



State of Wisconsin
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1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 419

July 15, 1999 - Introduced by JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. Referred to Joint committee on Audit.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** an audit by the legislative audit bureau on the need to
2 increase the personnel and lobbying activities of the state's office of
3 federal-state relations in Washington, D.C.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

For further information, see the NOTE provided by the joint legislative council.
For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as
an appendix to this bill.

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

PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the joint legislative council's special committee on capture of federal resources.

The bill requests the joint legislative audit committee to direct, and permits the committee to direct, the legislative audit bureau to conduct a performance evaluation audit of Wisconsin's federal-state relations office in Washington, D.C., and then make recommendations to enhance the state's ability to capture its "fair share" of federal resources in comparison with other states.

If the audit is performed, the bill provides for the bureau, in addition to other measures, to review the lobbying efforts of states that receive more in per capita federal spending than Wisconsin, including the size, budget, personnel and activities of their offices in Washington, D.C., and whether those states use contract lobbyists in their attempts to get federal funding.

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If the audit is performed, the bill requires the bureau to report its findings and recommendations on or before January 1, 2001.

1 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

2 (1) The joint legislative audit committee is requested to direct, and may direct,
3 the legislative audit bureau to conduct a performance evaluation audit of means to
4 enhance the effectiveness of the state of Wisconsin's office of federal-state relations
5 in Washington, D.C., in lobbying the U.S. Congress and federal agencies for federal
6 funds and changes in federal funding formulas and make recommendations to
7 enable the state to receive its fair share of available federal funding and other federal
8 resources in comparison with other states. If the audit is undertaken, the bureau
9 shall consider the lobbying efforts of states with higher rankings in per capita federal
10 spending than this state, including the size, budget, personnel and activities of their
11 Washington, D.C., offices and whether those states utilize contract lobbyists in their
12 efforts to capture federal resources. If the audit is undertaken, the bureau shall file
13 its findings and recommendations with the distributees specified in section 13.94 (1)
14 (b) of the statutes on or before January 1, 2001.

15 **(END)**