

CHAPTER 181

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 3385]

FIRE REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES—LOCAL OFFICIALS—ANNUAL
STATE REPORT—APPROPRIATION

AN ACT Relating to criminal justice; amending section .33.06, chapter 79, Laws of 1947 and RCW 48.48.060; adding a new section to chapter 48.48 RCW; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section .33.06, chapter 79, Laws of 1947 and RCW 48.48.060 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The chief of each organized fire department, ~~((or))~~ the sheriff ~~((having jurisdiction over areas not within the jurisdiction of any fire department;))~~ or other designated county official, and the designated city or town official shall investigate the cause, origin, and extent of loss of all fires occurring within their respective jurisdictions, as determined by this subsection, and shall forthwith notify the state fire marshal of all fires of criminal, suspected, or undetermined ((origin)) cause occurring within ((the jurisdiction of such fire department or sheriff)) their respective jurisdictions. Fire departments shall have the responsibility imposed by this subsection for areas within their jurisdictions. Sheriffs or other designated county officials shall have responsibility imposed by this subsection for county areas not within the jurisdiction of a fire department, unless such areas are within the boundaries of a city or town, in which case the designated city or town official shall have the responsibility imposed by this subsection. For the purposes of this subsection, county officials shall be designated by the county legislative authority, and city or town officials shall be designated by the appropriate city or town legislative or executive authority. In addition to the responsibility imposed by this subsection, any sheriff or chief of police may assist in the investigation of the cause, origin, and extent of loss of all fires occurring within his or her respective jurisdiction.

(2) The state fire marshal may investigate any fire for the purpose of determining its cause ~~((or)),~~ origin ((or)), and the extent of the loss((, or both)). The state fire marshal shall assist in the investigation of those fires of criminal, suspected, or undetermined cause when requested by the reporting agency.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 48.48 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) Beginning September 1, 1980, the chief of each organized fire department, or the sheriff or other designated county official having jurisdiction over areas not within the jurisdiction of any fire department, shall report statistical information and data to the state fire marshal on each fire occurring within the official's jurisdiction. Reports shall be consistent with

the national fire incident reporting system developed by the United States fire administration and rules established by the state fire marshal. The state fire marshal and the department of natural resources shall jointly determine the statistical information to be reported on fires on land under the jurisdiction of the department of natural resources.

(2) The state fire marshal shall analyze the information and data reported, compile a report, and distribute a copy annually by January 31 to each chief fire official in the state. Upon request, the state fire marshal shall also furnish a copy of the report to any other interested person at cost.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is appropriated to the state fire marshal from the general fund the sum of ninety-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. 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 182

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 3537]

SICK LEAVE COMPENSATION—COMMUNITY COLLEGES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS—APPROPRIATION

AN ACT Relating to appropriations; amending section 1, chapter 150, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 41.04.340; amending section 7, chapter 283, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 2, chapter 173, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 28B.50.551; amending section 3, chapter 10, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. as amended by section 108, chapter 275, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.58.100; creating new sections; adding new sections to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapters 28A.21 and 28A.58 RCW; and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 150, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 41.04.340 are each amended to read as follows:

As used in this section the term "eligible employee" means any employee of the state, other than teaching and research faculty at ~~((institutions of higher education))~~ the state and regional universities and The Evergreen State College, entitled to accumulate sick leave and for whom accurate sick leave records have been maintained: PROVIDED, That no employee may receive compensation under this section for any portion of sick leave accumulated at a rate in excess of one day per month.

An attendance incentive program is established for all eligible employees. In January of the year following any year in which a minimum of sixty