

(2) The House of Representatives shall not expend more than one hundred and seventy-three thousand three hundred dollars (\$173,300): *Provided*, That none of the funds appropriated by this section shall be expended by or for the legislative council, the legislative budget committee, or any other legislative interim committee.

SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated to the legislature out of the state general fund the sum of one hundred seventy-eight thousand eight hundred dollars (\$178,800) for payment to members of the legislature and the president of the senate at the statutory rate in lieu of subsistence and lodging while in attendance at the extraordinary session of the thirty-ninth legislature. Appropriation.

SEC. 3. There is hereby appropriated out of the state general fund to the legislature the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for printing, indexing, binding and editing the session laws, Senate and House journals, and other printing, and binding public documents. Appropriation.

SEC. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and shall take effect immediately. Emergency.

Passed the Senate March 18, 1965.

Passed the House March 18, 1965.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1965.

CHAPTER 13.

[Substitute House Bill No. 67.]

CHILD ABUSE—NEGLECT—REPORTING.

AN ACT relating to health and welfare of children and authorizing the reporting by practitioners of the healing arts of suspected cases of child abuse or neglect; and amending section 392, Code of 1881, and RCW 5.60.060; and declaring an emergency.

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

Child abuse, neglect, report of. Purpose.

SECTION 1. In order to protect children whose health and welfare may be adversely affected through the infliction, by other than accidental means, of physical injury and/or physical neglect, or sexual abuse, requiring the attention of a practitioner of the healing arts, the Washington state legislature hereby provides for the reporting of such cases by such practitioners to the appropriate public authorities. It is the intent of the legislature that, as a result of such reports, protective services shall be made available in an effort to prevent further abuses, and to safeguard and enhance the general welfare of such children.

Definitions.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of and as used in this act:

(1) "Court" means the superior court of the state of Washington, juvenile department.

(2) "Law enforcement agency" means the police department, the prosecuting attorney or the office of the sheriff.

(3) "Practitioner of the healing arts" or "practitioner" means a person licensed by this state to practice chiropody, chiropractic, dentistry, osteopathy and surgery, or medicine and surgery.

(4) "Institution" means a private or public hospital or any other facility providing medical diagnosis, treatment or care.

Reports by practitioner.

SEC. 3. (1) When any practitioner has cause to believe that a child under the age of eighteen years brought before him or coming to him for examination, care, or treatment has had physical injury or injuries inflicted upon him, other than by accidental means, or who is found to be suffering from physical neglect, or sexual abuse, he may report such incident or cause a report to be made to the proper law enforcement agency as provided in section 4.

(2) When a practitioner is attending a child under the age of eighteen years as part of his regular duties as a staff member of an institution and has cause to believe that such child has had physical injury or injuries inflicted upon him other than by accidental means or who is found to be suffering from physical neglect, or sexual abuse, he may notify the person in charge of the institution or his designated representative, who may report the incident or cause such reporting to be made as provided in section 4.

Child abuse,
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of.

SEC. 4. An immediate oral report may be made by telephone or otherwise to the proper law enforcement agency and may be followed by a report in writing. Such reports shall contain the following information, if known:

Oral, written
reports—
Contents.

(1) The name, address and age of the child;

(2) The name and address of the child's parents; stepparents; guardians or other persons having custody of the child;

(3) The nature and extent of the child's injury or injuries;

(4) The nature and extent of the child's physical neglect;

(5) The nature and extent of the sexual abuse;

(6) Any evidence of previous injuries, including their nature and extent; and

(7) Any other information which, in the opinion of the practitioner, may be helpful in establishing the cause of the child's injury or injuries and the identity of the perpetrator or perpetrators.

SEC. 5. Upon the receipt of a report concerning the possible nonaccidental infliction of a physical injury upon a child or physical neglect, or sexual abuse, it shall be the duty of the law enforcement agency to investigate and to refer such report to the court.

Investigations
and court re-
ferral after
report.

SEC. 6. Any person participating in the making of a report pursuant to this act or participating in a

Immunity
from civil
liability.

Child abuse, neglect, report of. Confidential communications, report not violation.

judicial proceeding resulting therefrom shall in so doing be immune from any civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed. That the provisions of this act heretofore provided shall not be deemed violation of the patient-physician relationship or confidence.

RCW 5.60.060 amended.

SEC. 7. Section 392, Code of 1881, and RCW 5.60-.060 are each amended to read as follows:

Witnesses— Who are disqualified— Privileged communications.

(1) A husband shall not be examined for or against his wife, without the consent of the wife, nor a wife for or against her husband without the consent of the husband; nor can either during marriage or afterward, be without the consent of the other, examined as to any communication made by one to the other during marriage. But this exception shall not apply to a civil action or proceeding by one against the other, nor to a criminal action or proceeding for a crime committed by one against the other, nor to a criminal action or proceeding for a crime committed by said husband or wife against any child of whom said husband or wife is the parent or guardian.

(2) An attorney or counselor shall not, without the consent of his client, be examined as to any communication made by the client to him, or his advice given thereon in the course of professional employment.

(3) A clergyman or priest shall not, without the consent of a person making the confession, be examined as to any confession made to him in his professional character, in the course of discipline enjoined by the church to which he belongs.

(4) A regular physician or surgeon shall not, without the consent of his patient, be examined in a civil action as to any information acquired in attending such patient, which was necessary to enable him to prescribe or act for the patient, but this exception shall not apply in any judicial proceeding

regarding a child's injuries, neglect or sexual abuse, or the cause thereof.

(5) A public officer shall not be examined as a witness as to communications made to him in official confidence, when the public interest would suffer by the disclosure.

SEC. 8. This act is necessary for the immediate Emergency. preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House March 11, 1965.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1965.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1965.

CHAPTER 14.

[House Bill No. 10.]

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT—PARTICIPATION.

AN ACT authorizing participation in the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964; adding a new section to chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and to chapter 36.32 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and to chapter 36.32 RCW, a new section to read as follows: New section.

The board of county commissioners of any county is hereby authorized and empowered in its discretion by resolution or ordinance passed by a majority of the board, to take whatever action it deems necessary to enable the county to participate in the programs set forth in the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-452; 78 Stat. 508). Such participation may be engaged in as a sole county operation or in conjunction or cooperation with the state, Economic opportunity act
—Participation in, county action.