

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

SENATE CHAIR
BRIAN BURKE

316 S. Capitol
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882
Phone: (608) 266-8535



ASSEMBLY CHAIR
JOHN GARD

315-N Capitol
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708-8952
Phone: (608) 266-2343

JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Partial Minutes of the Regular Meeting Under s.13.10

December 21, 1999

Co-chair Gard presided and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Senators Burke, Decker, Jauch, Moore, Shibilski, Plache, Cowles, Panzer
Representatives Gard, Porter, Kaufert, Albers, Duff, Ward, Huber, Riley
Absent: None

XXI. Department of Corrections

Moved by Senator Burke and seconded by Representative Gard to:

- (1) Approve the Department's request, pursuant to s. 302.26, for approval of the proposed contracts with the Corrections Corporation of America and McCloud Correctional Services for housing inmates in out-of-state contract beds, contingent upon the following modifications to the contracts: (a) correct typographical errors in the contracts; (b) move the provision currently in Article 1 (Contract Definitions) specifying that Corrections will not transfer inmates to contracted facilities who have serious medical conditions to Article 3 (Inmates); (c) modify the contract with McCloud Correctional Services to remove the provision in Article 3 which states "Contractor may transfer any of the inmates between facilities, under contract, with the Department's prior approval."; (d) modify section 5.0.7 of the contracts to specify that the 45-day time period in which Corrections may effect a cure for any breach begins at the end of the 30-day notification period.
- (2) Approve the Department's request to utilize an existing contract with the federal Bureau of Prisons to place an additional 40 female offenders at the Alderson, West Virginia prison facility.
- (3) Increase the total number of inmates which the Department may place in authorized out-of-state contracted facilities from 4,107 to 5,514.
- (4) Direct the Department of Corrections to provide the appropriate notice to the Texas county jail bed contract administrator that the State of Wisconsin will cancel its contract with the Texas

counties as of June 30, 2000, and require the Department to notify the Committee of its action in this matter.

Ayes 13; Noes, 3 [Moore, Plache, Riley]

Moved by Senator Burke and seconded by Representative Gard to approve the Department's request for release of \$9,613,500 GPR in 1999-00 and \$26,581,500 GPR in 2000-01 from the Joint Committee on Finance's supplemental appropriation (s.20.865(4)(a)) to Corrections' prison contracts appropriation (s.20.410(1)(ab)) for increased contract bed costs, as modified by withholding release of funding associated with the Tutwiler, Mississippi facility (\$1,986,800 GPR in 1999-00 and \$15,697,900 GPR in 2000-01) pending Co-chair certification that the Department of Corrections has notified the Co-chairs that the Department has assessed the Tutwiler facility, has determined that it meets the Department's specifications and that the facility is ready to admit Wisconsin prisoners.

Ayes 13; Noes 3 [Moore, Plache, Riley]

Moved by Representative Kaufert and seconded by Representative Gard to approve the Department's request for release of \$291,000 GPR in 1999-00 and \$493,300 GPR in 2000-01 from the Joint Committee on Finance's supplemental appropriation (s.20.865(4)(a)) to Corrections' general program operations appropriation (s.20.410(1)(a)) to support an additional 6.0 GPR positions for the contract monitoring unit and an additional 3.2 GPR four-year project correctional officer positions to staff two televisiting sites in Wisconsin.

Ayes 15; Noes 1 [Decker]

Moved by Senator Moore and seconded by Senator Decker to require the Department of Corrections, at the time of each site visit conducted to an out-of-state-prison, to identify the number of inmates by security classification and the security classification of the facility visited, and include this information in each site visit report.

Ayes 8; Noes 8 [Cowles, Panzer, Gard, Porter, Kaufert, Albers, Duff, Ward,]

Moved by Senator Moore and seconded by Senator Burke to require that private prison contractors provide a monthly report to the Department of Corrections indicating the medical staffing levels by position classification at each of the facilities in which Wisconsin inmates are held and indicating the number of hours worked by each medical staff position.

Ayes 15; Noes 1 [Decker]

Moved by Senator Moore and seconded by Representative Huber to modify the Corrections Corporation of America and McCloud contracts by deleting the last sentence

of Article 6.11 which states: "The Contractor shall not have to provide such copies to the Department if the pleadings appear to be frivolous in nature."

Ayes 10; Noes 6 [Decker, Cowles, Panzer, Kaufert, Duff, Ward]

Moved by Senator Jauch and seconded by Representative Kaufert to release \$103,500 GPR in 1999-00 and \$447,100 GPR in 2000-01 from appropriation s.20.865(4)(a) (the Joint Committee on Finance's supplemental appropriation) to the Department of Corrections' general program operations appropriation (s.20.410(1)(a)) to support the costs of 9.0 GPR positions to: (a) address issues of correctional institution crowding and long range planning; and (b) staff correctional facilities.

Ayes 12; Noes 4 [Burke, Decker, Moore, Plache]

Daniel Caucutt, Secretary

Date: _____

John Gard, Co-Chair

Date: _____

Tommy G. Thompson, Governor

Date: _____