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# Marquette Dental School

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## LFB Summary Item for Which an Issue Paper Has Been Prepared

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Title</u>
-	Dental Clinics Funding (Paper #550)

To: Joint Committee on Finance

From: Bob Lang, Director  
Legislative Fiscal Bureau

## ISSUE

### Dental Clinics Funding (Marquette Dental School)

## CURRENT LAW

The Marquette University School of Dentistry receives \$2,300,000 GPR in 1996-97 to provide dental services to low-income individuals at health clinics in the City of Milwaukee and inmates at correctional centers in Milwaukee County. The Marquette University School of Dentistry is a private, state-aided institution of higher education.

## GOVERNOR

No provision.

## DISCUSSION POINTS

1. The Marquette Dental School did not submit a request for additional funding during the budget request process in the Fall of 1996. However, during its March 19, 1997, briefing before the Joint Committee on Finance, the Dental School requested \$500,000 annually to support the operations and services of its dental clinics program.

2. The Marquette Dental School provides dental services to low-income individuals through partnerships with five local health clinics. Three of these clinics are in the City of Milwaukee and two clinics are located in the rural areas of Wild Rose (Waushara County) and Cashton (Monroe County).

3. The state has been providing GPR support for the Dental School's clinic services since 1989-90. Funding has been at \$2,300,000 GPR annually since 1992-93.

4. In April, 1993, the final report of Governor's Commission on Dental Care recommended that the Marquette Dental School receive an additional \$500,000 GPR annually contingent on: (a) the establishment of accountability standards and strengthened state oversight by the State Dental Advisory Council; (b) the Dental School meeting these accountability standards without further significant state funding increases beyond the \$500,000 annually; and (c) the Dental School taking a more active role in trying to address dental care access problems by developing and implementing a 4th and/or 5th year training and service program for dental students.

5. Following the Commission report, the state did not form an Advisory Council or accountability standards; however, Marquette Dental School did implement a 4th and 5th year residency program through which students rotate among the five clinics with which the Dental School maintains partnerships. Additionally, the Dental School expanded its services at the three clinics in Milwaukee and began providing services at the Wild Rose clinic in June, 1994 and the Cashton clinic in January, 1996.

6. The Dental School indicates that the \$500,000 additional annual support from the state is necessary to continue providing dental services at these five clinic sites. Since 1990, the School has been operating with an annual deficit, primarily due to its partnerships with clinics in low-income areas. In 1996-97, the Dental School expects to complete the fiscal year with a \$1,834,500 operating deficit. Although all of the clinics contribute to this deficit, approximately \$390,000 of the imbalance is due to services provided at the Cashton and Wild Rose clinics, from which the School receives no revenue.

7. Currently, annual deficits are covered through Marquette University general funds; however, due to the fiscal constraints and competing demands faced by the University, the Dental School has been informed that the University will no longer be able to cover the Dental School deficit.

8. The School indicates that it would have to reduce its services at all five clinics and possibly terminate its partnerships with the two newest clinics if it is unable to secure additional state funding. Further, due to the current shortfall in revenues, the Dental School argues that it will be unable to expand its clinic partnerships into other areas of the state before achieving greater financial stability.

9. Arguably, with limited state GPR available, providing funding to a private institution of higher education for programming that is not statewide in nature may not be a priority for state funding.

10. On the other hand, the clinics' mission to train dental students while serving low-income residents could be viewed as a positive use of state resources. If the Committee wishes to provide funding to the Dental School at a lesser amount than the \$500,000 annually, it could provide \$390,000 annually to offset the budget deficit due to services at the Cashton and Wild Rose clinics. Alternatively, a lesser amount of \$183,500 annually could be provided, which would represent approximately ten percent of the projected 1996-97 operating deficit of the Dental School.

11. Under current law, state funding may be utilized to support services at the three clinics within Milwaukee, but not the two outstate clinics. If the Committee would like to broaden the purposes for which the dental services funding may be used, it may wish to allow state funding to be utilized at the two existing and any future outstate dental clinic partnerships.

**ALTERNATIVES TO BILL**

**A. Funding**

1. Provide \$500,000 GPR annually to the Marquette University School of Dentistry for dental services to low-income individuals at the health clinics with which the Dental School maintains partnerships.

<u>Alternative 1</u>	<u>GPR</u>
1997-99 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	\$1,000,000

2. Provide \$390,000 GPR annually to the Marquette University School of Dentistry for dental services to low-income individuals at the health clinics with which the Dental School maintains partnerships.

<u>Alternative 2</u>	<u>GPR</u>
1997-99 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	\$780,000

3. Provide \$183,500 GPR annually to the Marquette University School of Dentistry for dental services to low-income individuals at the health clinics with which the Dental School maintains partnerships.

<u>Alternative 3</u>	<u>GPR</u>
1997-99 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	\$367,000

4. Maintain current law.

**B. Use of State Funding**

1. Eliminate the current restriction on state funding for clinics that specifies that funding may only be used for clinics in the City of Milwaukee.

2. Maintain current law. *No action necessary.*

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	COWLES	Y	N	A
	PANZER	Y	N	A
	JENSEN	Y	N	A
	OURADA	Y	N	A
	HARSDORF	Y	N	A
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