

CHAPTER 415

AN ACT to repeal 39.024 (3) (h); and to amend 39.024 (1), (2) (a), (c) and (3) (a), (c), (f); (g) and (i) of the statutes, relating to the composition and duties of the co-ordinating committee for higher education.

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

SECTION 1. 39.024 (1), (2) (a), (c) and (3) (a), (c), (f), (g) and (i) of the statutes are amended to read:

39.024 (1) The purpose of this section is to provide for the co-ordination of the activities of the university of Wisconsin and the state colleges, *schools of vocational, technical and adult education* and county teachers colleges by providing a permanent joint committee to make a continuing study of the state-supported institutions of higher education under their jurisdiction, the relation thereto of the needs of the people of Wisconsin, to recommend necessary changes in programs and facilities, to provide for a single, consolidated, biennial budget request for the university of Wisconsin and the state colleges, *and that portion of the budget request of the state board of vocational and adult education described in sub. (3) (c)*, and to report the results of its studies and recommendations to the governor and the legislature.

(2) (a) To carry out the purposes of this section, there is created a co-ordinating committee of * * * 19 members, * * * 3 from the regents of the university of Wisconsin, * * * 3 from the board of regents of state colleges, *3 from the state board of vocational and adult education*, 4 citizens, the president of the board of regents of the university of Wisconsin, the president of the board of regents of state colleges, *the president of the state board of vocational and adult education*, the state superintendent of public instruction and 2 members of a county teachers college board, other than a county superintendent of schools, appointed annually by the governor from recommendations made by the association of county teachers college boards. The appointive regent members *and the appointive members from the state board of vocational and adult education* of the committee shall be selected by a majority vote of the board of which they are members and shall be selected each year at the annual meeting of the board. The citizen members shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The governor shall first appoint one each for 2, 4, 6 and 8 years, and thereafter for 8 years. *The necessary reductions in membership of the present committee provided by this paragraph (1963) shall be accomplished when appointments are to be made next.*

(c) The committee shall select a secretary from its membership. The committee shall hold regular meetings at least once every 3 months at such time and place as may be determined by the chairman. Special meetings may be called at the request of a majority of the committee or on the chairman's own initiative upon 5 days' notice. Members of the committee shall be compensated for their services on the committee in the manner provided for their services under chs. 36 * * * 37 and 41.

(3) (a) The committee shall determine what over-all educational programs shall be offered in the several units of the university, the state colleges, *the collegiate transfer and technical education programs of the*

schools of vocational, technical and adult education and county teachers colleges to avoid unnecessary duplication and to utilize to the best advantage the facilities and personnel available for instruction in fields of higher education. No educational program for which the legislature has made an appropriation existing at any institution of higher education shall be abandoned except with legislative approval.

(c) The committee shall review the separate budget requests of the university and the state colleges, *the budget request of the state board of vocational and adult education for state aid to vocational, technical and adult schools in support of post high school collegiate transfer and technical education programs*, and shall recommend a single, consolidated, biennial budget request to the governor for the support of all institutions under its jurisdiction, retaining the identity of the appropriation sections contained in ch. 20 relating to said institutions. It shall also review and make appropriate recommendations to the department concerning the biennial budget requests of the department of public instruction for state aids for county teachers colleges.

(f) The committee is authorized to use the services of the administrative and technical staffs of the institutions * * * *under its jurisdiction* to aid in the studies and activities of this committee as authorized by s. 20.904, and the compensation for such services shall be paid by the respective board or institution regularly employing such personnel.

(g) Semiannually the committee shall issue reports of its findings and recommendations, which reports shall be delivered to the board of regents of the university of Wisconsin, the board of regents of the state colleges, the boards of the several county teachers colleges, *the state board of vocational and adult education*, the governor, to both houses of the legislature when in session, and to the *executive* secretary of the legislative council when the legislature is not in session. The first such report of findings and recommendations shall be made 6 months from the date of first convening of the committee.

(i) The co-ordinating committee * * * *has* final authority in determining the single, consolidated, biennial budget requests of the university of Wisconsin and the state colleges *and that portion of the budget request of the state board of vocational and adult education described in par. (c)* to be presented to the governor and * * * *has* full responsibility for such presentation. The over-all educational programs offered in the state-supported institutions of higher * * * *education* shall be those determined by the co-ordinating committee and facilities and personnel shall be utilized in accordance with the co-ordinated plan adopted by the committee. The boards of regents *and the state board of vocational and adult education* in the discharge of their duties shall observe all decisions of the co-ordinating committee made pursuant to this section. Except as expressly provided in this section, nothing herein shall be construed to deprive the board of regents of the university * * *, the board of regents of the state colleges, *the state board of vocational and adult education* and boards of county teachers colleges of any of the duties and powers conferred upon them by law in the government of the institutions under their control.

SECTION 2. 39.024 (3) (h) of the statutes is repealed.

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