapped children as provided in chapter 28A.13 RCW.
(3) ((Apportion such school funds other than state funds as otherwise authorized by law in a manner not in conflict with state or federal law or rules and regulations relating to the distribution and apportionment of such school funds:

(4)) Certify statistical data as basis for apportionment purposes to county and state officials as provided in chapter 28A.44 RCW.

((5)) (4) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law or rule or regulation of the state board of education and/or the superintendent of public instruction as provided in RCW 28A.03.028 and 28A.04.145.

Sec. 3. Section 9, chapter 176, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 18, chapter 275, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.21-.090 are each amended to read as follows:

In addition to other powers and duties as provided by law, every educational service district board shall:

(1) ((Advise with and pass upon, the evaluation of)) the educational service district superintendent in the preparation of rules and regulations for the circulating libraries established pursuant to RCW 27.16.010.

(2)) Approve the budgets of the educational service district in accordance with the procedures provided for in this chapter.

((3)) (2) Meet regularly according to the schedule adopted at the organization meeting and in special session upon the call of the chairman or a majority of the board.

((4)) (3) Approve the selection of educational service district personnel and clerical staff as provided in RCW 28A.21.100, as now or hereafter amended.

((5)) (4) Fix the amount of and approve the bonds for those educational service district employees designated by the board as being in need of bonding.

((6)) (5) Keep in the educational service district office a full and correct transcript of the boundaries of each school district within the educational service district.

((7)) (6) Acquire by purchase, lease, devise, bequest, and gift and otherwise contract for real and personal property necessary for the operation of the educational service district and to the execution of the duties of the board and superintendent thereof and sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of that property not necessary for district purposes: PROVIDED, That no real property shall be acquired or alienated without the prior approval of the state board of education.

((8)) (7) Adopt such bylaws and rules and regulations for its own operation as it deems necessary or appropriate.

((9)) (8) Enter into contracts, including contracts with common and educational service districts for the joint financing of cooperative service
programs conducted pursuant to RCW 28A.21.086(3), and employ consultants and legal counsel relating to any of the duties, functions, and powers of the educational service districts.

Sec. 4. Section 14, chapter 176, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 31, chapter 275, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.21-.140 are each amended to read as follows:

The superintendent of public instruction shall examine and revise the biennial budget request of each educational service district and shall fix the amount to be requested in state funds for the educational service district system from the legislature. Once funds have been appropriated by the legislature, the superintendent of public instruction shall fix the annual budget of each educational service district and shall allocate quarterly the state's portion from funds appropriated for that purpose to the county treasurer of the headquarters county of the educational service district for deposit to the credit of the educational service district general expense fund.

In each educational service district, there shall be an educational service district general expense fund into which there shall be deposited such moneys as are allocated by the superintendent of public instruction under provisions of this chapter((, and such moneys as are allocated from the county current expense funds, the county institute funds, the county circulating library funds)) and other funds of the educational service district, and such moneys shall be expended according to the method used by first or second class school districts, whichever is deemed most feasible by the educational service district board. No vouchers for warrants other than moneys being distributed to the school districts shall be approved for expenditures not budgeted by the educational service district board.

Sec. 5. Section 28A.48.030, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 68, chapter 275, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.48.030 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon receiving the certificate of apportionment from the superintendent of public instruction the educational service district superintendent shall promptly apportion to the school districts of his educational service district the amounts then due and apportionable to such districts as certified by the superintendent of public instruction. ((The educational service district superintendent shall apportion to the school districts of his educational service district during each of the twelve months of the year the amount then available for apportionment to such districts from the educational service district current school fund:))

Sec. 6. Section 28A.57.255, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 97, chapter 275, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.57.255 are each amended to read as follows:
The registered voters residing within a joint school district shall be entitled to vote on the office of school director of their district (and on the office of their educational service district board member).

Jurisdiction of any such election shall rest with the county auditor of the county administering such joint district as provided in RCW 28A.57.250.

At each general election, or upon approval of a request for a special election as provided for in RCW 29.13.020, such county auditor shall:

1. See that there shall be at least one polling place in each county;
2. At least twenty days prior to the elections concerned, certify in writing to the superintendent of the school district the number and location of the polling places established by such auditor for such regular or special elections; and
3. Do all things otherwise required by law for the conduct of such election.

It is the intention of this section that the qualified electors of a joint school district shall not be forced to go to a different polling place on the same day when other elections are being held to vote for school directors of their district (and members of the educational service district board concerned with their school district).

Sec. 7. Section 28A.57.290, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 98, chapter 275, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.57.290 are each amended to read as follows:

The amount of tax to be levied upon the taxable property of that part of a joint school district lying in one county shall be in such ratio to the whole amount levied upon the property in the entire joint district as the assessed valuation of the property lying in such county bears to the assessed valuation of the property in the entire joint district. (After the budget of a joint school district has been prepared in the manner provided by law, the educational service district superintendent of the educational service district to which the joint school district belongs, after deducting estimated receipts from sources other than district taxation, shall apportion to each county in which the territory of the joint district lies its proportionate share of the estimated expenditures of such joint district, which apportionment shall be made upon the same basis as is herein provided for the apportionment of tax levies. He shall then forward to the county auditor of the county to which the joint school district belongs and to the county auditor of each other county, for the board of county commissioners thereof, a certificate setting forth the sum apportioned to that county, together with copies of the certificates forwarded by him to the aforesaid officers of other counties:))

Sec. 8. Section 28A.58.150, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 30, chapter 80, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.58.150 are each amended to read as follows:

In addition to such other duties as a district school board shall prescribe the school district superintendent shall:
(1) Attend all meetings of the board of directors and cause to have made a record as to the proceedings thereof.

(2) Keep such records and reports and in such form as the district board of directors require or as otherwise required by law or rule or regulation of higher administrative agencies and turn the same over to his successor.

(3) Keep accurate and detailed accounts of all receipts and expenditures of school money. At each annual school meeting the superintendent must present his record book of board proceedings for public inspection, and shall make a statement of the financial condition of the district and such record book must always be open for public inspection.

(4) Take annually in May of each year a census of all persons between the ages of four and twenty who were bona fide residents of the district on the first day of May of that year. He shall designate the name and sex of each child, and the date of its birth; the number of weeks it has attended school during the school year, its post office address, and such other information as the superintendent of public instruction shall desire. Parents or guardians may be required to verify as to the correctness of this report. He shall also list separately all persons with handicapping conditions between the ages of three and twenty and give such information concerning them as may be required by the superintendent of public instruction. The board of directors may employ additional persons and compensate the same to aid the superintendent in carrying out such census.

(5) Make to the educational service district superintendent on or before the fifteenth day of October his annual report verified by affidavit upon forms to be furnished by the superintendent of public instruction. It shall contain such items of information as said superintendent of public instruction shall require, including the following: A full and complete report of all children enumerated under subsection (4) above; the number of schools or departments taught during the year; the number of children, male and female, enrolled in the school, and the average daily attendance; the number of teachers employed, and their compensation per month; the number of days school was taught during the past school year, and by whom; and the number of volumes, if any, in the school district library; the number of school houses in the district, and the value of them; and the aggregate value of all school furniture and apparatus belonging to the district. The superintendent shall keep on file a duplicate copy of said report.

(6) Give such notice of all annual or special elections as otherwise required by law; also give notice of the regular and special meetings of the board of directors.

(7) Report to the educational service district superintendent at the beginning of each term of school the name of every teacher and their proposed length of term, and supply each such teacher with school registers furnished by the educational service district superintendent.
(8)) Sign all orders for warrants ordered to be issued by the board of directors.

((9)) (8) Carry out all orders of the board of directors made at any regular or special meeting.

Sec. 9. Section 28A.59.150, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 118, chapter 275, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.59.150 are each amended to read as follows:

All accounts shall be audited by a committee of board members chosen in such manner as the board so determines to be styled the "auditing committee," and, except as otherwise provided by law, no expenditure greater than three hundred dollars shall be voted by the board except in accordance with a written contract, nor shall any money or appropriation be paid out of the school fund except on a recorded affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the board: PROVIDED, That nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the board from making any repairs or improvements to the property of the district through their shop and repair department as otherwise provided in RCW 28A.58.135; and the accounts and the records of said board shall at all times be subject to the inspection and examination of the educational service district superintendent, whose duty it shall be, annually, to examine said records and check said accounts, and report in writing to the proper board of county commissioners the nature and state of said accounts, and any facts that may be required concerning said records).

Sec. 10. Section 1, chapter 111, Laws of 1973 as amended by section 21, chapter 43, Laws of 1975 and RCW 28A.60.328 are each amended to read as follows:

Second class school districts, subject to the approval of the superintendent of public instruction, may draw and issue warrants for the payment of moneys upon approval of a majority of the board of directors, such warrants to be signed by the chairman of the board and countersigned by the secretary: PROVIDED, That when, in the judgment of the board of directors, the orders for warrants issued by the district monthly shall have reached such numbers that the signing of each warrant by the chairman of the board personally imposes too great a task on the chairman, the board of directors, after auditing all payrolls and bills, may authorize the issuing of one general certificate to the county treasurer, to be signed by the chairman of the board, authorizing said treasurer to pay all the warrants specified by date, number, name and amount, and the funds on which said warrants shall be drawn; thereupon the secretary of said board shall be authorized to draw and sign said orders for warrants.

(Accounts and the records of second class school districts drawing and issuing warrants as provided in this section shall at all times be subject to the inspection and examination of the educational service district superintendent, whose duty it shall be, annually, to examine said records and check
said accounts, and report in writing to the proper board of county commis-
sioners the nature and state of said accounts, and any facts that may be re-
quired concerning said records:))

Sec. 11. Section 16, chapter 15, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. as last amended by section 4, chapter 114, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A-.67.070 are each amended to read as follows:

No teacher, principal, supervisor, superintendent, or other certificated employee, holding a position as such with a school district, hereinafter re-
ferred to as "employee", shall be employed except by written order of a majority of the directors of the district at a regular or special meeting thereof, nor unless he is the holder of an effective teacher's certificate or other certificate required by law or the state board of education for the po-
sition for which the employee is employed.

The board shall make with each employee employed by it a written contract, which shall be in conformity with the laws of this state, and except as othe-
wise provided by law, limited to a term of not more than one year. Every such contract shall be made in ((triplicate)) duplicate, one copy to be re-
tained by the school district superintendent or secretary((, one copy to be re-
tained, after having been approved and registered, by the educational service district superintendent,)) and one copy to be delivered to the em-
ployee ((thereafter)). No contract shall be offered by any board ((nor ap-
proved and registered by the educational service district superintendent)) for the employment of any employee who has previously signed an employ-
ment contract for that same term in another school district of the state of Washington unless such employee shall have been released from his or her obligations under such previous contract by the board of directors of the school district to which he or she was obligated. Any contract signed in vio-
lation of this provision shall be void.

In the event it is determined that there is probable cause or causes that the employment contract of an employee should not be renewed by the dis-
trict for the next ensuing term such employee shall be notified in writing on or before May 15th preceding the commencement of such term of that de-
termination, which notification shall specify the cause or causes for nonre-
newal of contract. Such determination of probable cause for certificated employees, other than the superintendent, shall be made by the superin-
tendent. Such notice shall be served upon the employee personally, or by certified or registered mail, or by leaving a copy of the notice at the house of his or her usual abode with some person of suitable age and discretion then resident therein. Every such employee so notified, at his or her request made in writing and filed with the president, chairman or secretary of the board of directors of the district within ten days after receiving such notice, shall be granted opportunity for hearing pursuant to RCW 28A.58.455 to determine whether there is sufficient cause or causes for nonrenewal of con-
tract. If any such notification or opportunity for hearing is not timely given,
the employee entitled thereto shall be conclusively presumed to have been reemployed by the district for the next ensuing term upon contractual terms identical with those which would have prevailed if his or her employment had actually been renewed by the board of directors for such ensuing term.

This section shall not be applicable to "provisional employees" as so designated in RCW 28A.67.072; transfer to a subordinate certificated position as that procedure is set forth in RCW 28A.67.073 shall not be construed as a nonrenewal of contract for the purposes of this section.

Sec. 12. Section 28A.70.130, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 4, chapter 92, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.70.130 are each amended to read as follows:

All certificates issued by the superintendent of public instruction shall be valid and entitle the holder thereof to employment in any school district of the state upon being registered by the school district if designated to do so by the school district, which fact shall be evidenced on the certificate in the words, "Registered for use in ............ district," together with the date of registry, and an official signature of the person registering the same: PROVIDED, That a copy of the original certificate duly certified by the superintendent of public instruction may be used for the purpose of registry and endorsement in lieu of the original.

Sec. 13. Section 28A.70.140, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 5, chapter 92, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.70.140 are each amended to read as follows:

Before registering any certificate, the school district in which application is made shall be satisfied that the applicant is a person of good moral character, personal fitness, and has not been convicted of any crimes involving the physical neglect of children, physical injury of children (excepting possible motor vehicle violations), or sexual abuse of children. In the event of a refusal to register a certificate for whatsoever reason, the school district superintendent shall immediately notify the superintendent of public instruction of the action and shall fully and clearly state the reasons therefor, and the person aggrieved shall have the right of appeal to the superintendent of public instruction, and shall have the further right of appeal to the state board of education.

Sec. 14. Section 1, chapter 16, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 41.32.420 are each amended to read as follows:

On or before a date specified by the board of trustees in each month every employer shall file a report with the board of trustees of the retirement system on a form provided, stating the name of the employer and with respect to each employee who is a member or who is required to become a
member of the retirement system: (1) The full name, (2) the earnable compensation paid, (3) the employee’s contribution to the retirement system, and (4) such other information as the board shall require, and at the same time notify each new employee in writing with reference to the Washington state teachers’ retirement system and that an application for prior service credit may be filed with the board of trustees thereof on a form furnished by the board. ((The educational service district superintendent shall perform the duties imposed by this section for the employers in second-class school districts and the city superintendents for the employers in first-class school districts. The chief executive officers of other institutions shall perform such duties:))

NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:


(5) Section 5, page 320, chapter 97, Laws of 1909, section 4, chapter 163, Laws of 1955, section 29, chapter 176, Laws of 1969 ex. sess., section 43, chapter 275, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 27.16.050; and


NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:


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NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:


(2) Section 21, chapter 15, Laws of 1970 ex. sess., section 140, chapter 175, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.87.030;


(4) Section 22, chapter 15, Laws of 1970 ex. sess., section 142, chapter 175, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.87.080;

(5) Section 28A.87.100, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess., section 151, chapter 176, Laws of 1969 ex. sess., section 144, chapter 275, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.87.100;

(6) Section 28A.87.110, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess., section 152, chapter 176, Laws of 1969 ex. sess., section 145, chapter 275, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.87.110; and


NEW SECTION. Sec. 18. 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.

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