

efficiencies realized by their implementation, and recommendations for statutory changes.

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CHAPTER 76

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 6589]

TITLE INSURERS—AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT OUT-OF-COUNTY BUSINESS—CONDITIONS

AN ACT Relating to title insurers; and amending RCW 48.29.020 and 48.29.040.

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

Sec. 1. Section .29.02, chapter 79, Laws of 1947 as amended by section 12, chapter 86, Laws of 1955 and RCW 48.29.020 are each amended to read as follows:

A title insurer shall not be entitled to have a certificate of authority unless it otherwise qualifies therefor, nor unless:

- (1) It is a stock corporation.
- (2) It owns or leases and maintains a complete set of tract indexes of the county in which its principal office within this state is located.
- (3) It deposits and keeps on deposit with the commissioner a guaranty fund in amount as set forth in RCW 48.29.030 and comprised of cash or public obligations as specified in RCW 48.13.040.

Sec. 2. Section .29.04, chapter 79, Laws of 1947 as amended by section 17, chapter 193, Laws of 1957 and RCW 48.29.040 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Subject to the deposit requirements of RCW 48.29.030, a title insurer having its principal offices in one county may be authorized to transact business in only such additional counties as to which it owns or leases and maintains, or has a duly authorized agent that owns or leases and maintains, a complete set of tract indexes.

(2) A title insurer not authorized to transact business in a certain county may purchase a title policy on property located therein from another title insurer which is so authorized in that county. The first title insurer may thereafter issue its own policy of title insurance to the owner of such property. The first title insurer may combine the insurance on the title of such property in a single policy which also insures the title of one or more other pieces of property. The first title insurer must pay the full premium based on filed rates for the policy, and must charge the precise same amount to its

own customer for the insurance as to the title of such property. A title insurer using the authority granted by this subsection in a transaction must so notify its customer.

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CHAPTER 77

[House Bill No. 2265]

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD PROGRAM—INCLUSION OF CLASSIFIED STAFF

AN ACT Relating to the award for excellence in education program; and amending RCW 28A.03.523.

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

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 147, Laws of 1986 as last amended by section 1, chapter 75, Laws of 1989 and RCW 28A.03.523 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The superintendent of public instruction shall establish an annual award program for excellence in education to recognize teachers, principals, administrators, school district superintendents, and school boards for their leadership, contributions, and commitment to education. The program shall recognize annually:

(a) Five teachers from each congressional district of the state. One individual must be an elementary level teacher, one must be a junior high or middle school level teacher, and one must be a secondary level teacher. Teachers shall include educational staff associates;

(b) Five principals or administrators from the state;

(c) One school district superintendent from the state; ~~((and))~~

(d) One school district board of directors from the state; and

(e) Three classified staff from each congressional district of the state.

Not more than three teachers, three classified staff, and three principals or administrators from each congressional district and one superintendent and one school board from the state may be recognized and receive awards in any school year.

(2) The awards for teachers, classified staff, and principals or administrators shall include certificates presented by the governor and the superintendent of public instruction at a public ceremony or ceremonies in appropriate locations.

(3) In addition to certificates under subsection (2) of this section, awards for teachers and principals or administrators shall include:

(a) A waiver of tuition and fees under RCW 28B.15.547 and a stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars to cover costs incurred in taking courses