

of law to the contrary, every urban passenger transportation system and carriers as defined by chapters 81.68 and 81.70 RCW shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter requiring the payment of special fuel taxes. For the purposes of this section "urban passenger transportation system" means every transportation system, publicly or privately owned, having as its principal source of revenue the income from transporting persons for compensation by means of motor vehicles and/or trackless trolleys, each having a seating capacity for over fifteen persons over prescribed routes in such a manner that the routes of such motor vehicles and/or trackless trolleys, either alone or in conjunction with routes of other such motor vehicles and/or trackless trolleys subject to routing by the same transportation system, shall not extend for a distance exceeding twenty-five road miles beyond the corporate limits of the county in which the original starting points of such motor vehicles are located: PROVIDED, That no refunds or credits shall be granted on fuel used by any urban transportation vehicle or vehicle operated pursuant to chapters 81.68 and 81.70 RCW on any trip where any portion of said trip is more than twenty-five road miles beyond the corporate limits of the county in which said trip originated.

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CHAPTER 109

[Substitute House Bill No. 719]

SCHOOL CLOSURE—EIS NOT REQUIRED—CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT PROCEDURES—HEARINGS

AN ACT Relating to school closures; adding a new section to chapter 43.21C RCW; and adding new sections to chapter 28A.58 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. There is added to chapter 43.21C RCW a new section to read as follows:

Nothing in RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c) shall be construed to require the preparation of an environmental impact statement or the making of a threshold determination for any decision or any action commenced subsequent to September 1, 1982, pertaining to a plan, program, or decision for the closure of a school or schools or for the school closure portion of any broader policy, plan or program by a school district board of directors.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 28A.58 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Before any school closure, a school district board of directors shall adopt a policy regarding school closures which provides for citizen involvement

before the school district board of directors considers the closure of any school for instructional purposes. The policy adopted shall include provisions for the development of a written summary containing an analysis as to the effects of the proposed school closure. The policy shall also include a requirement that during the ninety days before a school district's final decision upon any school closure, the school board of directors shall conduct hearings to receive testimony from the public on any issues related to the closure of any school for instructional purposes. The policy shall require separate hearings for each school which is proposed to be closed.

The policy adopted shall provide for reasonable notice to the residents affected by the proposed school closure. At a minimum, the notice of any hearing pertaining to a proposed school closure shall contain the date, time, place, and purpose of the hearing. Notice of each hearing shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the school, subject to closure, is located. The last notice of hearing shall be published not later than seven days immediately before the final hearing.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 28A.58 RCW a new section to read as follows:

A school district may close a school for emergency reasons, as set forth in RCW 28A.41.170(2) (a) and (b), without complying with the requirements of section 2 of this act.

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CHAPTER 110

[House Bill No. 741]

VITAL STATISTICS—AGE 18 AND OVER—DEATH RECORD

AN ACT Relating to vital statistics; and amending section 29.10.090, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 29, chapter 202, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 29.10.090.

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

Sec. 1. Section 29.10.090, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 29, chapter 202, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 29.10.090 are each amended to read as follows:

The local registrar of vital statistics in cities of the first class shall submit monthly to the county auditor a list of the names and addresses, if known, of all persons over (~~(twenty-one)~~) eighteen years of age who have died.

The registrar of vital statistics of the state shall supply such monthly lists for each county of the state, exclusive of cities of the first class, to the