

**Chapter 13.16 RCW  
PLACES OF DETENTION**

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**RCW 13.16.020 Lack of detention facilities constitutes emergency.** The attention of the legislature having been called to the absence of juvenile detention facilities in the various counties of the state, the legislature hereby declares that this situation constitutes an emergency demanding the invocation by the several counties affected of the emergency powers granted by virtue of RCW 36.40.140 through 36.40.200. [1945 c 188 s 1; Rem. Supp. 1945 s 2004-1.]

**RCW 13.16.030 Mandatory function of counties.** The construction, acquisition and maintenance of juvenile detention facilities for dependent, wayward and delinquent children, separate and apart from the detention facilities for adults, is hereby declared to be a mandatory function of the several counties of the state. [1945 c 188 s 2; Rem. Supp. 1945 s 2004-2.]

**RCW 13.16.040 Counties authorized to acquire facilities and employ adequate staffs.** Boards of county commissioners in the various counties now suffering from a lack of adequate detention facilities for dependent, delinquent and wayward children shall, in the manner provided by law, declare an emergency and appropriate, in the manner provided by law, sufficient funds to meet all demands for adequate care of dependent, delinquent and wayward children. All appropriations made under the provisions of RCW 13.16.020 through 13.16.080 are to be used exclusively for the acquisition, purchase, construction or leasing of real and personal property and the employment and payment of salaries for an adequate staff of juvenile officers and necessary clerical staff and assistants and for furnishing suitable food,

clothing and recreational facilities for dependent, delinquent and wayward children. [1945 c 188 s 3; Rem. Supp. 1945 s 2004-3.]

**RCW 13.16.050 Federal or state aid.** In connection with the financing of facilities and the employment of a staff of juvenile officers for dependent, delinquent and wayward children, the various boards of county commissioners affected shall attempt to secure such advances, loans, grants in aid, donations as gifts as may be secured from the federal government or any of its agencies or from the state government or from other public or private institutions or individuals. [1945 c 188 s 4; Rem. Supp. 1945 s 2004-4.]

**RCW 13.16.060 Statutory debt limits may be exceeded.** Appropriations made under authority and by virtue of RCW 13.16.020 through 13.16.080 and debts incurred by any county in carrying out the provisions of RCW 13.16.020 through 13.16.080 may exceed all statutory limitations otherwise applicable and limiting the debt any county may incur. [1945 c 188 s 5; Rem. Supp. 1945 s 2004-5.]

**RCW 13.16.070 Bonds may be issued without vote of electors.** In order to carry out the provisions of RCW 13.16.020 through 13.16.080 the several counties affected shall utilize any and all methods available to them by law for financing the program authorized by RCW 13.16.020 through 13.16.080 and may fund any and all debts incurred by the issuance of general obligation bonds of the county in the manner provided by law, without submitting the same to a vote of the people. [1945 c 188 s 6; Rem. Supp. 1945 s 2004-6.]

**RCW 13.16.080 Allocation of budgeted funds.** In order to carry out the provisions of RCW 13.16.020 through 13.16.080 the board of county commissioners is hereby authorized, any law to the contrary notwithstanding, to allocate any funds that may be available in any item or class of the budget as presently constituted to the fund to be used to carry out the provisions of RCW 13.16.020 through 13.16.080. [1945 c 188 s 7; Rem. Supp. 1945 s 2004-7.]

**RCW 13.16.100 Motion pictures.** Motion pictures unrated after November 1968 or rated R, X, or NC-17 by the motion picture association of America shall not be shown in juvenile detention facilities or facilities operated by the department of children, youth, and families. [2017 3rd sp.s. c 6 s 629; 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 807.]

**Effective date—2017 3rd sp.s. c 6 ss 601-631, 701-728, and 804:** See note following RCW 13.04.011.

**Conflict with federal requirements—2017 3rd sp.s. c 6:** See RCW 43.216.908.

**Finding—Intent—Severability—1994 sp.s. c 7:** See notes following RCW 43.70.540.