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1 AN ACT Relating to the center for voluntarism and citizen service;
2 and amending RCW 43.150.010, 43.150.020, 43.150.030, 43.150.040,
3 43.150.050, 43.150.060, and 43.150.070.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.150.010 and 1982 1st ex.s. c 11 s 1 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) The legislature finds that:

8 (a) Large numbers of Washington's citizens are actively engaged in
9 carrying forward the ethic of service and voluntary activities that
10 benefit their citizens, their communities, and the entire state;

11 (b) ~~((Volunteers, working on their own and with agencies and~~
12 ~~organizations, are involved in the development and enhancement of all~~
13 ~~areas of community service and activity;~~

1 ~~(e) The~~) This contribution (~~((thus made))~~) continues to provide(~~((s))~~)
2 the equivalent of hundreds of millions of dollars in services that
3 might otherwise create a need for additional tax collections;

4 ~~((d) The state itself, through the programs and services of its~~
5 ~~agencies as well as through the provisions of law and rule making, has~~
6 ~~a substantial impact on volunteer efforts and programs;~~

7 ~~(e) Public and private agencies depend in large measure on the~~
8 ~~efforts of volunteers for the accomplishment of their missions and~~
9 ~~actively seek to increase these efforts;~~

10 ~~(f) Business, industry, and labor in Washington state are~~
11 ~~increasingly interested in opportunities for community service;~~

12 ~~(g) Many needs remain which could and should be met by volunteers~~
13 ~~working on their own and through local and state wide organizations,~~
14 ~~both governmental and private, nonprofit agencies;~~

15 ~~(h) Many Washington citizens have yet to become fully involved in~~
16 ~~the life of their communities;~~

17 ~~(i) The opportunity exists to encourage greater and more effective~~
18 ~~involvement of volunteers in the provision of needed community~~
19 ~~services; and~~

20 ~~(j) Planned and coordinated recognition, information, training, and~~
21 ~~technical assistance for volunteer efforts through a state wide center~~
22 ~~for voluntary action have been proven to be effective means of~~
23 ~~multiplying the resources volunteers bring to the needs of their~~
24 ~~communities.)~~)

25 (c) Many Washington citizens have yet to become fully involved in
26 the life of their communities; many societal needs exist that could and
27 should be met by new citizen service initiatives;

28 (d) The state of Washington needs to continue to encourage and
29 expand the ethic of civic responsibility among its citizenry, through

1 individuals working on their own, and through local and state-wide
2 organizations, both governmental and private and nonprofit agencies;

3 (e) This ethic of citizen service benefits those who serve and
4 those who receive services; in both cases there is the betterment of
5 all Washington communities;

6 (f) Public and private agencies depend in large measure on the
7 efforts of volunteers for the accomplishment of their missions and
8 actively seek to increase these efforts;

9 (g) State agencies can and should extend their service delivery
10 programs through the increased use of and support for volunteers;

11 (h) The national and community service act of 1990 provides an
12 opportunity for Washington to support citizen service and volunteer
13 activities in Washington;

14 (i) Business, industry, communities, schools, and labor in
15 Washington state are increasingly interested in opportunities for
16 community service and in developing the volunteer and service ethic;

17 (j) While providing both tangible and intangible benefits,
18 volunteers in turn need respect and support for their efforts;

19 (k) The state itself, through the programs and services of its
20 agencies as well as through the provisions of law and rulemaking, can
21 and should provide a primary role and focus for encouraging the ethic
22 of citizen service and support for volunteer efforts and programs;

23 (l) Planned and coordinated recognition, information, training, and
24 technical assistance for volunteer and citizen service efforts through
25 a state-wide center for voluntary action have been proven to be
26 effective means of multiplying the resources volunteers bring to the
27 needs of their communities; and

28 (m) It is important that Washington state position itself to raise
29 voluntarism to the highest attainable levels, and along with the

1 private sector, become a voice in the role citizen service will take in
2 providing solutions to societal needs.

3 (2) Therefore, the legislature, in recognition of these findings,
4 enacts the center for ((Voluntary Action)) voluntarism and citizen
5 service act to ensure that the state of Washington actively promotes
6 the ethic of service and makes every appropriate effort to encourage
7 effective involvement of individuals in their communities and of
8 volunteers who supplement the services of private, nonprofit community
9 agencies and organizations, agencies of local government throughout the
10 state, and the state government.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.150.020 and 1982 1st ex.s. c 11 s 2 are each
12 amended to read as follows:

13 This chapter may be known and cited as the center for ((Voluntary
14 Action)) voluntarism and citizen service act.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.150.030 and 1982 1st ex.s. c 11 s 3 are each
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
18 this section apply throughout this chapter.

19 (1) "Volunteer" means a person who is willing to work without
20 expectation of salary or financial reward and who chooses where he or
21 she provides services and the type of services he or she provides.

22 (2) "Center" means the state center for ((voluntary action))
23 voluntarism and citizen service.

24 (3) "Council" means the Washington state council on ((voluntary
25 action)) voluntarism and citizen service.

26 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.150.040 and 1985 c 6 s 11 are each amended to read
27 as follows:

1 The governor may establish a state-wide center for (~~voluntary~~
2 ~~action~~) voluntarism and citizen service within the department of
3 community development and appoint (~~a coordinator~~) an executive
4 administrator, who may employ such staff as necessary to carry out the
5 purposes of this chapter. The provisions of chapter 41.06 RCW do not
6 apply to the (~~coordinator~~) executive administrator and the staff.

7 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.150.050 and 1988 c 206 s 301 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 The center, working in cooperation with individuals, local groups,
10 and organizations throughout the state, may undertake any program or
11 activity for which funds are available which furthers the goals of this
12 chapter. These programs and activities may include, but are not
13 limited to:

14 (1) Providing information about programs, activities, and resources
15 of value to volunteers and to organizations operating or planning
16 volunteer or citizen service programs;

17 (2) Sponsoring recognition events for outstanding individuals and
18 organizations;

19 (3) Facilitating the involvement of business, industry, government,
20 and labor in community service and betterment;

21 (4) Organizing, or assisting in the organization of, training
22 workshops and conferences;

23 (5) Publishing schedules of significant events, lists of published
24 materials, accounts of successful programs and programming techniques,
25 and other information concerning the field of (~~volunteerism~~)
26 voluntarism and citizen service, and distributing this information
27 broadly;

28 (6) Reviewing the laws and rules of the state of Washington, and
29 proposed changes therein, to determine their impact on the success of

1 volunteer activities and programs, and recommending such changes as
2 seem appropriate to ensure the achievement of the goals of this
3 chapter;

4 (7) Seeking funding sources for enhancing, promoting, and
5 supporting the ethic of service and facilitating or providing
6 information to those organizations and agencies which may benefit;

7 (8) Providing information about agencies and individuals who are
8 working to prevent the spread of the human immunodeficiency virus, as
9 defined in chapter 70.24 RCW, and to agencies and individuals who are
10 working to provide health and social services to persons with acquired
11 immunodeficiency syndrome, as defined in chapter 70.24 RCW.

12 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.150.060 and 1987 c 505 s 39 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (1) There is created the Washington state council on (~~voluntary~~
15 ~~action~~) voluntarism and citizen service to assist the governor and the
16 center in the accomplishment of its mission.

17 (2) Giving due consideration to geographic, age, and ethnic
18 representation, and including representatives of private and public
19 nonprofits, state and local government, labor and business, educational
20 institutions and schools, and youth and low-income individuals involved
21 in citizen service, the governor shall appoint the members of the
22 council as provided in this section.

23 (3) The governor shall appoint a chair for the council.

24 (4) The advisory council shall have an odd number of members,
25 including its chair, appointed or reappointed for three-year terms,
26 with a total membership of no less than fifteen and no more than
27 (~~twenty-one~~) twenty-five.

28 (5) Members of the council shall upon request be reimbursed for
29 travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

1 (6) The council and its members shall:

2 (a) Advise the governor as the governor may request and direct;

3 (b) Propose, review, and evaluate activities and programs of the
4 center and, to the degree practical, advocate decentralization of the
5 center's activities, facilitate but not require or hinder existing
6 local volunteer services, and not advocate the replacement of needed
7 paid staff with volunteers; ((and))

8 (c) Seek additional funding sources, particularly federal grants if
9 appropriate, that will support, promote, and enhance the ethic of
10 citizen service throughout the state; and

11 (d) Represent the governor and the center on such occasions and in
12 such manner as the governor may from time to time provide.

13 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.150.070 and 1982 1st ex.s. c 11 s 7 are each
14 amended to read as follows:

15 (1) The center may receive such gifts, grants, and endowments from
16 private or public sources as may be made from time to time, in trust or
17 otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purpose of the center and
18 expend the same or any income therefrom according to the terms of the
19 gifts, grants, or endowments. The center may charge reasonable fees,
20 or other appropriate charges, for attendance at workshops and
21 conferences, for various publications and other materials which it is
22 authorized to prepare and distribute for the purpose of defraying all
23 or part of the costs of those activities and materials.

24 (2) A fund known as the voluntary action center fund is created,
25 which consists of all gifts, grants, and endowments, fees, and other
26 revenues received pursuant to this chapter. The state treasurer is the
27 custodian of the fund. Disbursements from the fund shall be on
28 authorization of the coordinator of the center or the coordinator's
29 designee, and may be made for the following purposes to enhance the

1 capabilities of the center's activities, such as: (a) Reimbursement of
2 center volunteers for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and
3 43.03.060; (b) publication and distribution of materials involving
4 ((volunteerism)) voluntarism and citizen service; (c) for other
5 purposes designated in gifts, grants, or endowments consistent with the
6 purposes of this chapter. The fund is subject to the allotment
7 procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is
8 required for disbursements.