

CHAPTER 198.

[S. B. 296.]

COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

AN ACT relating to education; and adding ten new sections to chapter 115, Laws of 1945, and to chapter 28.84 RCW; and repealing sections 1 through 15, chapter 146, Laws of 1941, section 1, chapter 63, Laws of 1943, section 5, chapter 115, Laws of 1945 and RCW 28.01.070, 28.84.010 through 28.84.110 and 28.84.160.

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

New section.

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 115, Laws of 1945 and to chapter 28.84 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Community college defined —Program.

A community college shall be an institution established with the approval of the state board of education and maintained and operated by a school district, offering two year post high school curricula of general education or vocational-technical education, or both. The community college program shall offer:

(1) Curricula designed as preparatory to admission to an institution of higher learning with advanced standing, or

(2) Curricula designed as preparatory and/or as an extension to vocational-technical pursuits, or both, and may offer in addition thereto either or both of the following:

(a) Curricula designed for adult education, or

(b) A continuing course of activities designed to fulfill the cultural needs of the community, including, but not limited to, lectures and lecture forums, art, science and natural history exhibits, seminars, discussion groups, library discussion groups, and consultative use of members of the faculty in the community.

New section.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 115, Laws of 1945 and to chapter 28.84 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The state board of education shall promulgate regulations governing, and approve, the establishment of community colleges. To aid the board in the promulgation of regulations and approval of the establishment of community colleges, the board shall seek the advice and counsel of representatives of public and private educational institutions, and representatives of public and private educational organizations, and representatives of the people of the state of Washington, as the board deems appropriate, and conduct such surveys of potential program areas as the board deems appropriate. In promulgating such regulations and in approving the establishment of community colleges, the board shall not set numerical or geographical restrictions, but shall determine the need for and approve the establishment of community colleges in light of the following criteria:

Duties of state board of education relating to community colleges.

(1) Concentration of population within a reasonable community service area;

Criteria for approving establishment of college.

(2) Total school enrollment in grades one through twelve, and in grades nine through twelve;

(3) The number of high school graduates within the area to be served;

(4) The probability of sustained growth in school enrollments within the area to be served;

(5) Identification of educational services needed within the area to be served;

(6) Local interest and attitudes toward the program within the area to be served;

(7) Ability of the area to be served to contribute to the financial support of the program;

(8) Consideration of the area in relation to existing institutions of higher learning, including vocational-technical institutions should be given to prevent overlapping or duplication of educational services.

SEC. 3. There is added to chapter 115, Laws of 1945 and to chapter 28.84 RCW a new section to read as follows:

New section.

State board of education—
Further duties relating to community colleges.

The state board of education shall:

(1) Promulgate regulations governing the operation of community colleges including, among others, the following:

- (a) Regulations governing budgets;
- (b) Regulations governing administration;
- (c) Regulations governing the preparation of reports to the superintendent of public instruction.

(2) Do anything reasonably implied from the powers granted or necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

New section.

SEC. 4. There is added to chapter 115, Laws of 1945 and to chapter 28.84 RCW a new section to read as follows:

School district community college apportionment.

Any school district authorized by the state board of education to construct, operate and maintain a community college shall be allowed apportionment from state and county funds in accordance with law.

New section.

SEC. 5. There is added to chapter 115, Laws of 1945 and to chapter 28.84 RCW a new section to read as follows:

School district duties relating to community colleges.

Every board of directors operating a community college, unless otherwise specially provided by law, shall:

(1) Perform all acts necessary or appropriate to the administration of the community college consistent with statutes governing school districts and the regulations of the state board of education;

(2) Employ for a period to be fixed by the board, a president, members of the faculty, and such other administrative officers and other employees as may be necessary or appropriate, and fix their salaries and duties;

(3) Discharge for sufficient cause any officer, faculty member or employee;

(4) Construct, equip and operate necessary community college facilities but not to include dormitories;

(5) Promulgate regulations governing the students enrolled in the community college;

(6) Receive such gifts, grants, conveyances, devises and bequests of real and personal property from private sources, as may be made from time to time, in trust or otherwise, whenever the terms and conditions thereof will aid in carrying out the community college programs as specified by law and the regulations of the state board of education; sell, lease or exchange, invest or expend the same or the proceeds, rents, profits and income thereof according to the terms and conditions thereof; and adopt regulations to govern the receipt and expenditure of the proceeds, rents, profits and income thereof;

(7) Prescribe fees to be paid by students enrolled in the community college, consistent with the regulations of the state board of education;

(8) Set up such special accounts with federal, state, county or other funds available for the community college program with the treasurer of the school district for such special purposes as the board deems in the best interest of the community college.

Note: See also section 1, chapter 20, Laws of 1961 extraordinary session.

SEC. 6. There is added to chapter 115, Laws of 1945 and to chapter 28.84 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

Any school district not operating a community college may join with another district in applying to the state board of education for authorization to cooperate in financing the construction, equipping and operating a community college in that other district, and the state board of education may authorize such joint financing. Community college as joint school district venture.

SEC. 7. There is added to chapter 115, Laws of 1945 and to chapter 28.84 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

The state or any school district operating a community college is authorized to receive federal funds Federal funds for community colleges.

made available for the assistance of community colleges, junior colleges or extended secondary schools and providing physical facilities exclusive of dormitories, maintenance or operation of schools, or for any educational purposes, according to the provisions of the acts of congress making such funds available. The state superintendent of public instruction is hereby designated the representative of the state of Washington in the receipt and administration of such federal funds as shall be received directly by the state of Washington.

New section.

SEC. 8. There is added to chapter 115, Laws of 1945 and to chapter 28.84 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Admittance upon equal basis.

All residents of the state desiring to attend upon the courses offered by a school district above the usual twelve years common school education must be admitted thereto upon the same terms and conditions regardless of the district of their residence.

New section.

SEC. 9. There is added to chapter 115, Laws of 1945 and to chapter 28.84 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Vocational-technical institutes unaffected.

Nothing in this act shall be construed as affecting the existence or operation of vocational-technical institutes approved under rules and regulations of the state board for vocational education. Such approved schools shall be entitled to the apportionment which they now receive under RCW 28.41.070 (4) (5).

Severability.

SEC. 10. If any section or provision or part thereof of this act or its application to any person or circumstances shall be held unconstitutional or for any other reason invalid, the invalidity of such section, provision or part thereof or its application to any person or circumstances shall not affect the validity of the remaining section, provisions or parts thereof or its application to any person or circumstances which are not judged to be invalid or unconstitutional.

SEC. 11. Upon a written application signed by the board of directors of a school district now operating existing extended secondary schools under the provisions of RCW 28.84.120 through RCW 28.84.150 commonly referred to as: (1) Centralia Junior College, (2) Clark College, (3) Columbia Basin College, (4) Everett Junior College, (5) Grays Harbor College, (6) Lower Columbia Junior College, (7) Olympic College, (8) Skagit Valley College, (9) Wenatchee Valley College, (10) Yakima Valley Junior College, and (11) Peninsula College, the state board of education may authorize the district to discontinue said program and in lieu thereof establish a community college as provided in this act. Nothing in this act should, however, be construed as authorizing more than two additional new community colleges.

Existing extended secondary schools may become community colleges.

Two additional colleges authorized.

SEC. 12. Sections 1 through 15, chapter 146, Laws of 1941, section 1, chapter 63, Laws of 1943, section 5, chapter 115, Laws of 1945 and RCW 28.01.070, 28.84.010 through 28.84.110 and 28.84.160, are each repealed.

Repeal.

Passed the Senate March 4, 1961.

Passed the House March 7, 1961.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1961.

CHAPTER 199.

[S. B. 303.]

CONVEYANCE OF KING COUNTY PROPERTY FOR MEDICAL AID FUND.

AN ACT relating to industrial insurance, and adding a new section to chapter 23, Laws of 1961 (House Bill No. 4), and to chapter 51.36 RCW.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 23, Laws of 1961 (House Bill No. 4), and to chapter 51.36 RCW a new section to read as follows:

New section.