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1 AN ACT Relating to work of a legal nature for compensation; and
2 amending RCW 2.48.190 and 2.56.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.48.190 and 1987 c 202 s 107 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) No person shall be permitted to practice as an attorney or
7 counselor at law (~~or to do work of a legal nature for compensation, or~~
8 ~~to represent himself or herself as an attorney or counselor at law or~~
9 ~~qualified to do work of a legal nature)), unless he or she is a citizen
10 of the United States and a bona fide resident of this state and has
11 been admitted to practice law in this state: PROVIDED, That any person
12 may appear and conduct his or her own case in any action or proceeding
13 brought by or against him or her, or may appear in his or her own
14 behalf in the small claims department of the district court: AND
15 PROVIDED FURTHER, That an attorney of another state may appear as
16 counselor in a court of this state without admission, upon satisfying
17 the court that his or her state grants the same right to attorneys of
18 this state.~~

1 (2) Any person may perform work of a legal nature for compensation,
2 or represent himself or herself if that person has been certified to
3 perform such work of a legal nature. Such legal work may include
4 advice to individuals involved with domestic relations issues, traffic
5 violations, small claims matters, and other legal matters not involving
6 criminal charges or tort actions exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars
7 or personal injury. Furthermore, such work may include the completion
8 of forms necessary or required by the courts.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 2.56.030 and 1997 c 41 s 2 are each amended to read as
10 follows:

11 The administrator for the courts shall, under the supervision and
12 direction of the chief justice:

13 (1) Examine the administrative methods and systems employed in the
14 offices of the judges, clerks, stenographers, and employees of the
15 courts and make recommendations, through the chief justice, for the
16 improvement of the same;

17 (2) Examine the state of the dockets of the courts and determine
18 the need for assistance by any court;

19 (3) Make recommendations to the chief justice relating to the
20 assignment of judges where courts are in need of assistance and carry
21 out the direction of the chief justice as to the assignments of judges
22 to counties and districts where the courts are in need of assistance;

23 (4) Collect and compile statistical and other data and make reports
24 of the business transacted by the courts and transmit the same to the
25 chief justice to the end that proper action may be taken in respect
26 thereto;

27 (5) Prepare and submit budget estimates of state appropriations
28 necessary for the maintenance and operation of the judicial system and
29 make recommendations in respect thereto;

30 (6) Collect statistical and other data and make reports relating to
31 the expenditure of public moneys, state and local, for the maintenance
32 and operation of the judicial system and the offices connected
33 therewith;

34 (7) Obtain reports from clerks of courts in accordance with law or
35 rules adopted by the supreme court of this state on cases and other
36 judicial business in which action has been delayed beyond periods of
37 time specified by law or rules of court and make report thereof to
38 supreme court of this state;

1 (8) Act as secretary of the judicial conference referred to in RCW
2 2.56.060;

3 (9) Submit annually, as of February 1st, to the chief justice, a
4 report of the activities of the administrator's office for the
5 preceding calendar year including activities related to courthouse
6 security;

7 (10) Administer programs and standards for the training and
8 education of judicial personnel;

9 (11) Examine the need for new superior court and district judge
10 positions under a weighted caseload analysis that takes into account
11 the time required to hear all the cases in a particular court and the
12 amount of time existing judges have available to hear cases in that
13 court. The results of the weighted caseload analysis shall be reviewed
14 by the board for judicial administration which shall make
15 recommendations to the legislature. It is the intent of the
16 legislature that weighted caseload analysis become the basis for
17 creating additional district court positions, and recommendations
18 should address that objective;

19 (12) Provide staff to the judicial retirement account plan under
20 chapter 2.14 RCW;

21 (13) Attend to such other matters as may be assigned by the supreme
22 court of this state;

23 (14) Within available funds, develop a curriculum for a general
24 understanding of child development, placement, and treatment resources,
25 as well as specific legal skills and knowledge of relevant statutes
26 including chapters 13.32A, 13.34, and 13.40 RCW, cases, court rules,
27 interviewing skills, and special needs of the abused or neglected
28 child. This curriculum shall be completed and made available to all
29 juvenile court judges, court personnel, and service providers and be
30 updated yearly to reflect changes in statutes, court rules, or case
31 law;

32 (15) Develop, in consultation with the entities set forth in RCW
33 2.56.150(3), a comprehensive state-wide curriculum for persons who act
34 as guardians ad litem under Title 13 or 26 RCW. The curriculum shall
35 be made available July 1, 1997, and include specialty sections on child
36 development, child sexual abuse, child physical abuse, child neglect,
37 clinical and forensic investigative and interviewing techniques, family
38 reconciliation and mediation services, and relevant statutory and legal
39 requirements. The curriculum shall be made available to all superior

1 court judges, court personnel, and all persons who act as guardians ad
2 litem;

3 (16) Develop a curriculum for a general understanding of crimes of
4 malicious harassment, as well as specific legal skills and knowledge of
5 RCW 9A.36.080, relevant cases, court rules, and the special needs of
6 malicious harassment victims. This curriculum shall be made available
7 to all superior court and court of appeals judges and to all justices
8 of the supreme court;

9 (17) Develop, in consultation with the criminal justice training
10 commission and the commissions established under chapters 43.113,
11 43.115, and 43.117 RCW, a curriculum for a general understanding of
12 ethnic and cultural diversity and its implications for working with
13 youth of color and their families. The curriculum shall be available
14 to all superior court judges and court commissioners assigned to
15 juvenile court, and other court personnel. Ethnic and cultural
16 diversity training shall be provided annually so as to incorporate
17 cultural sensitivity and awareness into the daily operation of juvenile
18 courts state-wide;

19 (18) Authorize the use of closed circuit television and other
20 electronic equipment in judicial proceedings. The administrator shall
21 promulgate necessary standards and procedures and shall provide
22 technical assistance to courts as required;

23 (19) Develop in consultation with interested groups a curriculum of
24 education and training and/or standards of experience for persons to
25 provide work of a legal nature for compensation pursuant to RCW
26 2.48.190(2).

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