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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Under s. 13.10

April 24, 2001

Co-chair Burke presided and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Senators Burke, Decker, Moore, Shibilski, Plache, Wirch, Darling, Welch
Representatives Gard, Kaufert, Albers, Duff, Huebsch, Rhoades, Huber, Riley
Absent: None

[Secretary's Note: Representative Rhoades was designated by the Speaker to take the place of Representative Ward.]

I. Supreme Court

Moved by Representative Gard and seconded by Senator Burke to approve a one-time supplement of \$92,000 GPR in 2000-01 from the Committee's appropriation under s.20.865(4)(a) reserved for contract prison beds to the Law Library's general program operations appropriation under s.20.680(4)(a), to cover the Library's estimated book budget deficit.

Ayes, 11; Noes, 5 (Darling, Welch, Albers, Duff, Huebsch)

II. Circuit Courts

Moved by Representative Gard and seconded by Senator Burke to approve \$60,000 GPR in one-time funding in 2000-01 from the Committee's appropriation under s.20.865(4)(a) reserved for Department of Corrections' contract prison beds to the Circuit Court's court interpreter fees appropriation under s.20.625(1)(c) to reimburse counties for expenses incurred in providing court interpreters for indigent persons.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

III. Department of Corrections

Moved by Representative Gard and seconded by Senator Burke to transfer \$5,673,300 GPR as one-time funding in 2000-01 to the Department of Corrections' general program operations appropriation (s.20.410(1)(a)) to offset an estimated deficit associated with health care costs. Transfer the funding from the following appropriations: (a) \$4,938,900 GPR from the unallotted portion of the Department of Corrections' corrections contracts and agreements appropriation (s.20.410(1)(ab)); and (b) \$734,400 GPR from the portion of the Joint Committee on Finance's supplemental appropriation reserved for contract prison beds (s.20.865(4)(a)).

Ayes, 15; Noes, 1 (Decker)

IV. Department of Corrections

Moved by Representative Gard and seconded Senator Burke to approve the transfer of \$587,500 GPR as one-time funding in 2000-01 from the Department's corrections contracts and agreements appropriation (s.20.410(1)(ab)) to support costs associated with the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility in the following amounts: (a) \$527,900 GPR to the services for community corrections appropriation (s.20.410(1)(b)); and (b) \$59,600 GPR to the general program operations appropriation under s.20.410(1)(a).

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

V. Department of Corrections

Moved by Senator Decker and seconded by Senator Burke to transfer \$2,415,000 GPR as one-time funding in 2000-01 to the Department of Corrections' fuel and utilities appropriation (s.20.410(1)(f)) from amounts in the Joint Committee on Finance's supplemental appropriation (s.20.865(4)(a)) reserved for prison contract beds to support estimated increased energy costs.

Ayes, 9; Noes, 7 (Darling, Gard, Kaufert, Albers, Duff, Huebsch, Rhoades)

VI. Department of Public Instruction

Moved by Senator Burke and seconded by Senator Decker to transfer \$133,800 GPR in 2000-01 as one-time funding from the Joint Committee on Finance supplemental appropriation (s.20.865(4)(a)) from monies reserved for Department of Corrections' contract beds to the DPI appropriation for energy costs at the state residential schools (s. 20.255(1)(c)) to reflect reestimated utility expenditures.

Ayes, 8; Noes, 8 (Darling, Welch, Gard, Kaufert, Albers, Duff, Huebsch, Rhoades)
[motion fails]

Moved by Representative Gard and seconded by Senator Burke to transfer \$130,000 GPR in 2000-01 as one-time funding from the Joint Committee on Finance appropriation (s.20.865(4)(a)) from monies reserved for Department of Corrections' contract beds to the DPI appropriation for energy costs at the state residential schools (s.20.255(1)(c)) to reflect reestimated utility expenditures.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

VII. Department of Military Affairs

Moved by Representative Duff and seconded by Senator Burke to approve a supplement of \$343,900 GPR in 2000-01 to offset a shortfall in the Department of Military Affairs' energy costs appropriation (s.20.465(1)(f)) by: (a) transferring \$100,000 GPR in 2000-01 from the agency's emergency response equipment appropriation (s.20.465(3)(dp)) to the energy costs appropriation; and (b) transferring \$105,300 GPR in 2000-01 in unallotted reserve in the agency's emergency management general program operation appropriation (s.20.465(3)(a)) to the energy costs appropriation.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

VIII. Department of Military Affairs

Moved by Representative Gard and seconded by Senator Burke to approve a supplement of \$302,500 GPR in 2000-01 from the balances in the Committee's supplemental appropriation (s.20.865(4)(a)) reserved for Department of Corrections' contract beds to DMA's National Guard tuition grant appropriation (s.20.465(2)(a)).

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

IX. Employee Trust Funds

Moved by Senator Burke and seconded by Senator Decker to approve a transfer of \$60,600 GPR in 2000-01 from the available balances in the agency's s.20.515(2)(b) appropriation to its s.20.515(2)(a) appropriation to support proposed actuarial and legal services expenditures during the remaining two months of the current fiscal year associated with on-going efforts to implement the Private Employer Health Care Coverage Plan.

Ayes, 7; Noes, 9 (Darling, Welch, Gard, Kaufert, Albers, Duff, Huebsch, Rhoades, Huber)

X. Employee Trust Funds

Moved by Representative Gard and seconded by Senator Burke to approve a supplement for the Department of Employee Trust Funds of \$274,000 SEG in 2000-01 from the Committee's s.20.865(4)(u) appropriation to the Department's s.20.515(1)(w) general administrative appropriation to fund unbudgeted costs associated with the conclusion of claims payments under the SIPD settlement.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

XI. Employee Trust Funds

Moved by Representative Gard and seconded by Senator Burke to approve a supplement of \$1,055,700 SEG in 2000-01 from the Committee's s.20.865(4)(u) appropriation to the Department's s.20.515(1)(v) appropriation to fund additional costs associated with the Department's continuing preparations to implement the retirement benefit improvement provisions contained in 1999 Wisconsin Act 11. Of the amounts provided, place \$316,000 SEG in 2000-01 in unallotted reserve for release by the Department of Administration to the Department of Employee Trust Funds, based upon when the Wisconsin Supreme Court hands down its decision on 1999 Wisconsin Act 11 during the current fiscal year and on the Department's actual need for the funds.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

XII. Department of Administration

Moved by Representative Gard and seconded by Senator Burke to approve a supplement of \$500,000 PR from the reserved portion of the Joint Committee on Finance appropriation under s.20.865(4)(g) to the management assistance grant program under s.20.505(1)(ku) for distribution to Menominee County, but place \$133,500 of that amount in unallotted reserve. Require DOA to conduct an independent evaluation of the condition of the office and maintenance facility of the County's highway department, and to release the \$133,500 if the Department finds that the condition of the buildings warrants their replacement.

Ayes, 15; Noes, 1 (Welch)

XIII. Department of Natural Resources

Moved by Representative Gard and seconded by Senator Burke to approve an increase in expenditure authority of \$198,100 SEG in 2000-01 from the forestry account of the conservation fund (s.20.370(1)(mu)) for contracts with private foresters to prepare management plans for the entry of land into managed forest land, program assistance and LTE help, travel expenses, overtime, and for temporary staff assistance for data entry of tax law information.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

Moved by Representative Gard and seconded by Representative Kaufert to authorize 2.0 park manager positions funded from the parks account. Further, transfer \$12,000 parks SEG in 2000-01 from the Administration and Technology Division's general operations appropriation (s.20.370(8)(mu)) to the Bureau of Parks and Recreation general operations appropriation (s.20.370(1)(mu)).

Ayes, 9; Noes, 7 (Burke, Decker, Moore, Shibilski, Plache, Wirch, Huber)

XIV. Not taken up

XV. Department of Health and Family Services

Moved by Representative Gard and seconded by Senator Burke to approve the transfer of \$413,500 GPR in 2000-01 from the appropriation for the general relief block grant program (s.20.435(4)(bt)) to the appropriation for conditional and supervised release treatment and services (s.20.435(2)(bj)).

XVI. Department of Workforce Development
Department of Health and Family Services

Moved by Senator Moore and seconded by Senator Burke to: (a) increase the appropriation for federal block grant aids in the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) under s. 20.445(3)(md) by \$30,298,600 FED in 2000-01 to provide additional funding for child care subsidies in 2000-01; (b) reallocate \$5,176,500 FED that was budgeted under s. 20.445(3)(md) for the state earned income tax credit in 2000-01 to provide additional funding for child care subsidies in 2000-01; (c) increase DWD's federal block grant aids appropriation under 20.445(3)(md) by \$14,709,100 FED in 2000-01 and transfer these funds to the PR-S appropriation in the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) for interagency community aids under s. 20.435(7)(kw) to free up general purpose revenues currently appropriated for community aids under s. 20.435(7)(b); (d) transfer \$846,800 GPR in 2000-01 from DHFS's appropriation for community aids under s. 20.435(7)(b) to DWD's appropriation for Wisconsin Works child care under s. 20.445(3)(cm) to provide additional funding for child care

subsidies in 2000-01; (e) direct that \$13,713,800 GPR from the community aids appropriation in DHFS under s.20.435(7)(b) shall lapse to the general fund at the close of the 2000-01 state fiscal year; and (f) retain \$148,500 GPR in 2000-01 in DHFS's community aids appropriation under s. 20.435(7)(b) to fully fund community aids and address overpayments of temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) funds for community aids in state fiscal years 1997-98 through 1999-00.

Specify that the \$45,007,700 FED increase in DWD's appropriation under s. 20.445(3)(md) [items (a) and (c) above] is from the following sources: (a) \$1,233,300 in federal child care and development fund (CCDF) matching funds; (b) \$6,244,600 in CCDF discretionary funds; and (c) \$37,529,800 in federal TANF funds.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

Representative Gard made a unanimous consent request to receive reports submitted. Without objection it was so ordered.

Reports received:

Department of Administration's Position Report required under s.16.50 (October 1 – December 31, 2000).

Higher Educational Aids Board administrative memorandum for the Minnesota-Wisconsin Tuition Reciprocity Program required under s.39.47(2g).

Daniel Caucutt, Secretary

Date: _____

Brian Burke, Co-Chair

Date: _____

Scott McCallum, Governor

Date: _____