

## CHAPTER 248.

[ S. B. 200. ]

## CHAPLAINS AT PENITENTIARY, REFORMATORY, ETC.

AN ACT relating to the department of public institutions; providing for the appointment of chaplains for the state penitentiary, the state reformatory, the state school for boys, and the state school for girls; prescribing the duties of chaplains; providing for their qualifications and compensation as recommended by the department of public institutions and approved by the state personnel board; providing for the appointment of a supervisor of chaplains; establishing an interfaith advisory committee; and repealing sections 72.08.180, 72.08.190 and 72.08.200 RCW and chapter 38, Laws of 1905.

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

SECTION 1. The chief executive officer of the department of public institutions is hereby directed and empowered to appoint not more than three, nor less than one chaplain for the state penitentiary; not more than two, nor less than one chaplain for the state reformatory; and one chaplain each for the state school for boys at Chehalis and the state school for girls at Grand Mound, and the chaplains so appointed shall have the qualifications, and shall be compensated in an amount, as shall hereafter be recommended by the department of public institutions and approved by the state personnel board.

Chief executive officer of department of public institutions directed to appoint chaplains.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the chaplains at the respective institutions mentioned in section 1, under the direction of the department of public institutions, to conduct religious services and to give religious and moral instruction to the inmates of the institutions, and to attend to their spiritual wants. They shall counsel with and interview the inmates concerning their social and family problems, and shall give assistance to the inmates and their families in regard to such problems.

Duties of chaplains.

Facilities for chaplains.

SEC. 3. The chaplains at the respective institutions mentioned in section 1 shall be provided with the offices and chapels at their institutions, and such supplies as may be necessary for the carrying out of their duties.

Appointment of supervisor of chaplains.

SEC. 4. The chief executive officer of the department of public institutions is hereby empowered to appoint one of the chaplains, authorized by section 1, to act as supervisor of chaplains for the department, in addition to his duties at one of the institutions designated in section 1.

Interfaith advisory committee; appointed by governor.

SEC. 5. An interfaith advisory committee of not less than nine and not more than twelve members shall be appointed by the governor to advise and assist the chief executive officer of the department of public institutions regarding the qualifications, selection and duties of the institutional chaplains and the development of the religious programs in the state institutions.

Repeal.

SEC. 6. Chapter 38, Laws of 1905, and RCW 72.08-.180, 72.08.190 and 72.08.200 are each repealed.

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