

payments of principal and interest in any fiscal year would require the state to expend more than seven percent of the arithmetic mean of its general state revenue, as defined in section 1 of Article VIII of the Washington state Constitution ((as hereafter amended by vote of the people pursuant to HJR 52, 1971 regular session)) for the three immediately preceding fiscal years as certified by the treasurer in accordance with RCW 39.42.070. It shall be the duty of the state finance committee to compute annually the amount required to pay principal of and interest on outstanding debt. In making such computation, the state finance committee shall include all borrowed money represented by bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness which are secured by the full faith and credit of the state or are required to be paid, directly or indirectly, from general state revenues and which are incurred by the state, any department, authority, public corporation or quasi public corporation of the state, any state university or college, or any other public agency created by the state but not by counties, cities, towns, school districts, or other municipal corporations, and shall include debt incurred pursuant to section 3 of Article VIII of the Washington state Constitution, but shall not include obligations for the payment of current expenses of state government, ((nor shall it include debt hereafter incurred pursuant to section 3 of Article VIII of the Washington state Constitution as hereafter amended by vote of the people pursuant to HJR 52, 1971 regular session;)) nor shall it include indebtedness incurred pursuant to RCW 39.42.080 or principal of and interest on bond anticipation notes(, principal of bond anticipation notes or obligations issued to fund or refund the indebtedness of the Washington state building authority)) or any indebtedness which has been refunded. To the extent necessary because of the constitutional or statutory debt limitation, priorities with respect to the issuance or guaranteeing of bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness by the state shall be determined by the state finance committee.

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## CHAPTER 205

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2378]

### STATE RETIREMENT BENEFITS—COURT ORDERED PAYMENTS— DECREES OF DISSOLUTION, SEPARATION

AN ACT Relating to payment of retirement benefits pursuant to court order; amending section 18, chapter 267, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 2.10.180; amending section 1, chapter 33, Laws of 1965 and RCW 41.20.180; amending section 24, chapter 261, Laws of 1945 as amended by section 6, chapter 159, Laws of 1957 and RCW 41.24.240; amending section 23, chapter 209, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 12, chapter 257, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 41.26.180; amending section 59, chapter 80, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 1, chapter 63, Laws of 1971 and RCW 41.32.590;

amending section 39, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 4, chapter 195, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 41.40.380; amending section 24, chapter 71, Laws of 1947 and RCW 41.44.240; amending section 43.43.310, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 1, chapter 256, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 43.43.310; adding a new section to chapter 41.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.28 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 18, chapter 267, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 2.10.180 are each amended to read as follows:

The right of a person to a retirement allowance, disability allowance, or death benefit, the retirement, disability or death allowance itself, any optional benefit, any other right accrued or accruing to any person under the provisions of this chapter, and the moneys in the fund created under this chapter, are hereby exempt from any state, county, municipal, or other local tax and shall not be subject to execution, garnishment, or any other process of law whatsoever: PROVIDED, That benefits under this chapter shall be payable to a spouse or ex-spouse to the extent expressly provided for in any court decree of dissolution or legal separation or in any court order or court-approved property settlement agreement incident to any court decree of dissolution or legal separation.

Sec. 2. Section 1, chapter 33, Laws of 1965 and RCW 41.20.180 are each amended to read as follows:

The right of a person to a pension, an annuity, or retirement allowance, or disability allowance, or death benefits, or any optional benefit, or any other right accrued or accruing to any person under the provisions of this chapter, and any fund created hereby, and all moneys and investments and income thereof, are exempt from any state, county, municipal, or other local tax, and shall not be subject to execution, garnishment, attachment, the operation of bankruptcy or insolvency laws, or other process of law whatsoever, and shall be unassignable: PROVIDED, That benefits under this chapter shall be payable to a spouse or ex-spouse to the extent expressly provided for in any court decree of dissolution or legal separation or in any court order or court-approved property settlement agreement incident to any court decree of dissolution or legal separation.

Sec. 3. Section 24, chapter 261, Laws of 1945 as amended by section 6, chapter 159, Laws of 1957 and RCW 41.24.240 are each amended to read as follows:

The right of any person to any future payment under the provisions of this chapter shall not be transferable or assignable at law or in equity, and none of the moneys paid or payable or the rights existing under this chapter, shall be subject to execution, levy, attachment, garnishment, or other legal process, or to the operation of any bankruptcy or insolvency law: PROVIDED, That benefits under this chapter shall be payable to a spouse or ex-spouse to the extent expressly provided for in any court decree of dissolution

or legal separation or in any court order or court-approved property settlement agreement incident to any court decree of dissolution or legal separation.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to deprive any fireman, eligible to receive a pension hereunder, from receiving a pension under any other act to which he may become eligible by reason of services other than or in addition to his services as a fireman under this chapter.

Sec. 4. Section 23, chapter 209, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 12, chapter 257, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 41.26.180 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the right of a person to a retirement allowance, disability allowance, or death benefit, to the return of accumulated contributions, the retirement, disability or death allowance itself, any optional benefit, any other right accrued or accruing to any person under the provisions of this chapter, and the moneys in the fund created under this chapter, are hereby exempt from any state, county, municipal, or other local tax and shall not be subject to execution, garnishment, attachment, the operation of bankruptcy or insolvency laws, or any other process of law whatsoever, and shall be unassignable(~~(-PROVIDED; That))~~).

(2) On the written request of any person eligible to receive benefits under this section, the ((board)) department of retirement systems may deduct from such payments the premiums for life, health, or other insurance. The request on behalf of any child or children shall be made by the legal guardian of such child or children. The ((board)) department of retirement systems may provide for such persons one or more plans of group insurance, through contracts with regularly constituted insurance carriers or health care service contractors.

(3) Benefits under this chapter shall be payable to a spouse or ex-spouse to the extent expressly provided for in any court decree of dissolution or legal separation or in any court order or court-approved property settlement agreement incident to any court decree of dissolution or legal separation.

Sec. 5. Section 59, chapter 80, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 1, chapter 63, Laws of 1971 and RCW 41.32.590 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the right of a person to a pension, an annuity, a retirement allowance, or disability allowance, to the return of contributions, any optional benefit or death benefit, any other right accrued or accruing to any person under the provisions of this chapter and the moneys in the various funds created by this chapter shall be unassignable, and are hereby exempt from any state, county, municipal or other local tax, and shall not be subject to execution, garnishment, attachment, the operation of bankruptcy or insolvency laws, or other process of law whatsoever(~~(-PROVIDED; That))~~).

(2) This section shall not be deemed to prohibit a beneficiary of a retirement allowance who is eligible under RCW 41.05.080 from authorizing deductions therefrom for payment of premiums due on any group life or disability insurance policy or plan issued for the benefit of a group comprised of public employees of the state of Washington or its political subdivisions in accordance with rules and regulations that may be promulgated by the ((retirement board)) department of retirement systems.

(3) Benefits under this chapter shall be payable to a spouse or ex-spouse to the extent expressly provided for in any court decree of dissolution or legal separation or in any court order or court-approved property settlement agreement incident to any court decree of dissolution or legal separation.

Sec. 6. Section 39, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 4, chapter 195, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 41.40.380 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the right of a person to a pension, an annuity, or retirement allowance, any optional benefit, any other right accrued or accruing to any person under the provisions of this chapter, the various funds created by this chapter, and all moneys and investments and income thereof, are hereby exempt from any state, county, municipal, or other local tax, and shall not be subject to execution, garnishment, attachment, the operation of bankruptcy or insolvency laws, or other process of law whatsoever, and shall be unassignable((~~PROVIDED; That~~)).

(2) This section shall not be deemed to prohibit a beneficiary of a retirement allowance from authorizing deductions therefrom for payment of premiums due on any group life or disability insurance policy or plan issued for the benefit of a group comprised of public employees of the state of Washington or its political subdivisions in accordance with rules and regulations that may be promulgated by the ((retirement board~~; PROVIDED FURTHER, That~~)) department of retirement systems, and this section shall not be deemed to prohibit a beneficiary of a retirement allowance from authorizing deductions therefrom for payment of dues and other membership fees to any retirement association or organization the membership of which is composed of retired public employees, if a total of three hundred or more of such retired employees have authorized such deduction for payment to the same retirement association or organization.

(3) Benefits under this chapter shall be payable to a spouse or ex-spouse to the extent expressly provided for in any court decree of dissolution or legal separation or in any court order or court-approved property settlement agreement incident to any court decree of dissolution or legal separation.

Sec. 7. Section 24, chapter 71, Laws of 1947 and RCW 41.44.240 are each amended to read as follows:

The right of a person to a pension, annuity or a retirement allowance, to the return of contribution, the pension, annuity or retirement allowance itself, any optional benefit, any other right accrued or accruing to any person under the provisions of this chapter, and the moneys in the fund created under this chapter shall not be subject to execution, garnishment, or any other process whatsoever: PROVIDED, That benefits under this chapter shall be payable to a spouse or ex-spouse to the extent expressly provided for in any court decree of dissolution or legal separation or in any court order or court-approved property settlement agreement incident to any court decree of dissolution or legal separation.

Sec. 8. Section 43.43.310, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 1, chapter 256, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 43.43.310 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The right of any person to a retirement allowance or optional retirement allowance under the provisions hereof and all moneys and investments and income thereof are exempt from any state, county, municipal, or other local tax and shall not be subject to execution, garnishment, attachment, the operation of bankruptcy or the insolvency laws, or other processes of law whatsoever and shall be unassignable except as herein specifically provided(~~(-PROVIDED, That)~~).

(2) Benefits under this chapter shall be payable to a spouse or ex-spouse to the extent expressly provided for in any court decree of dissolution or legal separation or in any court order or court-approved property settlement agreement incident to any court decree of dissolution or legal separation.

(3) Subsection (1) of this section shall not be deemed to prohibit a beneficiary of a retirement allowance from authorizing deductions therefrom for payment of premiums due on any group insurance policy or plan issued for the benefit of a group comprised of members of the Washington state patrol or other public employees of the state of Washington.

(4) Deductions made in the past from retirement benefits are hereby expressly recognized, ratified and affirmed. Future deductions may only be made in accordance with this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. There is added to chapter 41.28 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Benefits under this chapter shall be payable to a spouse or ex-spouse to the extent expressly provided for in any court decree of dissolution or legal separation or in any court order or court-approved property settlement agreement incident to any court decree of dissolution or legal separation.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. There is added to chapter 41.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Whenever the department of retirement systems makes payments to a spouse or ex-spouse to the extent expressly provided for in any court decree of dissolution or legal separation or in any court order or court-approved

property settlement agreement incident to any court decree of dissolution or legal separation, it shall be a sufficient answer to any claim of a beneficiary against the department for the department to show that the payments were made pursuant to a court decree.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. All payments made to a nonmember spouse or ex-spouse pursuant to the provisions of this amendatory act shall cease upon the death of such a nonmember spouse or ex-spouse. Upon such a death, the department is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the member his or her full monthly entitlement of benefits.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. The provisions of this 1979 amendatory act shall apply only to court decrees of dissolution or legal separation and court-approved property settlement agreements entered after the effective date of this act and only to those persons who have actually retired.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. 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 immediately.

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## CHAPTER 206

[Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 2944]

### VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL INSTITUTES—STAFF SALARY INCREASES— APPROPRIATION SOURCES

AN ACT Relating to appropriations; amending section 166, chapter 339, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. (uncodified); amending section 97, chapter 339, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. (uncodified); and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 166, chapter 339, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

Any programs which are supported in whole or in part by federal funds shall not receive any additional state funds for the programs in the event that federal funds are reduced or eliminated for the program: PROVIDED, That the federal funding included as part of sections 37(2) and 52(10) of this 1977 act shall be used to the extent of actual receipt, and the balance of the general fund appropriation shall be provided from state sources.

Sec. 2. Section 97, chapter 339, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

**FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—  
BASIC EDUCATION ALLOCATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1979**