

state treasurer within thirty days to be deposited to the credit of the public service revolving fund.

SEC. 10. Every person who violates or fails to comply with, or who procures, aids, or abets in the violation of any provisions of this chapter, or who fails to obey, or comply with any order, decision, rule, regulation, direction, demand, or requirement of the commission, or any part or provision thereof, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Violations—
Gross misde-
meanors.

SEC. 11. Neither this chapter nor any provision thereof shall apply, or be construed to apply, to commerce with foreign nations or commerce among the several states except insofar as the same may be permitted under the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and the acts of congress.

Exempted
commerce.

SEC. 12. The effective date of this act will be July 1, 1961.

Effective date.

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CHAPTER 296.

[S. B. 453.]

JOINT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

AN ACT relating to the legislature; creating a joint committee on education; providing for the selection, term, and reimbursement of certain expenditures of the members of the committee, and conferring rights, powers, duties and prescribing the functions of the committee; providing for citizen participation; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. As used in this act "committee" means the joint committee on education of the legislature of the state of Washington.

"Committee"
defined.

Joint
committee on
education.
Created—
Temporary.

SEC. 2. There is hereby created the joint committee on education of the legislature of the state of Washington which shall meet, act, and conduct its business at any place within the state of Washington during regular or extraordinary sessions of the legislature, or during any recess thereof, or during the interim period prior to the 20th day of the 1963 session of the legislature.

Membership—
Selection
procedure.

SEC. 3. The committee shall consist of five senators and five representatives who shall be selected as follows:

(1) The president of the senate shall nominate five senators to serve on the committee, and shall submit the list of nominees to the senate for confirmation. In the event that the president does not nominate five senators, or in the event that the senate does not confirm the nominees prior to two days before the close of the regular session of the legislature, the senate shall elect the members by a majority vote of a quorum. Upon confirmation or election, the senators shall be deemed installed as members.

(2) The speaker of the house shall nominate five representatives to serve on the committee, and submit the list of nominees to the house for confirmation. In the event that the speaker does not nominate five representatives, or in the event that the house does not confirm the nominees prior to two days before the close of the regular session of the legislature, the house shall elect the members by a majority vote. Upon confirmation or election, the representatives shall be deemed installed as members.

Political
affiliation
limitation.

SEC. 4. Not more than three members confirmed or elected by the senate, and not more than three members confirmed or elected by the house, shall be affiliated with any one political party.

SEC. 5. Members shall serve until their successors are installed as provided in section 3, at the next succeeding regular session of the legislature, or until they are no longer members of the legislature, whichever is sooner.

Terms.

SEC. 6. The committee shall fill any vacancies occurring on the committee by appointment from the legislative chamber whose member departs; members filling vacancies shall serve until their successors are installed as provided in section 3 or until they are no longer members of the legislature, whichever is sooner.

Vacancies, committee fills—Terms.

SEC. 7. The committee shall by majority vote select a chairman, create necessary or appropriate subcommittees, and prescribe rules of procedure for itself and its subcommittees which are not inconsistent with this act.

Committee chairman, subcommittees, rules.

SEC. 8. The committee may employ an executive secretary and such clerical and other assistants as it finds necessary or appropriate, and fix their compensation.

Committee administrative assistants—Compensation.

SEC. 9. Members of the committee and any of its subcommittees shall receive twenty dollars per diem, and ten cents a mile for travel, while attending sessions of the committee or of its subcommittees.

Members per diem, travel expense.

All expenses incurred by the committee or its subcommittees or its members, including salaries of its executive secretary and assistants, shall be paid upon voucher forms as provided by the budget director and signed by the chairman or vice-chairman of the committee. Vouchers may be drawn upon any special appropriation which may be provided by the legislature for the expenses of the committee.

Committee expenses paid by voucher.

SEC. 10. Unless otherwise directed by a two-thirds vote of the whole committee, all witnesses shall be examined privately.

Examination of witnesses.

Committee powers, scope.

SEC. 11. The committee is authorized and instructed to ascertain and study facts and matters relating to education in the state of Washington, including but not limited to:

- (1) Structure, financing, and functions of
 - (a) two year community colleges
 - (b) technical and vocational education
 - (c) school districts
 - (d) county superintendents of schools
 - (e) state superintendent of public instruction
 - (f) boards of education;
- (2) Projections and time table for expansion of higher education;
- (3) Teacher training and certification;
- (4) Incidence and causes of attendance drop outs;
- (5) A review of the number and duties of non-teaching professional personnel to determine whether they are adequate or excessive in relation to the number of classroom teachers;
- (6) Extent, effects, and organization of extra-curricular activities;
- (7) Standards and criteria for student promotion and graduation; and
- (8) A comprehensive plan for a 215 day school year and a ten year course of instruction.

Participation of other agencies.

SEC. 12. The committee shall consult and maintain liaison with the legislative council, the legislative budget committee and all affected public agencies, and shall seek the participation of all interested and responsible organizations.

Citizen sub-committees—Expenses.

SEC. 13. The committee is authorized to appoint such citizen subcommittees as it deems appropriate and to pay approved expenses of subcommittee members and any other authorized expenses such subcommittees may incur.

SEC. 14. The council shall consult with, advise, and assist the committee, recommending areas of study, advising as to organizations and persons suitable for subcommittees, and assisting in research and study of educational problems.

Legislative council assistance.

SEC. 15. All expenditures of the council shall be paid upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the committee.

Council expenses paid on approved vouchers.

SEC. 16. The committee shall report the findings of its subcommittees to the governor by July, 1962, and shall make such recommendations to the governor and the legislature relating to changes in administrative practices and existing laws as it finds necessary. If the recommendations adopted by the committee do not receive unanimous approval, any dissenting members shall have the privilege of submitting minority recommendations.

Report of findings and recommendations.

SEC. 17. The committee shall have authority to receive such gifts, grants, and endowments from private sources as may be made from time to time in trust or otherwise for the use and benefit of the purposes of the committee and to expend the same or any income therefrom according to the terms of said gifts, grants, or endowments.

Receipt of gifts, grants and endowments authorized.

SEC. 18. 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.

Emergency.

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