
HOUSE BILL 1358

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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding the definition of uniformed personnel
2 under the public employees' collective bargaining law to include
3 additional correctional employees; and amending RCW 41.56.030.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.56.030 and 1995 c 273 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 As used in this chapter:

8 (1) "Public employer" means any officer, board, commission,
9 council, or other person or body acting on behalf of any public body
10 governed by this chapter, or any subdivision of such public body. For
11 the purposes of this section, the public employer of district court or
12 superior court employees for wage-related matters is the respective
13 county legislative authority, or person or body acting on behalf of the
14 legislative authority, and the public employer for nonwage-related
15 matters is the judge or judge's designee of the respective district
16 court or superior court.

17 (2) "Public employee" means any employee of a public employer
18 except any person (a) elected by popular vote, or (b) appointed to
19 office pursuant to statute, ordinance or resolution for a specified

1 term of office by the executive head or body of the public employer, or
2 (c) whose duties as deputy, administrative assistant or secretary
3 necessarily imply a confidential relationship to the executive head or
4 body of the applicable bargaining unit, or any person elected by
5 popular vote or appointed to office pursuant to statute, ordinance or
6 resolution for a specified term of office by the executive head or body
7 of the public employer, or (d) who is a personal assistant to a
8 district court judge, superior court judge, or court commissioner. For
9 the purpose of (d) of this subsection, no more than one assistant for
10 each judge or commissioner may be excluded from a bargaining unit.

11 (3) "Bargaining representative" means any lawful organization which
12 has as one of its primary purposes the representation of employees in
13 their employment relations with employers.

14 (4) "Collective bargaining" means the performance of the mutual
15 obligations of the public employer and the exclusive bargaining
16 representative to meet at reasonable times, to confer and negotiate in
17 good faith, and to execute a written agreement with respect to
18 grievance procedures and collective negotiations on personnel matters,
19 including wages, hours and working conditions, which may be peculiar to
20 an appropriate bargaining unit of such public employer, except that by
21 such obligation neither party shall be compelled to agree to a proposal
22 or be required to make a concession unless otherwise provided in this
23 chapter. In the case of the Washington state patrol, "collective
24 bargaining" shall not include wages and wage-related matters.

25 (5) "Commission" means the public employment relations commission.

26 (6) "Executive director" means the executive director of the
27 commission.

28 (7) "Uniformed personnel" means: (a)(i) Until July 1, 1997, law
29 enforcement officers as defined in RCW 41.26.030 employed by the
30 governing body of any city or town with a population of seven thousand
31 five hundred or more and law enforcement officers employed by the
32 governing body of any county with a population of thirty-five thousand
33 or more; (ii) beginning on July 1, 1997, law enforcement officers as
34 defined in RCW 41.26.030 employed by the governing body of any city or
35 town with a population of two thousand five hundred or more and law
36 enforcement officers employed by the governing body of any county with
37 a population of ten thousand or more; (b) correctional employees who
38 are uniformed and nonuniformed, commissioned and noncommissioned
39 security personnel employed in a jail as defined in RCW 70.48.020(5),

1 by a county or city with a population of (~~seventy~~) two thousand four
2 hundred or more, and who are trained for and charged with the
3 responsibility of controlling and maintaining custody of inmates in the
4 jail and safeguarding inmates from other inmates; (c) general authority
5 Washington peace officers as defined in RCW 10.93.020 employed by a
6 port district in a county with a population of one million or more; (d)
7 security forces established under RCW 43.52.520; (e) fire fighters as
8 that term is defined in RCW 41.26.030; (f) employees of a port district
9 in a county with a population of one million or more whose duties
10 include crash fire rescue or other fire fighting duties; (g) employees
11 of fire departments of public employers who dispatch exclusively either
12 fire or emergency medical services, or both; or (h) employees in the
13 several classes of advanced life support technicians, as defined in RCW
14 18.71.200, who are employed by a public employer.

15 (8) "Institution of higher education" means the University of
16 Washington, Washington State University, Central Washington University,
17 Eastern Washington University, Western Washington University, The
18 Evergreen State College, and the various state community colleges.

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