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

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Social Services
Office of Health Care Information
Madison

August 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

Pursuant to the requirements of section 153.20, Wis. Stats., I am pleased to submit to the Governor and the Legislature **Uncompensated Health Care, Wisconsin Hospitals, FY 1993**. This report, prepared by the Office of Health Care Information, sets forth the total charges for charity care, bad debt and total uncompensated health care for hospital fiscal year 1993; the projected total charges for hospital fiscal year 1994; the number of patients receiving uncompensated health care for hospital fiscal year 1993; and the projected number of patients who will receive uncompensated health care in hospital fiscal year 1994.

The information contained in this report was obtained from data submitted by Wisconsin hospitals on their annual *FY 1993 Uncompensated Health Care Services Plan* and their annual *FY 1993 Hospital Fiscal Survey*.

Sincerely,

JOSEPHINE W. MUSSER
Commissioner of Insurance
TRUDY A. KARLSON, Ph.D.
Director, OHCI

Referred to committee on Health.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Transportation
Madison

September 13, 1994

To the Honorable the Assembly:

The enclosed report has been sent to you pursuant to sec. 1.11 (2)(j), Stats. This statute states:

"Annually, no later than September 15, submit a report to the chief clerk of each house of the

legislature for distribution to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2), including the number of proposed actions for which the agency conducted an assessment of whether an impact statement was required under par. (c) and the number of impact statements prepared under par. (c)."

This report addresses the activities of the Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 1994, the period from July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994.

Sincerely,
CHARLES H. THOMPSON
Secretary, DOT

Referred to committee Natural Resources.

DATE: September 14, 1994
TO: Thomas T. Melvin
Assembly Chief Clerk
FROM: Katharine C. Lyall
President, UW-System
RE: Report pursuant to s. 36.12, Wisconsin
Statutes: Discrimination Against Students

At its meeting September 9, 1994, the Board of Regents accepted the attached report to be submitted to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172(3).

In April 1990, the Legislature enacted s. 36.12 of the statutes which prohibits discrimination against students in the provision of UW System programs and services. Pursuant to s. 36.12(3), the Board of Regents is required to submit an annual report to each house of the Legislature that details for the previous academic year: 1) the number of complaints received at each institution and center alleging a violation of the above statutes and 2) the number of requests for review of these complaints received by the board. Annual reports are required for the period of four years from 1991 through 1994. The number of complaints for 1993-94 (110) was 21% less than the 1992-93 total.

If you need additional information regarding this report please contact Dr. Marian Swoboda at 262-6404.

Referred to committee on Colleges and Universities.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources
Madison

September 19, 1994

September 16, 1994

SUBJECT: Review Department of Natural Resources' Policy and Procedures for Issuing Pollution Permits

To the Honorable the Legislature:

In accordance with 1993 Wisconsin Act 16, Section 9142(3), I am submitting to you and the Governor, a report prepared by IBM Consulting Group in collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources which evaluates our pollution permit policies and procedures. Section 9142 of the Act specifically required the Department to:

"contract with a person from outside the Department to review the Department's policy and procedures for issuing pollution permits under the statutes and applicable federal law and to determine which aspects of the permit program can be most cost-effectively performed under contract with private vendors. The department shall require the person with whom it contracts to prepare a report that includes the results of the review and recommendations for changes designed to improve the accomplishment of the objectives of the statutes and to shorten the time for permit issuance and to submit the report to the legislature, in the manner provided in section 13.172 (2) of the statutes and to the governor, no later than September 1, 1994."

We hope that the recommended solutions listed in the report will lead to more effective and efficient air and water permit programs. We have already begun implementing some of the recommendations and are committed to following through to significantly improve the efficiency of our processes and shorten the number of hours required to issue permits. Our budget requests for the 1995-97 biennium for air and water permits will also reflect these recommendations.

I look forward to hearing your comments on this report. If you have any questions or require any additional information regarding this report, please contact me. If you or any of the legislators would like additional copies of this report, please call Karin Liebetau at 267-7630. Thank you.

Sincerely,
GEORGE E. MEYER
Secretary, DNR

Referred to committee on Natural Resources.

Mr. Thomas Melvin
Assembly Chief Clerk
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 38.12 (11)(a,b,c), we are submitting a report to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172(3).

Annually, under Wisconsin Statute 38.12, the College incorporates all the required information to be communicated such as policies and procedures, statistics and services available in the orientation programs for students entering the fall and spring semesters. In addition, the enclosed flyer, Your Rights and Responsibilities, is mailed to all students and employees annually in September of each year and is distributed to new enrolling students on a continuous basis throughout the school year.

All the information that is to be publicly communicated under this statute is reviewed annually. This ensures that if legislative changes occur, the revisions are incorporated prior to the annual printing.

Sincerely,
KAREN E. HOLSTEIN
Human Resources Manager
Affirmative Action Officer
LAKESHORE TECHNICAL

COLLEGE

Referred to committee on Judiciary.

COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Cost Containment Council
Madison

September 1, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

Pursuant to the requirements of s. 150.80(3)(b) and (c), Wis. Stats., I am pleased to submit to the Governor and to the Legislature the first annual report on Rate Differences in Wisconsin Hospitals. This report is based on fiscal year 1992 financial data reported to the Office of Health Care Information by general medical-surgical hospitals operating in Wisconsin at the end of this fiscal year.

This report fulfills the statutory requirement to report "the degree to which general relief under s. 49.02, medical assistance under ss. 49.43 to 49.499 and medicare under 42 USC 1395 to 1395ccc do not pay rates equal to the rates paid by nongovernment payers." and "the policy

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implications to hospitals and nongovernment payers of discounts granted to nongovernment payers."

Sincerely,
GARVIN SHANKSTER
Chair
Cost Containment Council

State of Wisconsin
Cost Containment Council
Madison

September 12, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

The 1991 Wisconsin Act 250 established the Cost Containment Commission and an advisory Cost

Containment Council. One of the responsibilities of the Council is to periodically evaluate the Commission and its operations as provided in Section 150.80(3)(a), Wis. Stats.

The attached report is intended to meet this reporting requirement. This report covers the period of February 1993 through June 1994.

Sincerely,
M. GARVIN SHANKSTER
Chair, CCC