

CHAPTER 90.

[House Bill No. 273.]

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

AN ACT relating to public assistance; adding a new chapter to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and Title 74 RCW; and repealing sections 74.04.020, 74.04.034, 74.04.035, 74.04.141, 74.09.100, and 74.16.011 of chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.04.020, RCW 74.04.034, RCW 74.04.035, RCW 74.04.141, RCW 74.09.100, and RCW 74.16.011.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to Title 74 RCW a new chapter to read as set forth in sections 2 through 12 of this act.

SEC. 2. There is hereby created a state advisory committee which shall serve in an advisory capacity to the director. The committee shall be composed of ten members, seven members to be appointed by the governor on the basis of giving both geographical and occupational representation throughout the state. Members shall be selected on the basis of their known experience or interest in public assistance and its related problems and not more than four members shall be identified with the same major political party. The members of the committee shall hold office as follows: Two members to serve two years; two members to serve three years; and three members to serve four years. Upon expiration of said original terms, subsequent appointments shall be for four years except in the case of a vacancy, in which event appointment shall be only for the remainder of the unexpired term for which the vacancy occurs. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. The remaining three members of the committee shall be the chairman of the committees for blind, medical care and child welfare and day care.

New chapter.

Public assistance—
Advisory committees. State advisory committee.
Created—
Members—
Appointment—
Terms—Vacancies—
Members include departmental committee chairmen.

Public Assistance—Advisory committees. State advisory committee. Powers and duties—Meetings—Eligibility of members.

SEC. 3. The state advisory committee shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To serve in an advisory capacity to the director on all matters pertaining to Title 74 RCW.

(2) To acquaint themselves fully with the operations of the department and periodically recommend such changes to the director as they deem advisable.

(3) To coordinate the activities of the departmental committees created pursuant to this chapter. The state advisory committee shall have authority to request that they undertake such studies and submit such reports as are determined to be necessary by said state advisory committee.

(4) To prepare and publish a mimeographed report of their recommendations. The committee shall prescribe rules for the transaction of its business. Meetings shall be held quarterly, and special meetings may be called by the director upon seven days' notice to the committee.

No person shall be eligible to hold the office of member of the state advisory committee who holds any public office, whether appointive or elective, with the exception of nonsalaried positions, nor who is an official of any political party, nor who is a candidate for any public office.

Departmental committees created.

SEC. 4. There is hereby created as departmental committees the following:

(1) Child welfare and day care advisory committee.

(2) Advisory committee for the blind.

(3) Medical care advisory committee.

—Members—Appointment—Terms—Vacancies.

SEC. 5. The child welfare and day care advisory committee and the medical care advisory committee shall each consist of twelve members and the advisory committee for the blind shall consist of three members, all of whom shall be appointed by the director who shall designate a chairman for each com-

mittee. The members of the child welfare and day care advisory committee and the medical care advisory committee shall hold offices as follows: Four members shall serve one year; four members to serve two years; and four members to serve three years. The members of the advisory committee for the blind shall hold office as follows: One member to serve one year; one member to serve two years; and one member to serve three years. Upon expiration of said original terms, subsequent appointments shall be for three years except in the case of a vacancy in which event the appointment shall be only for the remainder of the unexpired term in which the vacancy occurs.

SEC. 6. The child welfare and day care advisory committee shall act as an advisory committee to the state advisory committee and to the director in the development of policy on all matters pertaining to child welfare, day care and services related thereto. Members shall be appointed on the basis of their interest in, concern for the welfare of, and their actual experience in working with children; and selected insofar as possible to represent all geographical areas of the state and to represent a wide variety of groups interested in the welfare of children. The committee shall become informed about child welfare service needs of the children of this state and the extent to which resources are available to meet those needs.

Child welfare and day care advisory committee— Powers and duties— Member qualifications.

SEC. 7. The advisory committee for the blind shall act as an advisory committee to the state advisory committee and to the director of the department on all matters pertaining to the blind. Appointment to the committee shall be made on the basis of a recognized interest in and a demonstrated knowledge of the problems of the blind. All members of the committee shall be blind. The committee shall make recommendations as to the policies affecting

Advisory committee for the blind— Powers and duties— Member qualifications.

Public assistance—Advisory committees. Advisory committee for the blind.

any problem of the blind before the department. The committee shall advise such services, activities, programs, investigations and researches as in its judgment shall contribute to the welfare of blind persons. The department shall seek the advice of and consult with the committee on problems and policy changes affecting the blind within the department's jurisdiction; and the committee may initiate consultations with the department.

Medical care advisory committee—Powers and duties.

SEC. 8. The medical care advisory committee shall advise and give assistance to the state advisory committee and to the director and assistant director for medical care in the development of policy for the administration of the medical program in the state of Washington.

Expenses, reimbursement and rate.

SEC. 9. Members of the state and departmental advisory committees shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in attending authorized meetings, but not to exceed the per diem and travel rates as established for state employees.

County advisory committee—Members—Appointment—Terms—Qualifications—Powers and duties—County administrator, ex officio member.

SEC. 10. There may be established in every county or in one or more counties a county advisory committee. The committee shall consist of not less than five members to be appointed by the director after consultation with the county administrator to be approved by the board of county commissioners. Appointments to such committee shall be on the basis of known interest in public assistance and its related problems. Members shall hold office for two year terms. The county advisory committee shall take the necessary steps to develop rules for the transaction of business.

The county advisory committee shall have the following duties:

- (1) To make any studies of the public assistance program within the county or counties of its jurisdic-

tion either on its own initiative or as requested by the state advisory committee;

(2) To advise the state director and state advisory committee of the results of the studies;

(3) To recommend to the state advisory committee necessary studies and surveys to be made on a state-wide basis;

(4) To call meetings and set the time and number of meetings;

(5) To prepare the agenda of the meetings;

The county advisory committee shall have access to all records of the county office they deem necessary, in compliance with the present act and/or the federal social security laws.

The county administrator shall cooperate with this committee in its activities and shall be an ex officio member of said committee.

SEC. 11. Section 74.04.020, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.04.020; section 74.04.034, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.04.034; section 74.04.035, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.04.035; section 74.04.141, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.04.141; section 74.09.100, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.09.100; and section 74.16.011, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.16.011 are each hereby repealed. Repeal.

SEC. 12. 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. Severability.

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