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CHAPTER 269

AN ACT to create 46.60 of the statutes, relating to the establishment of an interdepartmental committee on aging population.

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

46.60 of the statutes is created to read:

46.60 INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGING POPULATION. (1) PURPOSE. The purpose of this section is to establish an official agency to provide liaison between the several agencies of the state concerned with problems of our aging population in order that the resources of the state may be utilized to the fullest extent in meeting the needs of this expanding segment of our population, and to provide a means whereby the several state agencies may better co-ordinate their efforts and distribute information.

(2) CREATION. There is created an interdepartmental committee on aging population to consist of the the governor as ex officio chairman, the director of the department of public welfare, the chairman of the industrial commission, the state health officer, the director of vocational and adult education, the superintendent of public instruction, the president of the university of Wisconsin, the director and secretary of the board of regents of state colleges, the secretary of the free library commission, the executive director of the Wisconsin retirement fund, the executive secretary of the state teachers retirement board or their designated representatives.

(3) ORGANIZATION. The governor shall call the first meeting of the committee within 30 days of the enactment of this section. The committee shall select a chairman and secretary from among its members, and the chairman shall act in the absence of the governor. The term of the chairman shall be one year and the position shall be rotated among the members of the committee. The chairman shall thereafter call all meetings. The committee may appoint subcommittees composed of officers and employees of the state and where deemed appropriate, of retired or other out-

side personnel, for the purpose of making studies. Such subcommittees shall report to the committee as directed.

(4) COMPENSATION. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services, and the several departments shall reimburse their respective members for any actual and necessary expenses incurred in carrying out their functions.

(5) STAFF. The committee may by agreement arrange for the use of staff members of the several participating agencies and the departments are authorized to loan staff members for this task and to reimburse them from their appropriate appropriation. The committee may also make use of the volunteer services of retired personnel or other outside personnel who are interested in problems of the aged.

(6) SECRETARY. The secretary shall, in addition to other duties, be responsible for the preparation of the minutes of the committee and all reports made by the committee.

(7) DUTIES. The committee shall:

(a) Prepare a complete inventory of the existing programs and services relating to the aged available in this state including federal, state and local programs, both public and private.

(b) Maintain such inventory and revise it biennially.

(c) Through the reporting process inform the people of the state about existing governmental programs for the aged.

(d) Study and make recommendations for the greater co-ordination of all state programs dealing with the aged.

(e) Study the programs of other states to assure that Wisconsin is aware of the most recent developments.

(f) Make recommendations to regions and local units of government in Wisconsin regarding the state facilities available to them in planning programs for the aged.

(8) REPORTS. The committee shall report biennially to the legislature on the progress of programs for the aged in Wisconsin and may recommend legislative changes to improve such programs. The committee is authorized to prepare such other reports as may improve the understanding of the programs for the aged, and the cost of such reports may be borne by the participating agencies in accordance with agreements reached by the committee.

(9) CO-OPERATION. The several agencies of state government are authorized and directed to co-operate with the committee in furnishing information related to the study of the problems of the aging population.

Approved July 1, 1957.
