

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 43.09 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The state auditor shall adopt appropriate rules pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW, the administrative procedure act, to provide a procedure whereby a taxing district may appeal charges levied under RCW 43.09.280. Such procedure shall provide for an administrative review process and an external review process which shall be advisory to the state auditor's office. The number of appeals and their disposition shall be included in the auditor's annual report.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Section 2 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 1983.

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CHAPTER 207

[House Bill Nr. 768]

PAROLE, PROBATION SERVICES—OFFENDER ASSESSMENTS— APPROPRIATION

AN ACT Relating to corrections; adding a new section to chapter 72.04A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9.94A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 10.64 RCW; prescribing penalties; and making an appropriation.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 72.04A RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) Any person placed on parole shall be required to pay the monthly assessment, prescribed under subsection (2) of this section, which shall be for the duration of the parole and which shall be considered as payment or part payment of the cost of providing parole supervision to the parolee. The board may exempt a person from the payment of all or any part of the assessment based upon any of the following factors:

(a) The offender has diligently attempted but has been unable to obtain employment which provides the offender sufficient income to make such payments.

(b) The offender is a student in a school, college, university, or a course of vocational or technical training designed to fit the student for gainful employment.

(c) The offender has an employment handicap, as determined by an examination acceptable to or ordered by the board.

(d) The offender's age prevents him from obtaining employment.

(e) The offender is responsible for the support of dependents and the payment of the assessment constitutes an undue hardship on the offender.

(f) Other extenuating circumstances as determined by the board.

(2) The department of corrections shall adopt a rule prescribing the amount of the assessment. The department may, if it finds it appropriate, prescribe a schedule of assessments which shall vary in accordance with the intensity or cost of the supervision. The department may not prescribe any assessment which is less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars.

(3) Payment of the assessed amount shall constitute a condition of parole for purposes of the application of RCW 72.04A.090.

(4) All amounts required to be paid under this section shall be collected by the department of corrections and deposited by the department in the state general fund.

(5) This section shall not apply to parole services provided under an interstate compact pursuant to chapter 9.95 RCW or to parole services provided for offenders paroled before the effective date of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 9.94A RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) Whenever a punishment imposed under this chapter requires probation services to be provided, the sentencing court shall require, as a condition of probation, that the offender pay to the department of corrections the monthly assessment, prescribed under subsection (2) of this section, which shall be for the duration of the probation and which shall be considered as payment or part payment of the cost of providing probation supervision to the probationer. The court may exempt a person from the payment of all of any part of the assessment based upon any of the following factors:

(a) The offender has diligently attempted but has been unable to obtain employment which provides the offender sufficient income to make such payments.

(b) The offender is a student in a school, college, university, or a course of vocational or technical training designed to fit the student for gainful employment.

(c) The offender has an employment handicap, as determined by an examination acceptable to or ordered by the court.

(d) The offender's age prevents him from obtaining employment.

(e) The offender is responsible for the support of dependents and the payment of the assessment constitutes an undue hardship on the offender.

(f) Other extenuating circumstances as determined by the court.

(2) The department of corrections shall adopt a rule prescribing the amount of the assessment. The department may, if it finds it appropriate, prescribe a schedule of assessments which shall vary in accordance with the intensity or cost of the supervision. The department may not prescribe any assessment which is less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars.

(3) All amounts required to be paid under this section shall be collected by the department of corrections and deposited by the department in the state general fund.

(4) This section shall not apply to probation services provided under an interstate compact pursuant to chapter 9.95 RCW or to probation services provided for persons placed on probation prior to the effective date of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the general fund to the department of corrections for the biennium ending June 30, 1983, the sum of one hundred forty-eight thousand dollars, including 2.2 full time equivalent staff years, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes of sections 1 and 2 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 10.64 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) Every judge of a court of limited jurisdiction shall have the authority to levy upon each misdemeanor a monthly assessment not to exceed fifty dollars for services provided whenever such a person is referred by the court to the misdemeanor probation department for evaluation or supervision services. The assessment may also be made by a sentencing judge in superior court when such misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor cases are heard in the superior court.

(2) It shall be the responsibility of the misdemeanor probation services office to implement local procedures approved by the court of limited jurisdiction to ensure collection and payment of such fees into the general fund of the city or county treasury.

(3) Revenues raised under this section shall be used to fund programs for misdemeanor probation services and shall be in addition to those funds provided in RCW 3.62.050.

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CHAPTER 208

[Substitute House Bill No. 593]

STATE EMPLOYEES—DISCLOSURE OF IMPROPER GOVERNMENTAL ACTIONS—PROTECTIONS

AN ACT Relating to state employees; adding new sections to chapter 41.06 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 42.17 RCW; creating a new section; and adding a new chapter to Title 42 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. It is the policy of the legislature that employees should be encouraged to disclose, to the extent not expressly prohibited by law, improper governmental actions, and it is the intent of the legislature to protect the rights of state employees making these disclosures.