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## SUBCHAPTER I

## LEGAL SERVICES

**165.015 Duties.** The attorney general shall:

(1) **GIVE OPINION TO OFFICERS.** Give his opinion in writing, when required, without fee, upon all questions of law submitted to him by the legislature, either branch thereof or the senate or assembly committee on organization, or by the head of any department of state government.

(2) **PROTECT TRUST FUNDS.** Examine all applications for loans from any of the trust funds, and furnish to the commissioners of public lands his opinion in writing as to the regularity of each such application, and also of the validity of any bonds or other securities purchased for the benefit of such funds.

(3) **CERTIFY BONDS.** Examine a certified copy of all proceedings preliminary to any issue of state bonds or notes, and, if found regular and valid, indorse on each bond or note his certificate of such examination and validity. The attorney general shall also make similar examinations and certificates respecting municipal bonds in the cases specified in s. 67.025.

(4) **KEEP STATEMENT OF FEES.** Keep a detailed statement of all fees, including his fees as commissioner of public lands, received by him during the preceding year, and file such statement with the department of administration on or before June 30 in each year.

(5) **REPORT TO LEGISLATURE.** Report to the legislature or either branch thereof, when requested, upon any matters pertaining to the duties of his office.

(6) **PERFORM OTHER DUTIES.** Perform all other duties imposed upon him by law.

History: 1971 c 40 s 93; 1971 c 125

**165.055 Appointments.** (1) The attorney general may appoint a deputy attorney general and assistants each of whom shall be an attorney at law admitted to practice in this state. Such appointments shall be made in writing and filed in the office of the secretary of state, and such appointees shall take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office which shall also be filed. Appointees shall perform such duties as the attorney general prescribes.

(2) The deputy attorney general shall give a bond to the state in the sum of \$5,000, with good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by the governor, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties and the attorney general shall be responsible for all acts of his deputy.

History: 1973 c. 90

**165.065 Assistant attorney general; anti-trust.** (1) One assistant attorney general shall be assigned to the investigation and prosecution of violations arising under ch. 133 and shall carry out the duties imposed on the attorney general by ch. 133. All violations of ch. 133 which come to the attention of any officer or agency of state government shall be reported to this assistant attorney general. All officers and agencies shall cooperate with and assist the department of justice in the investigation and prosecution of such violations.

(2) The assistant attorney general in charge of antitrust investigations and prosecutions is to cooperate actively with the antitrust division of the U.S. department of justice in everything that

concerns monopolistic practices in Wisconsin, and also to cooperate actively with the department of agriculture in the work which this agency is carrying on under s. 100.20 of the marketing law with regard to monopolistic practices in the field of agriculture and with the federal trade commission on matters arising in or affecting Wisconsin which pertain to its jurisdiction.

**165.07 Assistant attorney general—public intervenor.** The attorney general shall designate an assistant attorney general on his staff as public intervenor. Written notices of all proceedings under chs. 30, 31, 144 and 147 shall be given to the public intervenor and to the administrators of divisions primarily assigned the departmental functions under chs. 29 and 144 by the agency head responsible for such proceedings. A copy of such notice shall also be given to the scientific areas preservation council. The public intervenor shall formally intervene in such proceedings when requested to do so by an administrator of a division primarily assigned the departmental functions under chs. 29 or 144. The public intervenor may, on his own initiative or upon request of any committee of the legislature, formally intervene in all such proceedings where such intervention is needed for the protection of "public rights" in water and other natural resources, as provided in chs. 30 and 31 and defined by the supreme court. Personnel of the department of natural resources shall upon the request of the public intervenor make such investigations, studies and reports as he may request in connection with such proceedings, either before or after formal intervention. Personnel of state agencies shall at his request provide information, serve as witnesses in such proceedings and otherwise cooperate in the carrying out of his intervention functions. Formal intervention shall be by filing a statement to that effect with the examiner or other person immediately in charge of the proceeding. Thereupon the public intervenor shall be deemed a party in interest with full power to present evidence, subpoena and cross examine witnesses, submit proof, file briefs or do any other acts appropriate for a party to the proceedings. He may appeal from administrative rulings to the courts and in all administrative proceedings and judicial review proceedings he shall be identified as "public intervenor". This section does not preclude or prevent any division of the department of natural resources, or any other department or independent agency from appearing by its staff as a party in such proceedings.

History: 1973 c. 74.

**165.08 Power to compromise.** Any civil action prosecuted by the department by direction of any officer, department, board or commission, shall be compromised or discontinued when so directed by such officer, department, board or commission. Any civil action prosecuted by the department on the initiative of the attorney general, or at the request of any individual may be compromised or discontinued with the approval of the governor. In any criminal action prosecuted by the attorney general, the department shall have the same powers with reference to such action as are vested in district attorneys.

**165.09 Removal of barriers to trade or movement of dairy products.** The attorney general may take such action as he deems necessary in order to contest or oppose existing statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders or other trade barriers which may restrict the sale in other states of milk or other dairy products produced in Wisconsin; study and investigate problems concerning the free movement of milk and other dairy products in interstate commerce and present the results thereof to such legislative and executive agencies of the federal government and the several states, such studies, investigations and presentations to executive and legislative agencies to be made either individually or jointly with others.

**165.25 Duties of department of justice.** The department of justice shall:

(1) REPRESENT STATE. Appear for the state and prosecute or defend all actions and proceedings, civil or criminal, in the supreme court, in which the state is interested or a party, and attend to and prosecute or defend all civil cases sent or remanded by the supreme court to any circuit court in which the state is a party; and, when requested by the governor or either branch of the legislature, appear for the state and prosecute or defend in any court or before any officer, any cause or matter, civil or criminal, in which the state or the people thereof may be in anywise interested. All expenses of such proceedings shall be charged to the sum sufficient case account of the department of justice under s. 20.455 (2) (d).

(2) PROSECUTE BREACHES OF BONDS AND CONTRACTS. Prosecute, at the request of the governor, or of the head of any department of the state government any official bond or any contract in which the state is interested, deposited with any of them, upon a breach thereof, and prosecute or defend for the state all actions, civil or criminal, relating to any matter connected with any of their departments except in those cases where other provision is made.

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(3) **ADVISE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.** Consult and advise with the district attorneys when requested by them in all matters pertaining to the duties of their office.

(4) **FURNISH LEGAL SERVICES; APPROPRIATION.** The department of justice shall furnish all legal services required by the investment board, the department of transportation, the department of natural resources, the state teachers retirement board and the Wisconsin retirement fund board, together with such other services, including stenographic and investigational, as are necessarily connected with such legal work. The department shall at the end of each fiscal year, except for programs financed out of the general fund, render to the respective departments herein enumerated an itemized statement of the total cost of such legal and other services including travel expenses and legal expenses enumerated in s. 20.455 (2) (d). Upon receipt of such statement, the respective department head shall audit the same and if he finds it to be correct he shall certify the amount thereof to the department of administration to be paid into the general fund out of his proper appropriation.

(5) **PREPARE FORMS.** Whenever requested by the head of any department of the state government, the department of justice shall prepare proper drafts of forms for contracts and other writings which may be wanted for the use of the state.

(6) **ATTORNEY FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.** At the request of the head of any department of state government, the attorney general may appear for and defend any state officer or employe of the department in any civil action or civil proceeding brought against such officer or employe for or on account of any act growing out of or committed in the lawful course of the officer's or employe's duties. Witness fees or other expenses determined by the attorney general to be reasonable and necessary to the defense in such action or proceeding shall be paid as provided for in s. 885.07. The attorney general may compromise and settle such action as he may determine to be in the best interest of the state.

(7) **KEEP RECORD OF ACTIONS.** The department shall keep a record of all actions and demands prosecuted or defended by the department on behalf of the state and all proceedings had in relation thereto.

(9) **PERFORM OTHER DUTIES.** The department of justice shall perform all other duties imposed upon the department by law.

**165.50 Division of criminal investigation.**

(1) The division of criminal investigation shall perform the following criminal investigatory functions for the state:

(a) Investigate crime that is state-wide in nature, importance or influence.

(b) Conduct arson investigations.

(c) Conduct investigations related to the enforcement of the beverage and cigarette tax laws.

(2) The attorney general shall appoint an administrator of the division of criminal investigation. The investigators of the division shall have the same general police powers as are conferred upon peace officers.

**165.51 Administrator.** The administrator of the division of criminal investigation shall be ex officio state fire marshal. The administrator shall keep an itemized statement of all expenses incurred by him in the discharge of his duties; and shall audit all claims and vouchers for such expenses before they are submitted to the department of administration for payment.

**165.55 Arson investigation.** (1) The chief of the fire department or company of every city, village and town in which a fire department or company exists, and where no fire department or company exists, the city mayor, village president or town clerk shall investigate or cause to be investigated the cause, origin and circumstances of every fire occurring in his city, village or town by which property has been destroyed or damaged when the damage exceeds \$500, and on fires of unknown origin he shall especially investigate whether the fire was the result of negligence, accident or design. Where any investigation discloses that the fire may be of incendiary origin, he shall report the same to the state fire marshal.

(2) (a) The division of criminal investigation shall supervise and direct the investigation of fires of incendiary origin when the state fire marshal deems such investigation expedient.

(b) The division shall maintain records of all fires occurring in the state. Such records are at all times open to public inspection.

(3) When in the opinion of the state fire marshal investigation is necessary, he shall take or cause to be taken the testimony on oath of all persons supposed to be cognizant of any facts or to have any means of knowledge in relation to any case of damage to property by fire or explosives, and if he is of the opinion that there is

evidence sufficient to charge any person with a crime under s. 941.11, 943.01, 943.02, 943.03 or 943.04 or with an attempt to commit any of those crimes, he shall cause such person to be prosecuted, and furnish the prosecuting attorney the names of all witnesses and all the information obtained by him, including a copy of all testimony taken in the investigation.

(4) The state fire marshal shall assign at least one deputy fire marshal exclusively to fire marshal duties for counties having a population of 500,000 or more.

(5) The attorney general shall at the request of the state fire marshal furnish legal assistance to district attorneys in the prosecution of all cases referred to in sub. (3) in all courts.

(6) The attorney general and district attorney shall make such reports to the state fire marshal of the proceedings and result of all such prosecutions as shall be required by him.

(7) The state fire marshal and his subordinates shall each have the power to conduct investigations and hearings and take testimony regarding fires and the causes thereof, and compel the attendance of witnesses. The fees of witnesses shall be paid upon certificates signed by the officer before whom any witnesses shall have attended, and shall be charged to the appropriation for the state fire marshal.

(8) All investigations held by or under the direction of the state fire marshal, or his subordinates, may, in his discretion, be private, and persons other than those required to be present may be excluded from the place where such investigation is held, and witnesses may be kept apart from each other, and not allowed to communicate with each other until they have been examined.

(9) The state fire marshal and his subordinates may at all reasonable hours in performance of their duties enter upon and examine any building or premises where any fire has occurred and other buildings or premises near the same, and seize any evidence found as a result of such examination which in the opinion of the officer finding the same may be used in any criminal action which may result from such examination or otherwise, and retain it for a reasonable time or until it becomes an exhibit in the action.

(10) The state fire marshal, his chief assistant and deputies, upon complaint of any person, or without any complaint previously entered, shall have a right at all reasonable hours, for the purpose of examination, to enter into and upon all buildings and premises within their jurisdiction.

(11) All officers who perform any service at the request of the state fire marshal or his subordinates shall receive fees determined by the

state fire marshal and such fees shall be charged to the appropriation for the department of justice.

(13) Any officer named in subs. (1) and (2) who neglects to comply with any of the requirements of this section shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$200 for each neglect or violation.

History: 1973 c. 333

**165.58 Bonding.** The administrator of the division of criminal investigation in his capacity of state fire marshal shall be required to post a bond of \$100,000. The chief deputy fire marshal shall be required to post a bond of \$100,000. Each member of the arson investigation staff shall post a bond of \$5,000.

**165.59 Annual report.** The administrator shall make a detailed report to the governor each year of his official actions as ex officio state fire marshal.

**165.60 Law enforcement.** The division of criminal investigation is authorized to enforce s. 66.054 and chs. 139 and 176, ss. 944.30, 944.31, 944.33, 944.34, 945.02 (2), 945.03 and 945.04 and shall be invested with the powers conferred by law upon sheriffs and municipal police officers in the performance of such duties. Nothing herein shall deprive or relieve sheriffs, constables and other local police officers of the power and duty to enforce said sections, and such officers shall likewise enforce said sections.

**165.70 Investigation of state-wide crime.**

(1) The division of criminal investigation shall:

(a) Investigate crime which is state-wide in nature, importance or influence;

(b) Enforce chs. 161, 164 and 945 and ss. 940.206, 943.01 (2) (c), 943.27, 943.28, 943.30, 944.30, 944.31, 944.32, 944.33, 944.34, 946.65 and 947.02 (3) and (4);

(c) Enforce s. 66.054 and chs. 139 and 176, and with the secretary of revenue administer, ss. 66.054 (5) (c), (8) (a), (8a), (18), 139.09, 139.34, 139.37, 176.05 (5), (8a), (13), (14), (21), (23), 176.052 and 176.38;

(d) Enforce and administer ss. 165.51 and 165.55.

(e) Investigate violations of ch. 163 that are statewide in nature, importance or influence.

(2) The attorney general shall appoint, under the classified service, investigative personnel to achieve the purposes set out in sub. (1) who, with the exception of investigators enforcing s. 165.55, shall have the powers of a peace officer. As many as are deemed necessary of the investigators so appointed shall be trained in drugs and narcotics law enforcement, or shall

receive such training within one year of their appointment, and they shall assist, when appropriate, local law enforcement agencies to help them meet their responsibilities in this area.

(3) It is the intention of this section to give the attorney general responsibility for devising programs to control crime state-wide in nature, importance or influence, drugs and narcotics abuse, commercial gambling and prostitution, liquor control and licensing, and arson. Nothing herein shall deprive or relieve local peace officers of the power and duty to enforce those provisions enumerated in sub. (1).

(4) Local district attorneys, sheriffs and chiefs of police shall cooperate and assist the personnel of the division in the performance of their duties.

**History:** 1971 c. 40, 211, 307; 1973 c. 156.

**Revisor's note, 1971:** This section was affected by 6 different acts in the 1969 session. These were chs. 141, s. 2, 154, s. 362b, 252, s. 8, 276, s. 44, 384, s. 24 and 424, s. 26. The above version represents a consolidation of these acts; it does not create anything additional. It has been approved by the department of justice.

Specifically, sub. (1) is from ch. 252, laws of 1969, with some cross references corrected. Subs. (2) and (3) are from chs. 252 and 384. Sub. (4) is from ch. 384. [Bill 165-S]

### SUBCHAPTER III

#### DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

**165.75 Crime laboratory.** (1) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Laboratory" means the crime laboratory.

(b) "Administrator" means the administrator of the division of law enforcement services.

(c) "Employee" means any person in the service of the laboratory other than the administrator.

(2) The crime laboratory shall be located in the city of Madison. The personnel of the laboratory shall consist of such employes as are authorized under s. 20.922.

(3) (a) The purpose of the laboratory is to establish, maintain and operate a crime laboratory in order to provide technical assistance to local law enforcement officers in the various fields of scientific investigation in the aid of law enforcement. Without limitation because of enumeration the laboratory shall maintain services for the preservation and scientific analysis of evidence material to the investigation and prosecution of crimes in such fields as ballistics, chemistry, handwriting comparison, metallurgy, comparative micrography, lie-detector or deception test operations, finger printing, toxicology and pathology.

(b) The administrator and employes of the laboratory are not peace officers and shall have

no power of arrest or to serve or execute criminal process, nor shall they be appointed as deputy sheriffs nor in any manner clothed with police powers by appointment or election to any office. They shall not undertake investigation of criminal conduct except upon the request of a sheriff, coroner, medical examiner, district attorney, warden or superintendent of any state prison, attorney general or governor. The head of any state department may request investigations but in such cases the services shall be limited to the field of health, welfare and law enforcement responsibility which has by statute been vested in the particular state department.

(c) Upon such request the laboratory shall collaborate fully in the complete investigation of criminal conduct including field investigation at the scene of the crime and for this purpose may equip a mobile unit or units including lie detectors or deception test equipment.

(d) The services of the laboratory available to such officer shall include appearances in court as expert witnesses.

(e) The administrator may decline to provide laboratory service in any case not involving a potential charge of felony.

(f) The services of the laboratory may be provided in civil cases in which the state or any department, bureau, agency or officer of the state is a party in an official capacity, when requested to do so by the attorney general.

(4) The operation of the laboratory shall conform to the rules and policies established by the attorney general, who shall be advised by the investigation council.

**History:** 1973 c. 272.

An evaluation of drug testing procedures. Stein, Laessig, Indriksons, 1973 WLR 727.

**165.76 Administrator.** (2) The administrator shall file a bond of \$7,500 conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

**History:** 1971 c. 125 s. 522 (1); 1971 c. 215.

**165.78 Intelligence center; training activities.** (1) The laboratory shall act as an intelligence center for the clearance of information between law enforcement officers. In furtherance of this purpose it shall issue bulletins weekly or more often if occasion may require by mail, wire or radio, including information on property stolen and property recovered in communities of the state and in addition, shall operate a current modus operandi file on criminals operating in the state and such interstate criminals as will be likely to operate in the state or seek refuge in the state. The laboratory shall at all times collaborate and cooperate fully with the F. B. I. in its clearance of intelligence matters between law enforcement

officers in the state and to that end shall at all times keep the F.B.I. fully informed of intelligence matters cleared through the laboratory.

(2) The laboratory shall cooperate and exchange information and intelligence with other similar organizations in other states.

(3) The laboratory may prepare and conduct informational and training activities for the benefit of law enforcement officers and professional law-medical groups. This may include the preparation and distribution of printed or graphic training aids. The laboratory may charge a reasonable fee for such materials and shall make such charge if the production cost of such materials exceeds \$1 per copy.

**165.79 Evidence privileged.** (1) Evidence, information and analyses of evidence obtained from law enforcement officers by the laboratory is privileged and not available to persons other than law enforcement officers nor is the defendant entitled to an inspection of information and evidence submitted to the laboratory by the state or of the laboratory's findings, or to examine laboratory personnel as witnesses concerning the same, prior to trial, except to the extent that the same is used by the state at a preliminary hearing. Upon request of a defendant in a felony action, approved by the presiding judge, the laboratory shall conduct analyses of evidence upon behalf of such defendant. No prosecuting officer is entitled to an inspection of information and evidence submitted to the laboratory by the defendant, or of the laboratory's findings, or to examine laboratory personnel as witnesses concerning the same, prior to trial, except to the extent that the same is used by the accused at a preliminary hearing. Employees of the laboratory who made examinations or analyses of evidence shall attend the criminal trial as witnesses, without subpoena, upon reasonable written notice from either party requesting such attendance. Nothing in this section shall limit the right of a court to order the production of evidence or reports pursuant to s. 971.23 prior to trial.

(2) Upon the termination or cessation of the criminal proceedings, the privilege of the testimony obtained by the laboratory may be waived by the administrator. The administrator and employees of the laboratory may then be subpoenaed in civil actions in regard to any information and analysis of evidence previously obtained in such criminal investigation, but the laboratory shall not engage in any investigation requested solely for the preparation for trial of a civil matter. Upon appearance as a witness or receipt of a subpoena or notice to prepare for trial in a civil action, or appearance either with or

without subpoena, the experts shall be compensated by the party at whose request the appearance or preparation was made in a reasonable amount to be determined by the trial judge, which fee shall be paid into the state treasury. In fixing such compensation the court may give consideration to the time spent in obtaining and analyzing the evidence for the purposes of criminal proceedings.

(3) At any preliminary examination a report of the laboratory's findings with reference to all or any part of the evidence submitted, certified as correct by the administrator, shall, when offered by the state or the accused, be received as evidence of the facts and findings stated, if relevant and otherwise admissible in evidence. The expert who made the findings need not be called as a witness unless his appearance is demanded by the opposing party, in which case the judge shall so order and adjourn the hearing to a time when the expert is available to testify.

**165.80 Cooperation with other state departments.** For the purpose of coordinating the work of the laboratory with the research departments located in the university of Wisconsin, the attorney general and the university of Wisconsin may agree for the use of laboratories and physical facilities in the university and the exchange and utilization of personnel between the laboratory and the university. The university and crime laboratory cooperation council shall act in an advisory capacity to the attorney general.

**165.81 Disposal of evidence.** Whenever the administrator is informed by the submitting officer or agency that physical evidence in the possession of the laboratory is no longer needed the administrator may, unless otherwise provided by law, either destroy the same, retain it in the laboratory or turn it over to the university of Wisconsin upon the request of the head of any department. Whenever the administrator received information from which it appears probable that such evidence is no longer needed, he may give written notice to the submitting agency and the appropriate district attorney, by registered mail, of his intention to dispose of the evidence and if no objection is received within 20 days after such notice was mailed he may dispose of such evidence.

**165.83 Criminal identification, records and statistics.** (1) DEFINITIONS. As used in this section and s. 165.84:

(a) "Division" means the division of law enforcement services.

(b) "Law enforcement agency" means a governmental unit of one or more persons

employed full time by the state or a political subdivision of the state for the purpose of preventing and detecting crime and enforcing state laws or local ordinances, employes of which unit are authorized to make arrests for crimes while acting within the scope of their authority.

(c) "Offense" means an act which is a felony, a misdemeanor or a violation of a city, county, village or town ordinance.

(2) The division shall:

(a) Obtain and file fingerprints, descriptions, photographs and any other available identifying data on persons who have been arrested or taken into custody in this state:

1. For an offense which is a felony.

2. For an offense which is a misdemeanor or a violation of an ordinance involving burglary tools, commercial gambling, dealing in gambling devices, contributing to the delinquency of a child, dealing in stolen property, controlled substances under ch. 161, firearms, dangerous weapons, explosives, pandering, prostitution, sex offenses where children are victims, or worthless checks.

3. For an offense charged as disorderly conduct but which relates to an act connected with one or more of the offenses under subd. 2.

4. As a fugitive from justice.

5. For any other offense designated by the attorney general.

(b) Accept for filing fingerprints and other identifying data, taken at the discretion of the law enforcement agency involved, on persons arrested or taken into custody for offenses other than those listed in par. (a).

(c) Obtain and file fingerprints and other available identifying data on unidentified human corpses found in this state.

(d) Obtain and file information relating to identifiable stolen or lost property.

(e) Obtain and file a copy or detailed description of each arrest warrant issued in this state for the offenses under par. (a) but not served because the whereabouts of the person named on the warrant is unknown or because that person has left the state. All available identifying data shall be obtained with the copy of the warrant, including any information indicating that the person named on the warrant may be armed, dangerous or possessed of suicidal tendencies.

(f) Collect information concerning the number and nature of offenses known to have been committed in this state, the legal action taken in connection with such offenses from the inception of the complaint to the final discharge of the defendant and such other information as may be useful in the study of crime and the

administration of justice. The administrator of the division may determine any other information to be obtained regarding crime statistics. However, the information shall include such data as may be requested by the F. B. I. under its system of uniform crime reports for the United States.

(g) Furnish all reporting officials with forms and instructions which specify in detail the nature of the information required under pars. (a) to (f), the time it is to be forwarded, the method of classifying and such other matters as shall facilitate collection and compilation.

(h) Cooperate with and assist all law enforcement agencies in the state in the establishment of a state system of criminal identification and in obtaining fingerprints and other identifying data on all persons described in pars. (a), (b) and (c).

(i) Offer assistance and, when practicable, instructions to all local law enforcement agencies in establishing efficient local bureaus of identification and records systems.

(j) Compare the fingerprints and descriptions that are received from law enforcement agencies with the fingerprints and descriptions already on file and, if the person arrested or taken into custody is a fugitive from justice or has a criminal record, immediately notify the law enforcement agencies concerned and supply copies of the criminal record to these agencies.

(k) Make available all statistical information obtained to the governor and the legislature.

(m) Prepare and publish reports and releases, at least once a year and no later than July 1, containing the statistical information gathered under this section and presenting an accurate picture of crime in this state and of the operation of the agencies of criminal justice.

(n) Make available upon request, to all local and state law enforcement agencies in this state, to all federal law enforcement and criminal identification agencies, and to state law enforcement and criminal identification agencies in other states, any information in the files of the division which will aid these agencies in the performance of their official duties. For this purpose the division shall operate on a 24-hour a day basis, 7 days a week. Such information may also be made available to any other agency of this state or political subdivision of this state, and to any other federal agency, upon assurance by the agency concerned that the information is to be used for official purposes only.

(p) Cooperate with other agencies of this state, the crime information agencies of other states, and the uniform crime reports and national crime information center systems of the

F.B.I. in developing and conducting an interstate, national and international system of criminal identification, records and statistics.

History: 1971 c. 219.

**165.84 Cooperation in criminal identification, records and statistics.** (1) All persons in charge of law enforcement agencies shall obtain, or cause to be obtained, the fingerprints in duplicate, according to the fingerprint system of identification established by the director of the F.B.I., full face, profile and full length photographs, and other available identifying data, of each person arrested or taken into custody for an offense of a type designated in s. 165.83 (2) (a), of all persons arrested or taken into custody as fugitives from justice, and fingerprints in duplicate and other identifying data of all unidentified human corpses in their jurisdictions, but photographs need not be taken if it is known that photographs of the type listed, taken within the previous year, are on file at the division. Fingerprints and other identifying data of persons arrested or taken into custody for offenses other than those designated in s. 165.83 (2) (a) may be taken at the discretion of the law enforcement agency concerned. Any person arrested or taken into custody and subsequently released without charge, or cleared of the offense through court proceedings, shall have any fingerprint record taken in connection therewith returned upon request.

(2) Fingerprints and other identifying data required to be taken under sub. (1) shall be forwarded to the division within 24 hours after taking for filing and classification, but the period of 24 hours may be extended to cover any intervening holiday or weekend. Photographs taken shall be forwarded at the discretion of the law enforcement agency concerned, but, if not forwarded, the fingerprint record shall be marked "Photo available" and the photographs shall be forwarded subsequently if the division so requests.

(3) All persons in charge of law enforcement agencies shall forward to the division copies or detailed descriptions of the arrest warrants and the identifying data described in s. 165.83 (2) (e) immediately upon determination of the fact that the warrant cannot be served for the reasons stated. If the warrant is subsequently served or withdrawn, the law enforcement agency concerned must immediately notify the division of such service or withdrawal. In any case, the law enforcement agency concerned must annually, no later than January 31 of each year, confirm to the division all arrest warrants of this type which continue to be outstanding.

(4) All persons in charge of state penal and correctional institutions shall obtain fingerprints, according to the fingerprint system of identification established by the director of the F.B.I., and full face and profile photographs of all persons received on commitment to these institutions. The prints and photographs so taken shall be forwarded to the division, together with any other identifying data requested, within 10 days after the arrival at the institution of the person committed. Full length photographs in release dress shall be taken immediately prior to the release of such persons from these institutions. Immediately after release, these photographs shall be forwarded to the division.

(5) All persons in charge of law enforcement agencies, all clerks of court, all municipal justices where they have no clerks, all persons in charge of state and county penal and correctional institutions, and all persons in charge of state and county probation and parole offices, shall supply the division with the information described in s. 165.83 (2) (f) on the basis of the forms and instructions to be supplied by the division under s. 165.83 (2) (g).

(6) All persons in charge of law enforcement agencies in this state shall furnish the division with any other identifying data required in accordance with guidelines established by the division. All law enforcement agencies and penal and correctional institutions in this state having criminal identification files shall cooperate in providing to the division copies of such items in these files as will aid in establishing the nucleus of the state criminal identification file.

**165.85 Law enforcement standards board.** (1) FINDINGS AND POLICY. The legislature finds that the administration of criminal justice is of state-wide concern, and that law enforcement work is of vital importance to the health, safety and welfare of the people of this state and is of such a nature as to require training, education and the establishment of standards of a proper professional character. It is in the public interest that such standards be established and that such training and education be made available to persons who seek to become law enforcement officers, persons who are serving as such officers in a temporary or probationary capacity and persons already in regular service.

(2) DEFINITIONS. In this section and in s. 165.86:

(a) "Board" means the law enforcement standards board.

(b) "Division" means the division of law enforcement services.

(c) "Law enforcement officer" means any person employed by the state or any political



subdivision of the state, for the purpose of detecting and preventing crime and enforcing laws or ordinances and who is authorized to make arrests for violations of the laws or ordinances he is employed to enforce.

(d) "Political subdivision" means counties, cities, villages and towns.

**(3) POWERS.** The board may:

(a) Promulgate rules for the administration of this section including the authority to require the submission of reports and information pertaining to the administration of this section by law enforcement agencies in this state.

(b) Establish minimum educational and training standards for admission to employment as a law enforcement officer: 1) in permanent positions, and 2) in temporary, probationary or part-time status.

(c) Certify persons as being qualified under this section to be law enforcement officers.

(d) Establish minimum curriculum requirements for preparatory courses and programs, and recommend minimum curriculum requirements for in-service and advanced courses and programs, in schools operated by or for this state or any political subdivision thereof for the specific purpose of training law enforcement recruits or law enforcement officers in areas of knowledge and ability necessary to the attainment of effective performance as an officer, and ranging from traditional subjects such as first aid, patrolling, statutory authority, techniques of arrest and firearms to subjects designed to provide a better understanding of ever-increasing complex problems in law enforcement such as human relations, civil rights and constitutional law. The board shall appoint a 13 man advisory curriculum committee consisting of 6 chiefs of police and 6 sheriffs to be appointed on a geographic basis of not more than one chief of police and one sheriff from any one of the 8 state administrative districts together with the director of training of the Wisconsin state patrol. This committee will act in an advisory capacity in the establishment of the curriculum requirements.

(e) Consult and cooperate with counties, municipalities, agencies of this state, other governmental agencies and with universities, colleges, the board of vocational, technical and adult education and other institutions concerning the development of law enforcement training schools, degree programs or specialized courses of instruction.

(g) Conduct and stimulate research which is designed to improve law enforcement administration and performance.

(h) Make recommendations concerning any matter within its purview.

(i) Make such evaluations as are necessary to determine if participating governmental units are complying with this section.

(j) Adopt rules under ch. 227 for its internal management, control and administration.

**(4) REQUIRED STANDARDS.** (a) The following law enforcement officers are not required to meet any requirement of pars. (b) and (c) as a condition of tenure or continued employment; nor does the failure of any such law enforcement officer to fulfill such requirements make that officer ineligible for any promotional examination for which he is otherwise eligible. Such law enforcement officers may, however, voluntarily participate in this program.

1. Law enforcement officers serving under permanent appointment prior to January 1, 1974.

2. Law enforcement officers who are elected by popular vote.

(b) No person shall be appointed as a law enforcement officer, except on a temporary or probationary basis, unless such person has satisfactorily completed a preparatory program of law enforcement training approved by the board and has been certified by the board as being qualified to be a law enforcement officer. The program shall include at least 240 hours of training. The period of temporary or probationary employment established at the time of initial employment shall not be extended by more than one year for an officer lacking the training qualifications required by the board. The total period during which a person may serve as a law enforcement officer on a temporary or probationary basis without completing a preparatory program of law enforcement training approved by the board shall not exceed 2 years, except that the board shall permit part-time law enforcement officers to serve on a temporary or probationary basis without completing a program of law enforcement training approved by the board to a period not exceeding 6 years. For purposes of this section, a part-time law enforcement officer is a law enforcement officer who routinely works not more than one-half the normal annual work hours of a full-time employe of the employing agency or unit of government. Law enforcement training programs including municipal, county and state programs meeting standards of the board shall be acceptable as meeting these training requirements.

(c) In addition to the requirements of par. (b), the board may, by rule, fix such other minimum qualifications for the employment of law enforcement officers as relate to the competence and reliability of persons to assume and discharge the responsibilities of law enforcement officers, and the board shall prescribe the

means for presenting evidence of fulfillment of these requirements.

(d) The board shall issue a certificate evidencing satisfaction of the requirements of pars. (b) and (c) to any applicant who presents such evidence as is required by its rules, of satisfactory completion or requirements in another jurisdiction equivalent in content and quality to those fixed by the board under the board's authority as set out in pars. (b) and (c).

(e) Nothing in this section shall preclude any law enforcement agency from setting recruit training and employment standards which are higher than the minimum standards set by the board.

**(5) SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS; GRANTS.** (a) The board may authorize and approve law enforcement training programs conducted by an agency of a political subdivision or an agency of the state when their programs meet the standards required by the board. No authority granted herein shall extend to the board selecting a site for a state police academy and expending funds thereon without further legislation.

(b) The board shall authorize, on a uniform percentage basis, the reimbursement to each political subdivision of 100% for the first 240 hours of training, and not less than 60% nor more than 75% for additional training up to 320 hours, of the salary and of the allowable tuition, living and travel expenses incurred by the officers in attendance at schools approved by the board. Additional funds which may be available shall be distributed for attendance at other training programs and courses on a priority basis to be decided by the board. Municipal or county law enforcement training programs meeting standards of the board shall be acceptable as meeting these training requirements.

(c) The board may provide grants as a reimbursement for actual expenses incurred by state agencies or political subdivisions for providing training programs to officers from other jurisdictions within the state.

**(6) FINANCES.** The board may accept for any of its purposes and functions under this section any and all donations, both real and personal,

and grants of money from any governmental unit or public agency, or from any institution or person, and may receive and utilize the same. Any arrangements pursuant to this subsection shall be detailed in the annual report of the board under s. 15.07 (6), which shall include the identity of the donor, the nature of the transaction, and the conditions, if any.

History: 1973 c. 90, 333.

**165.86 Law enforcement services.** The division of law enforcement services shall:

**(1)** (a) Supply the staffing needs of the law enforcement standards board.

(b) Identify state agencies and political subdivisions which employ law enforcement officers in the state, notify the appropriate officials of the standards of employment and preparatory training established by the board, and develop appropriate procedures whereby acceptable evidence of compliance with the board's employment and preparatory training standards may be submitted.

**(2)** (a) Identify and coordinate all presently existing preparatory training activities in law enforcement in the state, and expand the coordinated program to the extent necessary to supply the training required for all recruits in the state under the preparatory training standards and time limits set by the board.

(b) Organize a program of training, which shall encourage utilization of existing facilities and programs through cooperation with federal, state and local agencies and institutions presently active in this field. Priority shall be given to the establishment of the state-wide preparatory training program described in sub. (1), but the division shall cooperate in the creation and operation of in-service, advanced and special courses which meet the curriculum standards recommended by the board. The division shall keep appropriate records of all such training courses given in the state and the results thereof in terms of persons attending, agencies represented, and, where applicable, individual grades given.