

the extent that the secretary finds it to be consistent with the general policies and intent of this chapter, may adopt such rules as to resolve a specific conflict and which do meet minimum federal requirements. In addition, the secretary shall submit to the next regular session of the legislature a summary of the specific rule changes made and recommendations for statutory resolution of the conflict.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 93. 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.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 94. (1) Sections 2, 7, 83, 85, 86, and 91 of this act are 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.

(2) Section 27 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 1980.

(3) Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, and 12 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 1981.

(4) All other sections of this act shall take effect on July 1, 1982, which shall be "the effective date of this act" where that term is used in this act.

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CHAPTER 178

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 3257]

POISON CONTROL AND DRUG INFORMATION SERVICES PROGRAM— APPROPRIATION

AN ACT Relating to public health; adding new sections to chapter 18.73 RCW; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 18.73 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The legislature finds that accidental and purposeful ingestions of poisonous substances continues to be a severe health problem in the state of Washington. It further finds that a significant reduction in the consequences of such accidental ingestions have occurred as a result of the development of regional poison information centers.

The purpose of sections 1 through 3 of this act is to reduce morbidity and mortality associated with overdose and poisoning incidents by providing emergency telephone assistance and treatment referral to victims of such incidents, by providing immediate treatment information to health care

professionals, and by establishing an effective public education and prevention program. Further, the purpose is to improve utilization of drugs by providing information to health professionals relating to appropriate therapeutic drug use.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 18.73 RCW a new section to read as follows:

As limited by the availability of funds appropriated by this act, the department shall support the establishment of a state-wide program of poison control and drug information services with regional units to be located in the city of Seattle and the city of Spokane and satellite units that may be established in the cities of Tacoma and Yakima. The services of this program shall be:

- (1) Emergency telephone management and treatment referral of victims of poisoning and overdose incidents;
- (2) Information to health professionals involved in management of poisoning and overdose victims;
- (3) Community education programs designed to inform the public of poison prevention methods; and
- (4) Information to health professionals relating to appropriate therapeutic use of medications, their compatibility and stability, and adverse drug reactions and interactions.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 18.73 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) The principal activities of the poison control and drug information program shall be answering requests by telephone for poison information and making recommendations for appropriate emergency management and treatment referral of poisoning exposure and overdose victims. These services, provided around-the-clock, will involve determining whether treatment can be accomplished in the home setting or whether transport to an emergency treatment facility is required; recommending treatment measures to appropriate personnel; and carrying out follow-up to assure that adequate care is provided.

(2) Program personnel shall provide follow-up education to prevent future similar incidents. They shall also provide community education programs designed to improve public awareness of poisoning and overdose problems, and to educate the public regarding prevention.

(3) Program personnel shall answer drug information questions from health professionals by providing current, accurate, and unbiased information relating to drugs and their therapeutic uses.

(4) The program shall utilize physicians, pharmacists, nurses, and supportive personnel trained in various aspects of toxicology, poison control and prevention, and drug information retrieval and analysis.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. In addition to, and not in lieu of, any other appropriations, there is appropriated to the department of social and health services for the biennium ending June 30, 1981, from the general fund the sum of two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. This 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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CHAPTER 179

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 3321]

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION—PRIVATE SCHOOLS' REPRESENTATION— MAIL VOTE ACCEPTANCE

AN ACT Relating to education; amending section 28A.04.010, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.04.010; amending section 28A.04.040, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 49, chapter 275, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.04.040; amending section 28A.04.060, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 2, chapter 19, Laws of 1975 and RCW 28A.04.060; amending section 1, chapter 19, Laws of 1975 and RCW 28A.04.065; amending section 17, chapter 283, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.21.033; and adding new sections to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28A.04 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 28A.04.010, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.04.010 are each amended to read as follows:

The state board of education shall be comprised of two members from each congressional district of the state, not including any congressional district at large, elected by the members of the boards of directors of school districts thereof, as hereinafter in this chapter provided, and one nonvoting member elected at large, as hereinafter in this chapter provided, by the members of the boards of directors of all private schools in the state meeting the requirements of RCW 28A.02.201, as now or hereafter amended.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28A.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The superintendent of public instruction, at the time of calling the election for state board membership under RCW 28A.04.020, if there be a state board member representative of the private schools within the state whose term of membership will end on the second Monday of January next following, shall call an election to be held throughout the state in those private