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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Under s. 13.10

September 14, 2000

Co-chair Burke presided and called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

[Secretary's Note: Senator Erpenbach was designated by the Senate Majority Leader to take the place of Senator Shibilski. In addition, for some of the items the Speaker of the Assembly designated Representative Handrick to take the place of Representative Albers.]

I. Department of Revenue

Moved by Representative Gard and seconded by Representative Kaufert to authorize 1.5 positions beginning in 2000-01 and supplemental funding of \$62,000 GPR in 2000-01 from the Joint Committee on Finance's supplemental appropriation under s. 20.865 (4) (a) to the Department of Revenue's general program operations appropriation under s. 20.566 (1) (a) for a cigarette tax processing and enforcement system and staff. Transfer funding from amounts reserved for the Department of Corrections for prison contract beds in 2000-01. In addition, provide funding of \$196,000 GPR in 2000-01 from the Joint Committee on Finance's supplemental appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(a) to the Department of Revenue's general program operations appropriation under s. 20.566(1)(a) for a cigarette tax processing and enforcement system if the Department of Revenue does not receive a grant from the State's Antitrust/Consumer Protection and Tobacco Enforcement Fund. Specify that this GPR funding would also be transferred from amounts reserved for the Department of Corrections for prison contract beds in 2000-01.

Ayes, 8; Noes, 8 (Burke, Decker, Jauch, Moore, Erpenbach, Plache, Huber, Riley)

II. Department of Administration

Moved by Representative Gard and seconded by Senator Burke to approve the release of \$238,500 GPR from the reserved portion of the Committee's appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(a) to the Department's payments to designated agents appropriation under s. 20.505(7)(c) to fund Operations Fresh Start replication projects in 2000-01.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

III. Department of Corrections

Moved by Representative Gard and seconded by Senator Burke to approve 139.03 GPR positions in 2000-01 to: (a) staff the expansion of the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility (130.53 GPR positions); and (b) provide central office staff increases associated with human resources, training and procurement (8.5 GPR positions). In addition, transfer \$2,847,900 GPR in 2000-01 from the Department's appropriation under s. 20.410(1)(b) to the reserved portion of the Committee's appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(a) for future release for any salary shortfalls in the Department of Corrections.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

[Secretary's Note: Funding for operation of the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility and central office positions would be transferred as follows: (a) \$59,600 GPR from 20.410(1)(b) to s. 20.410(1)(a); (b) \$86,000 GPR from s. 20.410(1)(aa) to s. 20.410(1)(a); and (c) \$49,900 GPR from s. 20.410(1)(aa) to s. 20.410(1)(f). Positions are created in the following appropriations: (a) 9.50 GPR positions in s. 20.410(1)(a); and (b) 129.53 GPR positions in s. 20.410(1)(b).]

IV. Department of Corrections

Moved by Senator Decker and seconded by Senator Burke to approve a transfer of \$2,333,900 from various Department of Corrections' appropriations and the Committee's supplemental appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(a) and authorize 55.66 GPR positions to staff the expansion of the Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center.

Ayes, 8; Noes, 8 (Cowles, Darling, Gard, Porter, Kaufert, Handrick, Duff, Ward)

Moved by Representative Gard and seconded by Senator Burke to approve: (a) 51.73 GPR positions to staff the expansion of the Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center; (b) 18.4 GPR positions to staff the operation of a minimum-security facility at the Fox Lake Correctional Institution; and (c) 17.69 GPR positions to staff the John C. Burke Correctional Center as a facility for female inmates. Specify that the authorized number of out-of-state prison beds is decreased from 5,514 to 5,157 to reflect the return of all female inmates to Wisconsin.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

[Secretary's Note: Funding in 2000-01 for the increased positions and modified operations of the Ellsworth and Burke Correctional Centers and the Fox Lake Correctional Institution would be transferred as follows: (a) \$1,324,400 GPR from the amounts reserved for prison contract beds under s. 20.865 (4)(a) to s. 20.410 (1)(a); (b) \$1,293,300 GPR from s. 20.410 (1)(ab) to s. 20.410 (1)(a); (c) \$1,856,500 GPR from s. 20.410 (1)(ab) to s. 20.410 (1)(b); (d) \$138,900 GPR from s. 20.410 (1)(ab) to s. 20.410 (1)(d); (e) \$10,100 GPR from s. 20.410 (1)(ab) to s. 20.410 (1)(f); and (f) \$7,400 GPR from s. 20.410 (1)(ab) to s. 20.410 (1)(aa). Of the total amount transferred (\$4,630,600 GPR), one-time funding would be: (a) \$817,600 GPR in s. 20.410 (1)(a); and (b) \$361,000 GPR in s. 20.410 (1)(b). Positions would be provided as follows: (a) 35.96 GPR positions in 2000-01 in appropriation s. 20.410 (1)(a); and (b) 51.86 GPR positions in 2000-01 in appropriation s. 20.410 (1)(b).]

Moved by Senator Jauch and seconded by Senator Burke to require the Department of Corrections to develop a plan to return all inmates from out-of-state contract beds. Require that the plan: (a) provide a time table for the return of inmates; and (b) be submitted to the Joint Committee on Finance and the Governor by January 5, 2001.

[Secretary's Note: No action was taken on the motion.]

V. Department of Corrections

Moved by Representative Gard and seconded by Senator Burke to approve 3.0 GPR food production assistant positions and 1.0 storekeeper position for the production kitchen at the Redgranite Correctional Facility. In addition, transfer \$545,700 GPR to the Committee's appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(a) for future release for any salary shortfalls in the Department of Corrections in 2000-01.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

[Secretary's Note: The appropriation from which the \$545,700 is transferred is the Department of Corrections' s. 20.410(1)(a) appropriation.]

VI. Department of Corrections

Moved by Representative Gard and seconded by Senator Burke to approve the release of \$666,400 GPR in 2000-01 from funding reserved in the Joint Committee on Finance's appropriation (s. 20.865(4)(a)) for prison contract beds to fund information technology costs in the Division of Community Corrections. Funding would be transferred as follows: (a) \$513,900 GPR in 2000-01 in one-time funding to the Department's general program operations appropriation (s. 20.410(1)(a)); and (b) \$152,500 GPR in 2000-01 on an ongoing basis in the services for community corrections appropriation (s. 20.410(1)(b)). In addition, release \$51,800 GPR (\$8,600 GPR in one-time costs) in 2000-01 from funding reserved in the Joint Committee on Finance's supplemental appropriation (s. 20.865(4)(a)) for prison contract beds to the

Department's general program operations appropriation (s. 20.410(1)(a)) and create 1.0 GPR position to provide information technology support for the Division of Community Corrections.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

VII. Department of Corrections

Moved by Representative Gard and seconded by Senator Burke to approve 11.17 GPR positions and the release of \$422,100 GPR in 2000-01 from funding reserved in the Joint Committee on Finance's appropriation (s. 20.865(4)(a)) for prison contract beds to the Department's general program operations appropriation (s. 20.410(1)(a)) for an expansion of the educational program at the Fox Lake Correctional Institution.

Ayes, 11; Noes, 5 (Jauch, Cowles, Darling, Porter, Handrick)

Moved by Senator Moore and seconded by Representative Riley to approve 7.0 GPR teacher positions at the Taycheedah Correctional Institution and the release of \$253,800 GPR from funding reserved in the Joint Committee on Finance's appropriation (s. 20.865(4)(a)) for prison contract beds to the Department's general program operations appropriation (s. 20.410(1)(a)).

Ayes, 8; Noes, 8 (Decker, Jauch, Cowles, Darling, Porter, Handrick, Ward, Huber)

Moved by Senator Decker and seconded by Senator Burke to approve 1.0 GPR technical support position and upgrades for the Department's educational computer network in the Divisions of Adult Institutions, Community Corrections and Juvenile Corrections and the release of \$631,900 GPR from funding reserved in the Joint Committee on Finance's appropriation (s. 20.865(4)(a)) for prison contract beds as follows: (a) \$366,100 GPR to the Department's general program operations appropriation (s. 20.410(1)(a)); (b) \$54,100 GPR to the services for community corrections appropriation (s. 20.410(1)(b)); and (c) \$211,700 GPR to the general program operations appropriation (s. 20.410(3)(a)) for the Division of Juvenile Corrections.

Ayes, 6; Noes, 10 (Jauch, Cowles, Darling, Gard, Porter, Kaufert, Handrick, Duff, Ward, Huber)

The following reports were received by the Committee: Department of Administration's Position Report required under s. 16.50 (April 1 – June 30, 2000); Department of Administration Fleet Consolidation Plan Report.

Daniel Caucutt, Secretary

Date: _____

Brian Burke, Co-Chair

Date: _____

Tommy G. Thompson, Governor

Date: _____