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CHAPTER 305.

AN ACT to create 47.095 of the statutes, relating to an advisory committee of the blind.

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

47.095 of the statutes is created to read:

47.095 ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE BLIND. (1) There shall be created an advisory committee of the blind to be composed of 6 members. Three of such members shall act as an advisory committee to the board of public welfare, and the other 3 members shall act as an advisory committee to the state superintendent of public instruction. The board of public welfare and state superintendent shall each appoint their committees of 3 members for terms of 2, 4 and 6 years respectively. Thereafter each member shall be appointed for a term of 6 years. Appointments shall be made on the basis of recognized interest in and a demonstrated knowledge of the problems of the visually handicapped. All members of the committee shall be visually handicapped. The committee appointed by the board of public welfare and the committee appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction shall make recommendations as to procedures and policies affecting any problem of the visually handicapped before such respective department. The entire committee shall advise on such services, activities, programs, investigations, and researches as in their judgment shall contribute to the welfare of visually handicapped persons.

(2) The term "visually handicapped" shall be construed to include all persons having a visual acuity equal or less than 20/70 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or whose visual acuity is greater than 20/70 in the better eye with correcting lenses, but is accompanied by a limitation in the field of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees.

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