

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

Ninety-First Regular Session

10:00 A.M.

, April 27, 1993

The Senate met.

The Senate was called to order by Brian D. Rude, President of the Senate.

The Chair, with unanimous consent, asked that the proper entries be made in the journal.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 154

An act to direct expenditure of \$424,194.50 from the general fund for payment of a claim against the state made by Prema Acharya.

By Senator Risser, by request of Prema Acharya.

To joint committee on Finance.

Senate Bill 155

Relating to crimes against judges and their families and providing penalties.

By Senators Petak, Huelsman, Breske, Rude, Rosenzweig and Drzewiecki; cosponsored by Representatives Stower, Panzer, Silbaugh, Duff, Ladwig, Green, Plache, Brandemuehl, Robson, Ryba, Goetsch and Coleman.

To committee on Judiciary and Insurance.

Senate Bill 156

Relating to the sale or distribution of toys containing toxic substances.

By Senators Cowles, Burke, Farrow, Clausing, Moore, Rosenzweig, Plewa, Buettner and Potter; cosponsored by Representatives Bock, Black, Prosser, Panzer, Bell, Duff, Rutkowski, Ourada, Robson, Schneiders and Reynolds.

To committee on Environment and Energy.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau

April 22, 1993

To the Honorable the Legislature:

We have completed an evaluation of cost increases for moveable equipment during construction of new state prisons, as requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. Moveable equipment typically includes durable

items, such as inmate furniture, which are not permanently fixed to a building's structure.

Initial moveable equipment requests on the last three major prison projects totaled \$4.8 million. However, final costs for moveable equipment were \$9.2 million, a 92 percent increase. While 12 percent of the increase can be attributed to legislatively approved increases in the bed capacity of the projects, 88 percent had other causes, including weaknesses in the capital budgeting process and management decisions on how to spend funds. For example, in a limited review of expenditure vouchers, we found over \$600,000 of bond funds were spent on non-durable equipment such as towels and clothing. Although no guidelines currently exist, normal budgeting practice is that bond funds, which are repaid over a period of several years, should only be used for durable equipment, which has longer useful life.

The State currently plans to spend \$145 million on prison building projects by 1996, including \$6.8 million for moveable equipment. To help prevent further cost increases, we recommend the budgeting process for capital building programs be modified to improve accuracy. We also recommend the Department of Corrections establish more stringent cost-control measures over equipment purchases, and that it work with the Department of Administration to improve control over bond funds by developing more useful definitions of equipment categories.

In the last two fiscal years, the Department of Corrections received \$1.1 million in commissions from telephone companies in return for exclusive rights to provide inmate telephone service. While these funds have been spent on items for inmates, they are statutorily exempt from the Department's regular operating budget and are outside of the control of the Legislature. We recommend the Department include telephone commission revenues and expenditures as part of the regular budget and that contracts for telephone services be bid competitively.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the Department of Corrections and the Department of Administration during this audit. The departments' responses are the appendices.

Sincerely,

Dale Cattanaach

State Auditor

Madison Area Technical College

April 16, 1993

To the Honorable the Legislature:

Attached are copies of the annual reports from Madison Area Technical College regarding the above

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mentioned subject. If you have any questions you may call me at 246-6045.

Sincerely,
Richard Harris
Affirmative Action Officer

Referred to Committee on Education

Fox Valley
Technical College

April 19, 1993

To the Honorable the Legislature:

As required under ss. 38.12 (11) (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton, Wisconsin is submitting a report to you on the information on sexual assault and sexual harassment offered during the college's orientation programs.

Newly entering Fox Valley Technical College students receive oral and written information on sexual assault and sexual harassment as a part of their orientation. In addition to receiving the materials accompanying this correspondence, students are also verbally informed on A) Sexual Harassment, B) Equal Employment Opportunity, C) AODA, D) the Campus Crime Act, and E) Life Line.

All entering Fox Valley Technical College students are required to go through the orientation sessions thus assuring that all entering students are provided with this information.

As the District Affirmative Action Officer, I work closely with the Student Services staff providing the orientations and am also involved in the development of related printed materials.

If you should have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Mewhorter
Affirmative Action Officer

Referred to Committee on Education

Mid-State
Technical College

April 23, 1993

To the Honorable the Legislature:

In compliance with state legislation required under SS. 38.12(11)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, I am submitting the Mid-State Technical College annual report in regard to MSTC's sexual assault and sexual harassment programs.

Enclosed is a copy of the handouts given to MSTC students. The booklets are distributed and discussed at full-time student orientation. The single information sheets are handed out and discussed at the first class meeting of all evening school classes.

Should you have any questions or need further information regarding Mid-State Technical College's sexual assault and sexual harassment programs, please

contact: Mary F. Zurawski, Affirmative Action Officer,
Mid-State Technical College, 933 Michigan Avenue,
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Sincerely,
M.H. Schneeberg
District Director

Referred to Committee on Education

SENATE CLEARINGHOUSE ORDERS

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 92-88

Relating to procedures for handling complaints involving unlicensed practice by credential holders.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from agency, April 22, 1993.

Referred to committee on Business, Economic Development and Urban Affairs, April 27, 1993.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 92-131

Relating to the procedures and requirements for making and collecting annual assessments for the cemetery consumer protection fund established in s. 440.92 (8), Stats., and for reviewing applications, investigating claims, approving and denying applications and making reimbursements to consumers from the fund.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from agency, April 23, 1993.

Referred to committee on Business, Economic Development and Urban Affairs, April 27, 1993.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 92-184

Relating to the collection of air emission fees and air pollutant emission information.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from agency, April 23, 1993.

Referred to committee on Environment and Energy, April 27, 1993.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 92-192

Relating to the definitions of dealer, demonstrate and test for the purpose of dealer registration and time limits that dealers may hold registration applications; establishing waterway marker standards for race course, water ski and slalom buoys; and creating exemptions for water exhibitions and races.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from agency, April 22, 1993.

Referred to committee on Environment and Energy, April 27, 1993.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 92-206

Relating to disbursement of trust funds, self-dealing, inspection and disclosure duties, confidentiality of offers to purchase, definition of adverse facts and approved forms.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from agency, April 23, 1993.

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Referred to committee on Business, Economic Development and Urban Affairs, April 27, 1993.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 93-59

Relating to the business development initiative program.

Submitted by Department of Development.

Report received from agency, April 22, 1993.

Referred to committee on Business, Economic Development and Urban Affairs, April 27, 1993.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 93-63

Relating to the rates to be charged for health insurance risk sharing plans from July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994.

Submitted by Office of the Commissioner of Insurance.

Report received from agency, April 22, 1993.

Referred to committee on Judiciary and Insurance, April 27, 1993.

The committee on Transportation, Agriculture, Local and Rural Affairs reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 93-28

Relating to the employer notification program.

No action taken.

Alan J. Lasee

Chair

Senator Rude, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 A.M. Thursday, April 29.
10:01 A.M.