
HOUSE BILL 1307

State of Washington

53rd Legislature

1993 Regular Session

By Representatives Locke, Eide, Silver, Dunshee, L. Johnson, Pruitt, Brough, Sheldon, Jones, Long, Franklin, Talcott, J. Kohl, Wood, Lemmon, Jacobsen, Wang, Leonard, Quall, Rayburn and King

Read first time 01/22/93. Referred to Committee on Trade, Economic Development & Housing.

1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington service corps; amending RCW
2 50.65.030, 50.65.040, 50.65.060, and 50.65.080; adding new sections to
3 chapter 50.65 RCW; repealing RCW 50.65.138 and 50.65.900; providing an
4 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 50.65.030 and 1987 c 167 s 3 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 The Washington service corps is established within the employment
9 security department. The commissioner shall:

10 (1) Appoint a director (~~for the exchange~~) and other personnel as
11 necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

12 (2) Coordinate youth employment and training efforts under the
13 department's jurisdiction and cooperate with other agencies or
14 departments providing youth services to ensure that funds appropriated
15 for the purposes of this chapter will not be expended to duplicate
16 existing services, but will increase the services of youth to the
17 state;

18 (3) The employment security department is authorized to place
19 subgrants with other federal, state, and local governmental agencies

1 and private agencies to provide youth employment projects and to
2 increase the numbers of youth employed;

3 (4) Determine appropriate financial support levels by private
4 business, community groups, foundations, public agencies, and
5 individuals which will provide matching funds for enrollees in service
6 projects under work agreements. The matching funds requirement may be
7 waived for public agencies or reduced for private agencies;

8 (5) Recruit enrollees who are residents of the state unemployed at
9 the time of application and are at least eighteen years of age but have
10 not reached their twenty-sixth birthday;

11 (6) Recruit supervising agencies to host the enrollees in full-time
12 service activities (~~(which shall not exceed six)~~) of eleven months'
13 duration(, which may be extended for an additional six months by
14 mutual consent));

15 (7) Assist supervising agencies in the development of scholarships
16 and matching funds from private and public agencies, individuals, and
17 foundations in order to support a portion of the enrollee's stipend and
18 benefits;

19 (8) Develop general employment guidelines for placement of
20 enrollees in supervising agencies to establish appropriate authority
21 for hiring, firing, grievance procedures, and employment standards
22 which are consistent with state and federal law;

23 (9) Match enrollees with appropriate public agencies and available
24 service projects;

25 (10) Monitor enrollee activities for compliance with this chapter
26 and compliance with work agreements;

27 (11) Assist enrollees in transition to employment upon termination
28 from the programs, including such activities as orientation to the
29 labor market, on-the-job training, and placement in the private sector;

30 (12) Establish a program for providing incentives to encourage
31 successful completion of terms of enrollment in the service corps and
32 the continuation of educational pursuits. Such incentives shall be in
33 the form of educational assistance equivalent to two years of community
34 or technical college tuition for eleven months of service. Educational
35 assistance funding shall only be used for tuition, fees, and course-
36 related books and supplies. Enrollees who receive educational
37 assistance funding shall start using it within one year of their
38 service completion and shall finish using it within four years of their
39 service completion;

1 (13) Enter into agreements with the state's community and technical
2 college system and other educational institutions or independent
3 nonprofit agencies to provide special education in basic skills,
4 including reading, writing, and mathematics for those participants who
5 may benefit by participation in such classes. Participation is not
6 mandatory but shall be strongly encouraged.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 50.65.040 and 1987 c 167 s 4 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 The commissioner may select and enroll in the Washington service
10 corps program any person who is at least eighteen years of age but has
11 not reached their twenty-sixth birthday, is a resident of the state,
12 and who is not for medical, legal, or psychological reasons incapable
13 of service. ~~((In the selection of enrollees of the service corps,~~
14 ~~preference shall be given to youths residing in areas, both urban and~~
15 ~~rural, in which there exists substantial unemployment above the state~~
16 ~~average. Efforts shall be made to enroll youths who are economically,~~
17 ~~socially, physically, or educationally disadvantaged. The commissioner~~
18 ~~may prescribe such additional standards and procedures in consultation~~
19 ~~with supervising agencies as may be necessary in conformance with this~~
20 ~~chapter.)) In addition, the commissioner may select and enroll youth
21 fourteen to seventeen years of age on special projects during the
22 summer and at other times during the school year that may complement
23 and support their school curriculum or that link and support service
24 with learning.~~

25 **Sec. 3.** RCW 50.65.060 and 1987 c 167 s 6 are each amended to read
26 as follows:

27 Placements in the Washington service corps shall be made in
28 supervising agencies under work agreements as provided under this
29 chapter and shall include those assignments which provide for
30 addressing community needs and conservation problems and will assist
31 the community in economic development efforts. Each work agreement
32 shall:

33 (1) Demonstrate that the service project is appropriate for the
34 enrollee's interests, skills, and abilities and that the project is
35 designed to meet unmet community needs;

36 (2) Include a requirement of regular performance evaluation. This
37 shall include clear work performance standards set by the supervising

1 agency and procedures for identifying strengths, recommended
2 improvement areas and conditions for probation or dismissal of the
3 enrollee; and

4 (3) Include a commitment for partial financial support for the
5 enrollee (~~(for a)~~) from private industry, public (~~(agency)~~) agencies,
6 community groups, or foundations. The commissioner may establish
7 additional standards for the development of placements for enrollees
8 with supervising agencies and assure that the work agreements comply
9 with those standards. This section shall not apply to conservation
10 corps programs established by chapter 43.220 RCW.

11 Agencies of the state may use the (~~youth employment exchange~~)
12 Washington service corps for the purpose of employing youth qualifying
13 under this chapter.

14 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. For each enrollee, the work agreements, or
15 combination of work agreements, developed under RCW 50.65.060 shall:

16 (1) Include a variety of experiences consisting of: Indoor
17 activities; outdoor activities; and volunteer activities;

18 (2) Provide time for participation in a core training program
19 common to all participants.

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The Washington service corps scholarship
21 account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. The account
22 shall consist of a portion of Washington service corps funding,
23 deposited by the commissioner, in an amount sufficient to provide for
24 the future awarding of educational assistance grants described in RCW
25 50.65.030. Expenditures from the account may be used only for
26 educational assistance grants described in RCW 50.65.030. Only the
27 commissioner or the commissioner's designee may authorize expenditures
28 from the account. The account is subject to the allotment procedures
29 under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for
30 expenditures. All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the
31 account shall be deposited to the treasury income account created in
32 RCW 43.84.092.

33 **Sec. 6.** RCW 50.65.080 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 50 s 8 are each amended
34 to read as follows:

35 The commissioner shall seek and may accept, on behalf of the
36 (~~youth employment exchange~~) Washington service corps, charitable

1 donations of cash and other assistance including, but not limited to,
2 equipment and materials if the donations are available for appropriate
3 use for the purposes set forth in this chapter.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The following acts or parts of acts are each
5 repealed:

6 (1) RCW 50.65.138 and 1987 c 167 s 10; and

7 (2) RCW 50.65.900 and 1987 c 167 s 9 & 1983 1st ex.s. c 50 s 14.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Sections 4 and 5 of this act are each added
9 to chapter 50.65 RCW.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** This act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
13 effect July 1, 1993.

--- END ---