

(b) ~~In making appointments under par. (a), the governor shall consider the geographical diversity of, and the representation of urban and rural interests by, the membership of the 911 subcommittee.~~

~~History: 2017 a. 59 s. 34m, 39m.~~

15.34 Department of natural resources; creation.

~~(1) There is created a department of natural resources under the direction and supervision of the natural resources board.~~

~~(2) (a) The natural resources board shall consist of 7 members appointed for staggered 6-year terms.~~

~~(b) At least 3 members of the natural resources board shall be from the territory north, and at least 3 members of the board shall be from the territory south, of a line running east and west through the south limits of the city of Stevens Point.~~

~~(bg) At least one member of the natural resources board shall have an agricultural background. The governor may request statewide agricultural organizations to submit recommendations for nominees under this paragraph. The requirements of this paragraph apply to individuals who are members of the natural resources board on May 1, 2017, and thereafter.~~

~~(br) 1. At least 3 members of the natural resources board shall be individuals who held an annual hunting, fishing, or trapping license, in this state or another state, in at least 7 of the 10 years previous to the year in which the individual is nominated, except as provided in subd. 2. The governor may request statewide organizations that are primarily interested in supporting hunting, fishing, or trapping to submit recommendations for nominees under this paragraph. The requirements of this paragraph apply to individuals who are members of the natural resources board on May 1, 2017, and thereafter.~~

~~2. If an individual served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces or national guard during the 10 years previous to the year in which the individual is nominated, the number of years in which the individual is required to have held an annual hunting, fishing, or trapping license equals 7 minus the number of years of active duty served during those 10 years.~~

~~(c) No person may be appointed to the natural resources board, or remain a member of the board, who receives, or has during the previous 2 years received, a significant portion of his or her income directly or indirectly from holders of or applicants for permits issued by the department under ch. 283, except that this paragraph does not apply to permits issued under s. 283.33.~~

~~(d) The majority of members of the natural resources board may not derive a significant portion of their incomes from persons who are subject to permits or enforcement orders under ch. 285. Each board member shall inform the governor of any significant change in the income that he or she derives from persons who are subject to permits or enforcement orders under ch. 285.~~

~~(e) The restrictions in pars. (c) and (d) do not apply with respect to permits or licenses held or applied for by agencies, departments, or subdivisions of this state.~~

~~History: 1973 c. 74; 1991 a. 316; 2001 a. 16; 2011 a. 149.~~

~~**15.343 Same; specified divisions.** (1) DIVISION OF FORESTRY. There is created in the department of natural resources a division of forestry.~~

~~History: 1999 a. 9.~~

15.345 Same; attached boards and commissions.

~~(1) WISCONSIN WATERWAYS COMMISSION. There is created a Wisconsin waterways commission which is attached to the department of natural resources under s. 15.03.~~

~~(a) The commission shall be composed of 5 members appointed for staggered 5-year terms.~~

- ~~1. One resident of the Lake Superior area.~~
- ~~2. One resident of the Lake Michigan area.~~
- ~~3. One resident of the Mississippi River area.~~
- ~~3m. One resident of the Lake Winnebago watershed area.~~
- ~~4. One resident from the inland area of the state.~~

~~(b) Each member of the commission must be able to assess the recreational water use problems in his or her geographical area of the state.~~

~~(c) No member of the commission may receive any salary for services performed as a commission member. Each commission member shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred while performing official duties.~~

~~(2) LAKE SUPERIOR COMMERCIAL FISHING BOARD. There is created a Lake Superior commercial fishing board attached to the department of natural resources under s. 15.03.~~

~~(a) The board shall be composed of 5 members who reside in counties contiguous to Lake Superior appointed by the governor to serve at the governor's pleasure.~~

~~(b) The 5 members shall include:~~

- ~~1. Three licensed, active commercial fishers.~~
- ~~2. One licensed, active wholesale fish dealer.~~
- ~~3. One state citizen.~~

~~(3) LAKE MICHIGAN COMMERCIAL FISHING BOARD. There is created a Lake Michigan commercial fishing board attached to the department of natural resources under s. 15.03.~~

~~(a) The board shall be composed of 7 members who reside in counties contiguous to Lake Michigan appointed by the governor to serve at the governor's pleasure.~~

~~(b) The 7 members shall include:~~

- ~~1. Five licensed, active commercial fishers; of these, 2 shall represent the fisheries of southern Green Bay and 3 the fisheries of northern Green Bay and Lake Michigan proper.~~
- ~~2. One licensed, active wholesale fish dealer.~~
- ~~3. One state citizen.~~

~~(8) LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD. (a) There is created a lower Wisconsin state riverway board, which is attached to the department of natural resources under s. 15.03.~~

~~(b) The board shall be composed of the following members appointed for 3-year terms:~~

- ~~1. One member from Crawford County.~~
- ~~2. One member from Dane County.~~
- ~~3. One member from Grant County.~~
- ~~4. One member from Iowa County.~~
- ~~5. One member from Richland County.~~
- ~~6. One member from Sauk County.~~
- ~~7. Three other members who represent recreational user groups and who are not residents of any of the counties listed in subsd. 1. to 6.~~

~~(c) The governor shall appoint each member under par. (b) 1. to 6. from a list, of at least 2 nominees, submitted by each respective county board.~~

~~(d) Each member under par. (b) 1. to 6. shall be either of the following:~~

~~1. An elected official at the time of appointment of a city or village that abuts the lower Wisconsin state riverway, as defined in s. 30.40 (15), or of a town or a county that is located at least in part in the lower Wisconsin state riverway, as defined in s. 30.40 (15).~~

~~2. A resident at the time of appointment of a city or village that abuts the lower Wisconsin state riverway, as defined in s. 30.40 (15), or of a town that is located at least in part in the lower Wisconsin state riverway, as defined in s. 30.40 (15).~~

~~History: 1977 c. 274, 418, 447; 1983 a. 27, 410; 1985 a. 29; 1989 a. 31; 1995 a. 27, s. 166m; 1997 a. 27; 2001 a. 16; 2005 a. 25; 2007 a. 20; 2015 a. 55 ss. 157m, 219.~~

~~**15.347 Same; councils.** (2) DRY CLEANER ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE COUNCIL. There is created in the department of natural resources a dry cleaner environmental response council consisting of the following members appointed for 3-year terms:~~

~~(b) Three members representing dry cleaning operations.~~

~~(c) One member representing wholesale distributors of dry cleaning solvent.~~

~~(d) One engineer, professional geologist, hydrologist or soil scientist with knowledge, experience or education concerning remediation of environmental contamination.~~

~~(e) One member representing manufacturers and sellers of dry cleaning equipment.~~

~~(4) NATURAL AREAS PRESERVATION COUNCIL. There is created in the department of natural resources a natural areas preservation council consisting of the following representatives:~~

~~(a) Two from the department of natural resources, appointed by the board of natural resources, one to serve as secretary.~~

~~(b) Four from the University of Wisconsin System, appointed by the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin System.~~

~~(c) One from the department of public instruction, appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction.~~

~~(d) One from the Milwaukee public museum, appointed by its board of directors.~~

~~(e) Three appointed by the council of the Wisconsin academy of sciences, arts and letters, at least one representing the private colleges in this state.~~

~~(7) SNOWMOBILE RECREATIONAL COUNCIL. There is created in the department of natural resources a snowmobile recreational council consisting of 15 members nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate, appointed for staggered 3-year terms. Commencing on July 1, 1972, 5 members shall be appointed to serve for one year, 5 members for 2 years and 5 members for 3 years. Thereafter all terms shall be for 3 years with 5 positions on the council to expire each year. At least 5 members of the council shall be from the territory north, and at least 5 members shall be from the territory south, of a line running east and west through the south limits of the city of Stevens Point.~~

~~(8) SMALL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL. There is created in the department of natural resources a small business environmental council consisting of the following members appointed for 3-year terms:~~

~~(a) Three members to represent the general public who are not owners, or representatives of owners, of small business stationary sources, as defined in s. 285.79 (1).~~

~~(b) One member who owns a small business stationary source, as defined in s. 285.79 (1), or who represents owners of small business stationary sources, appointed by the president of the senate.~~

~~(c) One member who owns a small business stationary source, as defined in s. 285.79 (1), or who represents owners of small business stationary sources, appointed by the speaker of the assembly.~~

~~(d) One member who owns a small business stationary source, as defined in s. 285.79 (1), or who represents owners of small business stationary sources, appointed by the minority leader of the senate.~~

~~(e) One member who owns a small business stationary source, as defined in s. 285.79 (1), or who represents owners of small business stationary sources, appointed by the minority leader of the assembly.~~

~~(f) One member appointed by the secretary of natural resources to represent the department of natural resources.~~

~~(9) OFF-ROAD VEHICLE COUNCIL. (a) There is created in the department of natural resources an off-road vehicle council consisting of 7 members appointed for 3-year terms expiring March 1.~~

~~(b) Each member of the off-road vehicle council shall be a resident of this state, shall be a member and represent the interests of an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle user's group, and shall be knowledgeable about outdoor recreation issues in this state and about trails used by operators of all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles.~~

~~(c) The off-road vehicle council shall meet at least 3 times annually. The chairperson of the council shall notify the secretary of natural resources each time that a meeting has been held by the council. If the secretary determines on the first day of any year~~

~~that the council has failed to meet at all during the previous year, the council is dissolved.~~

~~(10) OFF-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLE COUNCIL. (a) There is created in the department of natural resources an off-highway motorcycle council consisting of 5 members who are appointed for 3-year terms expiring March 1.~~

~~(b) Each member of the off-highway motorcycle council shall be a resident of this state, shall be a member of and represent the interests of an off-highway motorcycle club, as defined in s. 23.335 (1) (r), and shall be knowledgeable about outdoor recreation issues in this state and about trails used by operators of off-highway motorcycles.~~

~~(c) The off-highway motorcycle council shall meet at least 3 times annually.~~

~~(12) METALLIC MINING COUNCIL. There is created in the department of natural resources a metallic mining council consisting of 9 persons representing a variety and balance of economic, scientific and environmental viewpoints. Members shall be appointed by the secretary of the department for staggered 3-year terms.~~

~~(13) GROUNDWATER COORDINATING COUNCIL. (a) Creation. There is created a groundwater coordinating council, attached to the department of natural resources under s. 15.03. The council shall perform the functions specified under s. 160.50.~~

~~(b) Members. The groundwater coordinating council shall consist of the following members:~~

- ~~1. The secretary of natural resources.~~
- ~~2. The secretary of safety and professional services.~~
- ~~3. The secretary of agriculture, trade and consumer protection.~~
- ~~4. The secretary of health services.~~
- ~~5. The secretary of transportation.~~
- ~~6. The president of the University of Wisconsin System.~~
- ~~7. The state geologist.~~
- ~~8. One person to represent the governor.~~

~~(c) Designees. Under par. (b), agency heads may appoint designees to serve on the council, if the designee is an employee or appointive officer of the agency who has sufficient authority to deploy agency resources and directly influence agency decision making.~~

~~(d) Terms. Members appointed under par. (b) 8. shall be appointed to 4-year terms.~~

~~(e) Staff. The state agencies with membership on the council and its subcommittees shall provide adequate staff to conduct the functions of the council.~~

~~(f) Meetings. The council shall meet at least twice each year and may meet at other times on the call of 3 of its members. Section 15.09 (3) does not apply to meetings of the council.~~

~~(g) Annual report. In August of each year, the council shall submit to the head of each agency with membership on the council, the governor and the chief clerk of each house of the legislature, for distribution to the appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172 (3), a report which summarizes the operations and activities of the council during the fiscal year concluded on the preceding June 30, describes the state of the groundwater resource and its management and sets forth the recommendations of the council. The annual report shall include a description of the current groundwater quality in the state, an assessment of groundwater management programs, information on the implementation of ch. 160 and a list and description of current and anticipated groundwater problems. In each annual report, the council shall include the dissents of any council member to the activities and recommendations of the council.~~

~~(16) STATE TRAILS COUNCIL. There is created in the department of natural resources a state trails council consisting of 11 members, appointed for 4-year terms, who are knowledgeable in, and~~

who engage in one or more of, the various recreational uses of trails.

~~(17) COUNCIL ON RECYCLING. (a) Creation and membership. There is created a council on recycling, attached to the department of natural resources under s. 15.03, consisting of 7 members selected by the governor.~~

~~(c) Terms. Each member of the council on recycling designated under par. (a) shall serve a 4-year term expiring on the date that the next term of governor commences under s. 8.25 (4) (b) 2. or until a successor is appointed.~~

~~(18) INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL. (a) There is created an invasive species council, attached to the department of natural resources under s. 15.03.~~

~~(b) The council consists of the following members:~~

- ~~1. The secretary of natural resources or his or her designee.~~
- ~~2. The secretary of administration or his or her designee.~~
- ~~3. The secretary of agriculture, trade and consumer protection or his or her designee.~~
- ~~5. The secretary of tourism or his or her designee.~~
- ~~6. The secretary of transportation or his or her designee.~~
- ~~7. Seven other members appointed by the governor to serve 5-year terms.~~

~~(c) The members appointed under par. (b) 7. shall represent public and private interests that are affected by the presence of invasive species in this state.~~

~~(19) COUNCIL ON FORESTRY. (a) There is created in the department of natural resources a council of forestry consisting of:~~

- ~~1. The chief state forester or his or her designee.~~
- ~~2. One member of the senate.~~
- ~~3. One member of the senate.~~
- ~~4. One member of the assembly.~~
- ~~5. One member of the assembly.~~
- ~~6. One member who represents the interests of a forest products company that owns and manages large tracts of private forest land that supply raw materials to the forest products industry.~~
- ~~7. One member who represents the interests of owners of non-industrial, private forest land who manage the land to produce ecological, economic, and social benefits.~~
- ~~8. One member who represents the interests of counties that have county forests within their boundaries.~~
- ~~9. One member who represents the interests of the paper and pulp industry.~~
- ~~10. One member who represents the interests of the lumber industry.~~
- ~~11. One member who represents the interests of nonprofit conservation organizations whose purposes include the conservation and use of forest resources.~~
- ~~12. One member who is a forester who engages in the practice of providing consultation services on forestry issues.~~
- ~~13. One member who represents the interests of schools of forestry within the state that have curricula in the management of forest resources that are accredited by the Society of American Foresters.~~
- ~~14. One member who represents the interests of persons who engage in the practice of conservation education.~~
- ~~15. One member who represents the interests of persons who are members of labor unions that are affiliated with the forestry industry.~~
- ~~16. One member who represents the interests of persons who are engaged in the practice of urban and community forestry.~~
- ~~17. One member who represents the interests of persons who are members of the Society of American Foresters.~~
- ~~18. One member who represents the interests of persons who are members of an organization of timber producers.~~
- ~~19. One person who represents the interests of persons who are engaged in an industry that uses secondary wood.~~

~~20. One member who is employed by the federal department of agriculture, forest service, who shall be a nonvoting member.~~

~~(b) Each member specified in par. (a) shall be appointed by the governor.~~

~~(d) The governor shall annually appoint a chairperson for the council from among its members before the first meeting of each year, and the chairperson, at the first meeting of each year, shall annually appoint the vice chairperson and secretary from among the council's members. Any of these appointees may be appointed for successive terms.~~

~~(e) The council shall meet 4 times each year and shall also meet on the call of the chairperson of the council or on the call of a majority of its members. Notwithstanding s. 15.09 (3), the council shall meet at such locations within this state as may be designated by the chairperson of the council or by a majority of its members.~~

~~(20) NONMOTORIZED RECREATION AND TRANSPORTATION TRAILS COUNCIL. (a) There is created in the department of natural resources a nonmotorized recreation and transportation trails council.~~

~~(b) The governor shall appoint members of the council to serve at the pleasure of the governor. In appointing the members of the council, the governor shall seek geographic diversity in the membership. The governor shall appoint members who personally undertake nonmotorized trail activities or who participate in organizations that own or maintain nonmotorized trails or that promote nonmotorized trail activities. The governor shall appoint members who represent as many as possible of the following groups, or who represent persons who engage in other nonmotorized trail activities or who have other interests related to nonmotorized trail uses identified by the governor:~~

- ~~1. Persons who engage in activities on water trails.~~
- ~~2. Pedestrians.~~
- ~~3. Persons who engage in horseback riding and buggy driving.~~
- ~~4. Persons who engage in long-distance hiking.~~
- ~~5. Persons who engage in nature-based activities, such as bird watching, nature study, hunting, and fishing.~~
- ~~6. Persons who engage in alpine sports.~~
- ~~7. Persons who engage in bicycling of all forms, including trail riding, mountain biking, commuting, and long-distance bicycling.~~
- ~~8. Persons who represent local forests or parks.~~
- ~~9. Persons with physical disabilities who engage in nonmotorized trail activities.~~
- ~~10. Persons who are interested in tourism promotion.~~
- ~~11. Persons who represent tribal lands.~~

~~(c) If any member of the council is unable to attend a meeting of the council, the secretary of natural resources may appoint an alternate for that meeting to ensure that the full range of nonmotorized trails interests and activities is represented at the meeting.~~

~~(21) SPORTING HERITAGE COUNCIL. (a) There is created in the department of natural resources a sporting heritage council consisting of the following members:~~

- ~~1. The secretary of natural resources, or his or her designee, who shall serve as chairperson.~~
- ~~2. One member, appointed by the governor.~~
- ~~3. Two members of the assembly, appointed by the speaker of the assembly, who may not be members of the same political party.~~
- ~~4. Two members of the senate, appointed by the senate majority leader, who may not be members of the same political party.~~
- ~~5. Five members, appointed by the natural resources board from nominations provided by sporting organizations that have as their primary objective the promotion of hunting, fishing, or trapping. Of the 5 members, one shall represent the interests of deer hunters, one shall represent the interests of bear hunters, one shall represent the interests of bird hunters, one shall represent the inter-~~

ests of anglers, and one shall represent the interests of furbearing animal hunters and trappers.

~~6. One member, appointed by the executive committee of the conservation congress, who is a member of the conservation congress.~~

~~(b) The members of the sporting heritage council appointed under par. (a) 2. to 6. shall be appointed for 3-year terms.~~

~~(c) The sporting heritage council shall meet at least one time each year.~~

~~(22) WETLAND STUDY COUNCIL. (a) There is created in the department of natural resources a wetland study council consisting of the following members, appointed for staggered 6-year terms:~~

~~1. One member who is a representative of a statewide organization representing the business community.~~

~~2. One member who is a representative of a statewide organization representing waterfowl interests.~~

~~3. One member who is a representative of a statewide organization representing real estate and development interests.~~

~~4. One member who is a representative of a statewide organization representing municipal interests.~~

~~5. One member who is a representative of a statewide organization representing rural and agricultural interests.~~

~~6. One member who is a representative of a statewide land conservation group with a specific interest in wetlands.~~

~~7. One member who is a statewide wetland delineator.~~

~~8. One member who is a statewide wetland consultant.~~

~~9. One member who is a department of natural resources biologist or hydrologist and who is a wetland expert, appointed by the secretary of natural resources.~~

~~(b) The wetland study council shall research and develop recommendations on all of the following:~~

~~1. The implementation and effectiveness of statewide wetland mitigation programs.~~

~~2. Program elements that would be necessary for the department of natural resources to implement if the department assumes from the federal government the authority to administer the state's own individual and general permit program for the discharge of dredged or fill material into the navigable waters of the state under s. 281.12 (2).~~

~~3. Issues related to the analysis of practicable alternatives that avoid and minimize the adverse impacts of a discharge into a wetland on wetland functional values and that will not result in any other significant adverse environmental consequences.~~

~~4. Storm water management ponds and their potential to serve a role in wetland mitigation.~~

~~5. Statewide incentive programs for creating, restoring, and enhancing wetlands.~~

~~6. Statewide wetland trainings for department of natural resources staff, wetland consultants, and wetland delineators.~~

~~7. The simplification of regulations associated with creating wetlands on farm drainage ditches for the purpose of phosphorus pollution retention.~~

~~8. Ways to improve the in lieu fee subprogram of the wetland mitigation program, under s. 281.36 (3r) (e), including subcontracting the management of a program to a nonprofit organization.~~

~~9. The possibility of a professional, whose wetland delineation work is assured under the department of natural resources' wetland delineation professional assurance initiative, performing a wetland delineation confirmation under s. 23.321 on behalf of the department.~~

~~10. Methods of financing wetland mitigation requirements for local units of government.~~

~~11. Any other item related to wetlands at the discretion of the council.~~

~~History: 1971 c. 100 s. 23; 1971 c. 164, 211, 277, 307, 323; 1973 c. 12, 301, 318; 1975 c. 39, 198, 224, 412; 1977 c. 29 ss. 51, 52, 52d, 1650m (1), (4); 1977 c. 377; 1979 c. 34 ss. 39g, 39r, 2102 (39) (g), (58) (b); 1979 c. 221, 355; 1979 c. 361 s. 112; 1981 c. 346 s. 38; 1983 a. 410; 1985 a. 29 ss. 87h, 87m, 3200 (39); 1985 a. 65, 296, 332; 1987 a. 27, 186, 399; 1989 a. 11, 31, 335; 1991 a. 32, 39, 269, 302, 316; 1993 a. 16, 464; 1995 a. 27 ss. 169 to 175b, 9116 (5) and 9126 (19); 1995 a. 227; 1997 a. 27, 300; 2001 a. 109; 2005 a. 168; 2007 a. 20 s. 9121 (6) (a); 2009 a. 394; 2011 a. 32 ss. 117b, 125, 126; 2011 a. 104, 168; 2013 a. 16, 69; 2015 a. 55, 168, 170; 2017 a. 183.~~

~~15.348 Conservation congress. The conservation congress shall be an independent organization of citizens of the state and shall serve in an advisory capacity to the natural resources board on all matters under the jurisdiction of the board. Its records, budgets, studies and surveys shall be kept and established in conjunction with the department of natural resources. Its reports shall be an independent advisory opinion of such congress.~~

~~History: 1971 c. 179.~~

~~15.37 Department of public instruction; creation. There is created a department of public instruction under the direction and supervision of the state superintendent of public instruction.~~

~~History: 1971 c. 125; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 27.~~

~~15.373 Same; specified divisions. (1) DIVISION FOR LEARNING SUPPORT. There is created in the department of public instruction a division for learning support.~~

~~(2) DIVISION FOR LIBRARIES AND TECHNOLOGY. There is created in the department of public instruction a division for libraries and technology.~~

~~History: 1983 a. 27 s. 2200 (42); 1993 a. 335; 1995 a. 27 s. 9145 (1); 1997 a. 27; 2001 a. 48; 2011 a. 158.~~

~~15.374 Same; offices. (1) OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY. There is created an office of educational accountability in the department of public instruction. The director of the office shall be appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction.~~

~~(2) OFFICE OF LITERACY. There is created an office of literacy, to be known as the Wisconsin Reading Center, in the department of public instruction. The director of the office shall be nominated by the state superintendent of public instruction after consultation with the council on early literacy curricula, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, to serve at the pleasure of the state superintendent of public instruction.~~

~~NOTE: Sub. (2) is repealed eff. 7-1-28 by 2023 Wis. Act 20.~~

~~History: 1993 a. 16; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 27; 2023 a. 20.~~

~~15.375 Same; attached boards. (2) SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARY APPEAL BOARD. There is created a school district boundary appeal board in the department of public instruction. The board shall consist of 12 school board members appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction for staggered 2-year terms and the state superintendent of public instruction or his or her designee. Four board members shall be school board members of school districts with small enrollments, 4 board members shall be school board members of school districts with medium enrollments and 4 board members shall be school board members of school districts with large enrollments. No 2 school board members of the board may reside within the boundaries of the same cooperative educational service agency.~~

~~History: 1979 c. 346; 1983 a. 27; 1989 a. 114, 299; 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 399; 1995 a. 27 ss. 179 to 182, 9127 (1) and 9145 (1); 1997 a. 27.~~

~~Cross-reference: See also s. PI 2.05, Wis. adm. code.~~

~~15.377 Same; councils. (1) BLIND AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENT EDUCATION COUNCIL. (a) Definition. In this subsection, "visually impaired" has the meaning given in s. 115.51 (4).~~

~~(b) Creation. There is created a blind and visual impairment education council in the department of public instruction.~~