

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This 1976 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.

Passed the Senate February 17, 1976.

Passed the House February 12, 1976.

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## CHAPTER 25

[Senate Bill No. 3000]

### REWARDS BY COUNTIES

AN ACT Relating to rewards by counties; and amending section 1, page 124, Laws of 1886 and RCW 10.85.030.

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

Section 1. Section 1, page 124, Laws of 1886 and RCW 10.85.030 are each amended to read as follows:

The ~~((county commissioners in))~~ legislative authorities of the several counties of the state, when in their opinion the public good requires it, are hereby authorized to offer and pay a suitable reward, not to exceed five hundred dollars in any one case, to any person or persons who, in consequence of such offer apprehends, brings back, and secures any person or persons, convicted of or charged with any criminal offense, if the offense be a felony.

In the event of crimes against county property, including but not limited to road signs, vehicles, buildings, or any other type of county property, the legislative authority of any county may offer and pay a suitable reward, not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars in any one case, to any person or persons who shall furnish information or testimony leading to the arrest and conviction of any person of any offense against such county property, including but not limited to those offenses set forth in RCW 9A.48.070 through 9A.48.090, whether or not the offense be a felony, gross misdemeanor, or misdemeanor.

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## CHAPTER 26

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 3009]

### SCHOOLS—PURCHASING PROCEDURES

AN ACT Relating to education; and amending section 28A.58.135, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 49, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.58.135.

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

Section 1. Section 28A.58.135, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 49, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.58.135 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) When, in the opinion of the board of directors of any school district, the cost of any furniture, supplies, equipment, building, improvements, or repairs, or other work or purchases, except books, will equal or exceed the sum of ~~((twenty-five))~~ thirty-five hundred dollars, complete plans and specifications for such work or purchases shall be prepared and notice by publication given in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the district, once each week for two consecutive weeks, of the intention to receive bids therefor and that specifications and other information may be examined at the office of the board or any other officially designated location: PROVIDED, That the board without giving such notice may make improvements or repairs to the property of the district through the shop and repair department of such district when the total of such improvements or repair ~~((do))~~ does not exceed the sum of ~~((twenty-five))~~ thirty-five hundred dollars. The cost of any public work, improvement or repair for the purposes of this section shall be the aggregate of all amounts to be paid for labor, material, and equipment on one continuous or interrelated project where work is to be performed simultaneously or in close sequence. The bids shall be in writing and shall be opened and read in public on the date and in the place named in the notice and after being opened shall be filed for public inspection.

(2) (a) In lieu of the procedure described in subsection (1) of this section, bids may be solicited by telephone from a list of bidders prequalified in accordance with rules adopted by the superintendent of public instruction. Telephone solicitation shall not be used for purchases costing more than seventy-five hundred dollars or for building improvements, repairs, or books. Telephone solicitation may be used for bids for all other materials, furniture, supplies, equipment, and other purchases up to a cost of seventy-five hundred dollars.

(b) If bids are solicited by telephone, no award shall be made until at least three competitive bids have been received. After an award is made, the three or more bids shall be posted or otherwise made available at the office of the board or any other officially designated location.

(c) All bidders shall confirm their telephone bids in writing to the board within seven days after bid date. Any bidder not making such written confirmation shall be subject to removal from the qualified bidders list at the discretion of the board.

(3) The contract for the work or purchase shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder as defined in RCW 43.19.1911: PROVIDED, That when bids have been solicited by telephone and there is reason to believe that the lowest acceptable bid is not the best obtainable, all bids may be rejected, and the board may call for new bids. Any or all bids may be rejected for good cause. On any work or purchase ~~((of more than five hundred dollars,))~~ the board shall provide bidding information to any qualified bidder or his agent, requesting it in person ~~((; and if more than one supplier is available, it shall seek competitive bidding in such manner as it deems in the best interests of the district))~~.

(4) In the event of any emergency when the public interest or property of the district would suffer material injury or damage by delay, upon resolution of the board declaring the existence of such an emergency and reciting the facts constituting the same, the board may waive the requirements of this section with reference to any purchase or contract: PROVIDED, That an "emergency", for the purposes of this section, means a condition likely to result in immediate physical

injury to persons or to property of the school district in the absence of prompt remedial action.

(5) The superintendent of public instruction, in accordance with the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.04 RCW, shall adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

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## CHAPTER 27

[Senate Bill No. 3058]

### NEW BORN INFANT HEALTH TESTS

AN ACT Relating to new born infants; and amending section 2, chapter 82, Laws of 1967 and RCW 70.83.020.

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

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 82, Laws of 1967 and RCW 70.83.020 are each amended to read as follows:

It shall be the duty of the (~~Washington state department of health to promote~~) department of social and health services to require screening tests of all newborn infants before they are discharged from the hospital for the detection of phenylketonuria and other heritable or metabolic disorders leading to mental retardation or physical defects (~~when such tests are available, practical, and indicated by sound medical practice~~) as defined by the state board of health: PROVIDED, That no such tests shall be given to any newborn infant whose parents or guardian object thereto on the grounds that such tests conflict with their religious tenets and practices.

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## CHAPTER 28

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 3066]

### AUTOPSIES AND POST MORTEMS—DISPOSITION OF SPECIMENS AND ORGANS

AN ACT Relating to human remains; and amending section 10, chapter 188, Laws of 1953 and RCW 68.08.106.

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

Section 1. Section 10, chapter 188, Laws of 1953 and RCW 68.08.106 are each amended to read as follows:

In any case in which an autopsy or post mortem is performed, the coroner or medical examiner, upon his own authority or upon the request of the prosecuting attorney or other law enforcement agency having jurisdiction, may make or cause