

**CHAPTER 581**

**AN ACT** to repeal 46.60; and to create 14.95 and 20.135 of the statutes, relating to the creation of a state commission on aging and making an appropriation.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** 14.95 of the statutes is created to read:

**14.95 STATE COMMISSION ON AGING.** (1) **CREATION.** In order to provide direction to the many facets of the problems of the aging which confront the state and its subdivisions and private agencies, there is created a state commission on aging.

(2) **COMPOSITION.** The commission is composed of 7 residents of the state who have demonstrated a continuing interest in the problems of the aging and who hold no position or employment with the state, appointed by the governor (with the consent of the senate). Of those first appointed, 4 shall be appointed for 2 years and 3 for 4 years. Thereafter the term shall be 4 years and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

(3) **ORGANIZATION.** The commission shall meet annually during the first week in January, April, July and October and may meet at such other times as the board determines or the board directs. The governor shall call the first meeting at the time specified herein. The commission shall annually elect from its membership a chairman and vice chairman. The executive director shall act as secretary, but shall have no vote. A majority of the commission constitutes a quorum.

(4) **COMPENSATION.** The board shall receive no salary, but shall be entitled to actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(5) **STAFF.** The commission shall appoint a full-time executive director (outside the classified service) who shall be a person with an understanding of the problems of the aging; and such other necessary clerical and technical staff as is required to carry out the functions of this section.

(6) **POWERS.** The commission shall be the mechanism by which governmental and nongovernmental agencies may co-ordinate their policies, plans and activities with regard to the aging. To this end it shall:

(a) Conduct a continuous review of the scope and degree of co-ordination of all state programs and activities on the aging and make recommendations to the appropriate agencies regarding the expansion, co-ordination, consolidation and reorganization of particular activities as a means of developing a more effective and efficient total program for the aging.

(b) Examine the need for future activities, programs, services and facilities for the aging on the state, local and voluntary levels.

(c) Encourage, promote and aid in the establishment of programs and services for the aging within subordinate units of government and non-governmental groups, and assist organizations and committees in the development of programs in such manner as the commission deems appropriate.

(d) Gather and disseminate information about programs, services, activities and facilities for the aging.

(e) Conduct a continuous program to stimulate public awareness and understanding of the needs and potentials of the aging.

(7) **REPORT.** The commission shall report annually to the governor and biennially to the legislature. The report shall set forth the scope of

the programs for the aging developed in the state, the findings regarding the state's activities in the field, the recommendations for the more effective and efficient total program and the actions taken by the agencies to carry out their recommendations.

(8) GIFTS AND GRANTS. The commission may accept on behalf of the state and use gifts or grants, and such moneys shall be deposited in the general fund at once and are appropriated therefrom to the commission for the purposes intended so far as they comply with state law.

(9) ADVISORY COMMITTEES. There is created an interdepartmental committee on aging to consist of the administrative head of the state department of public welfare, state industrial commission, state board of health, state board of vocational and adult education, department of public instruction, university of Wisconsin, state board of college regents, the Wisconsin retirement board, the state teachers retirement board, and the free library commission or their designated representatives, who shall advise the commission regarding the operation of the programs for the aging. The committee shall meet at the call of the commission. The commission may create such other advisory committees of technicians and laymen as the objectives of the commission may require.

(10) CO-OPERATION. The several state agencies shall co-operate with the commission in making available to it such available data as will facilitate the work of the commission. The commission shall make available to the several state agencies such information as it may secure which will facilitate the effective operation of their programs for the aging.

SECTION 2. 20.135 of the statutes is created to read:

20.135 AGING, COMMISSION ON. (1) GENERAL ADMINISTRATION. There is appropriated from the general fund on July 1, 1961, \$25,000 and annually beginning July 1, 1962, \$25,000 to the state commission on aging for the execution of its functions under s. 14.95.

(2) GIFTS AND GRANTS. All moneys received as gifts or grants shall be deposited in the general fund within one week and are appropriated therefrom to the commission for the purposes for which provided which are consistent with state law.

SECTION 3. 46.60 of the statutes is repealed.

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