

The owner and holder of each of the bonds or the trustee for the owner and holder of any of the bonds may by mandamus or other appropriate proceeding require the transfer and payment of funds as directed in this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The legislature may provide additional means for raising moneys for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds authorized in section 2 of this act, and section 5 of this act shall not be deemed to provide an exclusive method for the payment.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The bonds authorized in section 2 of this act shall be a legal investment for all state funds or funds under state control and for all funds of any other public body.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. 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.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. Sections 1 through 7 of this act are each added to chapter 28A.47 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. 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 267

[Substitute House Bill No. 1613]

WASHINGTON AWARD FOR VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

AN ACT Relating to the Washington award for vocational excellence; adding a new section to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.15 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28C.04 RCW; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. Every year community colleges, vocational-technical institutes, and high schools graduate students who have distinguished themselves by their outstanding performance in their occupational training programs. The legislature intends to recognize and honor these students by establishing a Washington award for vocational excellence.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The Washington award for vocational excellence program is established. The purposes of this annual program are to:

(1) Maximize public awareness of the achievements, leadership ability, and community contributions of the state's public vocational-technical students;

(2) Emphasize the dignity of work in our society;

(3) Instill respect for those who become skilled in crafts and technology;

(4) Recognize the value of vocational education and its contribution to the economy of this state;

(5) Foster business, labor, and community involvement in vocational-technical training programs and in this award program; and

(6) Recognize the outstanding achievements of up to three graduating vocational or technical students in each legislative district.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) The commission for vocational education shall have the responsibility for the development and administration of the Washington award for vocational excellence program. The commission shall develop the program in consultation with other state agencies and private organizations having interest and responsibility in vocational education, including but not limited to: The state board for community college education, the office of the superintendent of public instruction, a voluntary professional association of vocational educators, and representatives from business, labor, and industry.

(2) The commission shall establish a planning committee to develop the criteria for screening and selecting the students who will receive the award. This criteria shall include but not be limited to the following characteristics: Proficiency in their chosen fields, attendance, attitude, character, leadership, and civic contributions.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The Washington award for vocational excellence shall be granted annually. The commission shall notify the students receiving the award, their vocational instructors, local chambers of commerce, the legislators of their respective districts, and the governor, after final selections have been made. The commission, in conjunction with the governor's office, shall prepare appropriate certificates to be presented to the selected students. Awards shall be presented in public ceremonies at times and places determined by the commission in cooperation with the office of the governor.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The commission may accept any and all donations, grants, bequests, and devices, conditional or otherwise, or money, property, service, or other things of value which may be received from any federal, state, or local agency, any institution, person, firm, or corporation, public and private, to be held, used, or applied for the purposes of the Washington award for vocational excellence program. The commission shall encourage maximum participation from business, labor, and community

groups. The commission shall also coordinate, where feasible, the contribution activities of the various participants.

The commission shall not make expenditures from funds collected under this section until February 15, 1985.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.15 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The boards of regents and trustees of the state universities, regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges shall waive tuition, operating, and services and activities fees for a maximum of one academic year for recipients of the Washington award for vocational excellence established under sections 1 through 5 of this act. To qualify for the waiver, recipients shall enter the college or university within three years of receiving the award.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The respective governing boards of the public vocational-technical institutes shall provide fee waivers for a maximum of one school year for recipients of the Washington award for vocational excellence established under sections 1 through 5 of this act. To qualify for the waiver, recipients shall enter the public vocational-technical institute within three years of receiving the award.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. The Washington award for vocational excellence shall be effective commencing with the 1984-85 academic year. The commission for vocational education shall report on the program to the legislature and to the governor by January 15, 1985. The report shall include a description of the program, a copy of any rules implementing the program, a list of the participants, and the commission's recommendations for any additional statutory changes needed to improve the program.

Thereafter, the commission shall report on the results and effectiveness of this award program to the legislature and the governor on or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year. The 1987 report shall include an evaluation of the effects of expanding the tuition and fee waiver period from one to two years.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. There is appropriated from the general fund to the commission for vocational education for the biennium ending June 30, 1985, the sum of ten thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. Sections 1 through 5, 7, and 8 of this act are each added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28C-.04 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. 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 268

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 4228]

MALICIOUS HARASSMENT—MENTAL, PHYSICAL, OR SENSORY HANDICAP

AN ACT Relating to malicious harassment; and amending section 1, chapter 267, Laws of 1981 and RCW 9A.36.080.

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

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 267, Laws of 1981 and RCW 9A.36.080 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of malicious harassment if he maliciously and with the intent to intimidate or harass another person because of that person's race, color, religion, ancestry, ~~((or))~~ national origin, or mental, physical, or sensory handicap:

(a) Causes physical injury to another person; or

(b) By words or conduct places another person in reasonable fear of harm to his person or property or harm to the person or property of a third person: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That it shall not constitute malicious harassment for a person to speak or act in a critical, insulting, or deprecatory way so long as his or her words or actions do not constitute a threat of harm to the body or property of another person; or

(c) Causes physical damage to or destruction of the property of another person.

(2) Malicious harassment is a class C felony.

(3) In addition to the criminal penalty provided in subsection (2) of this section, there is hereby created a civil cause of action for malicious harassment. A person may be liable to the victim of malicious harassment for actual damages and punitive damages of up to ten thousand dollars.

(4) The penalties provided in this section for malicious harassment do not preclude the victims from seeking any other remedies otherwise available under law.

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