

CHAPTER 425.

AN ACT to create 20.015 (3) of the statutes, relating to a study of the problems of the aged by the legislative council and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. Modern scientific developments have extended the life span of our citizens. This has resulted in a need for a re-evaluation of our public assistance program, our institutional program, our program of manpower utilization and our recreational program. The need for an exhaustive study of the problem of our aged citizens is not only dictated by humanitarian considerations, but is necessary in order to utilize our state facilities most effectively.

SECTION 2. The joint legislative council is directed to conduct a study of the problem of our aged population and to develop such information as will enable the legislature to enact a long range program geared to provide adequately for those who have devoted most of their years to the development of this state. Such study should give special emphasis to

- (a) The problem of adequate old-age assistance.
- (b) The problem of institutional care.
- (c) The problem of partial or extended employment.
- (d) The problem of leisure time.

SECTION 2a. The joint legislative council is further directed to conduct a study, working co-operatively with state agencies, of all welfare costs, to make recommendations thereon and to determine if a pattern fixing a maximum percentage county tax levy from real estate tax for welfare purposes can be developed.

SECTION 3. An advisory committee shall be appointed to direct the study. The committee shall consist of 3 senators and 3 assemblymen to be appointed as are standing committees in their respective houses, and 3 citizens at large, with a knowledge of and interest in the problem of the aged, selected by the council. The advisory committee shall select a project director who shall devote at least half time to this job.

SECTION 4. The director of public welfare is directed to release employes for periods not to exceed 3 months to participate in this study, and to provide such information as may be requested by the project director.

SECTION 5. 20.015 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

20.015 (3) STUDY OF THE AGED. (a) There is appropriated from the general fund annually for the years beginning July 1, 1951 and July 1, 1952, \$15,000 to the joint legislative council for the conduct of a study of the aged and the preparation of a report thereon.

(b) Payments from this appropriation for reimbursement of expenses and compensation for services shall be made to persons not employed by the public welfare department, and shall be made by voucher signed by the chairman and secretary of the council.

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