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**CHAPTER 176**

AN ACT relating to a study of the methods of financing costs of state and county institutions.

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

**STUDY OF METHODS OF FINANCING COSTS OF STATE AND COUNTY INSTITUTIONS.**

(1) The legislative council is directed to conduct a study of the methods of financing costs of state and county institutions which shall include, but shall not be limited to, an investigation of the following:

(a) The portion of total cost for institutional care borne by the state and by counties, and any changes in the proportionate share of such total cost borne by the state and by counties over a period of years.

(b) The equity of the present cost-sharing formulae, and their possible effect on the cost of institutional care.

(c) Recent increases in per capita costs for care in state, county and private tuberculosis sanatoria.

(d) Financial responsibility for the care of tuberculous insane.

(e) Need for substantially uniform systems of cost accounting in all state and county institutions.

(f) Statutory changes required to eliminate present state and county sharing of costs in state and county institutions by an equitable assignment of some institutional care and the entire financial responsibility for such to the state government, and other institutional care and the entire financial responsibility for such to county governments.

(g) The proportionate share of the total cost for institutional care which is the responsibility of the patient or relative of the patient, and the variations in such proportionate share in the various types of treatment.

(2) The legislative council shall report its conclusions on the foregoing to the 1957 session of the legislature, and shall recommend such legislation on the subject as it may deem advisable.

(3) The state auditor shall furnish technical advice and assistance to the legislative council in connection with the study directed by this chapter.

Approved June 7, 1955.

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