

constitutionality of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any other state, agency, person or circumstances shall not be affected thereby. It is the legislative intent that the provisions of this compact be reasonably and liberally construed.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The Washington state commissioners to the western states school bus safety commission shall be the director of highways, the superintendent of public instruction and the chief of the Washington state patrol or their respective designees. Annually the Washington commissioners shall elect a chairman from their own membership who shall serve for one year commencing July 1. Election as chairman shall not interfere with the member's right to vote on all matters before the Washington commissioners. The Washington commissioners may by majority vote designate one of their members to represent the state on any matter coming before the Western states school bus safety commission.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund to the superintendent of public instruction the sum of two thousand six hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June 30, 1979 to carry out the purpose of this act, including payment of the proportion of the expenses of the western states school bus safety commission allocated to the state of Washington.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Section 1 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 46 RCW.

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CHAPTER 89

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2570]

WASHINGTON SCHOOL FACILITIES COST STABILIZATION PROGRAM

AN ACT Relating to school facilities cost stabilization; creating new sections; providing an effective date; and providing for the expiration hereof.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The school organization and facilities section of the office of the superintendent of public instruction is hereby required to develop and implement a state school construction project known as the Washington school facilities cost stabilization program.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(1) "Director" means the director of the school organization and facilities section of the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

(2) "Systems building" means the application of a systematized approach to the programming, design and construction of a facility, with special emphasis on simplicity, repetitiveness and inter-relatedness of building subsystems in the facility design.

(3) "Building subsystem" or "subsystem" means a component of a facility defined for a specific function and comprising the necessary elements and materials to fulfill that function; examples of such subsystems are structural, ceiling-lighting, heating-ventilation-air conditioning, and interior space division subsystems.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The director shall, subject to the approval of the state board of education, establish reasonable rules and regulations in accordance with chapter 34.04 RCW for the proper development and implementation of the school facilities cost stabilization program.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The director shall, with the approval of the superintendent of public instruction, employ and/or contract such professional and technical assistance, including but not limited to consultants engaged in private practice, as he may see fit, and shall cause to be developed and implemented a state school facilities cost stabilization program to provide school facilities which will meet the educational needs of the children of this state. The program goals shall be:

- (1) To stabilize school construction, maintenance and operating costs;
- (2) To reduce school design/construction time;
- (3) To provide high quality schools capable of being readily and economically adapted to changing school and community needs.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The Washington school facilities cost stabilization program shall:

(1) Encourage the expansion of the use of systems building in school construction and modernization by implementing the following procedures and others deemed appropriate:

(a) Develop procedural and technical guidelines to assist school officials and school designers in utilizing the systems concept within the framework of state board of education regulations for school building construction;

(b) Review and modify building subsystem specifications developed pursuant to RCW 28A.04.310 and develop and/or review specifications for additional subsystems as appropriate;

(c) Require utilization of systems building on those projects, except modernization projects, receiving state assistance in addition to the amount determined allocable under basic state support level provisions in chapter 180-30 WAC when in the judgment of the superintendent of public instruction the projects lend themselves to systems building;

(d) Provide mandatory critiques of systems project designs on those projects where systems designs are required, and critiquing as requested for districts voluntarily utilizing systems design.

(2) Investigate and/or experiment with emerging design/construction and maintenance/operation practices, and assist school districts in implementing those which hold promise of achieving one or more of the goals of the state school facilities cost stabilization program.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Of the funds appropriated by the legislature to the state board of education for school building purposes from the common school construction fund for the period ending June 30, 1979, not more than two-tenths of one percent of such funds may be used by such board to carry out the purposes of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. This state school facilities cost stabilization program shall have an effective date of July 1, 1977, and shall continue for a period to end on June 30, 1983. An evaluation of the facilities cost stabilization program based on the program goals shall be submitted by the director to the legislature no later than February 15, 1983.

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CHAPTER 90

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 3009]

PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICTS—EXCESS LEVIES

AN ACT Relating to park and recreation districts; amending section 36.69.140, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 as last amended by section 40, chapter 195, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 36.69.140; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 36.69.140, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 as last amended by section 40, chapter 195, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 36.69.140 are each amended to read as follows:

A park and recreation district shall not have power to levy (~~an annual authorized~~) a regular property tax levy, but it shall have the power to levy (~~a tax~~) an excess levy upon the property included within the district, in the manner prescribed (~~for cities for the purpose of exceeding the limitations established~~) by Article VII, section 2, of the Constitution and by RCW 84.52.052. Such (~~special, voted~~) excess levy may be either for operating funds or for capital outlay, or for a cumulative reserve fund. A park and recreation district may issue general obligation bonds for capital purposes only, not to exceed an amount, together with any outstanding general obligation indebtedness equal to three-eighths of one percent of the value of the taxable property within such district, as the term "value of the taxable property" is defined in RCW 39.36.015, and may provide for the retirement thereof by levies in excess of dollar rate limitations in accordance with the provisions of RCW 84.52.056: PROVIDED, That when authorized by the voters of the district, the district may issue interest bearing warrants payable out of and to the extent of excess levies authorized in the year in which the excess levy was approved.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This 1977 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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