

CHAPTER 272.

[ Sub. H. B. 618. ]

DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS—COMMISSION  
ESTABLISHED— DIVISIONS CREATED.

AN ACT relating to state government; amending section 1, chapter 195, Laws of 1955 and RCW 43.28.010, and section 4, chapter 234, Laws of 1951 and RCW 43.19.280; adding fourteen new sections to chapter 43.28 RCW; and making an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 195, Laws of 1955 and RCW 43.28.010 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 43.28.010 amended.

(1) The department of institutions as an agency of the government of the state of Washington is hereby established.

Department established— Director qualifications, term, oath, etc.

(2) The office of director of institutions is hereby established.

(3) The director of institutions shall have had at least five years' institutional experience of a demonstrably successful type in an executive or supervisory capacity in at least one type of large institution set forth in RCW 43.28.020.

(4) The governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint the director of institutions who shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the department of institutions. The director shall hold office at the pleasure of the governor who shall fix his salary. If a vacancy occurs while the senate is not in session, the governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of the senate when he shall present to that body his nomination for the office.

SEC. 2. There are added to chapter 43.28 RCW four new sections to read as set forth in sections 3 through 6 of this amendatory act.

New section.  
Commission  
established.  
Members—  
Qualifications  
—Appoint-  
ment.

SEC. 3. There is established a commission of seven members to be appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate. The governor may appoint one of the members as chairman of the commission.

(1) Each member shall be an elector of the state.

(2) One member shall have had five years' successful experience as a business executive.

(3) One member shall have had five years' successful experience as a practicing psychiatrist and shall be licensed as such in this state.

(4) One member shall have had five years' successful experience as an attorney at law and be an active member of the Washington state bar association.

(5) One member shall have had five years' practical experience in the field of labor relations.

(6) One member shall have had five years' successful practical experience in the industrial personnel field.

(7) One member shall have had four years' successful practical experience in a state governmental department or a department of a political subdivision of state government.

(8) One member shall be a woman who shall have had five years' successful experience as a member of an organization active in one or more of the fields constituting one of the subdivisions of the department of institutions.

New section.  
Members—  
Terms—Va-  
cancies.

SEC. 4. The members of the commission to be appointed after the taking effect of this act shall be appointed for terms beginning April 1, 1957, and expiring as follows: Three members for a term of two years from April 1, 1957; and two members for a term of four years from April 1, 1957; and two members for a term of six years from April 1, 1957. Each member appointed hereunder shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified. Upon the expiration of the term of each of the seven members

appointed as aforesaid each succeeding member shall be appointed and hold office for the term of six years. In case of a vacancy it shall be filled by appointment of the governor for the unexpired portion of the term during which the vacancy occurs.

SEC. 5. The commission shall meet regularly not more than once each month and may hold additional meetings upon the call of the chairman or at the request of the director. The director shall attend all meetings of the commission.

New section.  
Commission  
meetings.

Each member shall receive a per diem allowance and traveling expenses in accordance with the rates established for other state officers and employees under RCW 43.03.050 as now or hereafter amended.

SEC. 6. The commission shall act as an advisory and consulting body for the department.

New section.  
Commission,  
advisory body.

SEC. 7. Section 4, chapter 234, Laws of 1951 and RCW 43.19.280 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 43.19.280  
amended.

Upon the taking effect of RCW 43.19.260 to 43.19.440, the director of institutions shall appoint and depute an assistant director to be known as the supervisor of children and youth services. The appointment of the supervisor shall be based upon character, education, experience, ability, and aptitudes for the duties of such position, and the supervisor of the division of children and youth shall have had five years' successful administrative experience in the field of children and youth, at the budget, policy, and administrative level: *Provided*, That a master's degree in the field of children and youth shall count for one year of experience and a doctorate degree in the field of children and youth shall count for two years' experience.

Supervisor of  
children and  
youth services  
—Appointment  
—Duties.

Proviso.

SEC. 8. There are added to chapter 43.28 RCW ten new sections to read as set forth in sections 9 through 18 of this amendatory act.

New section.  
Division of  
mental health.

SEC. 9. There is established within the department of institutions a new division to be known as the division of mental health.

New section.  
Supervisor of  
mental health.

SEC. 10. The director of institutions shall appoint and deputize an assistant director to be designated the supervisor of mental health.

New section.  
Supervisor of  
mental health  
—Qualifications.

SEC. 11. The supervisor of the division of mental health shall be a doctor of medicine and shall have had five years' of successful administrative experience in the field of mental health at the budget, policy making, and administrative level, and, in addition, shall have successful experience in the clinical and clinical administrative mental illness field.

New section.  
Duties of division of  
mental health.

SEC. 12. The supervisor of mental health, through the division of mental health, and with the approval of the director of institutions, shall exercise all powers and perform all duties prescribed by law with respect to the administration of the mental health program by the department.

New section.  
Division of  
adult corrections.

SEC. 13. There is established within the department of institutions a new division to be known as the division of adult corrections.

New section.  
Supervisor of  
adult corrections.

SEC. 14. The director of institutions shall appoint and deputize an assistant director to be designated the supervisor of adult corrections.

New section.  
Supervisor of  
adult corrections—Qualifications.

SEC. 15. The supervisor of the division of adult correction shall have had five years' successful administrative experience in the adult correctional field, at the budget, policy, and administrative level: *Provided*, That a master's degree in the field of adult correction shall count for one year of experience and a doctorate degree in the field of adult correction shall count for two years' experience.

Proviso.

New section.  
Supervisor of  
adult corrections—Duties.

SEC. 16. The supervisor of adult corrections, through the division of adult corrections, and with the approval of the director of institutions, shall

exercise all powers and perform all duties prescribed by law with respect to the administration of the adult correctional program by the department.

SEC. 17. The department of institutions is designated the mental health authority of the state for the purpose of receiving and disbursing federal grants for mental health purposes.

SEC. 18. The director shall adopt personnel standards which may be promulgated by a federal agency as a condition to procurement of federal funds for the use of the department or a division.

SEC. 19. To carry out the provisions of this amendatory act relating to the powers and duties of the commission established, there is appropriated from the general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1959 to the commission the sum of..... dollars, or so much thereof as shall be necessary.

Vetoed.

Passed the House March 9, 1957.

Passed the Senate March 12, 1957.

Approved by the Governor March 26, 1957, with the exception of sections 17, 18, and 19, which are vetoed.

Note: Excerpt of Governor's veto message reads as follows:

"Substitute House Bill No. 618 enables the Governor to establish an advisory commission of 7 members to aid in the administration of the Department of Institutions. Section 17 designates the Department of Institutions as the mental health authority of the state for the purpose of receiving and disbursing federal grants for mental health purposes. Section 18 would require the Director of Institutions to adopt personnel standards which would be required by the federal government if section 17 were to become law. Section 19 intended to make an appropriation for the commission established by Substitute House Bill No. 618. The legislature left the amount of the appropriation blank so as to render the same null and void.

Veto message, excerpt from.

"It has come to my attention that the State Health Department is at the present time successfully operating in certain counties community mental health programs. These programs have been conducted successfully and deserve to be carried on by the State Health Department, which operates such programs with federal funds. I do not wish to interfere with these well established community programs and therefore veto section 17. Section 18 is vetoed because it is no longer necessary to the main purpose of the bill after section 17 has been vetoed.

"For the reasons indicated sections 17, 18 and 19 of Substitute House Bill No. 618 are vetoed and the remainder of the bill is approved."