

CHAPTER 291

AN ACT to repeal 39.024 (3) (f); to amend 39.024 (1), (2) (a) and (3) (a); and to create 20.415 and 39.024 (2) (d) of the statutes, relating to membership of the co-ordinating committee for higher education, authorizing employment of a staff and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.415 of the statutes is created to read:

20.415 HIGHER EDUCATION, CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR. (1) ADMINISTRATION. There is appropriated on July 1, 1965, \$145,000 and on July 1, 1966, \$154,000 from the general fund to the co-ordinating committee for higher education to carry out its functions under s. 39.024.

SECTION 1m. 39.024 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

39.024 (1) The purpose of this section is to provide for the *direction and* co-ordination of the activities of the university of Wisconsin and the state colleges, schools of vocational, technical and adult education and county teachers colleges by providing a permanent joint committee to make a continuing study of the state-supported institutions of higher education under their jurisdiction, *and* the relation thereto of the needs of the people of Wisconsin, to recommend necessary changes in programs and facilities, to provide for a single, consolidated, biennial budget request for the university of Wisconsin and the state colleges, and that portion of the budget request of the state board of vocational and adult education described in sub. (3) (c), and to report the results of its studies and recommendations to the governor and the legislature.

SECTION 2. 39.024 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

39.024 (2) (a) To carry out the purposes of this section, there is created a co-ordinating committee of ~~19~~ 17 members, ~~3~~ one from the regents of the university of Wisconsin, ~~3~~ one from the board of regents of state colleges, ~~3~~ one from the state board of vocational and adult education, ~~4~~ 9 citizens, the president of the board of regents of the university of Wisconsin, the president of the board of regents of state colleges, the president of the state board of vocational and adult education, the state superintendent of public instruction and ~~2~~ members one member of a county teachers college board, ~~other than a county superintendent of schools,~~ appointed annually by the governor from recommendations made by the association of county teachers college boards. The appointive regent members and the appointive members from the state board of vocational and adult education of the committee shall be selected by a majority vote of the board of which they are members and shall be selected each year at the annual meeting of ~~the~~ their board. The citizen members shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. *Terms of citizen members shall be for 8 years. Citizen members serving on the effective date of this amendment (1965) shall serve out their full terms. The governor shall first appoint 2 of the citizen members added by this amendment (1965) for 2 years and one each for 2, 4, 6 and 8 years, and thereafter for 8 years.* The necessary reductions in membership of the

present committee provided by this ~~paragraph (1963)~~ amendment (1965) shall be accomplished when appointments are to be made next.

SECTION 3. 39.024 (2) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

39.024 (2) (d) *Executive director.* The committee shall appoint and fix the salary of a full-time executive director who shall have a recognized and demonstrated interest in and knowledge of public higher education. The executive director shall employ, with the approval of the committee, such professional and clerical staff as is necessary, outside the classified service.

SECTION 3m. 39.024 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

39.024 (3) (a) The committee shall determine what over-all educational programs shall be offered in the several units of the university, the state colleges, the collegiate transfer and technical education programs of the schools of vocational, technical and adult education and county teachers colleges to avoid unnecessary duplication and to utilize to the best advantage the facilities and personnel available for instruction in the fields of higher education. *No new educational program shall be developed or instituted at any institution of higher education except with the committee's approval.* No educational program for which the legislature has made an appropriation existing at any institution of higher education shall be abandoned except with legislative approval.

SECTION 4. 39.024 (3) (f) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 5. Within 30 days after the enactment of this act, the regents of the university of Wisconsin, the board of regents of state colleges and the state board of vocational and adult education shall each meet to select their respective member on the co-ordinating committee for higher education. Upon the selection by each group of its member, the terms of such group's former appointed members shall terminate. Thereafter, appointments shall be made at the time prescribed under section 39.024 (2) (a) of the statutes.

SECTION 6. If the executive director or any professional staff of the co-ordinating committee for higher education are appointed from the faculty or staff of any of the higher education institutions participating in the co-ordinating committee, such institution shall grant the appointee a leave of absence for the duration of his service with the co-ordinating committee, and his tenure at the institution shall in no way be affected by the granting of such leave of absence.

SECTION 7. This bill is declared to be an emergency appropriation bill, recommended by the joint committee on finance, in accordance with the requirements of section 16.47 (2) of the statutes.

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