

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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WEDNESDAY, October 8, 1997

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 313

Relating to: restrictions on the sale or giving away of cigarettes or tobacco products.

By Joint Legislative Council.

To committee on **Judiciary, Campaign Finance Reform and Consumer Affairs**.

Senate Bill 314

Relating to: the authority of counties, towns, villages and cities to enact ordinances regulating the purchase, possession, sale or giving away of cigarettes and tobacco products.

By Joint Legislative Council.

To committee on **Judiciary, Campaign Finance Reform and Consumer Affairs**.

Senate Bill 315

Relating to: eliminating the office of health care information and transferring functions related to collection, analysis and dissemination of health care information to the department of health and family services, confidentiality of patient health care records, granting rule–making authority, providing a penalty and making appropriations.

By Joint Legislative Council.

To committee on **Health, Human Services, Aging, Corrections, Veterans and Military Affairs**.

Senate Bill 316

Relating to: the definition of the internal revenue code for the income tax and the franchise tax.

By Senators Burke, Chvala and Ellis; cosponsored by Representatives M. Lehman, Wood and Brancel.

To committee on **Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule **36(2)(c)** and section 13.52(6), of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Co-Chairs of the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions shall prepare and submit a report by the committee, in writing, setting forth an opinion on the desirability of **Senate Bill 316**, relating to the definition of the internal revenue code for the income tax and franchise tax.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau

October 2, 1997

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed an evaluation of the Milwaukee County General Assistance–Medical Program, as directed by **1995 Wisconsin Act 27**. In 1996, the program provided services to 18,916 indigent persons and spent \$34.1 million in local, state, and federal funds. The State will reimburse up to \$17.6 million of the county’s total program expenditures, which in 1996 accounted for 92.2 percent of statewide General Assistance expenditures.

Beginning in 1996, Milwaukee County began efforts to address the long-standing concern that nearly all health care services provided to the indigent required patients to travel to Wauwatosa, where they were served at either the county hospital or Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital, a private, nonprofit provider with which the county has had a long working relationship. In 1996, community-based primary care clinics located in the City of Milwaukee accounted for only \$97,235, or 0.3 percent, of total program expenditures. In contrast, Froedtert accounted for \$30.5 million, or 89.5 percent, of program expenditures.

In 1997, community-based clinics began to play a much more significant role, which will expand further in 1998, when clinics will be responsible for coordinating the provision of all health care services to the General Assistance–Medical Program participants. However, if the program is to continue to be effective in providing services in the future, officials in Milwaukee County will need to: 1) address the community-based clinics’ increased patient loads and administrative responsibilities; 2) monitor how changes in other public assistance programs affect the General Assistance–Medical Program; 3) monitor the effects of programmatic changes on the educational programs of the Medical College of Wisconsin, which staffs Froedtert; and 4) improve program management by developing appropriate policies and procedures and by improving the availability and usefulness of management information.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the Milwaukee County staff. A response from the County is the Appendix.

Sincerely,

DALE CATTANACH
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
Higher Educational Aids Board**

October 15, 1997

The Honorable, The Legislature:

Submitted herewith is the 1995-1997 biennial report of the State of Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board. This report has been prepared pursuant to Section [15.04 \(1\) \(d\)](#) Wisconsin Statutes.

The report provides an analysis of the agency's 1995-1997 activities and accomplishments and describes objectives and intended accomplishments for the 1997-1999 biennium.

Sincerely,

VALORIE T. OLSON
Executive Secretary

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Veterans Affairs**

September 30, 1997

The Honorable, The Legislature:

In compliance with section 45.35 (3d)(b), Wis. Stats., as created by [1989 Wisconsin Act 36](#), the Council on Veterans Programs and the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) are jointly submitting the attached general summary report of the activities and membership over the past two years of the Council and the organizations represented on the Council.

Organizations not yet reporting are the American Legion, American Red Cross, Catholic War Veterans, Federation of Culturally Diverse Veterans, National Association of Black Veterans, Polish Legion of American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and Wisconsin Association of Concerned Veterans Organizations.

The information contained in the report was compiled by WDVA staff and the Council Chair from materials submitted by the representative from each organization on the Council.

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. COCROFT
Deputy Secretary

PHYLLIS PERK
Chairman, Council on Veterans Programs

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Family Services**

September 30, 1997

The Honorable, The Senate:

The following summarizes the result of Community Aid audit adjustments made during 1996 for County Social Service Departments and County Departments of Community Programs. This annual report is mandated and issued pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section [46.495\(2\)\(b\)](#) to the Chief Clerk of each house by September 30 of each year.

RECOVERIES None

Sincerely,

JOE LEEAN
Secretary

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Family Services**

October 1, 1997

The Honorable, The Senate:

The attached report is submitted in accordance with s.49.45(2)(a)21 of the Wis. Stats., which directs the Department of Health and Family Services to report annually on Wisconsin

Medicaid recipient access to obstetric and pediatric services. The report outlines the variety of federal and state mandates and initiatives that have been established to encourage increased provisions of these important services by physicians and other professions and increased use of medical services by children and pregnant women who receive Medicaid.

I am pleased to advise you that for the eighth consecutive year, Wisconsin's State Plan Amendment, which assures the federal Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) that Wisconsin Medicaid recipients have access to pediatric and obstetric care equal to that of the general population, has been approved by HCFA.

Access to pediatric and obstetric care for Medicaid recipients will continue as a focus of Departmental efforts.

Sincerely,

JOE LEEAN
Secretary

**State of Wisconsin
Wisconsin Technical College System Board**

October 10, 1997

The Honorable, The Legislature:

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. ss 38.12 (11), this is to notify you that all sixteen districts of the Wisconsin Technical College System have provided the required materials, information and orientations on sexual assault and sexual harassment for the 1997-98 school year. Information and materials are provided in student handbooks, information flyers, resource guides, student newspaper, booklets, college policies and/or verbal orientation sessions. Assurances from the districts and sample orientation materials are on file in our office and are available upon request.

If you need additional information or have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. Keith Krinke, Director, Human Resources at 266-1844.

Sincerely,

EDWARD CHIN
State Director

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Revenue**

October 2, 1997

The Honorable, The Legislature:

I am submitting the quarterly report of the Wisconsin Lottery for the quarter ending September 30, 1997. As required by s. [565.37 \(3\)](#), Wis. Stats., the attached materials contain Wisconsin Lottery year to date sales and financial information.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please feel free to contact me at (608) 266-6466.

Sincerely,

CATE ZEUSKE
Secretary of Revenue

**State of Wisconsin
Ethics Board**

October 7, 1997

To the Honorable the Senate:

At the direction of s. [13.685\(7\)](#), *Wisconsin Statutes*, I am furnishing you with the names of organizations recently registered with the Ethics Board that employ one or more individuals to affect state legislation or administrative rules, and notifying you of changes in the Ethics Board's records of licensed lobbyists and their employers. For each recently registered organization I have included the organization's

description of the general area of legislative or administrative action that it attempts to influence and the name of each licensed lobbyist that the organization has authorized to act on its behalf.

Organizations recently registered:

Below are the names of organizations recently registered with the Ethics Board as employing one or more individuals to affect state legislation or administrative rules.

WPS Power Development Inc.

Subject(s): All matters relating to the unregulated electric power industry.

Suslick, Richard

Organization's authorization of additional lobbyists:

The following organizations previously registered with the Ethics Board have authorized to act on their behalf these additional licensed lobbyists:

Milwaukee Teachers Retirement Fund Assn

Wesley, Richard J

Termination of lobbying authorizations:

The following individuals are no longer authorized to lobby on behalf of the organizations listed below, as of the dates indicated.

Academic Staff Public Representation Organization (ASPRO)

Coenen, Thomas 9/21/97

Advertising Publishers Assn, Wisconsin

Coenen, Thomas 9/21/97

Automotive Trades Assn Inc, Wisconsin

Coenen, Thomas 9/21/97

Innkeepers Assn, Wisconsin

Coenen, Thomas 9/21/97

Liquid Waste Carriers Assn, Wisconsin

Coenen, Thomas 9/21/97

Milwaukee Teachers Retirement Fund Assn

Vaughan, Michael 10/1/97

Out of State Landowners Assn, Inc., Wisconsin

Coenen, Thomas 9/21/97

Outdoor Advertising Assn of Wisconsin

Coenen, Thomas 9/21/97

Retail Lumber Assn, Inc, Wisconsin

Coenen, Thomas 9/21/97

Tourism Federation, Wisconsin

Coenen, Thomas 9/21/97

Also available from the Wisconsin Ethics Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for lobbying activities filed by the organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,

R. ROTH JUDD

Executive Director

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin

Office of the Governor

September 29, 1997

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint SUTTER, SUSAN L., of Horicon, as

a member of the Pharmacy Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2001.

Sincerely,

TOMMY G. THOMPSON

Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Human Services, Aging, Corrections, Veterans and Military Affairs.**

**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF
COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING
PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 97-104

Relating to the department of employe trust funds refunding contributions to the Wisconsin retirement system that exceed the contributions limits set forth in the internal revenue code and the Wisconsin statutes.

Submitted by Department of Employee Trust Funds.

Report received from Agency, October 2, 1997.

Referred to committee on **Labor, Transportation and Financial Institutions**, October 8, 1997.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 97-105

Relating to the department of employe trust funds procedures for locating missing participants and transferring the balances of abandoned accounts to the annuity reserve.

Submitted by Department of Employee Trust Funds.

Report received from Agency, October 2, 1997.

Referred to committee on **Labor, Transportation and Financial Institutions**, October 8, 1997.

SENATE ENROLLED PROPOSALS

The Chief Clerk records:

Senate Bill 272

Report correctly enrolled on October 3, 1997.

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU
CORRECTIONS**

CORRECTIONS IN:

1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 26

Prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau
(Wednesday, September 3, 1997)

1. Page 1, line 6: after "1940" insert "to".
2. Page 1, line 15: after "remembered as" insert "imaginative, foresighted".
3. Page 2, line 5: delete "*by the assembly, the senate concurring*".

NOTE: These corrections adjust the content of 1997 Assembly Joint Resolution 26 to accurately reflect the Legislative Reference Bureau drafting record of that resolution.