

NEW SECTION. Sec. 31. Sections 28 through 30 of this act shall take effect January 1, 1986.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 32. Sections 1 through 26 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 36 RCW.

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CHAPTER 399

[Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 174]

BEGINNING TEACHERS ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM—COMMENDABLE EMPLOYEE SERVICE AND RECOGNITION AWARD PROGRAM

AN ACT Relating to educational excellence; adding a new section to chapter 28A.58 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules to establish and operate a beginning teachers assistance pilot program to operate during the first year after this section takes effect for one hundred mentor teachers and during the second year after this section takes effect for up to one thousand mentor teachers. The results of the program shall be reported to the legislature not later than two and one-half years from the effective date of this section. The program shall provide for:

(1) Assistance by a mentor teacher who will provide a source of continuing and sustained support to a beginning teacher, both in and outside the classroom. Mentor teachers shall be selected so as to represent a reasonable distribution throughout all nine educational service districts;

(2) Stipends for mentor teachers which shall not be deemed compensation for the purposes of salary lid compliance under RCW 28A.58.095: PROVIDED, That stipends shall not be subject to the continuing contract provisions of Title 28A RCW;

(3) Workshops for the training of mentor teachers;

(4) The use of substitutes to give the mentor teacher and beginning teacher opportunities to jointly observe and evaluate teaching situations and to give the mentor teacher opportunities to observe and assist the beginning teacher in the classroom; and

(5) A mentor teacher to be a superior teacher based on his or her evaluation and to hold a valid continuing certificate.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 28A.58 RCW to read as follows:

The board of directors of any school district may establish a commendable employee service and recognition award program for certificated

and classified school employees. The program shall be designed to recognize exemplary service, special achievements, or outstanding contributions by an individual in the performance of his or her duties as an employee of the school district. The board of directors of the school district shall determine the extent and type of any nonmonetary award. The value of any nonmonetary award shall not be deemed salary or compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.58.095 or chapter 41.32 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If specific funding for the purposes of section 1 of this act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by the legislature by July 1, 1987, section 1 of this act shall be null and void. Section 1 of this act shall be of no effect unless such specific funding is so provided. If such funding is so provided, section 1 of this act shall take effect when the legislation providing the funding takes effect.

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CHAPTER 400

[Substitute House Bill No. 187]

STATE HIGHWAYS—IMPROVEMENTS BY COUNTIES OR SERVICE DISTRICTS

AN ACT Relating to state-authorized improvements to state highways by counties and service districts; amending RCW 36.83.010 and 36.88.010; adding a new section to chapter 36.75 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 47.05 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 36.75 RCW to read as follows:

A county pursuant to chapter 36.88 RCW, or a service district as provided for in chapter 36.83 RCW, may, with the approval of the state department of transportation, improve or fund the improvement of any state highway within its boundaries. The county may fund improvements under this section by any means authorized by law, but may not make any expenditure for the purposes of this section from a county road fund under chapter 36.82 RCW. Nothing in this section shall limit the authority of a county to fund cooperative improvement and maintenance agreements with the department of transportation, authorized by RCW 36.75.030 or 47.28.140.

Sec. 2. Section 1, chapter 130, Laws of 1983 and RCW 36.83.010 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislative authority of a county may establish one or more service districts within the county for the purpose of providing and funding capital and maintenance costs for any bridge or road improvement or for providing