CHAPTER 120

[House Bill No. 645] COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

AN ACT Relating to education; amending section 1, chapter 138, Laws of 1973 and RCW 28A.58.247; creating new sections.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The purposes of this amendatory act are to:

- (1) Provide educational, recreational, cultural, and other community services and programs through the establishment of the concept of community education with the community school serving as the center for such activity;
- (2) Promote a more efficient and expanded use of existing school buildings and equipment;
- (3) Help provide personnel to work with schools, citizens and with other agencies and groups;
 - (4) Provide a wide range of opportunities for all citizens; and
- (5) Help develop a sense of community in which the citizens cooperate with the public schools and community agencies and groups to resolve their school and community concerns and to recognize that the schools are available for use by the community day and night, year-round or any time when the programming will not interfere with the preschool through grade twelve program.
- Sec. 2. Section 1, chapter 138, Laws of 1973 and RCW 28A.58.247 are each amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 28B.50.250, 28B.50.530 or any other law, rule, or regulation, any school district is authorized to provide community education programs in the form of instructional, recreational and/or service programs on a noncredit and nontuition basis, excluding fees for supplies, materials, or instructor costs, for the purpose of stimulating the full educational potential and meeting the needs of the district's residents of all ages, and making the fullest use of the district's school facilities: PRO-VIDED, That such programs shall be consistent with rules and regulations promulgated by the state superintendent of public instruction governing cooperation between common schools, community college districts, and other civic and governmental organizations which shall have been developed in cooperation with the state board for community college education and shall be programs receiving the approval of said superintendent((: PROVIDED FURTHER. That no state funds appropriated to the common schools or the superintendent of public instruction's office shall be used to begin new community education programs or expand existing community education programs)).

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The superintendent of public instruction and the executive director of the state board for community college education, in consultation with representatives of local school districts and community college districts, as well as representatives of the general public, shall prepare a report with recommendations for public policy on community schools to the legislature. Such a study shall include a definition of community schools, a definition of the services to be provided, an analysis of the facilities to be utilized, the preparation of a financial plan, and a proposal for the governance of such programs. Reports of an interim nature should be presented to the education and higher education committees of the legislature as requested. The final report should be presented to the legislature no later than January 1, 1981.

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CHAPTER 121

[House Bill No. 750]

PUBLIC TRAILS AND PATHS—PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

AN ACT Relating to trails; amending section 2, chapter 103, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. as amended by section 12, chapter 141, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 47.30.030; amending section 4, chapter 103, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. and RCW 47.30.050; amending section 5, chapter 103, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. and RCW 47.30.060; and adding a new section to chapter 47.30 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 103, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. as amended by section 12, chapter 141, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 47.30.030 are each amended to read as follows:

Where an existing highway severs, or where the right of way of an existing highway accommodates a trail for pedestrians, equestrians, or bicyclists or where the separation of motor vehicle traffic from pedestrians, equestrians, or bicyclists will materially increase the motor vehicle safety, the provision of facilities for pedestrians, equestrians, or bicyclists which are a part of a comprehensive trail plan adopted by federal, state, or local governmental authority having jurisdiction over the trail is hereby authorized. The ((state highway commission)) department of transportation, or the county or city having jurisdiction over the highway, road, or street, or facility is further authorized to ((spend [expend])) expend reasonable amounts out of the funds made available to them, according to the provisions of RCW 46.68.100, as necessary for the planning, accommodation, establishment, and maintenance of such facilities.