

tors. Nothing herein shall be construed as classifying such persons as distributors.

Such persons not distributors.

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CHAPTER 268.

[H. B. 293.]

LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE FOR INVESTIGATION OF PENAL AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

AN ACT creating an interim committee; prescribing its powers and duties, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. There is created an interim bi-partisan committee composed of three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate, and four members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house. Appointments shall be so made that not more than five of the total number appointed shall be members of one political party. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled by the remaining members.

Interim bi-partisan committee created.

Appointments.

Vacancies.

SEC. 2. The committee shall have the following duties and powers:

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(1) To investigate the conditions, methods of operation, facilities, and buildings of and in the penal institutions, and the various state institutions for the insane, feeble-minded, delinquent and handicapped persons, adult and minor, in this state;

(2) To conduct hearings, administer oaths, take depositions, subpoena witnesses and compel their depositions;

(3) The activity herein authorized shall be carried on in conjunction with the state legislative coun-

cil. The committee shall make reports to the state legislative council and to the governor as often as desired but at least once per year.

Employment of assistants.

SEC. 3. The committee may employ such persons as it may deem necessary or proper in the exercise of the authority vested in it and may fix their compensation. All officers, employees, departments and agencies of the state shall make available to the committee all books, papers, documents and information requested by the committee and shall answer all questions pertinent or material to any inquiry, investigation or hearing being conducted by the committee. Members of the committee shall be reimbursed for their traveling, lodging, and subsistence expenses while absent from their usual places of residence in performance of their duties the same as is provided for elective state officers and employees.

State officers, etc., to assist.

Expenses reimbursed.

Appropriation.

SEC. 4. There is appropriated from the general fund to the committee herein created the sum of three thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

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