

pay such warrants as and when presented. A general summary or statement of expenses incurred by the Commission and paid shall be included with the Commission's report.

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CHAPTER 829—S. F. No. 1457

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*An act providing for the establishment of an interim commission on employment of handicapped persons; and appropriating money therefor.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

**Section 1. Interim commission, handicapped persons.** A commission to study and investigate the problems of employment of handicapped persons is hereby created. The commission shall consist of 11 members, two of whom shall be members of the state senate and two of whom shall be members of the house of representatives; four shall be persons having special qualifications and interest in the study. Three members shall be representatives of the Minnesota Industrial Commission, the Department of Employment Security, and the Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. All of such members shall be appointed by the governor. The commission shall be appointed upon the passage of this act and any vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority.

**Sec. 2. Duties.** The commission shall make a comprehensive, detailed investigation and study of the problems of employment of handicapped persons, and recommend methods of effectively meeting these problems, including but not limited to the following:

(1) Suggest methods to provide full opportunity of employment for handicapped persons in work they are physically equipped to do;

(2) Recommend legislation that has been determined to be necessary to alleviate the problems of obtaining employment by handicapped persons; and

(3) Study the extent to which employers prefer not to hire handicapped persons due to a feeling that such employment may increase their workmen's compensation insurance costs; and recommend what modifications, if any, are deemed necessary to the state workmen's compensation law to more

fully protect employers against increased insurance costs when they provide job opportunities for handicapped persons.

**Sec. 3. Meetings.** The commission may hold meetings at such times and places as it may designate. It shall select a chairman, a vice-chairman and such officers from its membership as it may deem necessary.

**Sec. 4. Witnesses; employees.** The commission may subpoena witnesses and records, employ such assistants as it deems necessary to perform its duties. It may do all the things necessary and convenient to enable it to adequately accomplish its purposes. The commission shall use the available facilities and personnel of the Legislative Research Committee unless the commission by resolution determines a special need or reason exists for the use of other facilities or personnel.

**Sec. 5. Report.** The commission shall make a report to the legislature not later than January 15, 1959, setting forth its findings as a result of such investigation and study, and shall make such recommendations as it deems proper in an effort to assist the legislature in the formulation of legislation on the subject.

**Sec. 6. Expenses.** The members of the commission shall be reimbursed for all expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. Reimbursement for expenses incurred shall be made pursuant to the rules governing state employees.

**Sec. 7. Gifts, acceptance.** The commission is empowered to accept gifts or contributions with which to help defray the expenses of the commission. Any offer of gifts or contributions shall be in writing, shall impose no conditions upon the commission, and the acceptance of any gift or contribution shall be by majority vote of the commission. All gifts or contributions so made and accepted shall be deposited to the credit of the appropriation provided by this act.

**Sec. 8. Appropriation.** In addition to any gifts or contributions which may be received, there is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$15,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the expenses incurred by the commission. For the payment of such expenses the commission shall draw its warrants upon the state treasurer, which warrants shall be signed by the chairman and at least one other member of the commission and the state auditor shall then approve and the state treasurer pay such warrants as and when presented.

A general statement of all receipts and expenditures shall accompany the commission's report.

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CHAPTER 830—S. F. No. 1466

[Not Coded]

*An act creating a commission to investigate and study all needs relating to higher education in the State of Minnesota. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

**Section 1. Interim commission, higher education.** An interim commission to study the needs of higher education in the state and particularly the responsibility which must be carried by the public educational institutions is hereby created. The commission shall be known and designated as the Legislative Commission on Higher Education. Such commission shall consist of seven members of the House to be appointed by the Speaker and seven members of the Senate to be appointed by the Committee on Committees. The appointment of such commission shall be made upon the passage of this act. Any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the commission from time to time shall be filled by the appointing power.

**Sec. 2. Duties.** The commission shall make a comprehensive study and investigation of all available facilities for higher education in the State of Minnesota and all the factors contributing toward the development of a sound policy and program to meet the needs of higher education in the state and such related matters as the commission deems proper. The study shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Equality of opportunity and preparation of youth for higher education;
2. Equitable distribution of the financial burden involved in providing higher education;
3. Effective returns from public funds devoted to higher education;
4. Preservation, expansion and strengthening of the public and private institutions for higher education that now exist;
5. Preservation of the University of Minnesota as a na-