
HOUSE BILL 2943

State of Washington 54th Legislature 1996 Regular Session

By Representative Cole; by request of Secretary of State

Read first time 01/30/96. Referred to Committee on Capital Budget.

1 AN ACT Relating to Fircrest school; adding new sections to chapter
2 79.01 RCW; and adding new sections to chapter 43.131 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the unique nature
5 of the Fircrest residential habilitation center and that its physical
6 facilities and staff resources have great potential to serve current
7 residents and additional citizens with developmental disabilities, as
8 well as the community at-large. In recognition of the population and
9 economic growth of the surrounding community, the legislature directs
10 that a planning and implementation process be instituted to enhance and
11 develop the properties comprising Fircrest school to provide additional
12 opportunities for residents to interact with other members of the
13 community, serve citizens with developmental disabilities living in
14 surrounding communities and state-wide, coordinate with the city of
15 Shoreline, school districts, state and local agencies, social service
16 agencies, and the community at-large, improve the environment through
17 integration of parks, greenbelts, and forest lands, make the most
18 effective use of state personnel resources, and provide opportunities
19 for family members to reside near residents of Fircrest school.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The Fircrest planning board is hereby
2 created to produce a plan, to be coordinated with the city of
3 Shoreline's comprehensive plan under chapters 36.70A, 36.70B, and
4 36.70C RCW, for the enhancement and development of the properties
5 comprising Fircrest school, to include properties that are owned and
6 managed by the department of social and health services and properties
7 that are subject to the charitable, educational, penal, and reformatory
8 institution account, and to monitor and report to the legislature
9 regarding implementation of the plan. The board shall be the city of
10 Shoreline's planning advisory committee for the properties comprising
11 Fircrest school, with the city of Shoreline as the lead agency during
12 the process for producing the city's comprehensive plan under chapters
13 36.70A, 36.70B, and 36.70C RCW.

14 (2) The board shall be composed of eleven members appointed by the
15 governor. The board shall include: (a) The superintendent of Fircrest
16 school; (b) one other member representing the department of social and
17 health services; (c) one member representing the department of natural
18 resources; (d) one member representing the city of Shoreline; (e) one
19 member representing King county government; (f) one member representing
20 the Shoreline school district; (g) one member from a list of three
21 citizens with developmental disabilities; (h) one member from a list of
22 three citizens who are residents, or legal representatives of
23 residents, of Fircrest school; (i) one member from a list of three
24 persons who are either providing or receiving community services for
25 persons with developmental disabilities, or their legal
26 representatives; (j) one member from a list of three citizens who are
27 residents of neighborhoods adjacent to Fircrest school; and (k) one
28 member from a list of three persons nominated by labor organizations at
29 Fircrest school.

30 (3) The board shall consult with agencies currently having
31 facilities located at Fircrest school, residents of surrounding
32 neighborhoods, and real estate marketing specialists and shall develop
33 a plan that will be compatible and attractive to surrounding
34 neighborhoods and the city of Shoreline. The plan may list several
35 alternatives and must also include an architectural plan that will
36 ensure the appropriateness of future construction and promote
37 integration between Fircrest school and surrounding neighborhoods. An
38 environmental document must support the plan. A plan receiving support
39 from the majority of board members must be submitted to the secretary

1 of the department of social and health services, for the secretary's
2 approval, and to the city of Shoreline. Upon approval by the secretary
3 and review by the city of Shoreline, the secretary shall submit a
4 report with the approved plan to the legislature during the 1997
5 legislative session. If a majority of board members is not able to
6 approve a plan for the secretary's approval or if the secretary or city
7 disapproves a plan, the board shall report on the results of the
8 planning process to the legislature during the 1997 legislative
9 session.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The department of social and health
11 services has authority to commence implementation of the plan,
12 including demolition or renovation of existing structures, construction
13 of new structures, and the lease or exchange of real property for
14 residential and commercial development, beginning April 1, 1997, unless
15 the plan is amended or disapproved by the legislature. The board shall
16 monitor and report to the legislature annually on the implementation of
17 the plan.

18 (2) The state auditor shall conduct performance audits of the board
19 during the years 1998 and 2000.

20 (3) In addition to the sunset review required under chapter 43.131
21 RCW, the legislative budget committee shall conduct a biennial review
22 of the Fircrest planning board in 1998.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The developmentally disabled assistance
24 account is hereby established in the state treasury. Income generated
25 from the lease or exchange of real property at Fircrest school must be
26 placed in the account and be used to provide resources for the benefit
27 of all state citizens with developmental disabilities. The department
28 of social and health services is exempt from RCW 79.01.006, 79.01.007,
29 and 79.01.009 in managing the real property in order to gain the
30 greatest possible benefit for citizens with developmental disabilities.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 43.131 RCW
32 to read as follows:

33 The Fircrest planning board and its powers and duties shall be
34 terminated on June 30, 2000, as provided in section 6 of this act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 43.131 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The following acts or parts of acts, as now existing or hereafter
4 amended, are each repealed, effective June 30, 2001:

- 5 (1) RCW 79.01.--- and 1996 c ... s 1 (section 1 of this act);
- 6 (2) RCW 79.01.--- and 1996 c ... s 2 (section 2 of this act);
- 7 (3) RCW 79.01.--- and 1996 c ... s 3 (section 3 of this act); and
- 8 (4) RCW 79.01.--- and 1996 c ... s 4 (section 4 of this act).

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act are each
10 added to chapter 79.01 RCW.

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