

CHAPTER 366.

[H. B. 442.]

CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES.

AN ACT relating to child welfare agencies; and amending section 2, chapter 270, Laws of 1951 and RCW 74.14.010.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 270, Laws of 1951 and RCW 74.14.010 are each amended to read as follows: Amendment.

For the purpose of this chapter, unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context, the terms used shall have the following meanings: Terms defined.

(1) "Department" means the state department of public assistance. "Department."

(2) "Director" means the director of the state department of public assistance. "Director."

(3) "Children's staff" means personnel of the department specially qualified in and responsible for the direction of services for children. "Children's staff."

(4) "Agency" is defined as any person, firm, association or corporation, or any private institution, but not including foster homes, which receives for control, care, placement, or maintenance, minor children, and not including in the case of an individual, children related to such persons or under guardianship, but shall include within its scope the following: "Agency."

(a) A children's institution is defined as an establishment which is maintained and operated for the group care of children or which may accept custody and responsibility as required for the welfare of children under care. It shall not apply to any boarding school which is essentially and primarily engaged in educational work characterized by having education as its only function, operating on a definite school year schedule, following a stated academic curriculum, accepting only school-age children, and not accepting custody of children; nor to any non- "Children's institution."
Not children's institution.

profit institution which is operated under adequate local control by an established board of laymen or by a church organization.

"Child-placing agency."

(b) A child-placing agency is defined as any agency, society, association, institution or person not related by blood to the child placed, which places or supervises children in family homes or special institutions or arranges temporary or continued care for children or places a child or children for adoption.

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An agency, society, association or institution which is not operated for profit and which is operated under adequate local control by an established board of laymen or a church organization and which places or supervises children in family homes or special institutions or arranges temporary or continued care for children or places a child or children for adoption shall not be considered a child-placing agency within the terms of this chapter.

"Maternity home."

(c) A maternity home is an institution or place of residence the primary function of which is to give care to illegitimately pregnant girls or women, before or during confinement, or which provides care as needed to mothers and their infants after confinement, with or without compensation.

"Day nursery."

(d) A day nursery is an institution which provides care during the day for a group of children with or without compensation. Its primary function is to give care and supervision to children in need of supplemental parental care during the day whose own families are unable to provide this daytime care. A day nursery shall not mean a nursery school which is essentially and primarily engaged in educational work with preschool children whose parents send the child to the nursery school only for education, the child not being in need of supplemental parental care: *Provided*, That nothing in this chapter shall be construed to cover the care of a neighbor's,

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relative's, or friend's child or children with or without monetary consideration where the person does not regularly engage in such activity or where parents on a mutually cooperative basis exchange care of one another's children. It shall not include any agency operated by another state department or governmental agency, or by a church organization.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate Emergency. preservation of the public peace, health or safety and support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House March 9, 1955.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1955.

CHAPTER 367.

[H. B. 444.]

IRRIGATION DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to irrigation districts and adding four new sections to chapter 87.08 RCW.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 87.08 RCW, New sections. four new sections to read as set out in sections 2 through 5 of this act.

SEC. 2. When an irrigation district desires to connect its system of drainage with that of a lower drainage district or districts, it shall make the lower district or districts a party to the proceedings to construct its system, and allege in its petition that the connection is needed to afford a proper outlet and that the outlet is sufficient for both districts. If the lower system or systems must be improved to support the additional burden, the petition shall be ac- System of drainage connection. Party to proceedings.