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CHAPTER 37

AN ACT to repeal 20.345, 20.346 (2) and (3), 20.347, 41.22 to 41.35; to renumber 37.12; to amend 20.175 (3) (a), (b) and (c), 20.73 (2) (j), 25.17 (1a), 37.01 (1) and 41.36; and to create 37.01 (3), 37.11 (5), 37.12 (2) and (3) and 37.32 of the statutes, relating to the transfer of the Stout institute and the Wisconsin institute of technology to the jurisdiction of the board of regents of state colleges.

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

SECTION 1. 20.175 (3) (a), (b) and (c) of the statutes are amended to read:

20.175 (3) (a) As used in this subsection, "department" includes the board of regents of state colleges * * *; "institution" includes all state colleges, and institute of technology * * *; "superintendent" means the head of any institution as defined above.

(b) Out of the appropriations for the operation of * * * the several state colleges and the several institutions under the jurisdiction of the department of public welfare, state board of health and state superintendent of public instruction there is allotted to each institution, subject to the approval of the emergency board, such sums as may be necessary to be used as a contingent fund for the payment of institutional bills of less than \$75, except that no part of the contingent fund shall be used for

the payment of the salary or wages of an employe. The amount allotted to each institution shall be deposited in a separate account to be known as the "contingent fund" in a public depository to be designated by the respective departments. Payment of institutional bills of less than \$75 shall be made by check drawn by the superintendent against such account, except as herein otherwise provided, without the necessity of being first submitted to the department and to the director of budget and accounts for approval and audit. * * * The superintendent shall file claim for the reimbursement on a sworn voucher which shall be accompanied by the bills for payment of which reimbursement is claimed. Bills paid by check need not be receipted by the payee, but the number of the check shall be placed on the bill. Bills may be paid by cash if approved by the superintendent and receipted by the payee. After approval of such claim by the department and audit by the director of budget and accounts, the contingent fund shall be reimbursed the total amount lawfully paid therefrom. If the superintendent shall pay any bill which is subsequently disapproved either by the department or the director of budget and accounts as unlawful and unauthorized, he shall within 10 days after notification by the department, personally make good such unlawful or unauthorized payment. All moneys received in reimbursement for payments made from the contingent fund shall be deposited to the credit of said account and are added to this appropriation. Each respective department, with the approval of the director of budget and accounts, shall make written rules and regulations for carrying out the purposes of this subsection. Each department shall require the superintendent of each institution to execute and file a surety bond in such sum as the emergency board may require, guaranteeing the faithful discharge of his duties and obligations under this section, the premium to be paid out of the proper appropriation for each of said departments. Any check now outstanding or which is hereafter drawn against the contingent fund of an institution which is not paid within 2 years of the date of its drawing because of inability to locate the drawee or his failure to submit same for payment, after the bank has been requested to stop payment, shall be treated as a canceled check and added to the checking account balance. A check for the amount so added shall be drawn in favor of the state treasurer and deposited in the general fund as a nonappropriated receipt. If the person entitled to a check so canceled presents a satisfactory claim therefor to the department, said department shall direct the director of budget and accounts to draw a warrant in payment of such claim and charge to a sum sufficient appropriation for the repayment of canceled checks. In those institutions in which the financial and business affairs are under the jurisdiction of a financial or business officer, the "contingent fund" is to be under said officer's jurisdiction and all of the above provisions applying to the superintendent shall apply to said officer.

(c) By the procedure provided in par. (b) * * * the board of regents of state colleges and the several institutions under its control may use money in the respective contingent funds to pay bills of \$500 or less which allow the taking of a discount if paid in 30 days or less and for the payment of necessary expenses which must be met by the payment of cash.

SECTION 2. 20.345 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 3. 20.346 (2) and (3) of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 4. 20.347 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 5. 20.73 (2) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.73 (2) (j) University of Wisconsin, state colleges * * *: all presidents, deans, principals, professors, instructors, research assistants, librarians and other teachers, as defined in s. 42.20.

SECTION 6. 25.17 (1a) of the statutes is amended to read:

25.17 (1a) To invest any of the funds specified in sub. (1), except operating funds, in loans to the Wisconsin university building corporation * * * or state colleges building corporation * * *, but only if such loans are secured by mortgages upon either property or leasehold estates producing sufficient income to retire the mortgage at the end of the term of the loan. The investment board shall make no loans to any building corporation described in this subsection except under the conditions herein prescribed.

SECTION 7. 37.01 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

37.01 (1) For the government of the state colleges established, and which may hereafter be established, and for the performance of the duties prescribed to them, there is constituted a board of * * * 13 regents, called "The Board of Regents of State Colleges," composed of the state superintendent, as ex officio regent, and of * * * 12 appointed regents, at least one of whom shall be a woman; the terms of office of the appointed regents commencing with the first Monday in February in the year in which appointed, shall be 5 years and until the appointment qualification of their respective successors; except that the regents first appointed under this * * * section shall be divided into * * * 4 classes of 2 each and one class of 4, and the term of office of said classes so first appointed shall be respectively 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified, and their successors in office shall continue so divided into * * * 4 classes of 2 each and one class of 4, so that the term of office of 2 or 4 regents shall expire each year. The governor shall appoint the regents, by and with the advice and consent of the senate.

SECTION 8. 37.01 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

37.01 (3) After July 1, 1955, the Stout institute shall be known as the Stout state college.

SECTION 9. 37.11 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

37.11 (5) To prescribe the courses of study and the various books to be used in such colleges, and upon completion of a course for a bachelor of arts degree for preparing teachers, to confer such certificates, diplomas, the bachelor of arts degree and professional degrees in education in testimony thereof as are usually conferred by other institutions of like character and rank and to prescribe the course of study for and to confer the degree of master of education. But when any state college shall offer a course for the express purpose of training teachers for county schools, the completion of which shall entitle one to the certificate mentioned in s. 37.13, the course of study shall be the full and fair equivalent of the course of study prescribed for the county rural normal schools by the state superintendent. *At the institute of technology the board may grant diplomas or certificates of graduation upon the completion of the required courses and may confer upon the graduates of the various courses such academic, scholastic or engineering degrees as they may deem suitable.*

SECTION 10. 37.12 of the statutes is renumbered 37.12 (1).

SECTION 11. 37.12 (2) and (3) of the statutes are created to read:

37.12 (2) The board shall maintain the necessary courses for the thorough instruction and training of teachers in the principles and practice of the industrial arts and of home economics and household arts at the Stout state college as 4- and 5-year college courses, and students who shall satisfactorily complete such courses shall receive the degree of bachelor or master of science with majors in industrial education, vocational education, in home economics education and home economics and industrial technology.

(3) The board shall maintain a separate state college at Platteville to be known as the institute of technology at which a 3- and 4-year course of instruction shall be provided which shall embrace such branches of practical and theoretical knowledge as will, in the opinion of the board of regents, give students knowledge of the science, art and practice of general engineering with special emphasis on mining and civil engineering. The board may co-ordinate the educational program and the use of physical facilities at the institute of technology and the Wisconsin state college at Platteville. The board shall maintain a complete collection of the minerals of the lead and zinc region of Wisconsin at the institute of technology.

SECTION 12. 37.32 of the statutes is created to read:

37.32 TRANSITIONAL CLAUSE. On July 1, 1955, the board of trustees of the Stout institute and the Wisconsin institute of technology board of regents shall cease to exist and the board of regents of state colleges shall succeed to all the functions, property, documents, records, assets, liabilities and obligations of the board of trustees of the Stout institute and the Wisconsin institute of technology board of regents.

(1) RULES IN EFFECT. All of the rules and orders of the board of trustees and the institute board of regents in force immediately prior to the transfer of functions shall remain in force as rules and orders of the board of regents of the state colleges until modified or rescinded by it.

(2) PENDING MATTERS. All matters pending before the board of trustees and the institute board of regents and all actions, proceedings and investigations begun but not completed by the board of trustees and the institute board of regents shall be completed by the board of regents of state colleges.

(3) EMPLOYEES; SALARY SCHEDULE. No present employe of the Stout institute or the institute of technology, classified, educational or administrative, shall be removed from his position nor shall the salary schedule be altered during this reorganization.

(4) TRANSFER OF FUNDS. All unincumbered balances in the appropriation to the board of trustees of the Stout institute and the Wisconsin institute of technology board of regents, including balances in revolving appropriations for equipment, permanent property and improvements at the time of the reorganization shall be transferred to the board of regents of state colleges on July 1, 1955, and shall continue to be available to the board of regents for the purposes for which they were made.

(5) TRANSFER OF TRUST FUNDS. All trust funds are so transferred subject to the provision that they be used exclusively for the institutions designated therein.

SECTION 13. 41.22 to 41.35 of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 13a. 41.36 of the statutes is amended to read:

41.36 Any county within which no state college *operating an elementary department* is located may appropriate money for the organization, equipment and maintenance of a normal school, to be known as a "County Normal School" for teachers of common schools, and for the erection of suitable school buildings and dormitories, or for purchasing and remodeling suitable buildings, therefor.

SECTION 14. The change in the membership of the board of regents proposed by this act shall be accomplished by the expansion of the existing board and the governor is directed to designate the class of regents appointed next, after this act becomes effective as the class of 4.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 1955, except that the provisions for the appointment of additional members to the board of regents of state colleges shall take effect on passage and publication so that such members may be appointed and confirmed and be able to qualify so they may begin their duties as regents on July 1, 1955.

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