CHAPTER 286

[Senate Bill No. 3068] MINIMUM ANNUAL SCHOOL TERM——COMMENCEMENT

AN ACT Relating to education; and amending section 28A.01.020, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 22, chapter 118, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.01.020.

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

Section 1. Section 28A.01.020, chapter 233, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 22, chapter 118, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.01.020 are each amended to read as follows:

The school year shall begin on the first day of September and end with the last day of August: PROVIDED, That any school district may elect to commence the minimum annual school term as required under RCW 28A.58.180 in the month of August of any calendar year and in such case the operation of a school district for such period in August shall be credited by the superintendent of public instruction to the succeeding school year for the purpose of the allocation and distribution of state funds for the support of such school district.

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CHAPTER 287

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2667] MIGRANT LABOR HOUSING PROJECT——CONTINUATION

AN ACT Relating to labor; amending section 1, chapter 125, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as amended by section 1, chapter 50, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); amending section 4, chapter 125, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as amended by section 3, chapter 50, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); and repealing section 3, chapter 125, Laws of 1974 ex. sess., section 2, chapter 50, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. (uncodified).

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 125, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as amended by section 1, chapter 50, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

The legislature finds that the migrant labor housing ((demonstration pilot)) project ((being)) constructed on property purchased by the state in Yakima county ((during the 1973-75 biennium)) should be ((completed)) continued until December 1, 1978.

Sec. 2. Section 4, chapter 125, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as amended by section 3, chapter 50, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

((At the close of the 1975-77 biennium)) The department of general administration is authorized ((and directed)) to enter into such agreements and contracts as may be necessary to ((dispose of any of the state's property interests in the project to either)) provide for the continued operation of the facility by a state agency, ((to)) an appropriate local governmental body, or ((to)) by such other entity as the director may deem appropriate and in the state's best interest.

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NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Section 3, chapter 125, Laws of 1974 ex. sess., section 2, chapter 50, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. (uncodified) are each repealed.

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CHAPTER 288

[Second Substitute House Bill No. 449] WASHINGTON STATE WOMEN'S COMMISSION

AN ACT Relating to state government; creating the Washington state women's commission; creating a new chapter in Title 43 RCW; making an appropriation; and providing an expiration date for the Washington state women's commission.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The legislature reaffirms that the public policy of this state is to insure equal opportunity for all of its citizens. The legislature finds that women have unique and special problems. It is the purpose of this chapter to improve the status and well-being of women by insuring their full and equal participation in government, business and education and recognizing their contribution to the home, family, and community. The legislature further finds that it is desirable to direct a continuing evaluation and study of state laws and rules as they affect women; and further, to encourage the education of the citizens of this state in respect to public policy as it relates to the diverse pursuits of women, and to encourage the promotion of equality. Therefore, the legislature deems it necessary to create a commission to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. There is established a Washington state women's commission in the office of the governor. Upon the effective date of this act, the Washington state women's commission shall replace the Washington state women's council, and all equipment, files, and records of the council shall be transferred to the commission.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) The commission shall consist of fourteen members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Two members of the senate, not of the same political party, appointed by the president of the senate, and two members of the house of representatives, not of the same political party, appointed by the speaker of the house, shall serve as advisory members. The governor shall consider nominations for membership based upon maintaining a balanced distribution of ethnic, geographic, sex, age, and occupational representation, where practicable.

(2) All women's commission members shall serve at the pleasure of the governor, but in no case shall any member serve more than three years without formal reappointment by the governor. All legislative advisory members shall serve for a two year term, and the position of any legislative advisory member shall be deemed vacated whenever such member ceases to be a member of the house from which he or she was appointed. Of the persons initially appointed by the governor to the women's commission, five shall be appointed to serve one year, five to serve two years,