

NEW SECTION. Sec. 18. The provisions of chapter 8.25 RCW, as now or hereafter amended, shall be applicable to federal aid projects authorized under the federal Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. Any prior action taken pursuant to the federal Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 which would be authorized under the terms of this 1969 amendatory act are hereby ratified.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. In order to insure compliance with the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1968, with regard to acquisitions for state highway purposes or for any highway, road or street on a federal aid highway system, this act shall be operative as to all such acquisitions which were completed after August 23, 1968 but before the effective date of this act, in connection with which representations were made to and relied upon by displaced persons, that as an inducement to settle, relocation assistance would become available to them upon the enactment of enabling legislation.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 20. This 1969 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 237
 [Engrossed Senate Bill No. 377]
 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES--INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS--
 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AN ACT Relating to insurance and health care programs for public employees; amending section 1, chapter 75, Laws of 1963 as last amended by section 1, chapter 135, Laws of 1967, and RCW 41.04.180; amending section 1, chapter 187, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 2, chapter 135, Laws of 1967 and RCW 28.76-.410; amending sections 28A.58.420 and 28B.10.660, chapter ..., Laws of 1969 ex. sess. (HB No. 58) and RCW 28A.58.420 and 28B.10.660; adding new sections to chapter 75, Laws of 1965

and to chapter 41.04 RCW; creating new sections; providing for the correlative and pari materia construction of certain provisions of this 1969 act with the provisions of Title 28 RCW or of Titles 28A and 28B RCW if such titles shall be enacted; declaring an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 75, Laws of 1963, as last amended by section 1, chapter 135, Laws of 1967, and RCW 41.04.180 are each amended to read as follows:

Any department, division, or separate agency of the state government, and any county, municipality or other political subdivision of the state acting through its principal supervising official or governing body may, whenever funds shall be available for that purpose as determined by the budget director as respects to state agencies provide for all or a part of hospitalization and medical aid for its employees and their dependents through contracts with regularly constituted insurance carriers or with health care service contractors as defined in chapter 48.44 RCW, for group hospitalization and medical aid policies or plans: PROVIDED, That any department, division or separate agency of state government, and any county, municipality or other political subdivision of the state acting through its principal supervising official or governing body shall provide the employees thereof a choice of policies or plans through contracts with not less than two regularly constituted insurance carriers or health care service contractors: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That any county may provide such hospitalization and medical aid to county elected officials and their dependents on the same basis as such hospitalization and medical aid is provided to other county employees and their dependents: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the contributions of any department, division or separate agency of the state government shall be limited to ~~((not-to-exceed-fifty-percent-of-any-premium-therefor;-or))~~ ten dollars per month per employee covered, ~~((whichever-is-less))~~ except that such limitation shall not apply to employees employed under

chapter 47.64 RCW: PROVIDED FURTHER, That provision for school district and higher education personnel ((employees)) shall not be made under this section but shall be as provided in RCW 28.76.410 (or sections 28A.58.420 and 28B.10.660 of the 1969 education code).

Sec. 2. Section 1, chapter 187, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 2, chapter 135, Laws of 1967 and RCW 28.76.410 are each amended to read as follows:

The regents, trustees, or board of directors of any of the state's educational institutions or school districts may make available liability, life, health, accident, disability and salary insurance or any one of, or a combination of, the enumerated types of insurance for the regents, trustees, members of boards of directors, students and employees of the institution or school district, and their dependents. Whenever funds shall be available for these purposes, the regents, trustees or boards of directors of any of the state's educational institutions or school districts may contribute toward the cost of such life, health, accident, disability and salary insurance, including hospitalization and medical aid, for the employees of their respective institutions or school districts and their dependents in an amount not to exceed ~~((fifty-percent-of-the-premiums-therefor,-or))~~ ten dollars per month per employee covered ~~((,-whichever-is-the-lesser))~~. The premiums due on such liability insurance shall be borne by the university, college or school district. The premiums due on such life, health, accident, or disability and salary insurance shall be borne by the assenting regent, trustee, member of board of directors, or student.

Sec. 3. Section 28A.58.420, chapter ..., Laws of 1969 ex. sess. (HB No. 58) and RCW 28A.58.420 are each amended to read as follows:

The board of directors of any of the state's school districts may make available liability, life, health, accident, disability and salary insurance or any one of, or a combination of the enumerated types of insurance for the members of the boards of directors, the

students, and employees of the school district, and their dependents. Whenever funds shall be available for these purposes the board of directors of the school district may contribute toward the cost of such life, health, accident, disability and salary insurance, including hospitalization and medical aid for the employees of their respective school districts and their dependents in an amount not to exceed (~~((fifty-percent-of-the-premiums-therefor,-or))~~) ten dollars per month per employee covered (~~((,-whichever-is-the-lesser))~~). The premiums on such liability insurance shall be borne by the school district. The premiums due on such life, health, accident, or disability and salary insurance shall be borne by the assenting school board member, student or employee.

Sec. 4. Section 28B.10.660, chapter ..., Laws of 1969 ex. sess. (HB No. 58) and RCW 28B.10.660 are each amended to read as follows:

The regents or trustees of any of the state's institutions of higher education may make available liability, life, health, accident, disability and salary insurance or any one of, or a combination of, the enumerated types of insurance for the regents or trustees, students and employees of the institution, and their dependents. Whenever funds shall be available for these purposes, the regents or trustees of any of the state's institutions of higher education may contribute toward the cost of such life, health, accident, disability and salary insurance, including hospitalization and medical aid, for the employees of their respective institutions and their dependents in an amount not to exceed (~~((fifty-percent-of-the-premiums-therefor,-or))~~) ten dollars per month per employee covered (~~((,-whichever-is-the-lesser))~~). The premiums due on such liability insurance shall be borne by the university or college. The premiums due on such life, health, accident, or disability and salary insurance shall be borne by the assenting regent, trustee or student.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. There is added to chapter 75, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 41.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The department of personnel shall administer and be the trustee of health benefit programs for state employees as provided by RCW 41.04.180, as now or hereafter amended. The department shall consult with state agencies and employee organizations once each contract period in the development of the content and coverage of health benefit programs.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. There is added to chapter 75, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 41.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The department of general administration shall procure for all state agencies health benefit programs as designated in accordance with the provision of section 5 of this 1969 amendatory act through contracts as provided by RCW 41.04.180, as now or hereafter amended. Contracts for health benefit programs shall be awarded and rebid periodically.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. There is added to chapter 75, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 41.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Any governmental entity other than state agencies, may use the services of the department of general administration upon the approval of the director, in procuring health benefit programs as provided by sections 1 through 4 of this 1969 amendatory act: PROVIDED, That the department of general administration may charge for the administrative cost incurred in the procuring of such services.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. There is hereby created a state employees' insurance and health care advisory committee to be composed as follows: The governor or his designee; the state directors of general administration and personnel; one member representing an association of state employees and one member representing a state employees' union, who shall be appointed by the governor; one member of the senate appointed by the president of the senate; and one member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house. All appointments shall be made effective July 1, 1969. The first meeting of the committee shall be held as soon as possible thereafter at the call of the director of personnel. The committee shall elect its own officers

and prescribe rules for the conduct of its business. The advisory committee shall study all matters connected with the providing of adequate health care coverage for state employees covered under the provisions of RCW 41.04.180 on the best basis possible with relation both to the welfare of the employees covered and to the state. The committee shall report its recommendations to the next regular or special session of the legislature at the commencement thereof. Members of the committee shall receive no compensation for their services, but legislative members shall receive allowances provided for in RCW 44.04.120. This section shall expire July 1, 1971.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. Notwithstanding any other provision of this 1969 amendatory act, the provisions of section 2 hereof shall be effective only until the proposed educational code of 1969 (HB 58) becomes effective, at which time section 2 shall no longer be effective, and sections 3 and 4 of this 1969 amendatory act shall become effective, said sections 3 and 4 of this 1969 amendatory act not being effective until such time.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. The effective date of this 1969 amendatory act shall be July 1, 1969: PROVIDED, That health benefit contracts awarded under the provisions of RCW 41.04.180 which expire after July 1, 1969 may be extended up to one year with the approval of the state employees' insurance and health care advisory committee as established under the provisions of section 8 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect July 1, 1969.

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