

2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 55

January 7, 2004 - Introduced by Senators CARPENTER and MOORE, cosponsored by Representatives RICHARDS, CULLEN, TAYLOR, SINICKI, YOUNG and MORRIS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** requiring the Joint Legislative Council to study pharmacy needs in
2 Milwaukee County.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This joint resolution directs the Joint Legislative Council to create a committee to study pharmacy needs in Milwaukee County.

3 Whereas, the well-being of Wisconsin's citizens depends upon access to
4 high-quality health care, including an adequate supply of pharmacists; and

5 Whereas, the pharmacy society of Wisconsin states that the "future of
6 Wisconsin pharmacies is bleak," citing shortages of pharmacists in Wisconsin; and

7 Whereas, a study by Western University of Health Sciences has shown that the
8 pharmacist shortage in Wisconsin is one of the most severe in the nation, finding that
9 in Wisconsin it is often difficult to fill open positions; and

10 Whereas, almost one-half of Wisconsin's population resides in the greater
11 Milwaukee area; and

1 Whereas, the pharmacy needs in Milwaukee County should be assessed and
2 recommendations should be formulated regarding all of the following:

3 (1) Improving access to careers in the pharmacy profession within Wisconsin's
4 largest urban center;

5 (2) Facilitating recruitment of diverse students to the pharmacy workforce;

6 (3) Helping ease the current and projected critical shortage of pharmacists,
7 while contributing to Wisconsin's economic development;

8 (4) Improving access and diversity among students in an attempt to help
9 resolve the pharmacist shortage and eventually to ease the job vacancy problem; and

10 (5) Fostering possible collaborations with targeted urban high schools, the
11 pharmacy retail industry, health care providers, business communities, and other
12 minority workforce development organizations; now, therefore, be it

13 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the joint legislative
14 council shall create a committee by March 31, 2004, to study pharmacy needs in
15 Milwaukee County pursuant to this joint resolution; and, be it further

16 ***Resolved, That*** the committee shall report its findings and recommendations,
17 including any suggested legislation, to the senate and assembly by October 1, 2004.

18 (END)