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AN ACT to amend 43.60 (2); and to create 20.143 (2), 36.063, 43.60 (4) (e), (f), (g) and (h) of the statutes, relating to research and experimentation in educational television and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. In order to implement the objectives of Joint Resolution No. 42, S., adopted by the 1953 legislature, the radio council is directed to carry out research and experimentation designed to provide operating cost data, test programs and audience evaluations of educational television and to report its findings to the legislative council by September 1, 1954, and to the legislature at the beginning of the 1955 session.

Section 2. 20.143 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

20.143 (2) CONDUCT OF EXPERIMENTAL TELEVISION TRANSMISSION. (a) On July 1, 1953, \$25,000 and on July 1, 1954, \$50,000 as a nonlapsible appropriation for research and experimentation in educational television. Of this appropriation there is allotted for the following purposes:

 1953-1954
 1954-1955

 Personal Services
 \$19,000
 \$38,000

 Materials and expense
 6,000
 12,000

(b) All gifts and grants made to the radio council for the purpose of conducting research and experimentation in educational television.

Section 3. 36.063 of the statutes is created to read:

36.063 EXPERIMENTAL TELEVISION TRANSMISSION. The board of regents is authorized to grant the radio council the part-time use of equipment and space for the conduct of research and experimentation in educational television.

Section 4. 43.60 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

43.60 (2) The state radio council shall be composed of the following members: the governor or his representative; the president of the university of Wisconsin or his representative; the superintendent of public instruction; the secretary of the board of regents of * * * state colleges; the director of the state board of vocational and adult education; * * * a university representative appointed by the board of regents and 3 citizen members appointed by the governor. All of said members shall serve * * * without compensation except that they shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Section 5. 43.60 (4) (e), (f), (g) and (h) of the statutes are created to read:

43.60 (4) (e) To protect the public interest in educational television by making application to the federal communications commission for educational television channels reserved for Wisconsin and to take such action as is necessary to preserve such channels to Wisconsin for educational use.

(f) To conduct research and experimentation in educational television.

(g) To accept gifts and grants for the purpose of conducting research and experimentation in educational television.

(h) To make agreements with and co-operate with public and private agencies for the purpose of furthering its research and experimentation in educational television.

Approved June 25, 1953.