

Assembly Bill 629

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CHAPTER 173, LAWS OF 1967

AN ACT to repeal and recreate 59.87 of the statutes, relating to extension service by the university of Wisconsin.

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

59.87 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

59.87 UNIVERSITY EXTENSION WORK. (1) CREATION. Any county board, in accordance with this section, may establish and maintain an educational program in co-operation with the university of Wisconsin, referred to in this section as "University Extension Program."

(2) COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION. If the county board of supervisors determines to establish a university extension

program, it shall create a committee on agriculture and extension education, consisting of the chairman of the board and 3 or more other members of the board selected by the board. The county board may select as an additional member of the committee any public school administrator resident in the county. The members of the committee, including such additional member if one has been selected, shall receive such compensation and expenses as the board determines under the authority of s. 59.15 (2) (c) and (3). The committee shall meet at such intervals as is deemed necessary to properly carry out its functions and responsibilities.

(3) STAFF. (a) The committee on agriculture and extension education shall appoint professionally qualified persons to the university extension program staff in co-operation with university extension and vacancies and additions to the staff shall be filled in the same manner.

(b) The committee on agriculture and extension education may enter into joint employment agreements with the university extension or with other counties and the university extension if the county funds committed in such agreements have been appropriated by the board. Persons so employed under co-operative agreements and approved by the board of regents shall be considered employes of both the county and the university of Wisconsin.

(4) FINANCE. For the partial maintenance of the work of the university extension program, including co-operative extension programs as provided for in an act of congress approved May 8, 1914 (38 Stat. 372) and all acts supplementary thereto, the county board may appropriate moneys as requested by the committee on agriculture and extension education to provide the county's share in such work. The money appropriated by the county board shall be disbursed by the treasurer upon orders of the county clerk pursuant to the actions of the committee on agriculture and extension education and as adopted by the county board.

(5) STATE AIDS. To supplement the funds provided by the county for the work of the university extension program, each county shall be entitled to a minimum state aid of \$1,500 per year if the county board has made the required appropriation to maintain such a program, and such additional funds as are required to provide salary increases equal to those granted to state employes by the legislature.

(6) FUNCTIONS. Such university extension program is authorized, under the direction and supervision of the county committee on agriculture and extension education, co-operating with university extension of the university of Wisconsin, and within the limits of funds provided by the board and co-operating state and federal agencies, to make available the necessary facilities and conduct programs in:

- (a) Professional and liberal education.
- (b) Human resource development.
- (c) Economic and environmental development.
- (d) Extension work provided for in an act of congress approved May 8, 1914 (38 Stat. 372) and all acts supplementary thereto.
- (e) Any other extension work authorized by local, state or federal legislation.

(f) Take any action that will facilitate the accomplishment of any of the functions listed above, including without limitation because of enumeration, the following:

1. Training of group leaders and the directing of group activities.
2. Individual or group instruction or consultation.
3. Demonstration projects, exhibits and other instructional means.
4. Group workshops, institutes, and conferences.

5. Creation of citizens' advisory committees.

6. Dissemination of information by any appropriate means including press, radio and television.

7. Charging of fees for certain desired educational services when sufficient public funds are not available to cover costs.

8. Co-operation with other local, state and federal agencies.

(7) DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT. For the purposes of s. 59.15 (2) (d) the university extension program shall be a department of county government and the committee on agriculture and extension education shall be the committee which is hereby delegated the authority to direct and supervise such department. In co-operation with university extension of the university of Wisconsin, the committee on agriculture and extension education shall have the responsibility for the formulation and execution of the university extension program. The university extension shall annually report to the board its activities and accomplishments.

(8) CO-OPERATION. The personnel of the university extension program shall, whenever feasible, co-operate with other educational programs of importance to the citizens of the county. Such co-operative agreements may be made under s. 66.30.

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