

CHAPTER 318.

[S. B. 170.]

STATE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION.

AN ACT relating to state government; creating a state bureau of criminal identification; prescribing powers, duties and responsibilities of certain officers and individuals.

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

"State bureau of criminal identification" established.

Maintained to provide.

SECTION 1. There is hereby established in the department of institutions at Olympia, a central office which is hereby designated as the "state bureau of criminal identification," which shall be maintained for the purpose of providing:

(1) An authentic record of each person who is arrested for any crime against the state as described in section 6 of this act;

(2) Information relative to the identity of each person so arrested; and

(3) A record of the final disposition of each such arrest.

Authorization to employ superintendent of bureau.

SEC. 2. The director of the department of institutions is authorized to employ a competent person as superintendent of the bureau. The superintendent may engage subject to the rules and regulations of the department such other employees as may be necessary to maintain the bureau.

Duties of bureau.

SEC. 3. The bureau shall: (1) Receive, classify, search and file in an orderly manner all fingerprints, photographs, and descriptions, including personal history data and previous criminal records so far as known, of all persons arrested for the crimes described in section 6 of this act;

(2) Classify and file in like orderly manner all identification material and records received from the government of the United States and from other state governments and subdivisions thereof and cooperate with such governmental units in the exchange of pertinent information; and

(3) Promptly return to any law enforcement agency submitting a set of fingerprints to the bureau, a true transcript of the criminal record of previous crimes committed by the person identified by such fingerprints.

SEC. 4. All persons arrested for any of the crimes described in section 6 of this act, except juveniles under the age of eighteen years, shall submit to the taking of their fingerprints, photographs, physical description and other identifying data.

SEC. 5. All sheriffs, constables, chiefs of police of organized police departments, town marshals, wardens, superintendents, jailers, keepers of jails, reformatories, penitentiaries, state hospitals for the insane, state narcotic farm colony, shall furnish to the bureau, as soon as practicable after the arrest or confinement, a fingerprint card provided by the bureau upon which shall be imprinted the fingerprints of each person arrested or committed for crimes described in section 6 of this act, together with the physical description and such other information as pertains to the criminal activity of the arrested or convicted person.

Duty of officials of penal and other institutions to furnish data to bureau.

SEC. 6. All officials and persons described in section 5 of this act and other law enforcement officers shall submit completed fingerprint cards on all persons who are arrested for:

- (1) Any felony or gross misdemeanor;
- (2) Being a fugitive from justice;
- (3) Being a vagrant;
- (4) Being an habitual user of narcotics;
- (5) Being in possession of stolen goods;
- (6) Being in possession of illegal or illegally carried weapons, burglar tools, counterfeiting equipment, or alcoholic liquids or substances; or
- (7) Any offense involving lewd or lascivious conduct.

Fingerprint cards submitted on all persons arrested for following crimes.

Information relative to disposition made of actions resulting from arrests.

SEC. 7. The officials and other persons described in sections 5 and 6 of this act shall further transmit to the bureau on forms supplied by the bureau: (1) Information relative to the disposition made of every action or proceeding resulting from arrests described in section 6 of this act, and (2) further information relative to the mode of operation of offenders.

Bureau records available for official use.

SEC. 8. The records of the bureau shall be available for official use of all law enforcement agencies, prosecuting attorneys, parole officers, penal institutions, state hospitals for the insane, and the state narcotic farm colony. The bureau shall assist prosecuting attorneys, county sheriffs and chiefs of police in the preparation and distribution of circulars relative to fugitives when so requested.

Circulars relative to fugitives.

Superintendent of institutions to transmit photographs, fingerprints and description to bureau.

SEC. 9. The superintendent or other person in charge of each penal institution, reformatory, state hospital for the insane, or state narcotic hospital or farm colony, shall transmit to the bureau fingerprints, photographs and descriptions of each such committed person taken at the time of his commitment.

Notification of release sent to bureau.

Such superintendent or other person in charge shall at the time of release of such committed person transmit to the bureau fingerprints, photographs and descriptions of the committed person at the time of release.

Bureau furnishes information.

The bureau shall add such fingerprints, photographs, and descriptions to the person's criminal record with information concerning the date and conditions of release and shall furnish it without request to the county sheriff of the county in which the conviction resulting in the person's commitment was had and to the county sheriff of the county and the chief of police of the city to which such person is being released or paroled.

Information in files privileged.

SEC. 10. Information in the files of the bureau relative to the commission of a crime by any person

shall be considered privileged and shall not be disclosed for any purpose except as authorized by this act: *Provided*, That any person for himself or through his attorney, or any practicing attorney, may obtain without cost a transcript of the criminal record of such person upon furnishing the bureau with a notarized request of such person whose record is catalogued in the files of the bureau when such request is accompanied by a set of fingerprints of such person taken by officials of a regular law enforcement agency and submitted to the bureau directly from that agency.

Notarized
request for
transcript.

SEC. 11. Any agency of the state government which has in its possession any of the information, records, material, files or equipment set forth in this act shall turn such information, records, material, files and equipment over to the state bureau of criminal identification.

Transfer of in-
formation now
in possession
of state
agency.

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Approved by the Governor March 21, 1955.

CHAPTER 319.

[S. B. 171.]

CITIES AND TOWNS—CLASSIFICATION.

AN ACT relating to municipal corporations; providing for the classification thereof; and amending sections 11 and 12, page 140, Laws of 1890; sections 13 and 14, page 141, Laws of 1890; section 1, chapter 248, Laws of 1907; and RCW 35.01.010, 35.01.020, 35.01.030, 35.01.040, 35.06.010 and 35.06.020.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 11 and 12, page 140, Laws of 1890, sections 13 and 14, page 141, Laws of 1890 and section 1, chapter 248, Laws of 1907, (heretofore combined and codified as RCW 35.01.010, 35.01.020,

Amendment.