

benefit year established which would overlap the special benefit year provided by this chapter, notwithstanding the provisions in RCW 50.04.030 relating to the establishment of a subsequent benefit year and RCW 50.40.010 relating to waiver of rights, may elect to establish a special benefit year under this chapter: PROVIDED FURTHER, that the unexpired benefit year shall be terminated with the beginning of the special benefit year if the individual elects to establish such special benefit year.

For the purposes of establishing a benefit year, the department shall initially use the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters as the base year. If a benefit year is not established using the first four of the last five calendar quarters as the base year, the department shall use the last four completed calendar quarters as the base year.

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## CHAPTER 279

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 5977]

### STATE EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK—MODEL PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING THE NETWORK TO BE DEVELOPED

AN ACT Relating to a state educational telecommunications network; creating a new section; providing an expiration date; and making an appropriation.

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

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 1. (1) The superintendent of public instruction and the higher education coordinating board shall jointly develop and recommend to the legislature by June 30, 1989, a model plan for implementing a state educational telecommunications network which: (a) Addresses the needs of the common school and higher education elements of the state education system, and (b) provides for coordination and linkages between existing and proposed common school and higher education telecommunications programs, projects, and activities.

(2) In developing the plan, the superintendent of public instruction and the higher education coordinating board shall review existing telecommunications activities, including but not limited to: Activities under development by educational service districts, including the regional computer demonstration centers; the state clearinghouse for education information; the Washington State University microwave system; proposed or existing satellite projects at any of the regional universities; and other related activities.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. The sum of forty-nine thousand five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the

general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1989, to the superintendent of public instruction to carry out the purposes of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act shall expire July 1, 1989.

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## CHAPTER 280

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 5142]

### HARASSMENT—UNLAWFUL HARASSMENT DEFINED—PROTECTION ORDERS PROVIDED FOR

AN ACT Relating to protection from harassment; reenacting and amending RCW 10.31-.100; adding a new chapter to Title 10 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that serious, personal harassment through repeated invasions of a person's privacy by acts and words showing a pattern of harassment designed to coerce, intimidate, or humiliate the victim is increasing. The legislature further finds that the prevention of such harassment is an important governmental objective. This chapter is intended to provide victims with a speedy and inexpensive method of obtaining civil antiharassment protection orders preventing all further unwanted contact between the victim and the perpetrator.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Unlawful harassment" means a knowing and wilful course of conduct directed at a specific person which seriously alarms, annoys, or harasses such person, and which serves no legitimate or lawful purpose. The course of conduct shall be such as would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress, and shall actually cause substantial emotional distress to the petitioner.

(2) "Course of conduct" means a pattern of conduct composed of a series of acts over a period of time, however short, evidencing a continuity of purpose. Constitutionally protected activity is not included within the meaning of "course of conduct."

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. In determining whether the course of conduct serves any legitimate or lawful purpose, the court should consider whether:

(1) Any current contact between the parties was initiated by the respondent only or was initiated by both parties;

(2) The respondent has been given clear notice that all further contact with the petitioner is unwanted;