

CHAPTER 455—S.F.No. 654

An act relating to human services; providing state recognition and financial grants to volunteer programs for retired senior citizens; appropriating money.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [256.9753] VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS FOR RETIRED SENIOR CITIZENS. [Subdivision 1.] POLICY. The legislature finds that the services of volunteers are crucial to the effectiveness of public and private human services programs in the state. The legislature further finds that retired senior citizens are an excellent source of volunteer services, and that by recognizing and supporting retired senior volunteer programs the state will be serving the interests of human services as well as the interests of those senior citizens who participate in the volunteer programs.

Sec. 2. [256.9753] [Subd. 2.] STATE SUPPORT. The board on aging, with the cooperation of heads of other affected state agencies, shall provide staff and material support and shall make financial grants consistent with the purposes of sections 1 to 4, to retired senior volunteer programs in the state. This support may include reimbursement of expenses incurred by program participants in the performance of their volunteer activities.

Sec. 3. [256.9753] [Subd. 3.] EXPENDITURES. The board shall consult with the office of volunteer services prior to expending moneys available for the retired senior volunteer programs. Expenditures shall be made (1) to strengthen and expand existing retired senior volunteer programs, and (2) to encourage the development of new programs in areas in the state where these programs do not exist. Grants shall be made consistent with applicable federal guidelines.

Sec. 4. [256.9753] [Subd. 4.] REPORT. The board shall report to the governor and the legislature by July 1, 1981, on (1) the number, type and location of human services activities assisted by retired senior volunteer programs supported pursuant to sections 1 to 4; (2) the number of retired seniors participating in these activities; (3) the sources and recipients of direct support for the volunteer programs; and (4) any other information which the board believes will assist the governor and the legislature in evaluating the programs.

Sec. 5. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated to the commissioner of public welfare from the general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1981, the sum of \$200,000 to be used for the purposes of this act.

Approved April 3, 1980

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