

party at the conclusion of the court's jurisdiction. Costs assigned and collected shall be placed in the account created in section 1 of this 1980 act.

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CHAPTER 125

[Substitute House Bill No. 1520]

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY ELIGIBILITY INVESTIGATIONS—CONVICTION RECORD ACCESS—APPROPRIATION

AN ACT Relating to social and health services; amending section 3, chapter 172, Laws of 1967 as last amended by section 355, chapter 141, Laws of 1979 and RCW 74.15.030; and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. Section 3, chapter 172, Laws of 1967 as last amended by section 355, chapter 141, Laws of 1979 and RCW 74.15.030 are each amended to read as follows:

The secretary shall have the power and it shall be his duty:

(1) In consultation with the child welfare and day care advisory committee, and with the advice and assistance of persons representative of the various type agencies to be licensed, to designate categories of facilities for which separate or different requirements shall be developed as may be appropriate whether because of variations in the ages, sex and other characteristics of persons served, variations in the purposes and services offered or size or structure of the agencies to be licensed hereunder, or because of any other factor relevant thereto;

(2) In consultation with the child welfare and day care advisory committee, and with the advice and assistance of persons representative of the various type agencies to be licensed, to adopt and publish minimum requirements for licensing applicable to each of the various categories of agencies to be licensed.

The minimum requirements shall be limited to:

(a) The size and suitability of a facility and the plan of operation for carrying out the purpose for which an applicant seeks a license;

(b) The character, suitability and competence of an agency and other persons associated with an agency directly responsible for the care and treatment of children, expectant mothers or developmentally disabled persons. In investigating the character of an agency and the persons employed by or under contract to an agency, the secretary may have access to conviction records or pending charges of the agencies and its staff. The secretary shall use the information solely for the purpose of determining eligibility for a license and shall safeguard the information in the same manner as the

child abuse registry established in RCW 26.44.070. Criminal justice agencies shall provide the secretary such information as they may have and that the secretary may require for such purpose;

(c) The number of qualified persons required to render the type of care and treatment for which an agency seeks a license;

(d) The safety, cleanliness, and general adequacy of the premises to provide for the comfort, care and well-being of children, expectant mothers or developmentally disabled persons;

(e) The provision of necessary care, including food, clothing, supervision and discipline; physical, mental and social well-being; and educational, recreational and spiritual opportunities for those served;

(f) The financial ability of an agency to comply with minimum requirements established pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031; and

(g) The maintenance of records pertaining to the admission, progress, health and discharge of persons served.

(3) To issue, revoke, or deny licenses to agencies pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031. Licenses shall specify the category of care which an agency is authorized to render and the ages, sex and number of persons to be served;

(4) To prescribe the procedures and the form and contents of reports necessary for the administration of chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 and to require regular reports from each licensee;

(5) To inspect agencies periodically to determine whether or not there is compliance with chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 and the requirements adopted hereunder;

(6) To review requirements adopted hereunder at least every two years and to adopt appropriate changes after consultation with the child welfare and day care advisory committee; and

(7) To consult with public and private agencies in order to help them improve their methods and facilities for the care of children, expectant mothers and developmentally disabled persons.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the general fund to the department of social and health services for the biennium ending June 30, 1981, the sum of thirteen thousand two hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of this act.

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