

given the option to deposit its share of the fund with the commissioner as provided in this section if it elects not to participate in the proposed commercial insurance.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. No person with a claim covered by a plan established pursuant to this chapter shall be entitled to recover from the plan any amount in excess of the limits of coverage provided for in the plan.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. The commissioner may disapprove, and require suspension of a plan for failure of the association to comply with any provision of this chapter, for gross mismanagement, or for wilful disregard and neglect of its fiduciary duty. The association shall have the right to request reconsideration of the commissioner's decision within fifteen days of the receipt of the commissioner's written notification of the decision, or to request a hearing according to chapter 48.04 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. All reasonable costs of any investigation or review by the commissioner of an association's plan of organization and operation, or any changes or modifications thereof, including the dissolution of a plan, shall be paid by the association before issuance of any approval required under this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 18. Sections 1 through 17 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 48 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. 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.

Passed the House March 9, 1986.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1986.

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CHAPTER 143

[Recrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 3160]

EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION AWARDS—SCHOOL DISTRICTS

AN ACT Relating to employee suggestion awards; adding new sections to chapter 28A.02 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The board of directors of any school district may establish and maintain an employee suggestion program to encourage and reward meritorious suggestions by certificated and classified school employees. The program shall be designed to promote efficiency or economy in

the performance of any function of the school district. Each board establishing an employee suggestion program shall establish procedures for the proper administration of the program.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The board of directors of the school district shall make the final determination as to whether an employee suggestion award will be made and shall determine the nature and extent of the award. The award shall not be a regular or supplemental compensation program for all employees and the suggestion must, in fact, result in actual savings greater than the award amount. Any moneys which may be awarded to an employee as part of an employee suggestion program shall not be considered salary or compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.58.095 or chapter 41.40 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this act are added to chapter 28A.02 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act shall take effect on August 1, 1986.

Passed the Senate March 4, 1986.

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CHAPTER 144

[Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 3527]

STUDENT/TEACHER RATIOS

AN ACT Relating to student teacher ratios; amending RCW 28A.41.130; and providing an effective date.

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

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 46, Laws of 1973 as last amended by section 30, chapter 3, Laws of 1983 and RCW 28A.41.130 are each amended to read as follows:

From those funds made available by the legislature for the current use of the common schools, the superintendent of public instruction shall distribute annually as provided in RCW 28A.48.010 to each school district of the state operating a program approved by the state board of education an amount which, when combined with an appropriate portion of such locally available revenues, other than receipts from federal forest revenues distributed to school districts pursuant to RCW 28A.02.300 and 28A.02.310, as the superintendent of public instruction may deem appropriate for consideration in computing state equalization support, excluding excess property tax levies, will constitute a basic education allocation in dollars for each annual average full time equivalent student enrolled, based upon one full school year of one hundred eighty days, except that for kindergartens one full