Moneys received from the federal government for construction projects approved by the surgeon general shall be deposited to the credit of this fund, shall be used solely for payments due applicants for work performed, or purchases made, in carrying out approved projects. Vouchers covering all payments from the hospital and medical facility construction fund shall bear the signature of the director or his duly authorized agent for such purpose, and warrants therefor shall be drawn by the state auditor as ex officio auditor of the fund.

SEC. 12. This act is necessary for the immediate Emergency. preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate February 27, 1959. Passed the House March 10, 1959. Approved by the Governor March 23, 1959.

CHAPTER 253. [S. B. 475.]

STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT—TRANSFER FROM TEACHERS' SYSTEM.

An Act relating to the authorization of certain employees to transfer from the state teachers' retirement system to the state employees' retirement system.

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

SECTION 1. Any employee of a state school or other retirement system. state institution who is a member of the Washington authorized. state teachers' retirement system and who is not employed in a teaching capacity may transfer such membership to the state employees' retirement system by written request filed with the secretarymanager and the executive secretary, respectively, of the two systems. Upon receipt of such request, the transfer of membership to the state employees'

retirement system shall be made, together with a transfer of all accumulated contributions credited to such member, and the secretary-manager of the teachers' retirement system shall transmit to the executive secretary of the state employees' retirement system a record of service credited to such member which shall be computed and credited to such member in the state employees' retirement system in the same manner as prior service together with a transfer from the teachers' pension reserve fund of a sum sufficient to pay into the employees' retirement system the employers' contribution from the period beginning April 1, 1949, to the date of the transfer, or so much thereof that may be necessary to establish the employee to all rights, benefits, and privileges that he would have been entitled to had he been a member of the state employees' retirement system from the beginning of his employment or his eligibility: Provided, That the right of any employee to file a written request for transfer of membership as set forth herein shall expire June 30. 1960.

Severability.

Sec. 2. If any provision of this 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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