

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.

