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Motion 662

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description: Increased Dues Payments. Delete motion 662 to paper 627, which deletes funding for dues increases for State & Local Legal Center, Nat'l Comm on Uniform Traffic Laws, Nat'l Conf. On Insurance Legislators, Nat'l Assoc of Administrative Rules Review.

other notes:

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Adopt Alternative 1 to Paper 629, which provides funding and an auditor position to convert and expiring project position to permanent status.



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May 4, 1999

Joint Committee on Finance

Paper #629

Retention of the Municipal "Best Practices" Audit Function (Legislature)

CURRENT LAW

The Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) is required to undertake periodic county and municipal "best practices" audits and has 1.0 GPR project position and \$41,700 GPR annually budgeted to support these types of audits. The statutory authority for the municipal "best practices" audit function and the authorization for the associated project position will terminate, effective July 1, 1999.

GOVERNOR

Denied the LAB's request for funding and position authority to convert an expiring GPR project auditor position associated with county and municipal "best practices" audits to permanent status.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. Provisions of 1995 Wisconsin Act 27 created statutory language requiring the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) to undertake periodic "best practices" reviews of county and municipal governments. The intent of the initiative was to have the LAB identify efficient and effective methods of service delivery in Wisconsin and to disseminate information about successful approaches to solving problems faced by local governments. Act 27 also authorized and funded 1.0 GPR legislative auditor project position to help staff these best practice reviews by the LAB.

2. Under this statutory authority, the LAB has conducted a privatization of municipal services review [December, 1996], a 911 emergency number services review [July, 1997] and is currently conducting a review of cooperative approaches to local road repair services [due in May, 1999]. However, both funding and authorization for the legislative auditor project position and the associated statutory requirement that the LAB conduct best practices audits will be repealed.

effective July 1, 1999.

3. As part of the its biennial budget proposal, the LAB's intent was that the July 1, 1999, repeal of this function be eliminated, the expiring project position be converted to permanent status and continuation funding of \$41,700 GPR annually be provided for this purpose. The rationale for requesting the continuation of the position and associated funding was that the LAB would like to perform additional best practice reviews on a periodic basis. In addition, the LAB has identified a need to also address increased financial and program evaluation audit workload as a result of a growing number of statutory requirements for such audits and increased Joint Committee on Audit directed audits.

4. If the Committee believes that continuing the additional legislative auditor position would be desirable from the standpoint of continuing the municipal "best practices" audit function as well as generally enhancing the legislative post-audit function, it could provide increased funding of \$41,700 GPR annually, authorize 1.0 GPR permanent legislative auditor position and eliminate the scheduled July 1, 1999, repeal of the municipal "best practices" audit requirement.

5. Alternatively, if the Committee believes that the municipal "best practices" audits and project auditor position should expire at the end of the 1998-99 fiscal year as currently scheduled, it could maintain current law.

ALTERNATIVES TO BASE

1. Provide \$41,700 GPR annually, authorize 1.0 GPR unclassified legislative auditor position to convert an expiring project position to permanent status and eliminate the scheduled July 1, 1999, repeal of the municipal "best practices" audit requirement.

<u>Alternative 1</u>	<u>GPR</u>
1999-01 FUNDING (Change to Base) <i>[Change to Bill]</i>	\$83,400 <i>\$83,400</i>
2000-01 POSITIONS (Change to Base) <i>[Change to Bill]</i>	1.00 <i>1.00</i>

2. Maintain current law.

Prepared by: Tony Mason

DOA:.....Caucutt – County and municipal best practices reviews

FOR 1999-01 BUDGET — NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 AN ACT ...; relating to: county and municipal best practices reviews by the state
2 auditor.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

STATE GOVERNMENT

OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT

Current law requires the state auditor to undertake periodic county and municipal best practices reviews. The requirement is repealed effective July 1, 1999. This bill reinstates the requirement without change.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 SECTION 1. 13.94 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

4 13.94 (8) COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL BEST PRACTICES REVIEWS. (a) In this subsection,
5 “municipality” means a city, village or town.

6 (b) The state auditor shall undertake periodic reviews to:



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LFB AMENDMENT

TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 133 AND 1999 SENATE BILL 45

1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

2 1. Page 20, line 10: after that line insert:

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7 1. Examine the procedures and practices used by counties and municipalities
8 to deliver governmental services.

9 2. Determine the methods of governmental service delivery.

10 3. Identify variations in costs and effectiveness of such services between
11 counties and municipalities.

1 4. Recommend practices to save money or provide more effective service
2 delivery.

3 (c) The state auditor shall determine the frequency, scope and subject of any
4 reviews conducted under par. (b).

5 (d) To assist the state auditor with the selection of county and municipal
6 practices to be reviewed by the auditor, the auditor shall establish an advisory
7 council consisting of the following members appointed by the auditor:

8 1. Two members chosen from among 6 names submitted by the Wisconsin
9 Counties Association.

10 2. One member chosen from among 3 names submitted by the League of
11 Wisconsin Municipalities.

12 3. One member chosen from among 3 names submitted by the Wisconsin
13 Alliance of Cities.

14 4. One member chosen from among 3 names submitted by the Wisconsin Towns
15 Association.

16 (e) The members of the council appointed under par. (d) shall serve without
17 compensation.”.

18 **2.** Page 1576, line 16: after that line insert:

19 ~~(19)~~ ^{letter d} COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL BEST PRACTICES REVIEWS. In the schedule under
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21 under section 20.765 (3) (c) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1999, the dollar
22 amount is increased by \$41,700 for fiscal year 1999-00 and the dollar amount is

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2 for the bureau by 1.0 GPR auditor position.”

3 (END)



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CAUCUS AMENDMENT

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