

of this section shall be a question of fact and the finding of the commission thereon shall be final and shall not be subject to review.

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## CHAPTER 122

[House Bill No. 1355]

### STATE EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION PROGRAM

AN ACT Relating to state government; implementing the law relating to employee suggestion program; amending section 2, chapter 142, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as amended by section 4, chapter 152, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 41.60.020; amending section 4, chapter 142, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as amended by section 5, chapter 152, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 41.60.040; amending section 5, chapter 142, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as amended by section 6, chapter 152, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 41.60.050; amending section 8, chapter 152, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 41.60.070; amending section 7, chapter 142, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 41.60.900; creating a new section; making an appropriation; and adding a new section to chapter 41.60 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 142, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as amended by section 4, chapter 152, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 41.60.020 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) There is established the employee suggestion awards board. The board shall consist of the director of personnel or his designee who shall serve as its chairman and ~~((two))~~ three state officers or state employees appointed by the governor, to serve at his pleasure. The governor shall appoint a state officer or state employee to serve as secretary of the employee suggestion program.

(2) The board shall formulate, establish and maintain an employee suggestion program to encourage and reward meritorious suggestions by state employees that will promote efficiency and economy in the performance of any function of state government: PROVIDED, That ~~((RCW 41.06.080, 41.06.350, 41.60.010, 41.60.020 and 41.60.040 through 41.60.070 shall not apply to the institutions of higher learning or to their employees))~~ the program shall include provisions for the processing of suggestions having multi-agency impact and post-implementation auditing of suggestions for fiscal accountability.

(3) The secretary, with the approval of the employee suggestion awards board, shall prepare rules and regulations necessary or appropriate for the proper administration and for the accomplishment of the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 2. Section 4, chapter 142, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as amended by section 5, chapter 152, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 41.60.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Cash awards may be paid from the department of personnel service fund ~~((not to exceed a total of five thousand dollars during any fiscal year))~~ from sources provided in RCW 41.06.080, 41.06.350, 41.60.010, 41.60.020, and 41.60.040 through 41.60.070, together with such other funds as may be available from donations, grants, and other sources: PROVIDED, That no award ~~((or awards in~~

~~any fiscal year to any one employee))~~ for any one suggestion shall exceed ((three hundred)) one thousand dollars.

Sec. 3. Section 5, chapter 142, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as amended by section 6, chapter 152, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 41.60.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Administrative expenses of the board in administering this chapter shall be paid from the department of personnel service fund (~~and shall be limited to five thousand dollars per biennium))~~ from sources provided in RCW 41.06.080, 41.06.350, 41.60.010, 41.60.020 and 41.60.040 through 41.60.070 together with such other funds as may be available from donations, grants and other sources.

Sec. 4. Section 8, chapter 152, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 41.60.070 are each amended to read as follows:

An amount may be charged against the agencies allotments subject to chapter 41.60 RCW, including institutions of higher learning, pro rata, at a rate to be fixed by the chairman of the employees suggestion awards board from time to time which will provide the employees suggestion awards board with funds to pay the administrative expenses and cash awards provided in RCW 41.06.080, 41.06.350, 41.60.010, 41.60.020 and 41.60.040 through 41.60.070 during the allotment period. Funds made available from other sources for expenditure under RCW 41.06.080, 41.06.350, 41.60.010, 41.60.020 and 41.60.040 through 41.60.070 shall be paid into and disbursed from the department of personnel service fund.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, charges and expenditures under this section shall be limited to the amount of appropriations made to carry out the employees suggestion program.

The moneys for employees suggestion awards shall be disbursed by the state treasurer by warrant on vouchers duly authorized by the chairman of the employees suggestion awards board or his designee.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. There is added to chapter 41.60 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The chairman of the employee suggestion awards board may design and initiate contests between agencies and between agency suggestion evaluators to encourage participation in the suggestion program at management levels. Any tokens of recognition offered during these contests shall be nonmonetary and shall not be considered an award, or subject to RCW 41.60.030.

Sec. 6. Section 7, chapter 142, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 41.60.900 are each amended to read as follows:

The provisions of this chapter shall apply only to those suggestions presented after August 6, 1965, and the provision providing for awards of not to exceed one thousand dollars for any one suggestion shall be applicable only to suggestions received after April 1, 1976.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. There is hereby appropriated to the department of personnel from the department of personnel service fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1977 the sum of one hundred eight thousand five hundred and twelve dollars, or such lesser amounts as may be required to implement the provisions of this 1976 amendatory act.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 8. The provisions of this chapter shall not be effective as to employees of institutions of higher education until July 2, 1976.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 9. If any provision of this 1976 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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## CHAPTER 123

[House Bill No. 1502]

### STATE FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

AN ACT Relating to revenue and taxation; amending section 43.84.090, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 1, chapter 50, Laws of 1969 and RCW 43.84.090; amending section 3, chapter 180, Laws of 1949 and RCW 73.32.040; amending section 4, chapter 154, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. and RCW 73.34.040; amending section 6, chapter 154, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. and RCW 73.34.060; amending section 11, chapter 154, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. and RCW 73.34.100; amending section 12, chapter 154, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. and RCW 73.34.110; amending section 7, chapter 294, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 187, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 82.04.291; and amending section 8, chapter 294, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as last amended by section 2, chapter 187, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 84.33.080; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

**Section 1.** Section 43.84.090, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 1, chapter 50, Laws of 1969 and RCW 43.84.090 are each amended to read as follows:

Twenty percent of all income received from such investments shall be set aside in a reserve account: **PROVIDED**, That the legislature may appropriate such amounts from this account as may be necessary to pay operating expenses of the state treasurer for the servicing of investments and outstanding bonded indebtedness of the state and for operating expenses of the state finance committee and the state building authority, and may transfer further amounts from the reserve account to the general fund on a periodic basis.

Investments purchased for more or less than par shall be amortized to obtain the true amount of income, and the amortized value of the principal, at any time, shall be the cost of the security plus or minus such portion of the income as has been assigned to principal.

Any loss sustained by selling investments for less than the amortized value of the principal may be charged to the reserve fund. Any profits obtained from selling investments for more than the amortized value of the principal shall be considered as income. All income other than that set aside in the reserve fund shall be credited to the deposit interest (~~((fund in the state treasury))~~) account in the state general fund.

**Sec. 2.** Section 3, chapter 180, Laws of 1949 and RCW 73.32.040 are each amended to read as follows: