

## 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 900

March 7, 2002 – Introduced by Representative RICHARDS. Referred to Committee on Rules.

- 1 **AN ACT relating to:** expenditure of \$10,842 from the general fund in payment  
2 of a claim against the state made by Terri Nielson d/b/a Tech Trak Consulting.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill directs expenditure of \$10,842 from the general fund in payment of a claim made by Terri Nielson d/b/a Tech Trak Consulting against the department of administration (DOA). The claimant entered into a contract with DOA to provide technical writing services at an hourly rate for the period from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000, for a total of \$78,000. The claimant contends that she did not request to be relieved of her projects under the contract. Nevertheless, DOA terminated the contract on May 31, 2000. The claimant claimed \$10,842, representing her estimated income lost as a result of the early termination. DOA contends that the contract was open-ended and that the total amount was estimated based upon potential hours worked at the hourly rate provided in the contract. DOA further alleges that the claimant did not perform the work to which she was assigned. On December 21, 2001, the claims board recommended denial of this claim (see *Senate Journal*, p. 493).

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

**ASSEMBLY BILL 900****SECTION 1**

1           **SECTION 1. Claim against the state.** There is directed to be expended from  
2 the appropriation under section 20.505 (4) (d) of the statutes, as affected by the acts  
3 of 2001, \$10,842 in payment of a claim against the state made by Terri Nielson d/b/a  
4 Tech Trak Consulting, Reedsburg, Wisconsin, to compensate the claimant for lost  
5 income from a contract with the department of administration for the period from  
6 July 1, 1999, to June 30, 2000, that was terminated by the department prior to its  
7 expiration date. Acceptance of this payment releases this state and its officers,  
8 employees, and agents from any further liability resulting from damages incurred  
9 by the claimant as a result of termination of this contract.

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