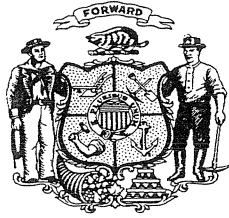


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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Minutes of the Meeting Under s. 13.10

December 14, 2010

Co-chair Miller presided and called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Present: Senators Miller, Hansen, Taylor, Lehman, Robson, Lassa, Darling, Olsen
Representatives Pocan, Mason, Shilling, Grigsby, Richards, Vos, Montgomery

[Secretary's Note: Representative Colón resigned his seat in the Assembly to assume a judgeship. No replacement to the Committee was named for the meeting.]

I. Public Service Commission

Moved by Representative Montgomery and seconded by Representative Vos to deny (object to) the Commission's proposal and maintain the 1.2 percent revenue requirement authorized under current law.

Ayes, 4; Noes, 11 (Miller, Hansen, Taylor, Lehman, Robson, Lassa, Pocan, Mason, Shilling, Grigsby, Richards)

Moved by Senator Miller and seconded by Representative Pocan to approve the Commission's proposal to increase revenues required for the energy efficiency and renewable resources programs to \$120 million in 2011, \$160 million in 2012, \$204 million in 2013, and \$256 million in 2014 and annually thereafter.

Ayes, 11; Noes, 4 (Darling, Olsen, Vos, Montgomery)

II. Department of Natural Resources

Moved by Senator Miller and seconded by Senator Hansen to approve the department's request (as corrected) to increase expenditure authority in the appropriation under s. 20.370(5)(cr) by \$466,000 on a one-time basis in fiscal year 2010-11 to be used for supplemental snowmobile trail aids (supplemental trail aids would be provided at 83 percent of eligible costs).

Ayes, 14; Noes, 1 (Mason)

III. Department of Children and Families

Moved by Representative Grigsby and seconded by Senator Taylor to adopt Funding Alternative 1 of the section 13.10 child care quality rating and improvement system (QRIS) memorandum, Agenda Item III, dated December 14, 2010. This alternative would approve the transfer of \$4,001,500 FED from the Committee's federal funds general program supplementation appropriation [s. 20.865(4)(m)] to the department's economic support federal block grant aids appropriation [s. 20.437(2)(md)] in the amount of \$3,726,000 FED and the department's economic support federal block grant operations appropriation [s. 20.437(2)(mc)] in the amount of \$275,500 FED in fiscal year 2010-11 to continue implementation of YoungStar.

In addition, modify the Department of Children and Families five-year plan (Five Year Plan Alternative 1) for the QRIS, known as YoungStar, by prohibiting the department from implementing a severity index tool to determine one-star child care providers. Instead, require the department to continue to use revocation, suspension, or denial of a child care license, or revocation or denial of child care certification as the basis for one-star providers.

In addition, prohibit the department from including in the YoungStar contracts a requirement that child care providers must collect copayments from Wisconsin Shares recipients.

Finally, require the department or the regional entity the department contracts with to administer YoungStar at the local level to make available all documents, statutes, and rules, and all amendments or changes to these documents, statutes, and rules that child care providers must indicate they are aware of, including an operations memorandum governing child care, in order to participate in YoungStar. Require the department or the contracted regional entity to link these documents in the YoungStar on-line application process, or attach the documents to the paper application for providers not using the on-line process, and to notify child care providers when changes are made to these documents through e-mail or, if e-mail is unavailable for a child care provider, through the postal mail service.

Ayes, 11; Noes, 4 (Darling, Olsen, Vos, Montgomery)

IV. Department of Children and Families

Moved by Senator Miller and seconded by Representative Vos to modify the request to transfer \$1,000,000 FED from the department's economic support federal block grant aids appropriation [s. 20.437(2)(md)] to the economic support federal block grant operations appropriation [s. 20.437(2)(mc)] in fiscal year 2010-11 to reallocate underspending from Wisconsin Shares to purchase equipment for the automated attendance tracking system.

Ayes, 15; Noes, 0

V. Department of Health Services

Moved by Representative Richards and seconded by Senator Darling to approve the Governor's request to increase expenditure authority for the department in the appropriation under s. 20.435(4)(n) by \$1,661,900 FED in one-time American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds

in fiscal year 2010-11 to enable the department to continue the development of the state Medicaid health information technology plan (SMHP) and to conduct activities that will enable the department to administer the Medicaid electronic health records incentive program, beginning in the summer of 2011.

Ayes, 15; Noes, 0

VI. Department of Health Services

Moved by Senator Hansen and seconded by Representative Shilling to approve the department's request to expand the Family Care program to Langlade County, beginning January 1, 2011, and to Lincoln County, beginning April 1, 2011.

Ayes, 13; Noes, 2 (Vos, Montgomery)

VII. Departments of Health Services, and Children and Families

Moved by Senator Miller and seconded by Representative Pocan to allocate all of the uncommitted income augmentation revenues (\$20,322,300 FED) and \$3,585,400 GPR in the Joint Committee on Finance supplementation appropriation in fiscal year 2010-11 as follows:

1. Provide \$4,250,000 PR to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) interagency and intra-agency continuing appropriation under s. 20.437(1)(kx) and require DCF to expend these funds only for child support enforcement activities by local child support agencies. Require DCF to distribute all of these funds to local child support agencies no later than January 1, 2011. In addition, direct DCF to distribute all funds (\$4,250,000) from the GPR child support local assistance continuing appropriation under s. 20.437(2)(bc) to local child support agencies no later than January 1, 2011. Require DCF to prohibit local child support agencies from supplanting existing revenues for local child support enforcement activities with these funds.
2. Provide \$5,400,000 GPR to the Office of the State Public Defender's biennial private bar and investigator reimbursement appropriation under s. 20.550(1)(d) in fiscal year 2010-11, to address a shortfall in funding for private bar reimbursements. Transfer funding from the Committee's reserved funding [s. 20.865(4)(a)] to the State Public Defender's appropriation under s. 20.550(1)(d) as follows: (a) \$2,313,400 GPR associated with the Department of Public Instruction pupil assessment; and (b) \$1,000,000 GPR associated with DCF automated attendance tracking. In addition, transfer \$272,000 GPR from the Committee's unreserved funding in its appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(a). Further, transfer \$1,814,600 GPR in fiscal year 2010-11 from the Department of Health Services' MA benefits appropriation [s. 20.435(4)(b)] to the State Public Defender's appropriation under s. 20.550(1)(d).
3. Provide \$11,944,300 (-\$1,814,600 GPR and \$13,758,900 PR) in fiscal year 2010-11 to the Department of Health Services MA benefits appropriation under s. 20.435(4)(b) and to the Division of Health Care Access and Accountability interagency and intra-agency appropriation under s. 20.435(4)(kx) to partially address a projected shortfall in the MA benefits appropriation. Specify that the GPR funding reduction for MA benefits would be part of the funding increase to the Public Defender under Item #2.

4. Provide \$2,313,400 PR-S of income augmentation moneys to the Department of Public Instruction in its appropriation under s. 20.255(1)(ke) in fiscal year 2010-11 to fund pupil assessment costs.

Ayes, 15; Noes, 0

VIII. Department of Public Instruction

Action on this item was addressed in the motion under item VII.

IX. Office of the State Public Defender

Action on this item was addressed in the motion under item VII.

X. Department of Administration

Moved by Senator Hansen and seconded by Senator Taylor to approve the deficit reduction plans as requested by the department with the exception of those for which deficits have been, or are being, resolved and the juvenile corrections appropriation in the Department of Corrections.

Ayes, 10; Noes, 5 (Lassa, Darling, Olsen, Mason, Montgomery)


Reports

Two Department of Administration reports on the number of federally-funded positions approved during the fiscal quarters ending June 30, 2010, and September 30, 2010, were submitted to the Committee as required under s. 16.50, Wisconsin Statutes.



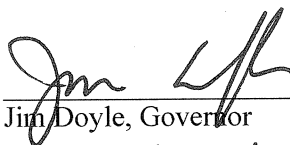
Kirsten M. Grinde, Secretary

Date: 12/20/10



Mark Miller, Co-Chair

Date: 12/20/2010



Jim Doyle, Governor

Date: 12/22/10