

(2) A person seventy years of age or older who has been a resident for ten years or a blind person or a physically handicapped person confined to a wheelchair may receive upon application a fishing license free of charge.

(3) A blind person or a physically handicapped person confined to a wheelchair who has been issued a card for a permanent disability under RCW 46.16.381 may use that card in place of a fishing license unless tags, permits, stamps, or punchcards are required by this chapter.

(4) A fishing license is not required for persons under the age of sixteen.

~~((4))~~ (5) Tags, permits, stamps, and punchcards required by this chapter shall be purchased separately by persons receiving a free license.

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CHAPTER 183

[Engrossed House Bill No. 492]

CHILDREN—DEPENDENCY PROCEEDINGS—CHILD ABUSE—PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO BE ADVISED OF RIGHTS

AN ACT Relating to child abuse and neglect proceedings; adding new sections to chapter 26.44 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds parents and children often are not aware of their due process rights when agencies are investigating allegations of child abuse and neglect. The legislature reaffirms that all citizens, including parents, shall be afforded due process, that protection of children remains the priority of the legislature, and that this protection includes protecting the family unit from unnecessary disruption. To facilitate this goal, the legislature wishes to ensure that parents and children be advised in writing and orally, if feasible, of their basic rights and other specific information as set forth in this act, provided that nothing contained in this act shall cause any delay in protective custody action.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Whenever a dependency petition is filed by the department of social and health services, it shall advise the parents, and any child over the age of twelve who is subject to the dependency action, of their respective rights under RCW 13.34.090. The parents and the child shall be provided a copy of the dependency petition and a copy of any court orders which have been issued. This advice of rights under RCW 13.34.090 shall be in writing. The department caseworker shall also make reasonable efforts to advise the parent and child of these same rights orally.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If a child has been taken into custody by law enforcement pursuant to RCW 26.44.050, the law enforcement agency shall leave a written statement with a parent or in the residence of the parent if no parent is present. The statement shall give the reasons for the removal of the child from the home and the telephone number of the child protective services office in the parent's jurisdiction.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. If a child is taken into custody by child protective services pursuant to a court order issued under RCW 13.34.050, the child protective services worker shall take reasonable steps to advise the parents immediately, regardless of the time of day, that the child has been taken into custody, the reasons why the child was taken into custody, and general information about the child's placement. Notice may be given by any means reasonably certain of notifying the parents, including but not limited to, written, telephonic, or in-person oral notification. If the initial notification is provided by a means other than writing, the information shall also be provided to the parent in writing as soon thereafter as possible.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Whenever the child protective services worker is required to notify parents and children of their basic rights and other specific information as set forth in sections 2 through 4 of this act, the child protective services worker shall also make a reasonable effort to notify the noncustodial parent of the same information in a timely manner.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Sections 2 through 5 of this act are each added to chapter 26.44 RCW.

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CHAPTER 184

[Engrossed House Bill No. 914]

TIMBER TAX DISTRIBUTION—SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY IN TIMBER COUNTIES

AN ACT Relating to timber tax distributions; amending RCW 84.33.081 and 84.52.080; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

Sec. 1. Section 9, chapter 204, Laws of 1984 and RCW 84.33.081 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) On the last business day of the second month of each calendar quarter, the state treasurer shall distribute from the timber tax distribution account to each county the amount of tax collected on behalf of each county under RCW 84.33.051, less each county's proportionate share of appropriations for collection and administration activities under RCW 84.33.051, and