## CHAPTER 38

[Senate Bill No. 5069]

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY BUDGETS—COMMISSION OBJECTION PERIOD

AN ACT Relating to public service company budgets; and amending RCW 80.04.310.

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

Sec. 1. Section 80.04.310, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 and RCW 80.04.310 are each amended to read as follows:

The commission may, both as to original and supplementary budgets, prior to the making or contracting for the expenditure of any item therein, and after notice to the company and a hearing thereon, reject any item of the budget. The commission may require any company to furnish further information, data, or detail as to any proposed item of expenditure.

Failure of the commission to object to any item of expenditure within ((sixty)) ninety days of the filing of any original budget or within thirty days of the filing of any supplementary budget shall constitute authority to the company to proceed with the making of or contracting for such expenditure, but such authority may be terminated any time by objection made thereto by the commission prior to the making of or contracting for such expenditure.

Examination, investigation, and determination of the budget by the commission shall not bar or estop it from later determining whether any of the expenditures made thereunder are fair, reasonable, and commensurate with the service, material, supplies, or equipment received.

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## **CHAPTER 39**

[Senate Bill No. 5247]

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION—AUTHORITY TO DISAPPROVE TEACHER, ADMINISTRATOR, AND PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS—REVIEW PROGRAM APPROVAL STANDARDS EVERY FIVE YEARS

AN ACT Relating to the state board of education; and reenacting and amending RCW 28A.04.120.

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

Sec. 1. Section 28A.04.120, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 3, chapter 149, Laws of 1986 and by section 86, chapter 266, Laws of 1986 and RCW 28A.04.120 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

In addition to any other powers and duties as provided by law, the state board of education shall:

- (1) Approve or disapprove the program of courses leading to teacher, school administrator, and school specialized personnel certification offered by all institutions of higher education within the state which may be accredited and whose graduates may become entitled to receive such certification.
- (2) Conduct every five years a review of the program approval standards, including the minimum standards for teachers, administrators, and educational staff associates, to reflect research findings and assure continued improvement of preparation programs for teachers, administrators, and educational staff associates.
- (3) Investigate the character of the work required to be performed as a condition of entrance to and graduation from any institution of higher education in this state relative to such certification as provided for in subsection (1) above, and prepare a list of accredited institutions of higher education of this and other states whose graduates may be awarded such certificates.
- (((3))) (4) Supervise the issuance of such certificates as provided for in subsection (1) above and specify the types and kinds of certificates necessary for the several departments of the common schools by rule or regulation in accordance with RCW 28A.70.005.
- (((4))) (5) Accredit, subject to such accreditation standards and procedures as may be established by the state board of education, all schools that apply for accreditation, and approve, subject to the provisions of RCW 28A.02.201, private schools carrying out a program for any or all of the grades one through twelve: PROVIDED, That no public or private schools shall be placed upon the list of accredited schools so long as secret societies are knowingly allowed to exist among its students by school officials: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the state board may elect to require all or certain classifications of the public schools to conduct and participate in such pre-accreditation examination and evaluation processes as may now or hereafter be established by the board.
- (((5))) (6) Make rules and regulations governing the establishment in any existing nonhigh school district of any secondary program or any new grades in grades nine through twelve. Before any such program or any new grades are established the district must obtain prior approval of the state board.
- (((6))) (7) Prepare such outline of study for the common schools as the board shall deem necessary, and prescribe such rules for the general government of the common schools, as shall seek to secure regularity of attendance, prevent truancy, secure efficiency, and promote the true interest of the common schools.
- (((7))) (8) Prepare with the assistance of the superintendent of public instruction a uniform series of questions, with the proper answers thereto

for use in the correcting thereof, to be used in the examination of persons, as this code may direct, and prescribe rules and regulations for conducting any such examinations.

- (((8))) (9) Continuously reevaluate courses and adopt and enforce regulations within the common schools so as to meet the educational needs of students and articulate with the institutions of higher education and unify the work of the public school system.
- (((9))) (10) Carry out board powers and duties relating to the organization and reorganization of school districts under chapter 28A.57 RCW.
- (((10))) (11) By rule or regulation promulgated upon the advice of the director of community development, through the director of fire protection, provide for instruction of pupils in the public and private schools carrying out a K through 12 program, or any part thereof, so that in case of sudden emergency they shall be able to leave their particular school building in the shortest possible time or take such other steps as the particular emergency demands, and without confusion or panic; such rules and regulations shall be published and distributed to certificated personnel throughout the state whose duties shall include a familiarization therewith as well as the means of implementation thereof at their particular school.

 $((\frac{11}{11}))$  (12) Hear and decide appeals as otherwise provided by law.

The state board of education is given the authority to promulgate information and rules dealing with the prevention of child abuse for purposes of curriculum use in the common schools.

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## CHAPTER 40

[Senate Bill No. 5433]

HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD—ON–GOING DISCUSSIONS WITH WESTERN STATES CONCERNING INTERSTATE RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND STAFF CERTIFICATION

AN ACT Relating to higher education programs leading to the certification of teachers; and adding new sections to chapter 28B.80 RCW.

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

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. (1) The higher education coordinating board, jointly with the state board of education and the superintendent of public instruction, shall establish formal contact with education officials in Oregon, and other member states of the western interstate commission on higher education, as necessary, for the purpose of entering into ongoing discussions relating to: