

looking to the future for not less than six years as a guide in carrying out a coordinated road construction program. Such program may at any time be revised by a majority of the ~~((board))~~ legislative authority but only after a public hearing thereon.

The six year program of each county having an urban area within its boundaries shall contain a separate section setting forth the six year program for arterial road construction based upon its long range construction plan and formulated in accordance with regulations of the urban arterial board. The six year program for arterial road construction shall be submitted to the urban arterial board forthwith after its annual revision and adoption by the ~~((board of county commissioners))~~ legislative authority of each county. The six year program for arterial road construction shall be based upon estimated revenues available for such construction together with such additional sums as the ~~((county commissioners))~~ legislative authority of each county may request for urban arterials only from the urban arterial trust account for the six year period. The arterial road construction program shall provide for a more rapid rate of completion of the long range construction needs of major arterial roads than for secondary and collector arterial roads, pursuant to regulations of the urban arterial board.

(2) On and after July 1, 1976 each six year program forwarded to the director in compliance with subsection (1) of this section shall contain information as to how a county will expend its moneys, including funds made available pursuant to chapter 47.30 RCW, for bicycles, pedestrians, and equestrian purposes.

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CHAPTER 216

[Senate Bill No. 2609]

COUNTIES—REFERENCE ADOPTION OF CODES AND STATUTES

AN ACT Relating to counties; and amending section 36.32.120, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 as amended by section 1, chapter 59, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 36.32.120.

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

Section 1. Section 36.32.120, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 as amended by section 1, chapter 59, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 36.32.120 are each amended to read as follows:

The ~~((several boards of county commissioners))~~ legislative authorities of the several counties shall:

(1) Provide for the erection and repairing of court houses, jails, and other necessary public buildings for the use of the county;

(2) Lay out, discontinue, or alter county roads and highways within their respective counties, and do all other necessary acts relating thereto according to law, except within cities and towns which have jurisdiction over the roads within their limits;

(3) License and fix the rates of ferriage; grant grocery and other licenses authorized by law to be by them granted;

(4) Fix the amount of county taxes to be assessed according to the provisions of law, and cause the same to be collected as prescribed by law: PROVIDED, That the ~~((board of county commissioners))~~ legislative authority of a county may permit all moneys, assessments and taxes belonging to or collected for the use of any county, including any amounts representing estimates for future assessments and taxes, to be deposited by any taxpayer prior to the due date thereof with the treasurer or other legal depository for the benefit of the funds to which they belong to be credited against any future tax or assessment that may be levied or become due from the taxpayer: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the taxpayer, with the concurrence of the ~~((board of county commissioners))~~ county legislative authority, may designate the particular fund against which such prepayment of future tax or assessment shall be credited;

(5) Allow all accounts legally chargeable against the county not otherwise provided for, and audit the accounts of all officers having the care, management, collection, or disbursement of any money belonging to the county or appropriated to its benefit;

(6) Have the care of the county property and the management of the county funds and business and in the name of the county prosecute and defend all actions for and against the county, and such other powers as are or may be conferred by law;

(7) Make and enforce, by appropriate resolutions or ordinances, all such police and sanitary regulations as are not in conflict with state law, and within the unincorporated area of the county may adopt by reference Washington state statutes and recognized codes and/or compilations printed in book form relating to the construction of buildings, the installation of plumbing, the installation of electric wiring, health, or other subjects, and may adopt such codes and/or compilations or portions thereof, together with amendments thereto, or additions thereto: PROVIDED, That except for Washington state statutes, there shall be filed in the county auditor's office three copies of such codes~~((;))~~ and compilations~~((; and/or statutes))~~ ten days prior to their adoption by reference, and one copy shall also be filed with the city clerk of each city within the county~~((; and shall provide that any violation of such regulations, ordinances, codes, compilations, and/or statutes or resolutions shall constitute a misdemeanor))~~: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no such regulation, code, compilation, and/or statute shall be effective unless before its adoption, a public hearing has been held thereon by the ~~((board of county commissioners))~~ county legislative authority of which at least ten days' notice has been given. Any violation of such regulations, ordinances, codes, compilations, and/or statutes or resolutions shall constitute a misdemeanor. The notice must set out a copy of the proposed regulations; or if a code is adopted by reference the notice shall set forth the full official title and a statement describing the general purpose of such code. The notice shall also include the day, hour, and place of hearing and must be given by publication in the newspaper in which legal notices of the county are printed;

(8) Have power to compound and release in whole or in part any debt due to the county when in their opinion the interest of their county will not be prejudiced thereby, except in cases where they or any of them are personally interested;

(9) Have power to administer oaths or affirmations necessary in the discharge of their duties and commit for contempt any witness refusing to testify before them with the same power as justices of the peace.

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CHAPTER 217

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2623]

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

AN ACT Relating to child abuse and neglect; amending section 1, chapter 13, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 1, chapter 35, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 26.44.010; amending section 2, chapter 13, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 2, chapter 35, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 26.44.020; amending section 3, chapter 13, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 1, chapter 167, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 26.44.030; amending section 4, chapter 13, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 2, chapter 167, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 26.44.040; amending section 5, chapter 13, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 15, chapter 302, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 26.44.050; amending section 6, chapter 13, Laws of 1965 and RCW 26.44.060; amending section 6, chapter 35, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 1, chapter 46, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. and RCW 26.44.070; and adding new sections to chapter 26.44 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 13, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 1, chapter 35, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 26.44.010 are each amended to read as follows:

~~((In order to protect children and the mentally retarded whose health and welfare may be adversely affected through the infliction, by other than accidental means, of death, physical injury and/or physical neglect, or sexual abuse,))~~ The Washington state legislature finds and declares: The bond between a child and his or her parent, custodian, or guardian is of paramount importance, and any intervention into the life of a child is also an intervention into the life of the parent, custodian, or guardian; however, instances of nonaccidental injury, neglect, death, sexual abuse and cruelty to children by their parents, custodians or guardians have occurred, and in the instance where a child or mentally retarded person is deprived of his or her right to conditions of minimal nurture, health, and safety, the state is justified in emergency intervention based upon verified information; and therefore the Washington state legislature hereby provides for the reporting of such cases 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: PROVIDED, That such reports shall be maintained and disseminated with strictest regard for the privacy of the subjects of such reports and so as to safeguard against arbitrary, malicious or erroneous information or actions: PROVIDED FURTHER, That this chapter shall not be construed to authorize interference with child-raising practices, including reasonable parental