

(3) One hundred percent of the receipts from federal forest revenues distributed to school districts pursuant to RCW 36.33.110; and

(4) One hundred percent of such other available revenues as the superintendent of public instruction may deem appropriate for consideration in computing state equalization support.

Operation of a program approved by the state board of education, for the purposes of this section, shall include a finding that the ratio of pupils per classroom teachers in grades kindergarten through three is not greater than the ratio of pupils per classroom teacher in grades four and above for such district: Provided, That for the purposes of this section, "classroom teacher" shall be defined as a certificated employee whose primary duty is the daily educational instruction of pupils: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the state board of education shall adopt rules and regulations to insure compliance with the pupil/teacher ratio provisions of this section, and such rules and regulations shall allow for exemptions for those special programs and/or school districts which may be deemed unable to practicably meet the pupil/teacher ratio requirements of this section by virtue of a small number of pupils.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the state shall guarantee to school districts an amount of money from state and local funds, not less than ninety-five percent of the average amount per enrolled student, excluding special levies, which any such district realized from state and local funds during the preceding three school years.

NEW SECTION Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

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CHAPTER 212

[House Bill No. 620]

STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT PLANS—SURVIVING SPOUSE— SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT

AN ACT Relating to retirement plans of certain institutions of higher education; amending section 28B.10.400, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 149, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28B.10.400; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 28B.10.400, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 149, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28B.10.400 are each amended to read as follows:

The boards of regents of the state universities, the boards of trustees of the state colleges, and the state board for community college education are authorized and empowered:

(1) To assist the faculties and such other employees as any such board may designate in the purchase of old age annuities or retirement income plans under such rules and regulations as any such board may prescribe. County agricultural

agents, home demonstration agents, 4-H club agents, and assistant county agricultural agents paid jointly by the Washington State University and the several counties shall be deemed to be full time employees of the Washington State University for the purposes hereof;

(2) To provide, under such rules and regulations as any such board may prescribe for the faculty members or other employees under its supervision, for the retirement of any such faculty member or other employee on account of age or condition of health, retirement on account of age to be not earlier than the sixty-fifth birthday: PROVIDED, That such faculty member or such other employee may elect to retire at the earliest age specified for retirement by federal social security law: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any supplemental payment authorized by subsection (3) of this section and paid as a result of retirement earlier than age sixty-five shall be at an actuarially reduced rate;

(3) To pay to any such retired person or his surviving spouse, each year after his retirement, an amount which, when added to the amount of such annuity or retirement income plan received by him or his surviving spouse in such year, will not exceed fifty percent of the average annual salary paid to such retired person for his highest two consecutive years of full time service at an institution of higher education: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That if such retired person prior to his retirement elected a supplemental payment survivors option, any such supplemental payments to such retired person or his surviving spouse shall be at actuarially reduced rates: PROVIDED FURTHER, That if a faculty member or other employee of the University of Washington or Washington State University who is a participant in a retirement plan authorized by this section dies, or has died before retirement but after becoming eligible for retirement on account of age, the surviving spouse shall be entitled to receive the supplemental payment authorized by this subsection (3) of this section to which such surviving spouse would have been entitled had said deceased faculty member or other employee retired on the date of death after electing a supplemental payment survivors option.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This 1975 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 House May 8, 1975.

Passed the Senate June 3, 1975.

Approved by the Governor June 19, 1975.

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CHAPTER 213

[House Bill No. 278]

STATE PURCHASE OF NURSING HOME CARE—REIMBURSEMENT FORMULA —INSPECTION AND EXAMINATION

AN ACT Relating to purchases of services, care and supplies; amending section 74.09.120, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 1, chapter 30, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 74.09.120; and amending section 10, chapter 117, Laws of 1951 as amended by section 6, chapter 160, Laws of 1953 and RCW 18.51.090.