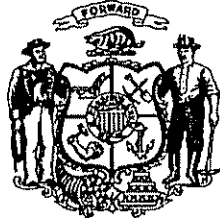


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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Under s. 13.10

January 4, 2005

Co-chair Kaufert presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Senators Fitzgerald, Lazich, Darling, Cowles, Leibham, Olsen, Decker, Taylor  
Representatives Kaufert, Ward, Jensen, Stone, Rhoades, D. Meyer, Colón, Pocan

I. Department of Commerce

Moved by Senator Cowles and seconded by Senator Darling to authorize the Department of Commerce to designate two additional enterprise development zones.

Ayes, 14; Noes, 2 [Colón, Pocan]

II-A. Department of Workforce Development

Moved by Representative Kaufert and seconded by Senator Lazich to transfer \$4,195,900 FED from the reserved portion of the Committee's federal program supplements appropriation [s. 20.865(4)(m)] to the Department of Workforce Development's (DWD) appropriation for federal block grants [s. 20.445(3)(md)] to increase funding for the 2004-2005 Wisconsin Works (W-2) agency contracts to pay for cash benefits. In addition, direct DWD to return to the Committee with a specific plan for the allocation of \$10,810,700 FED to geographic regions 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Milwaukee for release of these funds. Also, direct DWD to return to the Committee with a specific plan for the allocation of \$728,200 FED in "transition expenses."

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

II-B. Department of Workforce Development

Moved by Representative Pocan and seconded by Representative Colón to provide \$737,200 FED in one-time funding in 2004-05 to increase the appropriation under s. 20.445(3)(mc) to partially restore funding for technical assistance for the child care program.

Ayes, 5; Noes 11 [Kaufert, Ward, Jensen, Stone, Rhoades, Meyer, Fitzgerald, Lazich, Cowles, Leibham, Olsen]

Moved by Representative Kaufert and seconded by Senator Lazich to deny the Department of Workforce Development's request for one-time supplemental funding of \$4,798,100 FED in 2004-05 under the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program to increase funding for a number of programs to improve child care quality and availability. Instead, place \$18,531,100 FED in unappropriated TANF high performance bonus funds in the reserved portion of the Joint Committee on Finance's federal program supplements appropriation [s. 20.865(4)(m)] in 2004-05 to be used for child care or cash benefits.

Ayes, 13; Noes, 3 [Colón, Pocan, Decker]

III. Department of Administration

Moved by Representative Kaufert and seconded by Senator Fitzgerald to transfer \$5,755,900 FED in 2004-05 of federal LIHEAP funds from the regular heating assistance program to the crisis assistance program, as authorized under s. 16.54(2)(b) of the statutes.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

IV. Department of Veterans Affairs

Moved by Senator Fitzgerald and seconded by Representative Ward to provide a one-time supplement of \$1,826,000 SEG in 2004-05 from the Committee's s. 20.865(4)(u) appropriation to the agency's s. 20.485(2)(tf) biennial appropriation for tuition and fee reimbursement grants and a one-time supplement of \$1,119,300 SEG in 2004-05 from the Committee's s. 20.865(4)(u) appropriation to the agency's s. 20.485(2)(th) biennial appropriation for part-time study grants.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

V. Elections Board – Deferred to a later meeting.

VI. Elections Board – Deferred to a later meeting.

VII. State Treasurer

Moved by Senator Decker and seconded by Senator Taylor to approve supplemental funding of \$50,000 SEG in 2004-05 for the college savings program administrative appropriation [s. 20.585(2)(tm)] but require that this amount be placed in unallotted reserve subject to release by the Joint Committee on Finance under a passive review process, with the stipulation that a request from the State Treasurer's Office for release of funds in unallotted reserve must be accompanied by: (1) a detailed cost estimate for the legal counsel services that will be undertaken; and (2) the hourly fees that will be billed for such services.

Ayes, 4; Noes, 12 [Kaufert, Ward, Jensen, Stone, Rhoades, Meyer, Fitzgerald, Lazich, Darling, Cowles, Leibham, Olsen]

Moved by Senator Fitzgerald and seconded by Representative Kaufert to provide supplemental funding of \$232,900 SEG in 2004-05 from the Committee's s. 20.865(4)(u) appropriation to the agency's s. 20.585(2)(tm) appropriation for the EdVest college savings program for the following purposes: (1) \$122,400 SEG for the payment of fund accounting services; (2) \$40,000 SEG for the cost of an investment services contract for independent fund performance reports to reflect a commencement of actual services beginning January 1, 2005; (3) \$20,500 SEG for the increased costs of an annual financial audit of the college savings and tomorrow's scholar programs; and (4) \$50,000 SEG for the provision of legal counsel services.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0


Reports

The presiding co-chair made a unanimous consent request to receive the report submitted by the Department of Administration under s. 16.50 on the number of federally funded positions approved during the April 1 to June 30, 2004 quarter. Without objection it was so ordered.



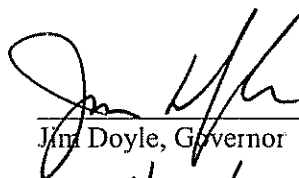
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Dan Caucutt, Secretary

Date: January 20, 2005



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Dean R. Kaufert, Co-Chair

Date: 1-20-05



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Jim Doyle, Governor

Date: 1/22/05