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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Under s. 13.10

September 5, 2001

Co-chair Gard presided and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Senators Burke, Decker, Moore, Robson, Plache, Wirch, Darling, Rosenzweig
Representatives: Gard, Kaufert, Albers, Duff, Ward, Huebsch, Huber, Lassa
Absent: None

[Secretary's Note: Senator Robson was designated by the Senate Majority Leader to take the place of Senator Shibilski for this meeting and Representative Lassa was designated by the Speaker of the Assembly to take the place of Representative Coggs for this meeting.]

I. Department of Health and Family Services

Moved by Senator Burke and seconded by Representative Gard approve the following transfers in fiscal year 2000-01 to the appropriation under s.20.435(3)(dd) in order to fund actual expenditures of the state foster care and adoption assistance program: (a) \$247,000 GPR from s.20.435(5)(e), public health dispensaries and drugs; (b) \$125,000 GPR from s.20.435(2)(bm), secure mental health units or facilities; and (c) \$259,600 GPR from s.20.435(5)(am), services, reimbursements and payments related to AIDS.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

II. Department of Workforce Development

Moved by Senator Moore and seconded by Senator Rosenzweig to make the following transfers in 2000-01 to meet the TANF maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement for federal fiscal year 2001: (a) transfer \$9,696,100 GPR from 20.435(3)(cx) to 20.445(3)(dz) and transfer \$9,696,100 FED from 20.445(3)(md) to 20.435(3)(ky) to fund safety services; and (b) transfer \$1,272,100 GPR from 20.435(3)(cx) to 20.445(3)(dz) and transfer \$1,272,100 FED from 20.445(3)(md) to 20.435(3)(ky) to

fund prevention services. In addition, lapse \$7,972,500 GPR to the general fund. In addition, direct DHFS to pay Milwaukee County \$3.1 million (all funds) of funding budgeted for Milwaukee child welfare in 2000-01 to support: (a) \$2.6 million of the county's \$6.0 million deficit in the calendar year 2000 contract; and (b) \$500,000 to support the county's deficit in the calendar year 1999 contract. Finally, direct DWD to conduct a comprehensive analysis of existing state and local expenditures that the state could count towards its TANF MOE requirement, and report its findings to the Department of Administration and the Joint Committee on Finance no later than June 30, 2002.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

Moved by Senator Moore and seconded by Senator Burke to direct DWD to provide a report to the Joint Committee on Finance by November 1, 2001, with the following information about the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program: (a) the amount spent in 2000-01 on each program; (b) the amount of encumbrances DWD plans to carry over from 2000-01 to 2001-02 for each program; and (c) the amount of funding in the 2000-01 ending balance that is unobligated and could be reallocated. In addition, direct DWD to provide a report to the Joint Committee on Finance by April 30, 2002, on underspending in TANF-funded contracts that end on December 31, 2001.

Ayes, 8; Noes, 8 [Darling, Rosenzweig, Gard, Kaufert, Albers, Duff, Ward, Huebsch]

Moved by Senator Moore and seconded by Senator Burke to specify that, if the Department of Health and Family Services contracts for the administration of the trust fund accounting unit for Milwaukee child welfare services or the administration of the kinship care program in Milwaukee County, it may only enter into a contract with a county agency or nonprofit agency to perform these functions.

Ayes, 8; Noes 8 [Darling, Rosenzweig, Gard, Kaufert, Albers, Duff, Ward, Huebsch]

III. Department of Military Affairs

Moved by Senator Burke and seconded by Representative Gard to approve the transfer of \$69,100 GPR in 2000-01 budgeted in unallotted reserve under the Department of Military Affairs' s.20.465(1)(a) appropriation to the Department's s.20.465(1)(f) energy costs appropriation to fund the amount of the agency's actual fuel and utility funding shortfall for 2000-01.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

IV. Department of Veterans Affairs

Moved by Senator Burke and seconded by Representative Gard to approve a transfer of \$70,600 SEG in 2000-01 from the Department of Veterans Affairs' tuition and fee reimbursement program appropriation (s.20.485(2)(tf)) to the Department's military honors funerals appropriation (s.20.485(2)(q)) to fund the actual and pending reimbursement grant requests by local veterans service organizations for military honors funerals in that fiscal year.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

V. Department of Corrections

Moved by Senator Burke and seconded by Representative Gard to approve the transfer of \$117,000 GPR in 2000-01 from the Joint Committee on Finance supplemental appropriation for general purpose revenue (s.20.865(4)(a)) reserved for prison contract beds to the Department's appropriation for serious juvenile offenders (s.20.410(3)(cg)).

Ayes, 15; Noes, 1 (Duff)

VI. Department of Corrections

Moved by Senator Burke and seconded by Representative Gard to approve the transfer of a total of \$7,782,200 GPR in 2000-01 to the Department's general program operations appropriation (s.20.410(1)(a)) from the portion of the Committee's supplemental appropriation (s.20.865(4)(a)) reserved for the following: (a) Corrections' salary shortfalls (\$3,393,600 GPR); and (b) prison contract bed funding (\$4,388,600 GPR).

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

VII. Ethics Board

Moved by Senator Burke and seconded by Representative Gard to approve the transfer of \$25,000 GPR in one-time funding in 2000-01 from the Committee's appropriation (s.20.865(4)(a)) to the Ethics Board's GPR general program operations appropriation (s.20.521(1)(a)) to cover investigative expenditures incurred to investigate possible violations of Wisconsin's Code of Ethics for Public Officials.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

VIII. Department of Natural Resources

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Moved by Senator Burke and seconded by Representative Gard to approve the Department of Natural Resources requests to expend up to the following amounts, respectively, from the land acquisition subprogram of the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship 2000 program:

- VIII. (a) Lower Chippewa River State Natural Area: \$350,000 to purchase 95 acres of land in fee and 49.28 acres of land in easement from the Diocese of La Crosse for the Lower Chippewa River State Natural Area in Pepin County. In addition, provide up to \$7,200 for closing costs associated with the purchase.
- IX. (b) Statewide Natural Area – Crawford County: \$400,000 to purchase 184.76 acres from Lowell Ahrens, et al., for the Statewide Natural Area in Crawford County. In addition, provide up to \$3,600 for closing costs associated with the purchase.
- X. (c) Trempealeau River Meadows State Natural Area: \$260,100 to purchase 345.4 acres from Wicka Farms for the Trempealeau River Meadows State Natural Area in Buffalo County. In addition, provide up to \$4,770 for closing costs associated with the purchase.
- XI. (d) Onion River Streambank Protection Area: \$615,000 to purchase 110.8 acres from Windway Capital Corporation Lands for the Onion River Streambank Protection Area in Sheboygan County. In addition, provide up to \$8,000 for closing costs associated with the purchase.
- XII. (e) Kettle Moraine State Forest – Southern Unit: \$569,913 to purchase 100.95 acres from Ilya Nelson for the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest in Waukesha County. In addition, provide up to \$2,630 for closing costs associated with the purchase.
- XIII. (f) Ice Age Trail – Dane County: \$394,460 from the land acquisition subprogram of the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship 2000 program and \$163,000 in federal funds (for a total of \$557,460) to purchase 171 acres from Dennis and Leona Midthun for the Ice Age Trail in Dane County. In addition, provide up to \$2,850 for closing costs associated with the purchase.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

XIV. Department of Public Instruction

Moved by Senator Burke and seconded by Representative Gard to make a determination that the general school aids funding level under s.20.255(2)(ac) for 2001-02 will be \$4,051,569,600, consistent with the provisions of 2001 Act 16.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

XV. University of Wisconsin System

Moved by Senator Burke and seconded by Representative Gard to approve the transfer of \$4,950 from the reserved portion of the Committee's s.20.865(4)(a) appropriation to the UW System's continuing appropriation for general operations receipts (s.20.285(1)(iz)).

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

Secretary's Note: The funds approved in this transfer derived originally from net proceeds from the sale of a 1.7 acre parcel of land on the UW-Superior campus to the School District of Superior, which by law must be deposited in the Committee's appropriation. Up to 50% of the amounts so deposited may be released by the Committee upon request of the agency. In this item, the transfer approved will be used to make physical improvements on the UW Superior campus.

XVI. University of Wisconsin System

Moved by Senator Moore and seconded by Senator Burke to provide a supplement of \$6,000,000 GPR in 2000-01 from the reserved balance in the Committee's supplemental appropriation (s.20.865(4)(a)) for Department of Corrections contract beds reserve to the UW System's energy costs appropriation (s.20.285(1)(c)). Authorize the UW System to pay \$2,505,600 GPR in remaining 2000-01 energy costs expenses from its 2001-02 energy costs appropriation. In addition, transfer \$3,600,000 GPR in 2000-01 from the WTCS Board's grants to students appropriation (s.20.292(1)(ep)) to the WTCS Board's incentive grants appropriation (s.20.292(1)(dc)).

Ayes, 8; Noes, 8 (Darling, Rosenzweig, Gard, Kaufert, Albers, Duff, Ward, Huebsch)

Moved by Representative Albers and seconded by Senator Moore to provide a supplement of \$6,000,000 GPR in 2000-01 from the reserved balances in the Committee's supplemental appropriation (s.20.865(4)(a)) for Department of Corrections contract beds reserve to the UW System's energy costs appropriation (s.20.285(1)(c)). Authorize the UW System to pay \$2,505,600 in remaining 2000-01 energy costs expenses from its 2001-02 energy costs appropriation.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

XVII. University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority

Moved by Senator Rosenzweig and seconded by Senator Burke to recommend that the Legislative Audit Bureau continue to review the Authority's operations prior to the Joint Committee on Finance's five-year review of the agreements in the future.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

Secretary's Note: Under s.13.094, every five years the Joint Committee on Finance is required to review the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority lease and affiliation agreements with the UW Board of Regents. This agenda item involved such a review.

XVIII. Department of Health and Family Services

Moved by Senator Burke and seconded by Representative Gard to transfer \$500,000 GPR from the reserved portion of the Committee's supplemental GPR appropriation under s.20.865(4)(a) to the Department's appropriation for gifts and grants for health care financing under s.20.435(4)(i) in 2000-01 for a grant to the Westside Healthcare Association, Inc., in the City of Milwaukee. Further, prohibit the Department from releasing these funds until approval by the Committee under s. 13.10.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

Secretary's Note: This item was added to the agenda by the Co-Chairs.

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

Report received:

Department of Administration's Position Report required under s.16.50
(January 1 – March 31, 2001).

Daniel Caucutt, Secretary

Date: _____

John Gard, Co-Chair

Date: _____

Scott McCallum, Governor

Date: _____