

## CHAPTER 4

[Third Substitute House Bill No. 179]

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT COUNCIL—APPROPRIATION

AN ACT Relating to the prevention of child abuse and neglect; amending section 36.18.010, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 as last amended by section 1, chapter 56, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 36.18.010; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; making appropriations; and providing an expiration date.

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

**NEW SECTION.** Section 1. The legislature recognizes that child abuse and neglect is a threat to the family unit and imposes major expenses on society. The legislature further declares that there is a need to assist private and public agencies in identifying and establishing community based educational and service programs for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. It is the intent of the legislature that an increase in prevention programs will help reduce the breakdown in families and thus reduce the need for state intervention and state expense. It is further the intent of the legislature that prevention of child abuse and child neglect programs are partnerships between communities, citizens, and the state.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. (1) There is established in the executive office of the governor a council on child abuse and neglect subject to the jurisdiction of the governor. As used in this chapter, "council" means the council on child abuse and neglect.

(2) The council shall be composed of the chairperson and ten other members as follows:

(a) The chairperson and four other members shall be appointed by the governor and shall be selected for their interest and expertise in the prevention of child abuse. A minimum of four designees by the governor shall not be affiliated with governmental agencies. A minimum of two of the designees shall reside east of the Cascade mountain range. Members appointed by the governor shall serve for two-year terms, except that the chairperson and two other members designated by the governor shall initially serve for three years. Vacancies shall be filled for any unexpired term by appointment in the same manner as the original appointments were made.

(b) The secretary of social and health services or the secretary's designee and the superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee shall serve as voting members of the council.

(c) In addition to the members of the council, four members of the legislature shall serve as nonvoting, ex officio members of the council, one from each political caucus of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one from each political caucus of the senate to be appointed by the president of the senate.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Council members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now or hereafter amended. Attendance at meetings of the council shall be deemed performance by a member of the duties of a member's employment.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The governor may employ an executive director who shall be exempt from the provisions of chapter 41.06 RCW, and such other staff as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The salary of the executive director shall be fixed by the governor pursuant to RCW 43.03.040.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. To carry out the purposes of this chapter, the council on child abuse and neglect may:

(1) Contract with public or private nonprofit organizations, agencies, schools, or with qualified individuals for the establishment of community-based educational and service programs designed to reduce the occurrence of child abuse and neglect. Each contract entered into by the council shall contain a provision for the evaluation of services provided under the contract. Contracts for services to prevent child abuse and child neglect shall be awarded as demonstration projects with continuation based upon goal attainment. Contracts for services to prevent child abuse and child neglect shall be awarded on the basis of probability of success based in part upon sound research data.

(2) Facilitate the exchange of information between groups concerned with families and children.

(3) Consult with applicable state agencies, commissions, and boards to help determine the probable effectiveness, fiscal soundness, and need for proposed educational and service programs for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

(4) Establish fee schedules to provide for the recipients of services to reimburse the state general fund for the cost of services received.

(5) Adopt its own bylaws.

(6) Adopt rules under chapter 34.04 RCW as necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Programs contracted for under this chapter are intended to provide primary child abuse and neglect prevention services. Such programs may include, but are not limited to:

(1) Community-based educational programs on prenatal care, perinatal bonding, child development, basic child care, care of children with special needs, and coping with family stress; and

(2) Community-based programs relating to crisis care, aid to parents, child-abuse counseling, support groups for abusive or potentially abusive parents and their children, and early identification of families where the potential for child abuse and neglect exists.

The council shall develop policies to determine whether programs will be demonstration or will receive continuous funding. Nothing in this chapter requires continued funding by the state.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 7. In awarding contracts under section 6 of this act, consideration shall be given to factors such as need, diversity of geographic locations, coordination with or enhancement of existing services, and the extensive use of volunteers in the program. Further consideration shall be given to the extent to which contract proposals are based on prior research that indicates a probability of goal achievement.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 8. Twenty-five percent of the funding for programs under this chapter shall be provided by the organization administering the program. Contributions of materials, supplies, or physical facilities may be considered as all or part of the funding provided by the organization.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 9. The council shall report before the regular session of the legislature in 1983 to the governor and to the legislature concerning the council's activities and the effectiveness of those activities in fostering the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 10. The council may accept contributions, grants, or gifts in cash or otherwise from persons, associations, or corporations. All moneys received by the council or any employee thereof from contributions, grants, or gifts and not through appropriation by the legislature shall be deposited in a depository approved by the state treasurer. Disbursements of such funds shall be on the authorization of the council or a duly authorized representative thereof. In order to maintain an effective expenditure and revenue control, such funds shall be subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation shall be required to permit expenditure of such funds.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 11. This chapter shall expire June 30, 1984.

Sec. 12. Section 36.18.010, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 as last amended by section 1, chapter 56, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 36.18.010 are each amended to read as follows:

County auditors shall collect the following fees for their official services: For filing each chattel mortgage, renewal affidavit, or conditional sale contract, and entering same as required by law, two dollars; for each assignment, modification, transfer, correction, or release of chattel mortgage, conditional sale contract, or miscellaneous instrument, two dollars;

For filing a release of chattel mortgage, conditional sale contract, or miscellaneous instrument, two dollars: PROVIDED, That said fee shall be paid at the time of filing the chattel mortgage, conditional sale contract, or miscellaneous instrument, and no charge shall be made when the release of any of the above instruments is filed;

For recording instruments, for the first page, legal size (eight and one-half by thirteen inches or less), three dollars; for each additional legal size page, one dollar; for indexing each name over two, fifty cents;

For marginal release of mortgage or lien, one dollar;

For preparing and certifying copies, for the first legal size page, two dollars; for each additional legal size page, one dollar;

For preparing noncertified copies, for each legal size page, fifty cents;

For administering an oath or taking an affidavit, with or without seal, two dollars;

For issuing marriage license, eight dollars, (this fee includes taking necessary affidavits, filing returns, indexing, and transmittal of a record of the marriage to the state registrar of vital statistics) plus an additional five-dollar fee to be transmitted monthly to the state treasurer and deposited in the state general fund, which five-dollar fee shall expire June 30, 1984;

For searching records per hour, four dollars;

For recording plats, fifty cents for each lot except cemetery plats for which the charge shall be twenty-five cents per lot; also one dollar for each acknowledgment, dedication, and description: PROVIDED, That there shall be a minimum fee of twenty-five dollars per plat;

For filing of miscellaneous records, not listed above, three dollars;

For making marginal notations on original recording when blanket assignment or release of instrument is filed for record, each notation, fifty cents;

For recording of miscellaneous records, not listed above, for first legal size page, three dollars; for each additional legal size page, one dollar.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. Sections 1 through 11 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. There is appropriated from the general fund to the office of the governor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983, the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars, and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1984, the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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