

CHAPTER 39

HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES AND COMPACT FOR EDUCATION

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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 co-ordinator of their joint efforts to meet the educational needs of the state through radio and television;

(6) Furnish leadership in securing adequate funding for state-wide joint use of radio and television for educational and cultural purposes;

(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;

(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.

History: 1971 c. 211.

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.

39.15 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 post-audit expenditures under s. 20.250 so as to assure the propriety of expenditures and compliance with legislative intent.

History: 1971 c. 125.

39.23 College or school of veterinary medicine. The coordinating council for higher education shall authorize the board of regents of the university of Wisconsin system to establish a school or college of veterinary medicine if studies by the coordinating council in consultation with the council on education of the American veterinary medical association, confirm the need for such school or college and results of these studies are approved by the legislature. Findings and recommendations shall be reported to the 1971 legislature by March 1, 1971.

History: 1971 c. 100 s. 23.

SUBCHAPTER II

HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS BOARD

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

39.27 Council on student aid. The council on student aid shall advise the board on methods of identifying scholastically talented high school graduates. The council also shall advise the board on all matters pertaining to the operation, administration and improvement of the state's student financial aid programs.

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 under this subchapter. 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 annual report under s. 15.04 (4), the board also shall include recommendations for improvement of the state's student financial aid programs.

(4) The board shall establish rules relating to the scholarship programs provided under ss. 36.161, 37.11 (12) and 38.04 (7). These rules shall include the establishment of a minimum grant amount, uniform need determination procedures, a reporting system to periodically provide student economic data, and such other rules as the board deems necessary to assure uniform administration of the specified scholarship programs.

History: 1971 c. 125, 211.

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:

(c) "Effective income" means the sum of the taxable incomes, as defined in sec. 63 of the internal revenue code.

(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. 36.16, so far as applicable.

(2) **ELIGIBILITY.** A full-time resident student 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 8 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.** Effective income and the grant to be paid for each semester shall be determined as follows:

(a) If the student or his spouse, or both, provides the majority of his support, their effective income shall be used in determining the grant under this section.

(b) If a parent or parents provide the majority of the support of the student, the combined effective income of such parent or parents shall be used in determining the grant under par. (f).

(c) If more than one student for whom such parents provide a majority of support qualifies for a grant under this section, the combined effective income of the parents shall be divided by the number of such eligible students in the family in determining the grant payable under par. (f) to each such student.

(e) The grant under this section for any semester or term shall not be more than that portion of a student's tuition and instruction-related fees exceeding the resident fee at the Madison campus of the university of Wisconsin.

(f) The schedule for determining grants is as follows:

Effective income	Maximum grant each semester of study
\$ 0-2,000	\$250

2,001-3,000	225
3,001-4,000	200
4,001-5,000	175
5,001-6,000	150
6,001-7,000	125
7,001-8,000	100
8,001-9,000	75
9,001-10,000	50
over 10,000	None

(g) A full-time resident student registered as a freshman after September 1, 1969, as a freshman or sophomore after September 1, 1970, as a freshman, sophomore or junior after September 1, 1971, as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior after September 1, 1972, in an accredited, nonprofit, post high school, educational institution in this state shall be eligible for grants under this section for each semester or term of attendance, and the schedule shall be as follows:

Effective Income	Maximum grant each semester of study
\$ 0-5,000	\$325
5,001-6,000	250
6,001-7,000	200
7,001-8,000	150
8,001-9,000	100
9,001-10,000	50
over 10,000	None

(h) A full-time resident student registered as a freshman after September 1, 1972, as a freshman or sophomore after September 1, 1973, as a freshman, sophomore, or junior after September 1, 1974, as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior after September 1, 1975, in an accredited, nonprofit, post high school, educational institution in this state shall be eligible for grants under this section for each semester or term of attendance, and the schedule shall be as follows:

Effective income	Maximum grant each semester of study
\$ 0- 6,000	\$450
6,001- 8,000	350
8,001-10,000	250
10,001-12,000	150
over 12,000	none

(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.

(5) **RETURN OF GRANTS.** Any student who receives a grant under this section, but subsequently does not complete the semester for which the grant was received, shall return a prorated share of the grant based on the number of weeks of the semester left unattended.

History: 1971 c. 125.

39.31 Honor scholarships. (1) For the purpose of recognizing and awarding scholastically talented graduates of Wisconsin high schools who are residents of the state as defined in s. 39.30, there are created honor scholarships which may be awarded to qualified students who plan to enroll as first-time, full-time students at any approved, nonprofit public or private institution of higher education in this state. No honor scholarships shall be awarded to persons who plan to enroll in a course of study leading to a degree in theology, divinity or religious education or to religious aspirants.

(2) Honor scholarship recipients shall receive stipends based on individual financial need which is calculated by deducting resources available to the student from total educational costs. The amount of tuition used in calculating total educational costs shall not exceed the resident fee at the Madison campus of the university of Wisconsin. The maximum honor scholarship awarded to a student shall be \$800.

(3) Honor scholarships shall be awarded in order of rank based on criteria determined by the board and shall be awarded to persons scholastically ranked in the top 10% of their graduating classes, as follows:

(a) To 2 graduates at each Wisconsin public or private secondary school enrolling less than 250 students.

(b) To 4 graduates at each Wisconsin public or private secondary school enrolling 250 to 750 students.

(c) To 6 graduates at each Wisconsin public or private secondary school enrolling more than 750 students.

History: 1971 c. 125.

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. 36.16, 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.

(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 statutes.

(6) The board shall satisfy the loan of any student who obtained a loan under this section or s. 39.023 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 his heirs, executor or administrator from the appropriation in s. 20.235 (1) (fa) upon receipt by the board of an application for refund.

History: 1971 c. 85; 1971 c. 211 s. 126.

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 employee 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 Tuition reimbursement; certain courses of study. Any person entitled to exemption from nonresident tuition under s. 36.16

(1) (a) who has completed at least one year of collegiate work and who is attending or has been admitted to an institution of higher education to engage in a first professional degree course of study in veterinary medicine, architecture, forestry or dentistry, or in a course in optometry or dental hygiene conducted by a school accredited under s. 39.30 (1) (d), which is not offered in a Wisconsin public institution of higher education may apply to the board for the difference between the tuition he is required to pay and the resident fees he would have paid as a resident student at the university of Wisconsin. If the board determines that the applicant is eligible under this section and that his academic record indicates that he is capable of benefiting from the instruction, the board may grant the application. No payment for any one individual may exceed \$500 per academic year consisting of 2 academic semesters or 3 academic quarters.

39.36 Contracts for dental education. (1)

On or before July 1 of each year the higher educational aids board shall initiate, investigate, formulate and certify to the department of administration for procurement a contract for dental educational services, in accordance with this section. Thereafter, the higher educational aids board shall conduct a biennial analysis of the program and include an advisory report on its findings and recommendations in its reports under s. 15.04 (4). The legislative audit bureau shall biennially post-audit expenditures under this section so as to assure the propriety of expenditures and compliance with legislative intent.

(2) (a) Such contracts shall conform to all of the requirements and procedures specified in ss. 16.76 to 16.77. Section 16.75 (1) to (5) are waived with respect to such contracts.

(b) Such contracts shall be between the state of Wisconsin and a private nonprofit higher educational institution of 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 state board of dental examiners under s. 447.03 provided the curriculum of such school of dentistry does not in-

clude courses of religious instruction or instruction of religious values.

(c) The contracting institution shall agree that it shall maintain an admissions policy under which applicants for admission to its dental school who are residents of Wisconsin are accorded preference over other applicants having substantially equal academic qualifications and credentials. In addition, the contracting institution shall agree that the nondiscrimination provisions of s. 16.765 which prohibit discrimination apply and are expanded to include discrimination on account of sex and shall be extended to applicants for admission.

(d) The contracting institution shall agree that it shall administer and operate its courses and programs in dentistry conformably to academic and professional standards, rules and requirements; and shall 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.

(e) The state shall agree, subject to availability of appropriations for such purpose, that it shall pay to the contracting institution, on account of its furnishing of such dental educational, research and public service courses and programs, the sum of \$3,500 for each resident of Wisconsin who is regularly enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in dentistry therein. This amount shall be used exclusively in support of the operating costs of the contracting institution.

(f) The state shall remit contractual payments to the contracting institution in quarterly or semiannual instalments upon submission and audit of instalment bills or statements.

(g) A student's qualification as a "resident" of this state shall be determined under s. 36.16, so far as applicable. No amount shall be computed upon the enrollment of any student who is not a full-time dental student. The number of Wisconsin full-time resident students will be determined 2 weeks following late registration each semester.

History: 1971 c. 44, 211.

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 \$1,500 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 is attending

History: 1971 c. 125.

39.39 Talent incentive program. (1) ADMINISTRATION. (a) There is established, to be administered by the board, a grant program for resident students enrolling in accredited, non-profit institutions of higher education in this state.

(b) There shall be 500 grants awarded to new students for each academic year beginning in September 1972. All students who maintain a satisfactory academic record shall have their grants renewed for the equivalent of one additional academic year.

(c) The amount of the grant shall be based on the student's financial need, as determined by the board. In no case may the incentive grant exceed \$1,000 during any one academic year.

(2) ELIGIBILITY. The board shall be responsible for selecting grant recipients under this section, and shall require that the student meet one or more of the following criteria:

(a) Reside in a poverty area in this state, as determined by the board.

(b) Be a client of an educational talent search program.

(c) Meet other requirements established by the board.

History: 1971 c. 125.

39.40 Educational manpower grants. (1) There is established, to be administered by the board, a program to provide grants to resident students enrolled in full-time courses of study in critical manpower shortage areas at accredited, nonprofit institutions of higher education.

(2) Grant amounts shall be based on need, as determined by the board, and shall not exceed \$2,000 per year for undergraduates and \$4,000 per year for graduate students.

(3) Critical manpower shortage areas shall be determined by the board upon the recommendation of the department of industry, labor and human relations and shall include:

(a) Teachers of the educationally disadvantaged.

(b) Teachers of children with emotional disturbances or special learning disabilities.

(4) Funds appropriated under s. 20.235 (1) (fd) for the purposes of this section shall be awarded on a pro rata basis if approved grant requests exceed the appropriation.

History: 1971 c. 125.

39.42 Interstate agreements. The board,

with the approval of the joint committee on finance if the legislature is in session or the board on government operations if the legislature is recessed or adjourned, 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 if the legislature is in session or the board on government operations if the legislature is recessed or adjourned, 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.

Note: Chap. 125, laws of 1971, which created s. 39.42, also provided:

"Section 528 (4) CONTINUATION OF STUDENT EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS. The repeal of s. 39.03 (8), and the creation of s. 39.42 of the statutes by this act shall not interrupt the continuation of existing student exchange agreements adopted under s. 39.03 (8), 1969 stats. The higher educational aids board shall be responsible for ensuring that all students eligible for resident status maintain that status until changed by actions taken under s. 39.42".

SUBCHAPTER III 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:

COMPACT FOR EDUCATION 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.

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.

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 mem-

bers 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 non-voting 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 article IV and adoption of the annual report pursuant to article III (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 paragraph (F) of this article 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.

ARTICLE IV. POWERS

In addition to authority conferred on the commission by other provisions of the compact, the commission shall have authority to:

1. Collect, correlate, analyze and interpret information and data concerning educational needs and resources.

2. 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.

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

4. Conduct or participate in research of the types referred to in this article 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.

5. 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.

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

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.

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.

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 pursuant to article III (G) of this compact, 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 pursuant to article III (G) thereof, 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.

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 paragraph (C) of this article, 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 par-

ty states. No withdrawal shall affect any liability already incurred by or chargeable to a party state prior to the time of such withdrawal.

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.

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 member of the assembly and one member of the senate selected by the respective houses and serving in such manner as the legislature determines, and 3 members appointed by

the governor in compliance with Article III (A) of the compact under s. 39.75 who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. The chairman 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 their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties from the appropriation in s. 20.505 (5) (a). Annual commission membership dues shall be paid from the appropriation in s. 20.505 (5) (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. Pursuant to Article III (J) of the compact, the education commission of the states shall file a copy of its bylaws and any amendments thereto with the secretary of state and the executive office 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.