

CHAPTER 144.

[S. B. 552.]

COUNTY HOSPITALS—STATE PAYMENTS.

AN ACT relating to county hospitals; amending section 1, chapter 256, Laws of 1951 and RCW 36.62.252; and amending section 4, chapter 256, Laws of 1951 and RCW 36.62.280.

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

RCW 36.62.252 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 256, Laws of 1951 and RCW 36.62.252 are each amended to read as follows:

County hospital fund—Establishment.

Every county which maintains a county hospital shall establish a "county hospital fund" into which fund shall be deposited moneys received from any source for hospital care including funds from the state department of public assistance to cover the total cost of providing medical care to recipients of public assistance and other persons without income and resources sufficient to secure them who are assigned by the department of public assistance to county hospital for treatment. Obligations incurred from such hospitalization shall be paid from the fund by the county treasurer in the same manner as general county obligations are paid. The county auditor shall furnish to the board of county commissioners and the state department of public assistance a monthly report of receipts and disbursements in the county hospital fund which report shall also show balance of cash on hand.

RCW 36.62.280 amended.

SEC. 2. Section 4, chapter 256, Laws of 1951 and RCW 36.62.280 are each amended to read as follows:

Payments and advances from department of public assistance—Reimbursement.

Payments from the state department of public assistance shall be made upon billing forms as prescribed by the department and shall be paid into the county hospital fund. Before the end of the 1959-1961 state fiscal biennium, each county which received an advance from the department of public assistance for the calendar year 1961 shall return

the amount of such advance by county warrant or treasurer's check to the department. At the beginning of the 1961-1963 state fiscal biennium and conditioned upon recovery of the advance made for the calendar year 1961, the state department of public assistance shall advance to the county an amount equal to the amount paid by the department to the county for the care of public assistance recipients in the county hospital for the preceding two months of February and March, which amount may be used to defray costs in the first month's operation of the state fiscal biennium.

At the beginning of each succeeding state fiscal biennium, the department will advance an amount approximating two months cost of operation as described in the preceding paragraph upon recovery in the preceding biennium of the amount advanced for that biennium. Reimbursements for the actual cost of operation shall be made monthly by the state department of public assistance to the counties.

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Passed the House March 8, 1961.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1961.

CHAPTER 145.

[S. B. 25.]

PROBATION OFFICERS—STATE AID.

AN ACT relating to probation officers and services; and amending section 5, chapter 331, Laws of 1959 (uncodified); section 11, chapter 331, Laws of 1959 (uncodified) and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5, chapter 331, Laws of 1959 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

In cases of emergency, financial hardship, or extreme need for probation services, the director

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amended.

Increased state
aid authorized.