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CHAPTER 213

[House Bill No. 451]

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

AN ACT Relating to the department of social and health services; authorizing child support enforcement services; and amending section 5, chapter 322, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 3, chapter 206, Laws of 1963 and RCW 74.20.040.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 5, chapter 322, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 3, chapter 206, Laws of 1963 and RCW 74.20.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever the department of public assistance receives an application for public assistance on behalf of a child and it shall appear to the satisfaction of the department that said child has been abandoned by its parents or that the child and one parent have been abandoned by the other parent or that the parent or other person who has a responsibility for the care, support, or maintenance of such child has failed or neglected to give proper care or support to such child, the department shall take appropriate action under the provisions of this chapter, the abandonment or nonsupport statutes, or other appropriate statutes of this state to insure that such parent or other person responsible shall pay for the care, support, or maintenance of said dependent child. ((Such action shall be taken by the department only in those cases where the child is or is about to become a recipient of public assistance.))

The secretary may accept applications for support enforcement services from custodians of minor children who are not recipients of public assistance and may take action as he deems appropriate to establish or enforce child support obligations against the parent or parents of said children. Action may be taken under the provisions of chapter 74.20 RCW, the abandonment or nonsupport statutes, or other appropriate statutes of this state, including administrative remedies, to establish and enforce said child support obligations. The secretary may establish by regulation, such reasonable standards as he deems necessary to limit applications for support enforcement services. Said standards shall take into account the income, property, or other resources already available to support said minor children.

The secretary may charge a fee to compensate the department for services rendered in establishment of or enforcement of support obligations. This fee shall be agreed on in writing with the custodian of the minor children and shall be limited to not more than ten percent of any support money collected as a result of action taken by the secretary. The secretary shall by regulation establish reasonable fees for support enforcement services and said schedule of fees shall be made available to all applicants for support enforcement services. The secretary may, on showing of necessity, waive or defer any such fee.

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CHAPTER 214

[House Bill No. 438]

COUNTY FINANCES

AN ACT Relating to counties; providing for the creation of certain funds to be created for certain purposes; amending section 36.33.060, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.33.060; amending section 21, chapter 1, Laws of 1959 (Initiative No. 23) and RCW 41.14.210; and adding a new section to chapter 36.33 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 36.33.060, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.33.060 are each amended to read as follows:

There is created in class AA and class A counties and counties of the first class a fund to be known as the salary fund, which shall be used for paying the salaries and wages of all officials and employees. In counties smaller than counties of the first class the board of county commissioners may by resolution establish such a salary fund. Said salary fund shall be reimbursed from any county funds budgeted for salaries and wages. The deposits shall be made in the exact amount of the payroll or vouchers paid from the salary fund.

((Any surplus in this fund which may accrue from the cancellation of warrants shall be transferred to the current expense fund.))

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 36.33 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The board of county commissioners of any class county may establish by resolution a fund to be known as the claims fund, which