1969 Senate Bill 587

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## CHAPTER 432, LAWS OF 1969

Item  $\int$  AN ACT to create 14.995 and 20.505 (5) (d) of the statutes, relating to<br/>creating a task force on welfare payments and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 14.995 of the statutes is created to read:

14.995 TASK FORCE ON WELFARE PAYMENTS. (1) There is created a task force of 13 members for the general purpose of studying the welfare program in this state and the participation of units of state, federal, local and county units of government in the welfare program. The task force shall try to improve the welfare program, find a better way of using the funds of the recipients, help the recipients of welfare to obtain employment and maintain a continuing process of education for welfare recipients. The task force shall make recommendations for improving the welfare program and report to the legislature and the governor not later than January 15, 1971.

(2) (a) The members of the task force shall be appointed as follows:

1. The governor shall appoint one member.

2. Three members shall be senators and 3 members shall be representatives to the assembly, appointed as are members of standing committees in each house. The members appointed from each house shall consist of 2 members from the most predominant political party and one member from the 2nd most predominant political party in that house. 1403

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3. One member shall be from a county welfare department, one shall be a city welfare official, one shall be from a village and one shall be from a town. The members under this subdivision shall be appointed by the legislative council.

4. Two members shall be county board members, appointed by the Wisconsin county boards association.

(b) The members shall elect one of the members to serve as chairman of the task force.

(c) The task force study shall be under the supervision of the legislative council.

(3) The task force shall study welfare problems with an emphasis on eliminating the necessity for welfare payments and until that end can be accomplished the task force shall study how to improve the efficiency of the present system.

(4) The department of administration, the department of revenue and the department of health and social services shall cooperate with the legislative council staff. The legislative council shall furnish staff services to the committee. The task force may also employ such consultants and research or administrative staff as it deems necessary outside the classified service.

(5) The task force may hold hearings throughout the state.

(6) Members of the task force shall be paid their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Section 2. At the appropriate place in the schedule of section 20.005 of the statutes insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated :

20.505 Administration, Department of 1969-70 1970-71 (5) Special Committees

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Section 3. 20.505 (5) (d) of the statutes is created to read :

 $\frac{25.505}{(5)}$  (d). Welfare task force. As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for general program operations of the task force on welfare payments under 5. 14.995.

Approved February 13, 1970.

Welfare task force