

within (~~one hundred and twenty days from the date that the damage occurred or the injury was sustained: PROVIDED, That if the claimant is incapacitated from verifying and filing his claim for damages within said time limitation, or if the claimant is a minor, then the claim may be verified and presented on behalf of the claimant by any relative or attorney or agent representing the injured person~~) the period specified in the appropriate statute of limitations.

No ordinance or resolution shall be passed allowing such claim or any part thereof, or appropriating any money or other property to pay or satisfy the same or any part thereof, until the claim has first been referred to the proper department or committee, nor until such department or committee has made its report to the council thereon pursuant to such reference.

All such claims for damages must accurately locate and describe the defect that caused the injury, reasonably describe the injury and state the time when it occurred, give the residence for six months last past of claimant, contain the item of damages claimed and be sworn to by the claimant or a relative, attorney or agent of the claimant.

No action shall be maintained against any such city or town for any claim for damages until the same has been presented to the council and sixty days have elapsed after such presentation.

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CHAPTER 75

[House Bill No. 1468]

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS

AN ACT Relating to the award for educational excellence; and amending RCW 28A.03.523.

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

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 147, Laws of 1986 as last amended by section 1, chapter 251, Laws of 1988 and RCW 28A.03.523 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The superintendent of public instruction shall establish an annual award program for excellence in education to recognize teachers, principals, administrators, school district superintendents, and school boards for their leadership, contributions, and commitment to education. The program shall recognize annually:

(a) (~~Three~~) Five teachers from each congressional district of the state. One individual must be an elementary level teacher, one must be a

junior high or middle school level teacher, and one must be a secondary level teacher. Teachers shall include educational staff associates;

(b) ~~((Three))~~ Five principals or administrators from ~~((each congressional district of))~~ the state;

(c) One school district superintendent from the state; and

(d) One school district board of directors from the state.

Not more than three teachers and three principals or administrators from each congressional district and one superintendent and one school board from the state may be recognized and receive awards in any school year.

(2) The awards for teachers and principals or administrators shall include certificates presented by the governor and the superintendent of public instruction at a public ceremony or ceremonies in appropriate locations.

(3) In addition to certificates under subsection (2) of this section, awards for teachers and principals or administrators shall include:

(a) A waiver of tuition and fees under RCW 28B.15.547 and a stipend not to exceed one thousand dollars to cover costs incurred in taking courses for which the tuition and fees have been waived under this subsection and RCW 28B.15.547. The stipend shall not be considered compensation for the purposes of RCW 28A.58.0951; or

(b) Teachers and principals or administrators, at their discretion, may elect to forego the waiver of tuition and fees and the stipend under subsection (3) of this section and apply for a grant not to exceed one thousand dollars, which grant shall be awarded under the provisions of RCW 28A.03.535. Within one year of receiving the award for excellence in education, teachers and principals or administrators shall notify the superintendent of public instruction in writing of their decision to apply for a grant or to receive the waiver of tuition and fees and the stipend under subsection (3) of this section.

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CHAPTER 76

[House Bill No. 1162]

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS—ANNEXATION OF CITIES

AN ACT Relating to annexation of cities and towns by fire protection districts; amending RCW 35.02.190 and 35.02.200; and adding a new section to chapter 52.04 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 52.04 RCW to read as follows: