

Senate Bill 23

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CHAPTER 22, LAWS OF 1967

AN ACT to create 15.80 and 20.125 (7) of the statutes, relating to the creation of a task force on government organization, finance and tax distribution, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 15.80 of the statutes is created to read:

15.80. TASK FORCE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION, FINANCE AND TAX DISTRIBUTION. (1) There is created a task force of 13 members for the general purpose of studying the distribution of state aids and shared taxes and the organization and functions of state and local government in this state. The task force shall make recommendations for improving the organization and financing of government in this state and report to the legislature and the governor not later than January 15, 1969.

(2) The governor shall appoint 9 members of the task force. The governor or his representative shall be one of the 9 members appointed by the governor. The speaker of the assembly, the president pro tempore of the senate and minority leaders of both the senate and the assembly shall appoint, from their respective political parties, the member of their respective branch of the legislature best qualified to serve on this task force. The governor shall designate the chairman of the task force.

(3) The task force shall:

(a) Study Wisconsin's present methods of sharing taxes and paying state aids and the relationship of these payments to the adequacy of local government revenues and the comparative tax burden on taxpayers in various government units.

(b) Study the feasibility of authorizing additional sources of tax revenue to local government units.

(c) Study the organization of local government and make recommendations on elimination of duplication of activities and improved efficiency.

(4) The department of administration and the department of taxation shall furnish staff services to the task force. The 2 departments immediately shall prepare background information and statistical data and have it available for the task force at its first meeting. The task force may also employ such consultants and research or administrative staff as it deems necessary outside the classified service.

(5) The task force may hold hearings throughout the state.

(6). Members of the task force shall be paid their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

SECTION 2. At the appropriate place in the schedule in section 20.005 of the statutes, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	20.125	1967-68	1968-69
<i>Administration, dept. of</i>			
Task force	(7)		
Gen. program opns.	(a) C	35,000	

SECTION 3. 20.125 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

20.125 (7) TASK FORCE. (a) *General program operations.*

As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for general program operations of the task force on government organization, finance and tax distribution.

SECTION 4. This bill is declared to be an emergency appropriation bill, recommended by the governor, in accordance with the requirements of section 16.47 (2) of the statutes.

Approved May 2, 1967.