

CHAPTER 102.

[H. B. 116.]

GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES—INTERCHANGE OF PERSONNEL.

AN ACT relating to interchange of personnel between federal and state agencies.

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

"State agency" defined.

SECTION 1. "State agency" means a board, department, commission or institution of the state or its political subdivisions.

Interchange agreements authorized.

SEC. 2. A state agency may enter into agreements with departments or other subdivisions of the federal government for the interchange of personnel on projects which are of mutual benefit to the state and federal government.

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An interchange agreement shall specify the fiscal arrangements to be made, including compensations, rights, benefits and obligations of the employees concerned, travel and transportation of employees, their immediate families and household goods, and the duties and supervision of employees while on assignment.

State participants, employment status.

SEC. 3. State agency employees participating in an interchange may be carried on detail or in a leave of absence status.

"On detail."

(1) Wherever practicable, employees should be carried on detail. While on detail under an interchange agreement, employees shall remain employees of the state agency for all fiscal purposes, but shall receive no reimbursement for travel or other expenses except as provided in section 2 of this act.

"Leave of absence."

(2) State agency employees who receive temporary appointments with federal agencies shall be carried by the state agency in a leave of absence

status. Participation in an interchange shall be considered as service under any retirement system of which the employees are members. Arrangements for payment of employees' contributions to a retirement system may be by the interchange agreement or otherwise. Employees participating in an interchange shall be entitled to credit the full period toward promotion or salary increase as provided by any applicable civil service laws or regulations.

SEC. 4. Federal employees participating in an interchange may receive appointment by the state agency, or may be considered to be on detail with the state agency.

Federal participants, employment status.

(1) Appointments of federal employees shall be made without regard to civil service laws or regulations. Compensation shall be in accordance with the usual rates paid by the state agency for similar positions.

An appropriate percentage of compensation shall be deducted and transmitted to the federal agency for retirement and insurance where the interchange agreement so provides.

(2) Federal employees on detail with a state agency remain employees of and shall continue to receive their compensation from the federal agency, subject to the terms of the interchange agreement.

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