

Eighty-Ninth Regular Session

WEDNESDAY, August 22, 1990

The chief clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin

Department of Administration and

Department of Natural Resources

To the Honorable the Legislature:

Tis is to inform you that our agencies have not yet completed the 1991-1993 biennial finance plan which was to be submitted on August 1, 1990. Since passage of the Clean Water Fund legislation in May 1990, staff from both agencies have been working with municipal officials to implement new requirements and prepare for the bonding issues that will be required for projects that will receive loans for the 1989-91 biennium. It is anticipated that the 1991-93 biennial finance plan which is required under s. 144.2415(3), Stats., will be submitted in late August, 1990.

We appreciate your patience regarding the preparation and submission of this report. The magnitude and complexity of the Clean Water Fund program requires careful and deliberative consideration of all major issues.

Sincerely,
JAMES R. KLAUSER
Secretary
Department of Administration

C. D. BESADNY
Secretary
Department of Natural
Resources

State of Wisconsin
Department of Public Instruction
August 1, 1990

To the Honorable the Legislature:

The 1989 Wisconsin Act 82 charged the state superintendent of public instruction to conduct a study of the fiscal and programmatic impact of limiting the involvement of school district employees who are not health care professionals in providing specialized physical health services to pupils.

Actions taken to date include: appointment of a task force, creation of survey instrument, and a contract with the Wisconsin Survey Research Laboratory to do a random sample of 1000 Wisconsin public school buildings.

While portions of the report have been drafted, in order to make a fair interpretation of the data obtained from the statewide survey, I am requesting an extension of the deadline for the Department of Public Instruction report to the legislature to October 1, 1990. This will allow department staff to do a more accurate analysis of

the data. We have been in contact with Representative Robson during this process.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,
VICTOR J. CONTRUCCI
Assistant Superintendent
Division for Handicapped
Children and Pupil Services

State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Social Services
August 1, 1990

To the Honorable the Legislature:

Section 3023(31z) of 1989 Act 31 authorized the Department of Health and Social Services to seek federal waivers to conduct a rural primary health care demonstration project staffed by nurse practitioners. The demonstration project was to be evaluated and a report submitted to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature by July 15, 1991. Subsequent to the passage of Act 31, Congress, as part of the Federal Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989, mandated that all state Medicaid programs reimburse for services provided by certified pediatric and family nurse practitioners. This Congressional action obviated the need for the Department to seek federal waivers or conduct a demonstration project. The nurse practitioner benefit was implemented July 1 of this year.

Even though a rural primary health care demonstration project will not be established and evaluated as authorized in Section 3023(31z), we have decided to conduct an evaluation of the nurse practitioner benefit. Representative Robson and the Department are both interested in such a study. The evaluation will address the impact of Medicaid coverage of nurse practitioners on the availability of services (especially in rural areas) and the utilization and cost of services. I have attached an outline for the evaluation. In order to assure sufficient date to conduct a valid evaluation, we would complete a final report by March 1, 1992, instead of July 15, 1991.

If you have questions or suggestions about the proposed evaluation outline, please contact Bob Wagner, Chief of the Evaluation Section, at 266-9296.

Sincerely,
PATRICIA A. GOODRICH
Secretary

SENATE CLEARINGHOUSE ORDERS

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 90-26

Relating to the impaired professionals procedure.
Submitted by Department of Regulation and
Licensing.

Report received from agency, August 20, 1990.

Referred to committee on Housing, Government Operations and Cultural Affairs, August 22, 1990.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 90-95

Relating to the property tax deferral loan program. Submitted by Department of Revenue.

Report received from agency, August 20, 1990.

Referred to committee on Aging, Banking, Commercial Credit and Taxation, August 22, 1990.

The committee on Housing, Government Operations and Cultural Affairs reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 90-113

Relating to housing cost grants and loans fund awards to community-based organizations, public housing authorities and local governments.

Review period waived:

Ayes, 6 -- Senators Plewa, Ulichny, Van Sistine, Burke, Rude and Lorman;

Noes, 0 -- None.

John R. Plewa
Chair

Read and referred to joint committee for Review of Administrative Rules.

The committee on Labor, Business, Insurance, Veterans' and Military Affairs reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 90-88

Relating to prevailing wage rates.

No action taken.

Jerome Van Sistine
Chair

The committee on Education, Economic Development, Financial Institutions and Fiscal Policies reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 90-62

Relating to licenses and approved programs.

No action taken.

Barbara Ulichny
Chair

The committee on Educational Financing, Higher Education and Tourism reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 89-72

Relating to vocational, technical and adult education district reorganization.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 90-55

Relating to the alcohol and other drug abuse prevention and intervention program.

No action taken.

Robert Jauch
Chair

The committee on Transportation, Conservation and Mining reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 89-212

Relating to eligibility for law enforcement aids to municipalities and boating.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 90-44

Relating to sport fishing.

No action taken.

Rodney C. Moen
Acting Chair