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SUBCHAPTER I

EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

39.11 Educational communications board; duties. The educational communications board shall:

(1) Receive and disburse state, federal and private funds and engage or contract for such personnel and facilities as it deems necessary to carry out the purpose of this section.

(2) Plan, construct and develop a state system of radio broadcasting for the presentation of educational, informational and public service programs and formulate policies regulating the operation of such a state system.

(3) Protect the public interest in educational television by making application to the federal communications commission for educational television channels reserved for Wisconsin, and take such action as is necessary to preserve such channels to Wisconsin for educational use.

(4) Initiate, develop and maintain a comprehensive state plan for the orderly operation of a state-wide television system for the presentation of noncommercial instructional programs which will serve the best interests of the people of the state now and in the future;

(5) Work with the educational agencies and institutions of the state as reviewer, advisor and coordinator of their joint efforts to meet the educational needs of the state through radio and television.

(6) Furnish leadership in securing adequate funding for statewide joint use of radio and television for educational and cultural purposes, including funding for media programming for broadcast over the state networks. The educational communications board may submit joint budget requests with state agencies and other nonstate organizations or corporations for the purposes stated above;

(7) Lease, purchase or construct radio and television facilities for joint use, such as network interconnection or relay equipment, mobile units, or other equipment available for state-wide use;

(8) Apply for, construct and operate radio and television transmission equipment in order to provide broadcast service to all areas of this state;

(9) Establish and maintain a continuing evaluation of the effectiveness of the joint efforts of all participating educational institutions in terms of jointly-established goals in the area of educational radio and television.

(10) Act as a central clearing house and source of information concerning educational radio and television activities in this state, including the furnishing of such information to legislators, offices of government, educational institutions and the general public.

(11) If appropriate funds are made available, file applications after appropriate engineering studies and feasibility surveys for the construction and operation of noncommercial educational radio and television transmitters in the vicinities of Wausau, Colfax, La Crosse and

Appleton and translators in the Platteville and Ashland area.

(12) Establish and operate, as soon as practicable, an interconnection between the broadcast facilities and higher education campuses to facilitate state-wide use of closed circuit and broadcast radio and television for educational purposes. Additional facilities may be authorized by the educational communications board if deemed necessary and if funds are available for such purposes.

(13) Throughout this development, seek to cooperate with similar bodies in other states and participate in regional and national network planning so as to insure maximum educational benefits for the people of this state.

(14) Coordinate the radio activities of the various educational and informational agencies, civic groups, and citizens having contributions to make to the public interest and welfare.

(15) Manage, operate and maintain broadcasting station WLBL.

(16) When appropriate and related to the programs of the state educational radio and television network, procure or publish instructional material. A reasonable handling charge may be established to cover the costs of providing such material.

(17) Assist any state agency, upon its request, in the development and review of plans for the utilization of educational radio and television to include, but not be limited to, equipment, personnel, facilities and programming.

(17m) Maintain annual records of its expenditures for programming purposes by type of programming and by source of revenue. By December 1, 1981, and annually thereafter, the educational communications board shall report to the governor and the legislature all of the board's sources of revenue by source and amount.

(18) The educational communications board may copyright in its own name or acquire copyrights by assignment and charge for their use.

History: 1971 c. 211; 1973 c. 90, 333; 1975 c. 39; 1981 c. 20.

Board's relationship with support organizations discussed. 70 Atty. Gen. 163.

39.13 Board staff. (1) The educational communications board shall appoint an executive director outside the classified service. He shall coordinate the activities and execute the program and orders of the board, maintain liaison with the various federal and state agencies interested in the system of state radio and television broadcasting and exercise such further powers, functions and duties as the board prescribes.

(2) The executive director shall employ, with the approval of the educational communications

board, such professional staff, outside the classified service, and clerical and technical staff within the classified service as is necessary.

History: 1971 c. 125, 211.

39.14 Affiliation agreement. (1) The educational communications board may enter into an affiliation agreement with broadcast radio and television licensees for the purpose of furthering its responsibilities under s. 39.11 (2), (4), (7), (13) and (14). An affiliation agreement shall include the minimum amount of programming of the Wisconsin educational radio or television network to be carried by the affiliated radio and television station.

(2) Any amendment to an agreement under sub. (1) in the amount of programming to be carried by the affiliated licensee which is offered by the Wisconsin educational radio or television network may be made by mutual agreement between the affiliated licensee and the educational communications board.

(3) Any nonprofit affiliated licensee of the Wisconsin educational radio or television network shall be required to submit to the educational communications board an annual report of their operating and capital budgets, plans for future development and expansion, schedules of weekly broadcast programming, and all other information deemed reasonable and appropriate by the contracting parties.

(4) The educational communications board shall negotiate an affiliation agreement under s. 36.25 (5) with the university of Wisconsin system.

History: 1973 c. 333; 1975 c. 41 s. 52.

SUBCHAPTER II

MEDICAL EDUCATION

39.15 Aid for medical education. As a condition to the release of funds under s. 20.250, one-third of the members of the board of trustees of the medical college of Wisconsin, inc., shall be nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, for staggered 6-year terms expiring on May 1 and the college shall give first preference in admissions to residents of this state. The legislative audit bureau shall biennially postaudit expenditures under s. 20.250 so as to assure the propriety of expenditures and compliance with legislative intent. State affirmative action policies, rules and practices shall be applied to the medical college of Wisconsin, inc. consistent with their application to state agencies.

History: 1971 c. 125; 1973 c. 90 s. 184; 1973 c. 333 s. 78a.

39.155 Medical college of Wisconsin; state aid policies. (1) Effective July 1, 1977, all funds appropriated to the medical college of Wisconsin, inc. under s. 20.250 (1) (a) shall be based on a per capita formula for an amount for each Wisconsin resident student enrolled at the college. A student's qualification as a resident of this state shall be determined by the higher educational aids board using the same procedure established under s. 39.46 (4), so far as applicable.

(2) Effective July 1, 1982, the per capita support levels under s. 20.250 (1) (a) shall be reduced by the amount of the annual reduction in state funding support per Wisconsin resident student enrolled at the university of Wisconsin medical school resulting from the establishment by the board of regents of the university of Wisconsin system, under s. 36.275, of a tuition rate of 26% of instructional cost per Wisconsin resident student as of July 1, 1982, in association with the grant provisions of the Wisconsin health education loan program under s. 39.377.

History: 1973 c. 333; 1975 c. 39; 1975 c. 41 s. 52; 1975 c. 198, 224; 1977 c. 29; 1979 c. 34; 1981 c. 20.

39.16 Medical education review committee. There is created a medical education review committee consisting of 9 members as follows. Seven members shall be appointed by the governor for staggered 5-year terms, and shall be selected from citizens with broad knowledge of medical education who are currently not associated with either of the medical schools of this state. The remaining members of the committee shall be the president of the university of Wisconsin system or a designee, and the president of the medical college of Wisconsin, inc. or a designee.

(2) The medical education review committee shall:

(a) Stimulate the development of cooperative programs by the medical college of Wisconsin, inc. and the university of Wisconsin-Madison medical school, and advise the governor and legislature on the viability of such cooperative arrangements.

(b) Develop basic information on the potential resources for medical education in this state. Each school shall provide such information and data as the committee requires.

(c) After studying the resources available and needs for hospital affiliations throughout the state, prepare a statewide plan for such affiliations in consultation with the 2 medical schools and various hospitals, and review and approve or disapprove all proposed affiliations on the basis of the plan. Costs incurred directly and indirectly in support of nonapproved affiliations implemented after approval of a statewide

affiliation plan cannot be included under any state program receiving state funding in whole or in part.

(d) Encourage the development of continuing education programs for practicing physicians in this state, including communication links with outlying regions of the state that would allow practitioners to have access to their medical schools.

(e) Encourage and review the development of training programs in relation to the state's health work force needs. Health work force activities performed pursuant to the medical education review committee's functions shall be in accordance with the state health plan under s. 140.82.

(f) Encourage the development of joint or cooperative programs for training of allied health personnel and the development of accelerated bachelor of science and doctor of medicine training programs.

(g) Encourage the development of systems for cross registration of students for specialized courses.

(h) Stimulate the development of joint research and patient care programs that would most effectively apply the resources of both schools and avoid duplication of expensive equipment and personnel, and help attract resources for such developments and projects.

(i) Draw upon existing executive, legislative and agency personnel for the provision of staff services to the committee. Any necessary and reasonable expenses incurred by the committee shall be paid from the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (a).

(im) Provide upon request of the governor, the joint committee on finance, or on its own initiative analyses and recommendations on policy issues in the broad field of medical education in the state.

History: 1973 c. 333; 1975 c. 39, 199; 1977 c. 29; 1979 c. 34 s. 2102 (20) (a); 1979 c. 221.

SUBCHAPTER III

HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS BOARD

39.26 Definition. In this subchapter, "board" means the higher educational aids board.

39.27 Council on financial aids. The council on financial aids shall advise the board on matters pertaining to the state's student financial aids programs.

History: 1973 c. 90.

39.28 Powers and duties. (1) The board shall administer the programs under this subchapter and may establish such rules as are

necessary to carry out its functions. It may accept and use any funds which it receives from participating institutions, lenders or agencies. It may enter into such contracts as are necessary to carry out its functions under this subchapter.

(2) The board shall establish plans to be administered by the board for participation by this state under any federal acts relating to higher education and submit them to the U.S. commissioner of education for his approval. The board may utilize such criteria for determination of priorities, participation or purpose as are delineated in the federal acts.

(3) In its biennial report under s. 15.04 (1) (d), the board also shall include recommendations for improvement of the state's student financial aid programs.

(4) The board may assign, sell, convey or repurchase student loans made under s. 39.32 subject to prior approval by the joint committee on finance.

History: 1971 c. 125, 211; 1973 c. 90; 1975 c. 198, 224; 1977 c. 29; 1977 c. 196 s. 131; 1977 c. 418; 1981 c. 20.

39.29 Executive secretary. An executive secretary shall be appointed outside the classified service by the board.

History: 1971 c. 211, 228.

39.30 Grants. (1) DEFINITIONS. In this section:

(d) An "accredited" institution is an institution accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or by the board of nursing pursuant to s. 441.01 (4), or, if not so accredited, is a nonprofit institution of higher education whose credits are accepted on transfer by not less than 3 institutions which are so accredited, on the same basis as if transferred from an institution so accredited.

(e) "Resident student" shall be determined under s. 36.27, so far as applicable.

(2) **ELIGIBILITY.** A resident student enrolled at least half-time and registered as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior in an accredited, nonprofit, post high school, educational institution in this state shall be eligible for grants under this section for each semester of attendance, but:

(a) No student shall be eligible for grants in more than the equivalent of 10 semesters of undergraduate education.

(b) A student shall be and shall remain eligible for grants provided he meets acceptable academic standards prescribed by his institution.

(d) No grant shall be awarded to members of religious orders who are pursuing a course of study leading to a degree in theology, divinity or religious education.

(3) **BASIS OF GRANTS.** The grant to be paid to a resident student enrolled at least half-time and registered as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior after August 1, 1979, shall be determined under pars. (a) to (e).

(a) From the total tuition charged the student by the institution, subtract the amount of the resident academic fee charged at the Madison campus of the university of Wisconsin system.

(b) Divide the amount determined in par. (a) by the student's total cost of attending the postsecondary institution.

(c) Multiply the percentage calculated in par. (b) times the student's expected family contribution which has been determined using the same analysis as that used to determine the expected family contribution of students applying for Wisconsin higher education grants under s. 39.435.

(d) Subtract the amount determined in par. (c) from the amount determined in par. (a) to arrive at the amount of the grant. The amount of the maximum grant shall not exceed \$1,000 per semester, or a prorated amount in the case of a quarter or trimester institution, or \$2,000 per academic year.

(e) The board shall establish criteria for the treatment of financially independent students which are consistent with procedures in pars. (a) to (d).

(4) **FORMS.** The board shall prescribe, furnish and make available, at locations in the state convenient to the public, application forms for grants under this section. Upon request, it shall advise and assist applicants in making out such forms.

History: 1971 c. 125; 1973 c. 90; 1973 c. 335 s. 13; 1975 c. 224; 1979 c. 34; 1981 c. 20.

Students who attend VTAE institutions are eligible for tuition grants under this section. 66 Atty. Gen. 182.

39.32 Student loans. (1) In this section:

(a) "Institution of higher education" means an educational institution meeting the requirements of P.L. 89-329 for institutions covered therein and of P.L. 89-287 for business, trade, technical or vocational schools and full-time post-high school vocational, technical and adult education schools in this state.

(b) "Resident student" shall be determined under s. 36.27, so far as applicable.

(2) The board shall:

(a) Make and authorize loans to be made to resident students who have satisfactory academic records, who need financial assistance and who are desirous of attending institutions of higher education, when such loans are to assist them in meeting expenses of post-high school education in accordance with this section.

(b) Establish standards and methods for determining the amount of loans, rates of interest, financial need and other administrative procedures consistent with P.L. 89-329 and P.L. 89-287.

(3) The board may make and authorize loans to be made to students if:

(a) The student is enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an institution of higher education.

(b) The student's eligibility for a loan is certified to the board by the institution of higher education in which he is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment.

(c) The student has a satisfactory academic record.

(d) The student is a resident student.

(e) The student needs financial assistance.

(f) The student has a family adjusted gross income of less than \$25,000 or the student can demonstrate, using the same needs analysis as that used to determine the expected family contribution of students applying for Wisconsin higher education grants under s. 39.435, insufficient financial strength to pay for educational costs. For the purposes of this paragraph, family adjusted gross income shall be determined by the board in the same manner used by the board before November 1, 1978.

(g) The student is not in default on any previous loan or the board has determined that the student has made satisfactory arrangements to repay the defaulted loan.

(4) Loans may be made to minors and minority shall not be a defense to the collection of the debt.

(5) The board may collect any loans made or authorized to be made by the board pursuant to this section or made prior to July 1, 1966, under s. 49.42, 1963 stats.

(6) The board shall satisfy the loan of any student who obtained a loan under this section or s. 39.023, 1965 stats., between July 1, 1966, and December 15, 1968, where such student died or dies after July 1, 1966, and before completing repayment thereof, and shall write off the balance of principal and interest owing on the loan on the date it received confirmation of such student's death. Obligation to repay such a loan shall terminate on the date of the student's death and any payments made thereon to the board after such date shall be refunded to the payor or the payor's heirs, executor or administrator from the appropriation in s. 20.235

(2) (ba) upon receipt by the board of an application for refund.

(7) The board may write off defaulted student loans made pursuant to this section or made prior to July 1, 1966, under s. 49.42, 1963 stats., from moneys other than advances from the

investment board originally appropriated for student loans, and from moneys other than moneys resulting from assignment, sale or conveyance of student loans.

(8) The board may use up to \$150,000 annually of student revenue bond proceeds for the purpose of consolidating loans for needy students who have a state direct loan and one or more federally guaranteed student loans from one or more private lenders.

(9) Those students who are eligible recipients of benefits under s. 39.43 and received loan assistance under s. 39.43 prior to the 1975-76 school year shall remain eligible for forgiveness of loans made under that section prior to July 1, 1976.

(10) (a) The board may enter into contractual agreements with lenders in this state and lenders in other states which grant loans to residents of this state, and with institutions and agencies wherein the board may provide and furnish to such lenders, institutions and agencies administrative services related to the operation of any programs involving the granting of loans to students including but not limited to any and all services and functions related to the granting, administering and collecting of any loans made to students.

(b) The board shall have all powers as are reasonably appropriate to the provision of such services and the performance of such contracts and may include charges or fees to be paid by the lenders, institutions and agencies to the board for the provision of such administrative services or any services or activities related to the collection of any student loans for which the board may become responsible by operation of law or by contractual agreements under this paragraph, but such charges or fees, before being instituted by the board, shall be approved by the secretary of the department of administration.

History: 1971 c. 85; 1971 c. 211 s. 126; 1973 c. 90; 1973 c. 335 s. 13; 1975 c. 189, 224; 1977 c. 29; 1979 c. 34 ss. 813m to 813r, 2102 (22) (a); 1979 c. 176, 221; 1981 c. 20, 314.

See note to Art. X, sec. 8, citing 65 Atty. Gen. 28.

39.325 Wisconsin health education loan program.

(1) There is established, to be administered by the board, a Wisconsin health education loan program under P.L. 94-484, on July 29, 1979, for students enrolled in the university of Wisconsin medical school, the medical college of Wisconsin or Marquette university school of dentistry, in order to provide financial aid to students of dentistry and to provide incentives to physicians who graduate from either the university of Wisconsin medical school or the medical college of Wisconsin to establish practices in this state in certain medical specialties and to establish practices in areas of this state

which are designated as medically underserved under s. 39.377 (3).

(2) The board shall lend to students who qualify under sub. (1) any moneys appropriated or authorized through the issuance of revenue obligations. The board shall require a student borrowing moneys under this section to pay interest while in medical or dental school and during his or her residency training at the rate of at least 3% per year on the sum of the principal amount of the student's obligation and the accumulated interest, unless federal law provides otherwise as a condition of guaranteeing the loan. Principal and interest payable on maturing revenue obligations shall, when necessary, be paid from funded reserves, authorized under subch. II of ch. 18, or from moneys made available under chapter 20, laws of 1981, section 2022 (1).

(3) The board shall promulgate rules and establish standards and methods of determining the amounts of loans, rates of interest and other administrative procedures consistent with P.L. 94-484, on July 29, 1979. The rates of interest shall be set as low as possible, but shall remain sufficient to cover all costs of the program under this section.

History: 1979 c. 34; 1981 c. 20.

39.33 Guaranteed student loan program.

(1) The board may organize and maintain a nonstock corporation under ch. 181 to provide for a guaranteed student loan program in this state under P.L. 89-287 and P.L. 89-329 as may from time to time be amended. The board may make use of and pay for the use of the facilities and services of such corporation.

(2) The board may provide administrative services for the nonstock corporation with which the board has entered into a contractual agreement for purposes of providing for a guaranteed student loan program in this state. Services provided under this section shall be in accordance with the decision of the board as to the type and scope of services requested and the civil service range of any employe assigned to them.

(3) The board or the legislature or any person delegated by the legislature may inspect and examine or cause an inspection and examination of all records relating to all programs that are, or are to be, administered under contractual agreement between the board and the corporation.

39.34 Medical student loan program. (1)

There is established, to be administered by the board, an undergraduate medical student loan program for resident students enrolled in the

university of Wisconsin medical school and the medical college of Wisconsin.

(2) To be eligible the student must have first reached the maximum borrowing limits available under ss. 39.32 and 39.33.

(3) Loans under this section shall be granted on the basis of financial need and shall not exceed \$500 during any one academic year.

(4) The student shall pay no interest on the loan while enrolled as an undergraduate medical student and 7% during the repayment period which begins 9 to 12 months after the student graduates or discontinues to be an enrolled undergraduate medical student.

(5) The repayment period for loans made under this section together with loans made to the same student under ss. 39.32 and 39.33 shall not exceed 10 years.

(6) The board shall establish such other administrative procedures as are necessary to carry out this section consistent with ss. 39.32 and 39.33.

History: 1975 c. 118, 224.

39.35 Repayment of scholarships for teachers in educationally disadvantaged areas.

Notwithstanding s. 39.35 (3), 1969 stats., the board shall compute interest on scholarships awarded to recipients under such section from the date the first payment is due rather than the date the loan is disbursed and may waive the community service work requirement originally stipulated as a condition agreed to by the student applying for scholarship assistance.

History: 1975 c. 189, 422.

39.36 Repayment of stipends for teachers of the handicapped.

Notwithstanding s. 39.37 (3) (b), 1969 stats., if the stipend under such section is not fully amortized at the end of a 5-year period or repaid by that date, it shall be repaid at the rate of not less than one-fifth of the then outstanding amount per year plus interest at the rate of 5% on such amount computed from the date the first payment is due.

History: 1975 c. 189, 422.

39.37 Student loan funding. (1) Student loans made or authorized to be made under s. 39.32 may be funded from the proceeds of revenue obligations issued subject to and in accordance with subch. II of ch. 18.

(2) There is created a separate nonlapsible trust fund designated the student loan repayment fund consisting of all revenues received in repayment of student loans funded under this section, and any other revenues dedicated to it by the board. The board may pledge revenues received or to be received by the fund to secure revenue obligations issued under this section,

and shall have all other powers necessary and convenient to distribute the proceeds of the revenue obligations and loan repayments in accordance with subch. II of ch. 18.

(3) All student loans funded with revenue obligations issued under this section shall be fully guaranteed as to repayment of principal and interest from among a nonstock corporation organized under s. 39.33 (1), the United States, its agencies or instrumentalities. The board may enter into agreements necessary to affect this guaranty.

(4) Revenue obligations issued under this section shall not exceed \$240,000,000 in principal amount, excluding obligations issued to refund outstanding revenue-obligation notes.

(5) Except as may otherwise be expressly provided in resolutions authorizing the issuance of revenue obligations, each issue of revenue obligations shall be on a parity with every other revenue obligation issued under this section, payable in accordance with subch. II of ch. 18, subject only to any agreements with the holders of particular revenue obligations pledging any particular receipts or revenues.

History: 1977 c. 29; 1979 c. 34, 221; 1981 c. 20.

39.374 Wisconsin health education loan program funding. (1) Loans made or authorized to be made under s. 39.325 may be funded from the proceeds of revenue obligations issued subject to and in accordance with subch. II of ch. 18.

(2) There is created a separate nonlapsible trust fund designated the Wisconsin health education loan repayment fund consisting of all revenues received in repayment of loans funded under this section. The board may pledge revenues received or to be received by the fund to secure revenue obligations issued under this section, and shall have all other powers necessary and convenient to distribute the proceeds of the revenue obligations and loan repayments in accordance with subch. II of ch. 18.

(3) All loans funded with revenue obligations issued under this section shall be fully guaranteed as to repayment of principal and interest by the United States, its agencies or instrumentalities. The board may enter into agreements necessary to effect this guaranty.

(4) Revenue obligations issued under this section shall not exceed \$37,000,000 in principal amount, excluding obligations issued to refund outstanding revenue-obligation notes.

(5) Except as may otherwise be expressly provided in resolutions authorizing the issuance of revenue obligations, each issue of revenue obligations shall be on a parity with every other revenue obligation issued under this section,

payable in accordance with subch. II of ch. 18, subject only to any agreements with the holders of particular revenue obligations pledging any particular receipts or revenues.

History: 1979 c. 34; 1981 c. 20, 317.

39.377 Wisconsin health education loan program grants. (1) There is established, to be administered by the board, a grant component of the Wisconsin health education loan program under s. 39.325, for students enrolled in the university of Wisconsin medical school or in the medical college of Wisconsin.

(2) A grant of up to \$5,000 may be awarded annually for 4 years to a physician who participated in the loan program under s. 39.325, subject to the requirements in pars. (a), (b) and (c):

(a) A grant equal to twelve and one-half percent of principal and accrued interest commitment, not to exceed \$2,500, may be awarded annually for 4 years if the physician establishes a primary care medical practice in this state.

(b) A grant equal to twelve and one-half percent of principal and accrued interest commitment, not to exceed \$2,500, may be awarded annually for 4 years if the physician practices any specialty in a geographical area of this state designated by the department of health and social services as underserved.

(c) The total grant awarded to any individual may not exceed the total amount borrowed by that individual.

(3) A definition of primary care medical specialties and a methodology to designate underserved areas of this state shall be developed by the department of health and social services in consultation with the medical education review committee, the health policy council, the university of Wisconsin office of rural health and local health systems agencies. The department of health and social services shall promulgate rules for the implementation and operation of the program under this section and shall report to the assembly health and social services committee, the senate human resources committee, the joint committee for review of administrative rules and the joint committee on finance regarding the definitions of primary care specialists, designated underserved areas of this state and proposals for the periodic review of the rules and guidelines for the continued operation of the grant program under this section.

History: 1979 c. 34; 1981 c. 20

39.38 Indian student assistance. (1) There is established, to be administered by the board, a grant program to assist those Indian students who are residents of this state to receive a higher education.

(2) Grants under this section shall be based on financial need, as determined by the board. The maximum grant shall not exceed \$1,800 per year. Grants shall be awarded to students for full-time or part-time attendance at any accredited institution of higher education in this state. Grants shall be renewable for up to 5 years if a recipient remains in good academic standing at the institution he or she is attending. The American Indian language and culture education board shall advise the board on the allocation of grants to students enrolled less than half-time.

History: 1971 c. 125; 1979 c. 34; 1981 c. 20.

39.42 Interstate agreements. The board, with the approval of the joint committee on finance, or the governing boards of any publicly supported institution of post-high school education, with the approval of the board and the joint committee on finance, may enter into agreements or understandings which include remission of nonresident tuition for designated categories of students at state institutions of higher education with appropriate state agencies and institutions of higher education in other states to facilitate use of public higher education institutions of this state and other states. Such agreements and understandings shall have as their purpose the mutual improvement of educational advantages for residents of this state and such other states or institutions of other states with which agreements are made.

History: 1971 c. 100, 125; 1975 c. 39; 1977 c. 29; 1981 c. 20.

39.43 Loan forgiveness for critical manpower occupations. (1) There is established, to be administered by the board, a loan forgiveness program for students enrolled in full-time courses of study in critical manpower shortage areas at accredited, nonprofit institutions of higher education in this state and outside the state.

(2) Critical personnel shortage areas shall be determined by the state employment and training council created under 29 USC 820 and shall include the first professional degree in veterinary medicine, dentistry, dental hygiene and optometry.

(3) Eligible students enrolled in designated critical manpower shortage areas shall receive loans under s. 39.32 not to exceed \$2,500 per academic year. Loan amounts shall be based on the financial need of the student as determined by the board.

(4) Loans made to students under this section before or after April 9, 1976, shall be forgiven at the rate of one-fifth the sum total of the amount borrowed plus accrued interest for

each year the recipient practices, or is otherwise employed in the critical manpower occupation in this state.

(5) To be eligible under this section, a student must meet the following requirements:

(a) Be accepted for or satisfactorily enrolled in a designated critical manpower shortage course of study at an accredited nonprofit institution of higher education.

(b) Indicate a willingness to remain in the state or return to the state to practice, or be employed in, the critical manpower occupation for which the student was aided.

(c) Be a resident of this state.

(6) No loans may be made under this section on or after July 1, 1976.

History: 1975 c. 189, 421; 1979 c. 221.

39.435 Wisconsin higher education grants. (1) There is established, to be administered by the board, a grant program for resident students enrolling in accredited, nonprofit public institutions of higher education in this state.

Except as authorized under subs. (4) and (5), such grants shall be made only to students enrolling in public institutions in this state.

(2) The board may make or authorize such grants to eligible students.

(3) Grants under this section shall be based on financial need, but shall not exceed \$1,800 during any one academic year. The board shall establish a minimum grant amount, uniform need determination procedures, a reporting system to periodically provide student economic data, and other rules as the board deems necessary to assure uniform administration of the program.

(4) The board may set aside not more than 20% of the funds remaining, after taking into consideration funds provided under subs. (5) and (6), for late applicants, grant adjustments and uniquely needy students attending either public or private institutions.

(5) The board shall ensure that grants are made available for handicapped students attending private or public institutions in this state who are deaf or hard of hearing or visually handicapped and who demonstrate need. Grants may also be made available to such handicapped students attending private or public institutions in other states under criteria established by the board. In determining the financial need of these students special consideration shall be given to their unique and unusual costs.

(6) From the appropriation under s. 20.235 (1) (fe), the board shall make available not less

than \$750,000 in 1975-76 and not less than \$950,000 in 1976-77 for distribution to students attending vocational, technical and adult education institutions.

History: 1973 c. 90; 1973 c. 335 s. 13; 1975 c. 39, 189, 224; 1977 c. 26 s. 75; 1979 c. 34.

39.46 Contract for dental education. (1)

On or before July 1 of each year, the higher educational aids board shall initiate, investigate and formulate for procurement, a contract for dental education services in accordance with this section. Thereafter, the board shall conduct a biennial analysis of the program and include a report on its findings and recommendations in its reports under s. 15.04 (1) (d). The legislative audit bureau shall biennially postaudit expenditures under this section. Section 16.75 (1) to (5) are waived with respect to such contract.

(2) The contract under this section shall be between this state and a private nonprofit institution of higher education in this state which operates a school of dentistry approved and accredited by the council on dental education of the American dental association and by the dentistry examining board under s. 447.03, and shall relate, in all provisions, exclusively to the providing of dental education in the dental school of such institution. The contract shall require:

(a) That no courses of instruction in subject matters of a religious nature be included in any instructional program or curriculum administered in or by the school of dentistry, and that no such courses be required for admission to or graduation from the school of dentistry.

(b) That applicants for admission to the school of dentistry who are residents of this state be accorded preference over other applicants having substantially equal academic qualifications and credentials.

(c) That for purposes of this section the nondiscrimination provisions of s. 16.765, expanded to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, be limited to apply only to the operation of the school of dentistry and that no such prohibited discrimination be practiced with respect to admissions to the school of dentistry.

(d) That the school of dentistry administer and operate its courses and programs in dentistry in conformity with academic and professional standards, rules and requirements and seek progressively to enrich and improve its courses of dental education, research and public service by full and efficient use of budgetary and other resources available to it. In monitoring compliance with this paragraph the board may rely on third-party evaluations conducted by appropriate and recognized accrediting bodies.

(e) That all sums to be received by the school of dentistry under the contract be used exclusively in providing undergraduate education in dentistry.

(3) (a) In the contract under this section, the state shall agree, subject to availability of appropriations for such purpose, that it will pay to the school of dentistry of the contracting institution, on account of its furnishing of such dental education, research and public service courses and programs, an amount for each resident of this state who is regularly enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in dentistry therein.

(b) The state shall remit payments directly to the school of dentistry of the contracting institution in monthly instalments upon submission of instalment bills or statements. The state shall audit these bills or statements semiannually.

(4) A student's qualification under this section as a resident of this state shall be determined in accordance with s. 36.27, so far as applicable. No amount may be computed based upon the enrollment of any student who is not a full-time dental student. The number of full-time resident students shall be determined 2 weeks following the late registration period each semester.

History: 1973 c. 90; 1973 c. 335 s. 13; 1975 c. 39; 1977 c. 29; 1977 c. 196 s. 131.

39.47 Minnesota-Wisconsin student reciprocity agreement. (1)

There is established, to be administered by the board, a Minnesota-Wisconsin student reciprocity agreement, the purpose of which shall be to ensure that neither state shall profit at the expense of the other and that the determination of any amounts owed by either state under the agreement shall be based on an equitable formula which reflects the educational costs incurred by the 2 states. The board, representing this state, shall enter into an agreement meeting the requirements of this section with the designated body representing the state of Minnesota.

(2) The agreement under this section shall provide for the waiver of nonresident tuition for a resident of either state who is enrolled as an undergraduate, graduate or professional student at a public institution of higher education operated wholly by the other state. The agreement shall take effect on July 1, 1979, and extend through the academic year ending June 30, 1989. The agreement shall provide for a biennial review of the costs, charges and payments associated with the agreement.

(3) Annually, each state shall determine the number of students for whom nonresident tuition has been waived under the agreement. Each state shall certify to the other state, in

addition to the number of students so determined, the aggregate amount of its reimbursement obligation. The state with the smaller reimbursement obligation shall receive from the other state an amount determined by subtracting the reimbursement obligation of the state receiving the payment from the reimbursement obligation of the state making the payment. The agreement shall provide a reasonable date for payment of any such sums due and owing to either state, after which date interest may be charged on the amount owed. The methodology for determination of the appropriate interest rate shall be included in the agreement. Any payments received by this state under this subsection shall be deposited in the general fund.

(4) No agreement under this section is effective unless the university of Minnesota, each year, accepts a negotiated number of qualified residents of this state, not to exceed 24, as entering first-year students into the professional veterinary medicine program at the university of Minnesota, unless it is mutually agreed otherwise.

History: 1973 c. 90; 1977 c. 29; 1979 c. 221.

SUBCHAPTER IV

COMPACT FOR EDUCATION

39.75 Compact for education. The compact for education is hereby enacted into law and entered into by this state with all other jurisdictions legally joining therein, in the form substantially as follows:

(1) **ARTICLE I - PURPOSE AND POLICY.** (a) It is the purpose of this compact to:

1. Establish and maintain close co-operation and understanding among executive, legislative, professional educational and lay leadership on a nationwide basis at the state and local levels.

2. Provide a forum for the discussion, development, crystallization and recommendation of public policy alternatives in the field of education.

3. Provide a clearinghouse of information on matters relating to educational problems and how they are being met in different places throughout the nation, so that the executive and legislative branches of state government and of local communities may have ready access to the experience and record of the entire country, and so that both lay and professional groups in the field of education may have additional avenues for the sharing of experience and the interchange of ideas in the formation of public policy in education.

4. Facilitate the improvement of state and local educational systems so that all of them will

be able to meet adequate and desirable goals in a society which requires continuous qualitative and quantitative advance in educational opportunities, methods and facilities.

(b) It is the policy of this compact to encourage and promote local and state initiative in the development, maintenance, improvement and administration of educational systems and institutions in a manner which will accord with the needs and advantages of diversity among localities and states.

(c) The party states recognize that each of them has an interest in the quality and quantity of education furnished in each of the other states, as well as in the excellence of its own educational systems and institutions, because of the highly mobile character of individuals within the nation, and because the products and services contributing to the health, welfare and economic advancement of each state are supplied in significant part by persons educated in other states.

(2) **ARTICLE II - STATE DEFINED.** As used in this compact, "state" means a state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(3) **ARTICLE III - THE COMMISSION.** (a) The education commission of the states, hereinafter called "the commission", is hereby established. The commission shall consist of 7 members representing each party state. One of such members shall be governor; 2 shall be members of the state legislature selected by its respective houses and serving in such manner as the legislature may determine; and 4 shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor, unless the laws of the state otherwise provide. If the laws of a state prevent legislators from serving on the commission, 6 members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor, unless the laws of the state otherwise provide. In addition to any other principles or requirements which a state may establish for the appointment and service of its members of the commission, the guiding principle for the composition of the membership on the commission from each party state shall be that the members representing such state shall, by virtue of their training, experience, knowledge or affiliations be in a position collectively to reflect broadly the interests of the state government, higher education, the state education system, local education, lay and professional, public and nonpublic educational leadership. Of those appointees, one shall be the head of a state agency or institution, designated by the governor, having responsibility for one or more programs of public education. In addition to the members of the commission representing the party states, there may be

not to exceed 10 nonvoting commissioners selected by the steering committee for terms of one year. Such commissioners shall represent leading national organizations of professional educators or persons concerned with educational administration.

(b) The members of the commission shall be entitled to one vote each on the commission. No action of the commission shall be binding unless taken at a meeting at which a majority of the total number of votes on the commission are cast in favor thereof. Action of the commission shall be only at a meeting at which a majority of the commissioners are present. The commission shall meet at least once a year. In its bylaws, and subject to such directions and limitations as may be contained therein, the commission may delegate the exercise of any of its powers to the steering committee or the executive director, except for the power to approve budgets or requests for appropriations, the power to make policy recommendations pursuant to sub. (4) and adoption of the annual report pursuant to par. (j).

(c) The commission shall have a seal.

(d) The commission shall elect annually, from among its members, a chairman, who shall be a governor, a vice chairman and a treasurer. The commission shall provide for the appointment of an executive director. Such executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the commission, and together with the treasurer and such other personnel as the commission may deem appropriate shall be bonded in such amount as the commission shall determine. The executive director shall be secretary.

(e) Irrespective of the civil service, personnel or other merit system laws of any of the party states, the executive director subject to the approval of the steering committee shall appoint, remove or discharge such personnel as may be necessary for the performance of the functions of the commission, and shall fix the duties and compensation of such personnel. The commission in its bylaws shall provide for the personnel policies and programs of the commission.

(f) The commission may borrow, accept or contract for the services of personnel from any party jurisdiction, the United States, or any subdivision or agency of the aforementioned governments, or from any agency of 2 or more of the party jurisdictions or their subdivisions.

(g) The commission may accept for any of its purposes and functions under this compact any and all donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials and services, conditional or otherwise, from any state, the United States, or any other governmental agency, or from any person, firm, association, foundation or corporation, and may receive, utilize and

dispose of the same. Any donation or grant accepted by the commission pursuant to this paragraph or services borrowed pursuant to par. (f) shall be reported in the annual report of the commission. Such report shall include the nature, amount and conditions, if any, of the donation, grant or services borrowed, and the identity of the donor or lender.

(h) The commission may establish and maintain such facilities as may be necessary for the transacting of its business. The commission may acquire, hold and convey real and personal property and any interest therein.

(i) The commission shall adopt bylaws for the conduct of its business and shall have the power to amend and rescind these bylaws. The commission shall publish its bylaws in convenient form and shall file a copy thereof and a copy of any amendment thereto, with the appropriate agency or officer in each of the party states.

(j) The commission annually shall make to the governor and legislature of each party state a report covering the activities of the commission for the preceding year. The commission may make such additional reports as it may deem desirable.

(4) ARTICLE IV - POWERS. In addition to authority conferred on the commission by other provisions of the compact, the commission shall have authority to:

(a) Collect, correlate, analyze and interpret information and data concerning educational needs and resources.

(b) Encourage and foster research in all aspects of education, but with special reference to the desirable scope of instruction, organization, administration and instructional methods and standards employed or suitable for employment in public educational systems.

(c) Develop proposals for adequate financing of education as a whole and at each of its many levels.

(d) Conduct or participate in research of the types referred to in this subsection in any instance where the commission finds that such research is necessary for the advancement of the purposes and policies of this compact, utilizing fully the resources of national associations, regional compact organizations for higher education and other agencies and institutions, both public and private.

(e) Formulate suggested policies and plans for the improvement of public education as a whole, or for any segment thereof, and make recommendations with respect thereto available to the appropriate governmental units, agencies and public officials.

(f) Do such other things as may be necessary or incidental to the administration of any of its authority or functions pursuant to this compact.

(5) ARTICLE V - CO-OPERATION WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. (a) If the laws of the United States specifically so provide, or if administrative provision is made therefor within the federal government, the United States may be represented on the commission by not to exceed 10 representatives. Any such representative or representatives of the United States shall be appointed and serve in such manner as may be provided by or pursuant to federal law, and may be drawn from any one or more branches of the federal government, but no such representative shall have a vote on the commission.

(b) The commission may provide information and make recommendations to any executive or legislative agency or officer of the federal government concerning the common educational policies of the states, and may advise with any such agencies or officers concerning any matter of mutual interest.

(6) ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES. (a) To assist in the expeditious conduct of its business when the full commission is not meeting, the commission shall elect a steering committee of 32 members which, subject to the provisions of this compact and consistent with the policies of the commission, shall be constituted and function as provided in the bylaws of the commission. One-fourth of the voting membership of the steering committee shall consist of governors, one-fourth shall consist of legislators, and the remainder shall consist of other members of the commission. A federal representative on the commission may serve with the steering committee, but without vote. The voting members of the steering committee shall serve for terms of 2 years, except that members elected to the first steering committee of the commission shall be elected as follows: 15 for one year and 15 for 2 years. The chairman, vice chairman, and treasurer of the commission shall be members of the steering committee and, anything in this paragraph to the contrary notwithstanding, shall serve during their continuance in these offices. Vacancies in the steering committee shall not affect its authority to act, but the commission at its next regularly ensuing meeting following the occurrence of any vacancy shall fill it for the unexpired term. No person shall serve more than 2 terms as a member of the steering committee: provided that service for a partial term of one year or less shall not be counted toward the 2-term limitation.

(b) The commission may establish advisory and technical committees composed of state, local, and federal officials, and private persons to advise it with respect to any one or more of its

functions. Any advisory or technical committee may, on request of the states concerned, be established to consider any matter of special concern to 2 or more of the party states.

(c) The commission may establish such additional committees as its bylaws may provide.

(7) ARTICLE VII - FINANCE. (a) The commission shall advise the governor or designated officer or officers of each party state of its budget and estimated expenditures for such period as may be required by the laws of that party state. Each of the commission's budgets of estimated expenditures shall contain specific recommendations of the amount or amounts to be appropriated by each of the party states.

(b) The total amount of appropriation requests under any budget shall be apportioned among the party states. In making such apportionment, the commission shall devise and employ a formula which takes equitable account of the populations and per capita income levels of the party states.

(c) The commission shall not pledge the credit of any party states. The commission may meet any of its obligations in whole or in part with funds available to it under sub. (3) (g), provided that the commission takes specific action setting aside such funds prior to incurring an obligation to be met in whole or in part in such manner. Except where the commission makes use of funds available to it under sub. (3) (g), the commission shall not incur any obligation prior to the allotment of funds by the party states adequate to meet the same.

(d) The commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the commission shall be subject to the audit and accounting procedures established by its bylaws. However, all receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the commission shall be audited yearly by a qualified public accountant, and the report of the audit shall be included in and become part of the annual reports of the commission.

(e) The accounts of the commission shall be open at any reasonable time for inspection by duly constituted officers of the party states and by any persons authorized by the commission.

(f) Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent commission compliance with laws relating to audit or inspection of accounts by or on behalf of any government contributing to the support of the commission.

(8) ARTICLE VIII - ELIGIBLE PARTIES; ENTRY INTO AND WITHDRAWAL. (a) This compact shall have as eligible parties all states, territories, and possessions of the United States, the District of Columbia and the commonwealth of Puerto Rico. In respect of any such jurisdiction not having a governor, the term "governor",

as used in this compact, shall mean the closest equivalent official of such jurisdiction.

(b) Any state or other eligible jurisdiction may enter into this compact and it shall become binding thereon when it has adopted the same: provided that in order to enter into initial effect, adoption by at least 10 eligible party jurisdictions shall be required.

(c) Adoption of the compact may be either by enactment thereof or by adherence thereto by the governor; provided that in the absence of enactment, adherence by the governor shall be sufficient to make his state a party only until December 31, 1967. During any period when a state is participating in this compact through gubernatorial action, the governor shall appoint those persons who, in addition to himself, shall serve as the members of the commission from his state, and shall provide to the commission an equitable share of the financial support of the commission from any source available to him.

(d) Except for a withdrawal effective on December 31, 1967, in accordance with par. (c), any party state may withdraw from this compact by enacting a statute repealing the same, but no such withdrawal shall take effect until one year after the governor of the withdrawing state has given notice in writing of the withdrawal to the governors of all other party states. No withdrawal shall affect any liability already incurred by or chargeable to a party state prior to the time of such withdrawal.

(9) ARTICLE IX - CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY. This compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any state or of the United States, or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any state participating therein, the compact shall remain in full

force and effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters.

History: 1981 c. 390

39.76 Compact commission delegation.

(1) STATE REPRESENTATION ON THE EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES. There is created a 7-member delegation to represent the state of Wisconsin on the education commission of the states. The delegation shall consist of the governor, the state superintendent of public instruction, one senator and one representative to the assembly selected as are the members of standing committees in their respective houses, and 3 members appointed by the governor in compliance with s. 39.75 (3) (a) who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. The chairperson of the delegation shall be designated by the governor from among its members. Members of the delegation shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties from the appropriation in s. 20.505 (3) (a). Annual commission membership dues shall be paid from the appropriation in s. 20.505 (3) (a).

(2) ADMINISTRATION SERVICE. The department of administration shall provide administrative and staff services for the delegation to the education commission of the states.

(3) REPORTS; BYLAWS. Under s. 39.75 (3) (j), the education commission of the states shall file a copy of its bylaws and any amendments thereto with the secretary of state and the office of the governor on or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year. The delegation or the education commission of the states shall submit to the governor and the legislature a report of the activities of the delegation and the commission.

(4) CO-OPERATION OF STATE AGENCIES. Any existing state department or board in the field of public education shall within existing appropriations co-operate with the education compact delegation in the execution of its functions.

History: 1977 c. 29 s. 1649; 1977 c. 325; 1981 c. 20 s. 2202
(1) (b); 1981 c. 390