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# **Budget Provisions of the Senate and Assembly**

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#### INTRODUCTION

On June 26, 2007, the Senate completed its work on the 2007-09 state budget. The Senate modified the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Finance (SSA 1 to SB 40) by adopting SA 1 to SSA 1 (as amended by SA 1) and SA 2 to SSA 1.

The Assembly completed its work on the budget on July 10, 2007. The Assembly also worked from the Joint Committee on Finance's version of the budget (ASA 1 to SB 40) and adopted AA 1 to ASA 1.

This document provides a summary of the differences of the provisions contained within the budgets adopted by the Senate and Assembly.

The document is organized by functional area. The order of the document is as follows:

- Education and Building Program
- General Fund Taxes and Workforce Development
- General Government and Justice
- Health and Family Services and Insurance
- Natural Resources and Commerce
- Transportation and Property Tax Relief

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# 2007-09 General Fund Condition Statement

# Senate

	2007-08	2008-09
Revenues		
Opening Balance, July 1	\$130,364,600	\$177,535,600
Estimated Taxes	12,887,775,000	13,317,925,000
Departmental Revenues		
Tribal Gaming Revenues	45,166,700	46,800,700
Other	420,027,700	521,095,300
Total Available	\$13,483,334,000	\$14,063,356,600
Appropriations and Reserves	•	
Gross Appropriations	\$13,463,101,200	\$13,943,004,300
Compensation Reserves	67,784,500	172,546,700
Less Lapses	-225,087,300	-232,863,600
Net Appropriations	\$13,305,798,400	\$13,882,687,400
Balances		
Gross Balance	\$177,535,600	\$180,669,200
Less Required Statutory Balance	-130,000,000	-130,000,000
Net Balance, June 30	\$47,535,600	\$50,669,200

# 2007-09 General Fund Condition Statement

# Assembly

	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>
Revenues		
Opening Balance, July 1 Estimated Taxes Departmental Revenues Tribal Gaming Revenues	\$130,364,600 12,928,875,000 45,691,600	\$971,800 13,342,400,000 47,335,600
Other Total Available	378,499,700 \$13,483,430,900	375,268,800 \$13,765,976,200
Appropriations and Reserves		<del>-</del>
Gross Appropriations Compensation and Other Reserves Less Lapses Net Appropriations	\$13,732,918,200 45,862,900 <u>-296,322,000</u> \$13,482,459,100	\$13,976,806,900 100,278,700 <u>-320,184,200</u> \$13,756,901,400
Balances		
Gross Balance Less Required Statutory Balance Net Balance, June 30	\$971,800 0 \$971,800	\$9,074,800 0 \$9,074,800

# **EDUCATION AND BUILDING PROGRAM**

## ARTS BOARD

#### PERCENT FOR THE ARTS PROGRAM

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete the percent for the arts program and \$444,800 annually and 1.0 position under the Arts Board. Under this program, 0.2% of the project budget for state building program projects costing more than \$250,000 that are open to the public is used to acquire one or more works of art for the building.

Change to JFC Funding **Positions** 

- \$889,600

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## ONE-TIME GRANTS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete \$40,000 in 2007-08 that was included under the Joint Finance version of the bill for one-time grants to certain **GPR** organizations. These organizations would include: (a) Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua performing arts center in Bayfield County

Chg. to JFC

- \$40,000

(\$25,000); (b) Ko Thi Dance Company in the City of Milwaukee (\$10,000); and (c) African American Children's Theater in the City of Milwaukee (\$5,000).

#### BUDGET MANAGEMENT

# PROJECTED LAPSE AMOUNT

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Change

\$30,000,000 Chg. to JFC GPR-Lapse \$70,000,000

Jape, Assembly: Increase the projected lapse amount by \$35,000,000 annually from the Joint Finance level of \$40,000,000 annually, so that the total annual lapse would be \$75,000,000. Under this provision, the Secretary of Administration would use his authority under current

law to limit spending by executive branch agencies to generate \$75,000,000 of annual savings for

Tech \$500,000 ge to \$70,000, page -> UW 25 Million ( eadyear fiscal years 2007-08 through 2010-11. If any of these savings amounts would accrue from continuing GPR appropriations or from SEG or PR moneys, subsequent legislation could authorize any lapses or transfers to the general fund needed to reach the goal. There are no provisions relating to these items, as it would rely upon the current law authority of the Secretary of Administration to achieve these spending reductions.

2. REQUIRED STATUTORY GENERAL FUND RESERVE

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Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

\$70,000,000

( Assembly: Delete the requirement for a required statutory general fund reserve for the 2007-09 biennium. Specify that in 2009-10 and 2010-11 the required balance would be \$65 million. Provide that beginning in 2011-12, the required balance would equal 2% of total GPR appropriations plus GPR compensation reserves for each fiscal year.

A comparison of current law, Joint Finance, and the Assembly is shown in the following table.

Current Law	Joint Finance	<u>Assembly</u>
\$65,000,000	\$130,000,000	\$0
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\*The required balance equals 2% of gross GPR appropriations plus GPR compensation reserves in that year.

#### 3. ELIMINATE VACANT GPR POSITIONS

**Senate:** No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Delete \$5,531,400 and 81.52 positions annually as follows associated with the salary and fringe benefits of GPR positions which have been vacant for 12 months or more.

Change to JFC Funding Positions

GPR - \$11,062,800 - 81.52

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<u>Department</u>	Amount	<b>Positions</b>
Administration	\$80,700	1.00
Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection	32,200	0.50
Commerce	143,400	2.25
Corrections	1,794,900	25.83
Governor	4,300	0.13
Health and Family Services	1,461,400	16.88
Higher Educational Aids Board	40,400	1.00
Historical Society	298,400	5.06
Justice	40,200	1.00
Military Affairs	180,600	4.24
Natural Resources	867,800	13.00
Public Instruction	133,100	2.75
Revenue	231,900	4.25
State Public Defender	82,200	1.50
Technical College System	104,700	1.50
Tourism	8,800	0.20
Workforce Development	<u>26,400</u>	<u>0.43</u>
Total	\$5,531,400	81.52
2002	40,002,200	

# 4. BUDGETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES (GAAP)

**Senate:** No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Prohibit the executive budget bill from increasing the GAAP deficit and require that the budget bill be prepared using GAAP in the biennium following a fiscal year in which the state does not have a GAAP deficit.

# ZERO-BASED BUDGETING REQUIREMENT

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Require the Secretary of Administration to designate one-fifth of all state agencies each biennium, so that those agencies would be required to submit their agency budget request for that biennium using zero-based budgeting. Specify that each biennium, a different set of agencies would be subject to this requirement, so that at least once every five biennia, each state agency would submit a zero-based agency budget request. Define zero-based budgeting as the compilation of a budget in which each component is justified on the basis of cost, need, and relation to the agency's statutory responsibilities.

**BASE BUDGET REVIEW REPORT** 

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Keep Current Law

**Education and Building Program** 

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Assembly: Retain the base budget review report, which would be deleted under Joint Finance. Specify that any agency could use any format for the report, but if it uses a different format, it would have to reissue all previous reports in the new format. Require that the most recent reports would have to be included in the compilation of agency budget requests prepared by the Department of Administration by November 20 of each even-numbered year, rather than in the executive budget documents as under current law. Specify that the compilation of agency budget requests would have to include the statements of specific objectives and performance measures submitted in the agency's budget request.

7. REQUIRED GENERAL FUND STRUCTURAL BALANCE

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

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Assembly: Modify the current general fund structural balance requirement that applies to both fiscal years in a biennium, so that it would only apply to the second fiscal year, which is the base year for the following biennium. Under current law, no bill may be adopted by the Legislature, if the bill would cause total expenditures in any fiscal year to exceed available revenues, without considering the opening balance.

#### **BUILDING COMMISSION**

SALE OF STATE-OWNED REAL PROPERTY

**Senate:** No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Retain the current law requirement that the Department of Administration (DOA) Secretary submit a report to the Building Commission containing an inventory of his or her recommendations of the state properties that are to be offered for sale,

Chg. to JFC

GPR-REV \$20,000,000

which would be deleted under Joint Finance. Modify this provision to require DOA to periodically provide the Commission with these property reports during the biennium. Include the UW System on the list of agencies from which DOA could sell state-owned real properties and deposit the net proceeds from the sale of UW System properties to the general fund. Under Joint Finance, the UW System could retain the net proceeds to be used for general operations of the system.

Increase estimated revenues to the general fund by \$20,000,000 GPR-Earned in 2007-08 attributable to property sales under these provisions. As a result, the estimated revenue to be deposited to the general fund from such sales would total \$50,000,000 in 2007-08.

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\$40,000,000

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#### AGREEMENTS RELATED TO STATE BORROWING PROGRAMS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete the Joint Finance provisions that would authorize the Building Commission and the Department of Administration (DOA) authority to enter into agreements or ancillary arrangements relating to state general obligation debt and operating

Chg. to JFC

GPR-Lapse - \$4,500,000

notes. In addition, delete the modifications to Building Commission's and DOA's current law authority to enter into agreements or ancillary arrangements relating to the state's revenue obligation and appropriation obligation debt.

### **BUILDING PROGRAM**

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# . UW SYSTEM STUDENT CENTER AND UNION PROJECTS

Senate: Restore two UW System student center and union projects that were deleted from the Building Commission's recommendations under the Joint Finance Committee's version of the budget. Provide \$157,606,600 of program revenue supported bonding for these projects which also include \$20,805,400 of other student for or

Chg. to JFC BR \$157,606,600

for these projects, which also include \$30,895,400 of other student fee or gift funding. The total project enumeration for these projects is shown in the following table.

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	Campus	<u>Project</u>		<b>Bonding</b>	and Gifts	<u>Total</u>
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$\Rightarrow$	Eau Claire	-Davies Center /	/	\$31,406,600	\$17,395,400	\$48,802,000
>	Madison	-Union South and Memo	orial Union )	126,200,000	13,500,000	<u>139,700,000</u>
	Total			\$157,606,600	\$30,895,400	\$188,502,000

Assembly: No change to Joint Finance.

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#### UW SYSTEM RESIDENCE HALL PROJECTS

Senate: Restore six UW System residence hall projects to the 2007-09 building program that were deleted from the Building Commission's recommendations under the Joint Finance Committee

Chg. to JFC BR \$205,614,000

**Education and Building Program** 

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version of the budget. Provide \$205,614,000 of program revenue supported bonding for these projects, which are shown in the following table.

	Campus	Project	Bonding
/_	Madison	-Lakeshore Residence Hall	\$67,227,000
	Oshkosh	-Suite Style Residence Hall	34,000,000
	Parkside	-Suite Style Residence Hall	17,740,000
	River Falls	-George Fields South Forks Residence Hall	14,714,000
	Stevens Point	-Suite Style Residence Hall	36,205,000
	Whitewater	-Suite Style Residence Hall	<u>35,728,000</u>
	Total		\$205,614,000

**Assembly:** No change to Joint Finance.

#### **UW-SYSTEM ACADEMIC FACILITIES**

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Delete \$78,743,000 in general fund supported Assembly: bonding, \$2,950,000 in program revenue supported bonding, \$1,200,000 in building trust funds, and \$31,576,000 in gifts, grants, and other receipts, and the project enumerations associated with the following projects.

Chg. to JFC BR - \$81,693,000

	Boi	nding	Gifts and			
<u>Project</u>	GPR	PR	Trust Funds	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Total</u>	
School of Human Ecology						
Addition - Madison	\$22,500,000	\$2,950,000	\$0	\$22,500,000	\$47,950,000	
Communications Art Center - Parks	ide , <del>32,100,00</del> 0	·	0	2,076,000	34,176,000 -	REPORTED IN
Academic Building - Superior	24,143,000	0	1,200,000	7,000,000	32,343,000	•
	\$78,743,000	\$2,950,000	\$1,200,000	\$31,576,000	\$114,469,000	
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## DECREASE IN ALL AGENCY ENUMERATIONS GPR-SUPPORTED BONDING

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete \$65,000,000 of general fund supported bonding provided for the following all agency project category enumerations included in the 2007-09 state building program. A total of \$100,000,000 in general fund supported bonding would remain for these all agency projects.

Chg. to JFC BR - \$65,000,000

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\$ 125,000,000

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All Agency Category	<u> Ioint Finance</u>	Proposed <u>Reduction</u>	Remaining Bonding
Facility Maintenance and Repair	\$90,000,000	-\$35,454,000	\$54,546,000
Utilities Repair and Renovation	45,000,000	-17,727,000	27,273,000
Health, Safety and Environmental Protection	10,000,000	-3,939,000	6,061,000
Preventive Maintenance Program	3,000,000	-1,182,000	1,818,000
Programmatic Remodeling and Renovation	5,000,000	-1,970,000	3,030,000
Land and Property Acquisition	5,000,000	-1,970,000	3,030,000
Capital Equipment Acquisition	<u>7,000,000</u>	<u>-2,758,000</u>	<u>4,242,000</u>
Total	\$165,000,000	-\$65,000,000	\$100,000,000

# 5. REDUCE THE STERLING HALL PROJECT AT UW-MADISON

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Modify the 2005-07 state building program to reduce the general fund supported bonding for the Sterling Hall project at UW-Madison from \$37,500,000 to \$20,000,000 by deleting \$17,500,000 of the \$20,000,000, that can only be issued after June 30, 2007. Adjust the 2005-

Chg. to JFC BR - \$17,500,000

07 building program project enumeration for the Sterling Hall project to reflect the \$17,500,000 reduction in project funding.

# 6. HMONG CULTURAL CENTER

Senate: Restore the Building Commission's recommendations to include a Hmong cultural center project as part of the 2007-09 building program, including the recommended statutory provisions governing this proposed project. Provide \$2,000,000 of GPR supported bonding

**Chg. to JFC**BR \$2,000,000

(rather than \$2,500,000, as under the Building Commission), specify that the project could involve the purchase of an existing building and authorize the project to be located anywhere in Dane County. The project enumeration would include at least \$2,500,000 from nonstate donations.

Assembly: No change to Joint Finance.

# KENOSHA CIVIL WAR EXHIBIT

Senate: Restore the Building Commission's recommendations to provide \$500,000 in general fund supported bonding to make a grant to aid in the construction of a Civil War exhibit as part of the Kenosha Public Museums that was deleted from the 2007-09 building program

**Chg. to JFC**BR \$500,000

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under the Joint Finance Committee's version of the budget. The project enumeration would include at least \$2,000,000 from nonstate donations. This item would restore the Building Commission's recommended statutory provisions governing this proposed project.

**Assembly:** No change to Joint Finance.

# OCONTO BOND HEALTH CENTER PROJECT

**Senate:** Provide \$1,000,000 in general fund supported bonding to make a grant to aid in the expansion of the Bond Health Center in the

Chg. to JFC BR \$1,000,000

City of Oconto from 4 to 14 beds and enumerate the project as part of the 2007-09 building program as a \$4,000,000 project. Specify that the Building Commission could not issue the bonding or provide a grant to the Bond Health Center until it is determined that the project has received commitments for the non-state share of the project (up to \$3,000,000). Create a new bonding authorization for this purpose and a GPR debt service appropriation to make debt service payments on the bonds. Include the statutory provisions and findings similar to those for other projects of this type.

Assembly: No change to Joint Finance.

# UW-PLATTEVILLE HOTEL FACILITY PURCHASE

**Senate:** No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete \$5,000,000 in program revenue supported bonding associated with the purchase and remodeling of a hotel facility at the UW-Platteville. Modify the 2005-07 state building program to delete the project enumeration.

Chg. to JFC BR - \$5,000,000

## RACINE DISCOVERY PLACE MUSEUM

**Senate:** No change to Joint Finance.

200/013 Assembly: Delete \$1,000,000 in general fund supported borrowing associated with the Racine Discovery Place Museum project, which was enumerated as part of the 2001-03 state building program. Delete the project from the 2001-03 state building program. In addition,

Chg. to JFC BR - \$1,000,000

delete the Building Commission requirements related to making a grant to Racine County to aid in the construction of the project.

## **BUILDING PROGRAM - - GPR-SUPPORTED BONDING LIMIT**

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Prohibit the Legislature from enacting any bill that would authorize any new general fund supported bonding in an amount exceeding \$430,000,000 in any biennium for projects enumerated as part of a biennial state building program.

# 12. ENERGY CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Require all energy efficiency projects funded through the energy conservation construction program to be measured and verified by the Department of Administration in accordance with the performance measurement and verification guidelines adopted by the federal energy management program. Require the Department of Administration, to the extent feasible, to use the procedures under current law governing energy conservation audits and construction projects when implementing these energy efficiency projects. Specify that any contracts using those procedures include a provision stating a minimum savings amount in energy usage and that the contractor guarantees that level of savings will be realized.

#### EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

#### 1. REDUCE GPR FUNDING FOR PUBLIC TELEVISION AND RADIO

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Reduce GPR funding for the Educational Communications Board (ECB) by approximately 50% to end GPR funding for public television and radio. Require ECB to utilize its remaining GPR funding to support programming for K-12 education to

**Chg. to JFC**GPR -\$4,851,400

the maximum extent practicable. The following table shows the Joint Finance funding level for each appropriation that would be reduced, the amount of the reduction, and the net funding remaining.

Appropriation Purpose	2007-08	2008-09
General Program Operations		
Joint Finance	\$3,306,100	\$3,306,100
Reduction	<u>-1,653,100</u>	-1,653,100
Net Funding	\$1,653,000	\$1,653,000
Energy Costs		,
Joint Finance	\$753,400	\$790,800
Reduction	0	<u>-100,000</u>
Net Funding	\$753,400	\$690,800
Milwaukee Area Technical College		
Joint Finance	\$250,800	\$250,800
Reduction	<u>-125,400</u>	<u>-125,400</u>
Net Funding		
TWEET CHAINING	\$125,400	\$125,400
Programming		
Joint Finance	\$1,194,400	\$1,194,400
Reduction	-597,200	597,200
Net Funding	\$597,200	\$597,200
Total Reduction	-\$2,375,700	-\$2,475,700
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# HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS BOARD

1. WHEG-UW PROGRAM FUNDING INCREASE

**Senate:** No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Delete \$10,719,400 in 2007-08 and \$15,719,400 in 2008-09, which would leave funding for need-based funding for UW students at the adjusted base level of \$39,280,600 annually.

**Chg. to JFC**GPR - \$26,438,800

VETERAN'S TUITION REMISSION REIMBURSEMENT

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Delete the proposed partial reimbursement of foregone tuition revenues from veterans tuition remissions of \$5,013,700 in 2007-08 and \$6,562,300 in 2008-09.

Chg. to JFC
GPR - \$11,576,000

#### VETERAN'S TUITION REMISSION

# CURPOUT LAW

Senate/Assembly: Modify the Joint Finance provision to specify that a veteran who has an undergraduate degree may have the portion of tuition and fees that is equal to the amount of tuition and fees for an equivalent number of undergraduate credits remitted for up to 48 credits at the graduate level or until the veteran has earned a graduate degree, whichever is lesser. In addition, modify current law such that a veteran may have tuition and fees remitted for the lesser of the following: (a) 128 undergraduate credits or eight semesters, whichever is greater; or (b) until the veteran has earned an undergraduate degree. Specify that a veteran who has received a remission for undergraduate study under this provision at any time after January 1, 2008, would not be eligible for tuition and fee remissions for graduate work and that a veteran who has received a remission for graduate study under this provision would not be eligible for tuition and fee remissions for undergraduate work.

4. SURVIVING SPOUSE TUITION REMISSION

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Senate/Assembly: Specify that an unremarried surviving spouse of an eligible veteran who had a child with the veteran could receive an undergraduate tuition remission until ten years after the youngest child that the spouse had with the eligible veteran reaches, or would have reached, 18 years of age, or during the first ten years after the veteran died as under current law, whichever is later.

# 5. WHEG FUNDING FOR TECHNICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete proposed increases of \$417,800 in 2007-08 and \$835,600 in 2008-09 for need based financial aid for technical college students. Annual base level funding would be \$16,712,400.

Chg. to JFC
GPR -\$1,253,400

#### 6. TUITION GRANT PROGRAM

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Delete proposed increases of \$620,900 in 2007-08 and \$1,241,800 in 2008-09 for need based financial aid to private college students. Annual base level funding would be \$24,835,700.

Chg. to JFC GPR - \$1,862,700

WISCONSIN COVENANT

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

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Assembly: Delete provisions relating to the proposed Wisconsin covenant program. In addition, delete \$180,200 and 2.0 positions annually provided for the office of the Wisconsin Covenant under the Department of Administration.

Change to JFC Funding Positions

GPR - \$360,400 -2.00

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## 8. PHYSICIAN LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Provide \$450,000 in 2008-09 in a new appropriation for a forgivable loan program to defray the cost of tuition, fees and expenses for medical students who agree to practice in a health professional shortage area in this state. To be eligible, a student must:

**Chg. to JFC**GPR \$450,000

(a) be a resident of this state and enrolled in a program leading to a doctor of medicine degree at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health or the Medical College of Wisconsin; and (b) agree to practice medicine in a health professional shortage area for at least six years. Students would be eligible for a loan of up to \$10,000 in any one fiscal year up to a total of \$50,000. Specify that loan recipients would not be required to repay the loan while he or she is enrolled.

Specify that loans provided under this program would be forgiven as follows: (a) 10% annually at the end of each of the first four full years of practice; and (b) 20% annually at the end of the fifth and sixth full years of practice. Authorize HEAB to forgive loans on a prorated basis for persons who are employed less than full-time. Specify that loan repayments would be deposited in the general fund. Require HEAB to promulgate rules to implement and administer this section.

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# PROGRAM OF FOOD-PRODUCING ANIMALS LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Provide \$125,000 in 2008-09 in a new appropriation for a forgivable loan program for veterinary medicine students who agree to provide veterinary medical services to food-producing animals in this state. Specify that to be eligible, a student would have to: (a) be

**Chg. to JFC**GPR \$125,000

enrolled in a curriculum leading to a doctor of veterinary medicine degree at an accredited school of veterinary medicine located in this state; and (b) agree to practice veterinary medicine in this state on a full-time basis for at least six years such that not less than 75% of the loan recipient's revenues are derived from providing veterinary medical services to food-producing animals. Provide that students would be eligible for a loan of up to \$12,500 in any one fiscal year up to a total of \$50,000. Specify that loan recipients would not be required to repay the loan while he or she is enrolled.

Specify that loans provided under this program would be forgiven as follows: (a) 10% annually at the end of each of the first four full years of practice; and (b) 20% annually at the end of the fifth and sixth full years of practice. Provide that HEAB could forgive loans on a prorated basis for persons who are employed less than full-time. Require HEAB to promulgate rules related to: (a) the verification that recipients meet the criteria established for loan forgiveness; (b) circumstances under which repayment may be deferred; and (c) an interest rate for loans or some portion thereof that are not forgiven and must be repaid. Specify that loan repayments would be deposited in the general fund.

## 10. MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANTS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete proposed increases of \$19,000 in 2007-08 and \$38,000 in 2008-09 for the minority undergraduate retention grant program. Annual base level fund would be \$756,900.

Chg. to JFC
GPR -\$57,000

#### 11. WHEG-TRIBAL COLLEGES FUNDING

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete proposed increases of \$10,000 in 2007-08 and \$20,000 in 2008-09 for need based financial aid for students attending tribal colleges. Annual base level funding is \$404,000. These reductions in PR moneys funded from tribal gaming revenues would result in additional revenue being retained in the general fund.

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PR	- \$30,000
GPR-REV	30,000

### 12. MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN TUITION RECIPROCITY

**Senate:** No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Modify current law governing the Minnesota-Wisconsin student reciprocity agreement to add two factors the agreement may consider, including: (a) differentials in usage; and (b) differentials in resident tuition at comparable public institutions in the two states. Current law only references educational costs incurred by the two states. Specify that the payment between the states would be made as provided in the agreement. Provide that these changes would first apply to the reimbursement paid for the 2007-08 academic year.

Under the existing agreement, Wisconsin resident students enrolled in Minnesota institutions generally pay the tuition rate charged at a comparable UW System institution. There are a number of exceptions to this general rule, for example, Wisconsin resident students attending the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities pay a surcharge equal to 25% of the difference in tuition charged at UW-Madison and the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. In

addition, graduate students enrolled under the agreement pay the higher of the two states' resident tuition.

Based on information from the administration, under the proposed modifications to the reciprocity agreement, Wisconsin resident students enrolled in institutions in Minnesota would be charged Minnesota resident tuition with the state of Wisconsin paying the difference between the rate charged to such students under the proposed agreement and the rate charged under the current agreement. The amount of tuition paid by the state on behalf of a student would be shown on that student's tuition bill and titled "Wisconsin Reciprocity Supplement." At the end of each academic term, the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (MOHE) would submit an invoice to HEAB for the sum of all such supplements awarded. The amount of Wisconsin's obligation to Minnesota at the end of each academic year would be reduced by the amount of the payments made by HEAB to the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota State College and Universities following the conclusion of each academic term. As a result, the Department of Administration and HEAB have estimated that this modification to the agreement would have no fiscal impact.

This change would first affect students enrolled under the agreement during the 2008-09 academic year. Students who are enrolled during the 2007-08 academic year would continue to be charged under the current agreement as long as they are continuously enrolled.

Under current law and under this provision, any changes to the reciprocity agreement are subject to approval by the Joint Committee on Finance.

#### 13. AUDIT OF FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Require the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) to conduct a performance evaluation audit of: (a) all programs administered by the Higher Educational Aids Board; and (b) all educational loan forgiveness programs administered by the Department of Commerce. Specify that the LAB would file its reports by January 15, 2009.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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1. GENERAL SCHOOL AIDS FUNDING LEVEL the draft (if anybody) acks)

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Provide \$60,000,000 in 2007-08 and \$90,000,000 in 2008-09 for general school aids. Compared to the Joint Finance version of the budget, this would be a reduction of \$19,319,200 in 2007-08 and \$66,075,200 in 2008-09. Base level funding for general school aids is \$4,722,745,900.

Chg. to JFC GPR - \$85,394,400

## 2. SCHOOL INTEGRATION (CHAPTER 220) AID

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Prohibit any new students from participating in the interdistrict and intradistrict transfer programs, beginning in 2009-10. Beginning in 2009-10, reduce the various formula factors under the program by 10%. Specifically, allow a district to count a pupil in the intradistrict transfer program as 0.225 pupil, rather than 0.25 as under current law. Under the interdistrict transfer program, specify that the sending district may count participating pupils as 0.675, rather than 0.75 under current law, and that the receiving district's aid payment be set equal to 90% of its average net cost per pupil. Specify that, with the exception of the hold harmless aid for MPS related to the neighborhood schools initiative, no aid be paid out or pupils be counted under the integration transfer program beginning in 2015-16.

# 3. REVENUE LIMIT PER PUPIL ADJUSTMENT AND DISTRICT HEALTH INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Set the per pupil adjustment under revenue limits equal to \$200, unless a school district meets certain conditions, in which case the current law adjustment (\$264 per pupil in 2007-08 and an estimated \$270 in 2008-09) would apply. Specify that districts that provide health care benefits to their employees that are substantially similar in quality to, and no more expensive per employee than, the state health plan would receive the higher per pupil adjustment. Require the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance to annually determine whether districts meet these criteria.

# 4. DECLINING ENROLLMENT ADJUSTMENT

**Senate:** Specify that, in addition to the 100% declining enrollment adjustment under Joint Finance, that would be received by a district in the first year of an enrollment decline: (a) in the year after the decline, a district would receive a nonrecurring adjustment equal to 75% of the first-year adjustment, and (b) in the second year after the decline, a district would receive a nonrecurring adjustment equal to 50% of the first-year adjustment.

Under current law, if a school district's current year three-year rolling average pupil enrollment is less than the prior year three-year rolling average, the district receives a one-year

nonrecurring adjustment to its revenue limit in a dollar amount equal to 75% of what the decline in the three-year rolling average memberships would have generated. The substitute amendment would increase the adjustment to 100%, beginning in the 2007-08 school year. Under these provisions, the second-year 75% adjustment would first apply in the 2008-09 school year, while the third-year 50% adjustment would first apply in the 2009-10 school year.

**Assembly**: No change to Joint Finance.

#### REVENUE LIMIT INCREASE FOR SCHOOL SAFETY EXPENDITURES

Senate: Delete the provisions in Joint Finance relating to the school safety adjustment to revenue limits. Instead, provide a revenue limit increase, beginning in 2007-08, equal to \$100 per pupil or \$40,000, whichever is greater, to purchase school safety equipment or fund compensation costs for security officers. Specify that, to utilize the adjustment, a district must jointly develop a plan with a local law enforcement agency for the use of the funding. Define "local law enforcement agency" to mean a governmental unit of one or more persons employed full time by a city, town, village, or county in the state for the purpose of preventing and detecting crime and enforcing state laws or local ordinances, employees of which unit are authorized to make arrests for crimes while acting within the scope of their authority. Specify that revenue generated by the adjustment may only be utilized to implement the plan. Require the district to submit the plan to DPI. Specify that revenue from the adjustment is nonrecurring.

It is unknown how many school districts would use this adjustment and how quickly they could comply with the planning requirement. However, as an example, if school districts representing 50% of the pupils in the state generated an additional \$100 per pupil under this provision, revenue limit authority would increase by approximately \$27 million from Joint Finance on an annual basis.

Assembly: Delete the provisions in Joint Finance relating to the school safety adjustment to revenue limits.

# SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS

**Senate**: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Provide \$5,000,000 annually and create a new, annual appropriation for grants to reimburse school districts for costs allowable under the federal Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, but not paid under that act. Provide that if any fiscal year appropriated funds are insufficient to pay all claims, aid would be prorated.

Chg. to JFC **GPR** \$10,000,000

#### 7. REVENUE LIMIT INCREASE FOR TEACHER MENTORING ACTIVITIES

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete Joint Finance provisions providing a revenue limit adjustment for certain expenses for teacher mentoring activities.

#### 8. REVENUE LIMIT INCREASE FOR SCHOOL NURSE COMPENSATION COSTS

**Senate:** Provide a revenue limit increase for the salary and fringe benefit costs of school nurses employed by a school district, beginning in the 2007-08 school year. Specify that revenue from the adjustment is nonrecurring.

Assembly: No change to Joint Finance.

#### GRANTS FOR NURSING SERVICES

Senate: Provide \$250,000 annually and create a new annual appropriation for grants to school districts for nursing services. Provide that the State Superintendent would award grants to school districts, other than Milwaukee Public Schools, to employ additional school

Chg. to JFC GPR \$500,000

nurses or contract for additional nursing services. Grants would be awarded to those school districts that demonstrate the greatest need for nursing services based upon criteria such as the ratio of pupils in nurses, the rate of chronic health problems among pupils, and the number of pupils from low-income families. Provide that a school district receiving a grant could not use the money to supplant existing nursing staff or services. Require that each school district receiving a grant would submit a report to DPI describing how the district used the grant money and its effectiveness in providing additional nursing services to pupils who need such services.

Assembly: No change to Joint Finance.

#### 10. SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDA SCHEDULING

**Senate**: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Require school district referenda to be held on regularly-scheduled primary or general election dates. Under current law, districts may call a special election for a referendum on any date.

#### 11. AUDIT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE LEVIES

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Require the Legislative Audit Bureau to conduct an audit of school district levies for community service activities. Require the LAB to submit the report by January 15, 2009.

#### 12. REPEAL QEO PROVISIONS

**Senate:** Restore the Governor's recommendation that would repeal the qualified economic offer provisions for represented teaching employees and, instead, cover school district employers and their represented teaching employees under the statutory interest arbitration procedures currently applicable to all other represented, nonprotective municipal employees in the state. This item was deleted as policy under the Joint Finance Committee's version of the budget.

Assembly: No change to Joint Finance.

#### 13. AID TO HIGH POVERTY DISTRICTS

Senate: Provide \$9,000,000 in 2007-08 and \$12,000,000 in 2008-09 and create a new, annual appropriation for aid to eligible school districts. Specify that a school district would be eligible for aid under the program if, in the October, 2006, pupil counts reported for the

Chg. to JFC GPR \$21,000,000

National School Lunch Program, at least 50%, after rounding to the nearest whole percentage point, of the district's enrollment was eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. Aid per pupil in 2007-08 and 2008-09 would be calculated by dividing the appropriated amount by the total number of pupils enrolled in all eligible districts and multiplying that amount by each district's number of pupils enrolled. It is estimated that 23 districts would be eligible for this aid, with total enrollments of approximately 111,900 pupils.

In 2009-10 and thereafter, a school district would be eligible for aid if, in the October preceding each biennium, the number of pupils eligible for free or reduced-price lunch divided by the district's enrollment for the third Friday in September pupil count is equal to at least 50%, after rounding to the nearest whole percentage point. Provide that an eligible school district's aid entitlement would be calculated by dividing the total appropriation amount by the third Friday in September enrollment of all eligible school districts in the current fiscal year. Specify that this per pupil amount would be increased by a percentage adjustment equal to the percentage increase in general school aids in the current fiscal year plus the percentage increase in state personal income in the prior calendar year. Provide that for each school district, this adjusted per pupil amount would be multiplied by its third Friday in September enrollment in the current fiscal year in order to calculate its aid entitlement in the current year. Specify that the aid entitlement for each eligible district could not be less than its aid entitlement in the prior year, increased by the same percentage adjustments applied to the per pupil amounts. Provide that DPI could prorate these payments if school district aid entitlements would exceed available funding.

For all school districts except Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS), specify that this aid would be subject to revenue limits. For MPS, require that the school property tax levied for the purpose of offsetting the aid reduction attributable to the Milwaukee parental choice program would be reduced by the amount of this aid received by MPS. In either case, the effect of this aid would be to reduce the school property tax levy of the eligible school district.

Assembly: No change to Joint Finance.

# 14. MILWAUKEE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM FUNDING SPLIT

Senate/Assembly: Delete the provision under Joint Finance modifying the funding split for the Milwaukee parental choice program. Under Joint Finance, beginning with the 2007-08 school year, for the first 15,000 pupils attending a school in the program, the state would fund 55% of the cost of choice payments, while general school aids to the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) would be reduced by an amount equal to 45% of the cost (the current law split for the program).

Chg. to JFC

GPR \$0

MPS Aid

Reduction 21,012,300

Net GPR - \$21,012,300

For all pupils above 15,000 attending a school in the program, the state would fund all of the cost of choice payments. Deleting this provision would increase the MPS aid reduction and the MPS choice levy by \$8,923,500 in 2007-08 and \$12,088,800 in 2008-09. Net state general fund expenditures related to the choice program would decrease by those amounts in each year.

# 15. MILWAUKEE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM PUPIL PARTICIPATION LIMIT

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Beginning in 2008-09, specify that the limit on the number of pupils allowed to participate in the choice program be equal to the prior year limit plus 2,250 pupils. The current law limit is 22,500 full-time equivalent pupils.

#### 16. MILWAUKEE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY

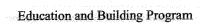
Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Allow high schools in Milwaukee County to participate in the choice program, beginning in 2008-09. Under current law, schools must be located in the City to be eligible for the program.

## 17. MILWAUKEE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM TESTING

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

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**Assembly:** Allow schools in the choice program to administer the Wisconsin knowledge and concepts examination in lieu of a nationally-normed standardized test that must be administrated by schools under current law.

#### 18. MILWAUKEE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM AUDITOR AND FEES

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete \$67,100 in 2007-08 and \$87,800 in 2008-09 and 1.0 auditor position beginning in 2007-08 and the provisions in the substitute amendment under which schools in the choice program would pay an annual fee to DPI for evaluation of financial information submitted under the program.

Change to JFC Funding Positions PR -\$154,900 1.00

#### 19. MILWAUKEE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM REESTIMATE

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Based on the general school aids funding in this proposal, reduce estimated choice program expenditures by \$468,000 in 2007-08 and \$1,729,000 in 2008-09. The state's 55% share of the program would be reduced by \$257,400 in 2007-08 and \$951,000 in 2008-09. The MPS 45% share would be reduced by \$210,600 in 2007-08 and \$778,000 in 2008-09.

GPR - \$2,197,000 MPS Aid <u>- 988,600</u> Reduction Net GPR - \$1,208,400

## 20. MILWAUKEE AND RACINE CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRAM REESTIMATE

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Based on the general school aids funding in this proposal, reduce estimated expenditures for the Milwaukee and Racine charter school program by \$143,000 in 2007-08 and \$546,000 in 2008-09. The statewide general school aid reduction related to the charter school program would be reduced by the same amount, resulting in no change in net general fund expenditures related to the program.

Chg. to JFC

GPR - \$689,000

Statewide Aid

Reduction - 689,000

Net GPR \$0

# 21. RACINE COUNTY PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Create a Racine County parental choice program, beginning in 2009-10. Create a sum sufficient appropriation for payments under the program. Specify that DPI would pay the parent or guardian of a pupil enrolled in a school in the program an amount equal to

the lesser of: (a) the amount equal to the private school's operating and debt service cost per pupil related to educational programming; or (b) an amount (which would be adjusted annually based on the percent change in the general school aids appropriation) determined by a sliding scale based on family income, as follows:

- 1. \$6,500 per pupil for a pupil with family income no more than 175% of the poverty line;
- 2. \$5,000 per pupil for a pupil with family income more than 175% and less than 225% of the poverty line;
- 3. \$3,500 per pupil for a pupil with family income more than 225% and less than 250% of the poverty line;
- 4. \$2,000 per pupil for a pupil with family income more than 250% and less than 275% of the poverty line; and
  - 5. \$1,000 per pupil for a pupil with family income more than 275% of the poverty line.

Specify that the general school aid payment for which a district located in whole or in part in Racine County would be eligible would be reduced by 45% of the sum of the amounts paid from the sum sufficient for pupils who reside in the district and attend a school in the program.

There would be no statutory limit on the number of pupils who could participate in the program.

Create language for the program similar to the Milwaukee parental choice program with respect to the conditions that schools must meet to participate, the pupil application process, the responsibilities of the State Superintendent to inform parents in Racine County of the schools participating in the program, the requirements that schools meet one of four standards related to pupil achievement or attendance, the fiscal requirements of participating schools, the tests that must be administered, and the conditions under which the State Superintendent can prohibit schools from participating in the program.

#### 22. PUPIL TRANSPORTATION AID

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Provide \$7,022,500 annually to increase funding for pupil transportation categorical aid above base level funding of \$27,292,500. Increase payment rates per pupil transported in order to distribute the additional aid under the program, listed below. Specify

Chg. to JFC GPR \$14,045,000

that DPI could increase or decrease these rates proportionally as needed to fully expend the appropriated amount.

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0-2 miles (hazardous areas)	<b>\$15</b>	\$15	\$17
2-5 miles	35	35	41
5-8 miles	4.1-1.0.55 - 1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1	55	<b>7</b> 1
8-12 miles	110	110	151
Over 12 miles	180	220	350

# 23. GRANTS FOR IMPROVING PUPIL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Senate: No change to Joint Finance. 1 My \$10,000,000

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Assembly: Delete \$5,000,000 in 2007-08 and \$10,000,000 in 2008-09 and the provisions creating a new categorical aid appropriation that would allow the MPS Board of Directors to apply to DOA for grants to implement initiatives to improve pupil academic achievement.

Chg. to JFC
GPR - \$15,000,000

# 24. AID TO SMALL RURAL DISTRICTS

No 2007-08 funding

Senate: Provide \$3,644,600 annually and create a new categorical aid program for school districts that meet the following criteria: (a) an enrollment in the prior year of less than 725 pupils; (b) population density of less than 10 pupils per square mile of district attendance area;

Chg. to JFC GPR \$7,289,200

and (c) at least 20% of pupils qualify for free or reduced price lunch under the National School Lunch Program. Provide that aid would equal \$150 per pupil enrolled. Specify that the Department of Public Instruction could prorate these payments if funding would be insufficient to fully fund the program in a given year.

Assembly: No change to Joint Finance.

# 25. SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING No 2007-08 findy

Senate: Provide \$1,750,000 annually and create a new special education appropriation for supplemental special education aid to school districts that meet the following criteria: (a) per pupil revenue limit authority in the prior year was below the statewide average; (b)

Chg. to JFC GPR \$3,500,000

special education expenditures as a percentage of total district expenditures were above 16.0% in the prior year; and (c) membership in the prior year was less than 2,000 pupils. Also, require that a district could receive either the new additional special education aid or the current law high cost special education aid program in a given year, but not both. Provide that in 2007-08, each qualifying district would receive equal grants, set at a level that would fully distribute the funding. Provide that in 2008-09 and thereafter, aid would be distributed proportionally among eligible districts based on their total special education expenditures in the prior year. Require

that aid to any one district could not be less than \$50,000, nor more than \$150,000 or 50% of their total special education expenditures, whichever is less.

**Assembly**: No change to Joint Finance.

#### 26. AUTISM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Create an autism scholarship program to allow parents of eligible autistic children to apply for a scholarship from DPI to pay tuition for the child to attend a special education program that implements the child's individualized education program and that is operated by a school district other than the one the child attends or in which the child resides, or by another public entity or private provider approved by DPI. Provide that an eligible autistic child means a child with a disability to whom all of the following apply: (a) the school district in which the child resides or that the child is attending has identified the child as autistic; (b) the school district in which the child resides or that the child is attending has in effect for the child an individualized education program; and (c) the child was enrolled in public school in the school year prior to the year in which a scholarship is first sought for the child, or the child is eligible to enter public school in the school year in which a scholarship is first sought for the child.

Limit the amount of the scholarship to \$15,000 or the actual tuition charged by the special education program, whichever is less. Also, limit the number of scholarships in any school year to 200. Allocate \$3 million from the current law special education categorical aid for the purpose of providing these scholarships.

Pupils receiving scholarships under the program would be counted in the membership report of their resident school districts. For the purposes of tuition payments by parents, for a pupil receiving a scholarship and attending a school district other than his or her resident district, all of the following would apply: (a) the pupil's application for enrollment in the nonresident district need not be accompanied by a written declaration regarding establishing residence in the district; (b) the school district may not waive or refund tuition for the pupil; and (c) the pupil cannot be considered a resident pupil for the purposes of computing the district's general aid.

Request the Legislative Audit Bureau to perform a financial and performance audit of the autism scholarship program based on data from the 2008-09 fiscal year. If the Bureau performs the audit, require that its report be filed by December 31, 2009.

Require DPI to promulgate rules to implement and administer the program, including procedures and deadlines for scholarship applications, payment schedules for scholarships, and standards for the approval of private providers. Provide that, for the period before the effective date of the permanent rules, DPI would not be required to provide a finding of emergency before promulgating emergency rules for the program.



#### 27. SCHOOL BREAKFAST REIMBURSEMENT RATE

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Delete \$1,458,100 in 2007-08 and \$1,835,200 in 2008-09 provided over base level funding of \$1,055,400 and delete the provisions that would increase the state school breakfast reimbursement rate from \$0.10 to \$0.15 per breakfast served.

**Chg. to JFC**GPR -\$3,293,300

#### 28. BILINGUAL-BICULTURAL EDUCATION AIDS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete \$1,055,800 in 2007-08 and \$2,040,900 in 2008-09 in bilingual-bicultural categorical aid provided over base level funding of \$9,890,400. It is estimated that this level of funding will provide reimbursement rates of approximately 11% in 2007-08 and 10% in 2008-09, compared to 12% under Joint Finance.

Chg. to JFC GPR - \$3,096,700

#### 29. FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN GRANTS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete \$3,000,000 GPR in 2008-09 and the Joint Finance provisions creating a categorical aid appropriation for grants to school districts to implement a four-year-old kindergarten program.

Chg. to JFC GPR - \$3,000,000

#### 30. FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN -- STANDARDS AND AUDIT

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Modify the school district standards to require that, if a school board operates a four-year-old kindergarten (K4) program, the board must adopt the model early learning standards developed by DPI, provide instruction to K4 pupils based on the standards, and maintain a written, sequential curriculum plan for the program.

Require the Legislative Audit Bureau to perform an audit of K4 programs, including whether the revenue limit authority and state aid paid for the programs is greater than the costs of providing the programs. Require the LAB to submit the report by January 15, 2009.

#### 31. ADDITIONAL SAGE FUNDING

Senate: Provide an additional \$3,029,200 annually to fully fund a reestimate of the amount needed for the \$2,250 per payment under the student achievement guarantee in education program.

**Chg. to JFC**GPR \$6,058,400

Assembly: No change to Joint Finance.

#### 32. SAGE PROGRAM EXPANSION

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete \$540,000 and the provisions allowing additional schools to join the SAGE program in 2008-09. Under current law, DPI may renew contracts with the currently participating SAGE schools, but has not been permitted to enter into new SAGE contracts since 2000-01.

Chg. to JFC
GPR - \$540,000

#### 33. SAGE PROGRAM -- SECOND AND THIRD GRADE OPTIONAL

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Provide that for school districts participating in the SAGE program, a district may choose not to reduce class size in any school in grade 2, grade 3, or both, and to forego aid under the program for pupils in those grades in which class size is not reduced to 15. Under current law, participating districts must reduce class size to 15 in kindergarten to grade 3 in order to receive aid equal to \$2,250, beginning in 2007-08, for each low-income pupil enrolled in the eligible grades.

#### 34. SAGE PROGRAM AUDIT

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Request that the Legislative Audit Bureau conduct a financial and performance audit of the SAGE program and report the findings to the Legislature by January 15, 2009.

# 35. LA CAUSA CHARTER SCHOOL GRANT

Senate: Provide \$250,000 in 2007-08 for the La Causa Charter School in Milwaukee for library, science, and technology improvements. Funding for the grant is provided through the state segregated universal service fund, which is funded through

Chg. to JFC SEG \$250,000

assessments on annual gross operating revenues from intrastate telecommunications providers.

Assembly: No change to Joint Finance.

## 36. TEACHER MERIT PAY

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Provide \$250,000 annually in a separate appropriation for grants to school districts to assist in paying the costs of teacher merit pay programs. Require DPI to promulgate rules to implement and administer the program.

Chg. to JFC GPR \$500,000

#### 37. GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Increase funding for gifted and talented education by \$91,000 annually over base level funding of \$182,000. Modify current law to allow nonprofit organizations to receive grants for the purpose of providing advanced curriculum and assessments for gifted and talented

**Chg. to JFC**GPR \$182,000

pupils. Delete the current law provision that grants be used only for gifted and talented middle school pupils, to instead allow all gifted and talented pupils to benefit from the grants.

# 38. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

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Assembly: Provide \$61,500 annually for grants to promote education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Provide that grants would be awarded to school districts to develop innovative instructional programs in science, technology, engineering,

**Chg. to JFC**GPR \$123,000

and mathematics; to support pupils who are typically under-represented in these subjects; and to increase the academic achievement of pupils in those subjects.

39. SECOND CHANCE PARTNERSHIP

**Senate:** No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Require DPI to allocate \$190,000 annually in 2007-09 from the alternative education grant program to the second chance partnership, a nonprofit corporation, to create a pilot work-based learning program in which children at risk participate in apprenticeships while earning high school diploma. Provide that the allocation would sunset July 1, 2009.

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## 40. GRANTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT EFFICIENCY

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Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Modify the title of the grants for school district consolidation program included by Joint Finance to be for school district efficiency incentive grants instead. Under the Joint Finance provision, \$250,000 GPR is provided in 2008-09 on a one-time basis for grants for school district consolidation feasibility studies. Under the proposed program, a consortium of two or more districts could apply to DPI for a grant of up to \$10,000 to conduct a study.

#### 41. BELMONT SCHOOL LIBRARY

Senate: Provide \$18,000 in 2007-08 to the Belmont Community School District for its school library.

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GPR \$18,000

Assembly: No change to Joint Finance.

#### 42. SCHOOL LIBRARY AID

Senate: Require that, if school library aid is used to purchase computers and software, then they must be housed in the school library. Delete the proposed requirement that such purchases be approved by the school district's person who supervises the school district's libraries. Instead, specify that the district would be required to consult with that person on such purchases.

Assembly: No change to Joint Finance.

## 43. AID FOR TRANSPORTING PUPILS OVER ICE

Senate: Allocate \$35,000 annually from the current law pupil transportation aid appropriation to reimburse school districts for 75% of the cost of transporting pupils to and from an island over ice. Eligible costs would include maintenance and storage of equipment. Provide that, if in any year eligible costs exceed allocated funds, payments would be prorated.

Assembly: No change to Joint Finance.

#### 44. GRANTS FOR MASTER EDUCATORS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete \$57,200 in 2007-08 and \$116,100 in 2008-09 as well as provisions that would expand the national teacher certification program to provide grants to persons receiving master educator

Chg. to JFC

GPR - \$173,300

licenses under Chapter P134 of the Administrative Code. Under current law, teachers earning national certification receive up to \$2,000 in the first year and \$2,500 annually thereafter for nine years.

#### 45. GRANTS FOR TEACHERS IN HIGH-POVERTY SCHOOLS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete \$83,400 annually as well as provisions allowing additional \$2,500 annual grant awards under the national teacher certification program for nationally-certified teachers employed in schools in which at least 60% of the pupils enrolled are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

**Chg. to JFC**GPR - \$166,800

#### 46. PRECOLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Senate) No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete \$108,900 annually provided under Joint Finance above base level funding of \$2,177,500 for the precollege scholarship program. Under current law, the program provides grants to low-income middle and high school pupils to support the costs of attending precollege programs that are intended to enhance the pupils.

Chg. to JFC
GPR - \$217,800

attending precollege programs that are intended to enhance the pupils' academic ability to pursue post-secondary education.

#### 47. INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete \$38,000 annually provided under Joint Finance for the following international education activities: (a) Japan teacher seminar for visiting teachers and administrators; (b) France teacher/administrator exchange project; and (c) a summer orientation program for visiting Chinese teachers.

**Chg. to JFC**GPR -\$76,000

#### 48. ONE-TIME GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete \$50,000 in 2007-08 and \$12,500 in 2008-09 and the annual appropriation under Joint Finance for the following one-time grants to organizations: (a) Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Dane County for mentoring in collaboration with the Madison Metropolitan School

**Chg. to JFC**GPR - \$62,500

District (\$25,000 in 2007-08); (b) Latino Community Center school safety improvement project at South Division High School (\$12,500 in 2007-08); and (c) Badger State Science and Engineering Fair (\$12,500 annually).

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49. WIND ELECTRICITY GENERATORS

Senate: Restore the Governor's provision that would specify that a school board could construct or acquire, borrow funds to construct or acquire, operate, and maintain a wind electricity generation facility, and use or sell the energy generated by the facility, if the school board's share of the installed capacity of the facility does not exceed five megawatts and the school board incorporates information about the facility in its curriculum. This provision was deleted from the bill as policy by the Joint Committee on Finance.

Assembly: No change to Joint Finance.

50. DAYS OF INSTRUCTION

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete the requirement that school districts hold school for at least 180 school days annually, and instead require that school be held for the minimum required hours of instruction, less any hours during which the State Superintendent determines that school is not held or educational standards are not maintained as the result of a strike by school district employees or hours during which school is closed by order of a local health officer. Current law requirements for minimum hours of direct pupil instruction in each school year would be retained: (a) at least 437 hours in kindergarten; (b) at least 1,050 hours in grades 1 to 6; and (c) at least 1,137 in grades 7 to 12. Under the provision, these hours could include no more than 35 hours on Saturdays.

# 51. EMPLOYMENT OF FELONS IN SCHOOLS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Provide that it is not employment discrimination because of conviction record for an educational agency to refuse to employ or to terminate from employment an individual who has been convicted of a felony and who has not been pardoned for that felony. Define as an educational agency the following: a school district; a cooperative educational service agency, a county children with disabilities education board, a state prison, a juvenile correctional facility, a secured residential care center for children and youth, the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Wisconsin Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the Mendota Mental Health Institute, the Winnebago Mental Health Institute, a state center for the developmentally disabled, a private school, a charter school, a private, nonprofit, nonsectarian agency under contract with a school board under the children-at-risk



program, or a nonsectarian private school or agency under contract with the MPS Board of Directors to provide educational programs to pupils enrolled in the district.

### 52. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR MPS TEACHERS

Senate! No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Prohibit the Board of Directors of the Milwaukee Public Schools from requiring that a teacher reside in the district as a condition of employment. Define a teacher as any person holding a license or permit issued by the State Superintendent whose employment by a school district requires that he or she hold that license or permit. Specify that the provision would take effect on July 1, 2009, and would first apply to teachers covered by a collective bargaining agreement that is in effect on the effective date of the bill upon expiration, extension, renewal, or modification of the agreement.

#### 53. PUBLIC LIBRARY MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete the current law requirement that, in order to participate in a public library system, each county must maintain its financial support for library services at a level not lower than the average of the previous three years. Associated provisions for certain exemptions to and calculations of the three year average would also be deleted.

## 54. OPEN ENROLLMENT DEADLINE EXTENSION FOR THE MARINETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Create a separate timeline, on a one-time basis, for participation in the open enrollment program in the 2007-08 school year for pupils in the Marinette School District who would have been eligible to attend the Porterfield Elementary School in that year if the Marinette School Board had not voted to close the school. Require the parent of such a pupil to submit an application to a nonresident school district within five days of the effective date of the budget. Require the nonresident district to send a copy of the application to Marinette and to DPI. Between the sixth and twelfth days after the effective date of the budget: (a) require the nonresident board to notify the applicant of whether it has accepted the pupil and, if so, the specific school or program the pupil may attend in 2007-08; and (b) require Marinette to notify the applicant and the nonresident district if they deny a pupil's enrollment in the nonresident district. Require the pupil's parent to notify the nonresident district of the pupil's intent to attend school in 2007-08 in that district within seven days after receiving an acceptance notice. Require each nonresident district that has accepted a pupil for attendance in 2007-08 under these provisions to report the name of the pupil to Marinette by September 1, 2007.

#### 55. YOUTH OPTIONS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Modify current law to allow a school board to establish a written policy limiting the number of credits for which the school board will pay under the youth options program to the equivalent of nine postsecondary semester credits per pupil. Under current law, a school board may limit the number of credits to 18 per pupil.

#### 56. SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Increase the penalty for disobeying the directions of a school crossing guard to a forfeiture of not less than \$30 nor more than \$300. Under current law, the forfeiture is not less than \$20 nor more than \$40 for the first offense and not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for the second or subsequent conviction within a year.

#### UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

#### 1. BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Reduce funding for eleven UW System GPR appropriations by a total of \$47,996,800 annually. The following table shows each affected appropriation, its adjusted base, the proposed reduction amount by year, and the percentage reduction from the base for each year.

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		Reduction	n Amount	% Change
Appropriation	Adjusted Base	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>	to Base
Compared program operations	\$721,680,700	-\$36,084,000	-\$36,084,000	-5.0%
General program operations  Area health education centers	1,147,200	-114,700	-114,700	-10.0
Energy costs	107,887,400	-5,394,400	-5,394,400	-5.0
Educational technology	6,593, <b>7</b> 00	-659,400	-659,400	-10.0
School of Business	1,630,000	-163,000	-163,000	-10.0
Grants for study abroad	1,000,000	-500,000	-500,000	-50.0
Department of family medicine and practice	8,975,400	-448,800	-448,800	-5.0
State laboratory of hygiene	8,743,000	-437,200	-437,200	-5.0
Veterinary diagnostic laboratory	4,386,200	-219,300	-219,300	-5.0
General program operations -				
UW System Administration	9,154,100	-1,830,800	-1,830,800	-20.0
Minority and disadvantaged programs	10,725,900	<u>-2,145,200</u>	-2,145,200	-20.0
Total	\$881,923,600	-\$47,996,800	-\$47,996,800	

#### 2. REDUCE GPR FUNDING FOR PUBLIC TELEVISION AND RADIO

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Reduce GPR funding for public television and radio under the UW-Extension by approximately 50% in 2007-08 and 100% in 2008-09. These reductions would total -\$2,700,000 in 2007-08 and -\$5,400,000 in 2008-09.

	Chg. to JFC
GPR	- \$8,100,000

#### 3. LAWTON AND AOP PROGRAMS

**Senate**: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete \$376,100 in 2007-08 and \$841,900 in 2008-09 for the need-based Lawton minority undergraduate grant program. In addition, suspend the current law link between Lawton program funding and the average percentage increase in undergraduate tuition

	Chg. to JFC
GPR	- \$5,327,900

at UW System institutions. Funding for the Lawton program would be \$5,531,400 in 2007-08 and \$5,333,900 in 2008-09, which would represent no change in 2007-08 and a reduction of 3.6% in 2008-09 from annual base level funding.

Delete \$1,780,500 in 2007-08 and \$2,329,400 in 2008-09 for the Advanced Opportunity Program (AOP). Funding for AOP would be \$5,672,600 in 2007-08 and \$5,470,100 in 2008-09, which would represent reductions of 20.0% in 2007-08 and 22.9% in 2008-09 from base level funding of \$7,090,800.

## CAP ANNUAL INCREASES IN TUITION AND NONALLOCABLE FEES AT 4% FROM 2007-08 THROUGH 2010-11

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Prohibit the UW System Board of Regents from increasing resident undergraduate tuition by more than 4% in any one academic year from 2007-08 to 2010-11. In addition, provide that the nonallocable portion of segregated fees charged at any campus may not increase by more than 4% unless the increase is authorized by a student referendum. Under this provision, a student referendum would only be valid if: (a) the ballot question specified the amount by which the proposed increase would exceed the 4% cap, the duration of the proposed increase, and the reason for an increase in excess of the 4% cap; and (b) more than 10% of the total undergraduate student body voted to approve the proposed increase.

#### 5. UW SYSTEM INITIATIVES

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete \$7,935,200 of tuition revenue funding in 2008-09 for the UW System initiatives. Under Joint Finance, these initiatives would be funded as separate items with \$21,455,600 GPR in 2008-09.

**Chg. to JFC**PR - \$7,935,200

### 6. UW CANCER CENTER -- LUNG CANCER RESEARCH

Senate: Provide \$5,000,000 in 2008-09 in one-time funding for the comprehensive cancer center, located in the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, for lung cancer research. Require that the UW School of Medicine and Public Health would have to receive \$5,000,000 in gifts and grants from private sources for lung cancer research in order to expend this funding.

Assembly: No change to Joint Finance.

#### 7. UW-LA CROSSE INITIATIVE

Senate: Delete \$4,126,800 PR in 2008-09 and provide \$664,800 GPR in 2008-09 for UW-La Crosse to support its growth and access initiative, which would result in the initiative receiving \$901,400 in 2008-09 (\$664,800 GPR and \$236,600 PR). This funding level is consistent with the UW System's estimate of additional revenues that

	Chg. to JFC
GPR PR	\$664,800 - 4,126,800
Total	- \$3,462,000

would be generated by the proposed 2008-09 tuition increase at that campus. Under this modification, the financial aid portion of the initiative (\$225,400) would be 100% GPR funded and the remaining initiative activities would be 65% GPR and 35% PR funded. By providing

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this GPR funding, the tuition increase at La Crosse would be significantly less than initially proposed.

**Assembly:** Delete \$4,363,400 PR from tuition revenue in 2008-09 and provide \$4,363,400 GPR in 2008-09 for the UW La Crosse initiative for faculty and instructional staff only.

	Chg. to JFC
GPR	\$4,363,400
Total	<u>- 4,363,400</u> \$0

#### 8. RETENTION OF HIGH DEMAND FACULTY

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete \$307,600 GPR and \$1,025,700 PR in 2007-08 and \$615,300 GPR and \$2,051,400 PR in 2008-09 from Joint Finance. This would result in total funding for retention of high demand faculty of \$2,000,000 GPR in 2007-08 and \$4,000,000 GPR in 2008-09. Prohibit the UW System Board of Regents from allocating more than 60% of this

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funding to the UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee, without submitting a plan to the Joint Finance Committee for its approval.

#### 9. ELIMINATE CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Eliminate 17.0 GPR positions with \$2,310,000 GPR and \$875,000 PR annually for the following positions: the UW System Executive Senior Vice President; one Vice Chancellor at each campus that currently has more than one such position; all GPR-funded special assistants (three) to the

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UW-Madison Chancellor; and the special assistant to the Chancellor of the UW Colleges and UW-Extension. The Executive Senior Vice President position is funded wholly by GPR; each of the other 16 positions are funded by 70% GPR and 30% fees.

#### 10. UW LAW SCHOOL

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Reduce GPR funding for the UW Law School by \$1,000,000 in 2007-08 and by \$3,000,000 in 2008-09. In addition, specify that GPR funding would be reduced by \$5,000,000 as compared to the 2006-07 base in 2009-10 and prohibit the UW System from allocating

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GPR	- \$4,000,000

any GPR funding to the UW Law School beginning in 2010-11. Reduce the UW System GPR general programs operations by \$1,000,000 in 2007-08 and by \$3,000,000 in 2008-09 to reflect these changes.

## 11. REDUCE GPR FUNDING FOR UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FUNCTIONS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Reduce UW System GPR funding for university relations and communications functions not directly related to the instructional, research, and public service missions of the University by 25% in 2008-09. This reduction would also apply to items within the

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GPR - \$2,042,800

UW System's budget that are not titled "university relations" or "communications" but perform similar functions, including titles such as news bureau, public relations, and information services. Reduce the UW System's general program operations appropriation by \$1,989,400 in 2008-09 and the general programs operations appropriation for UW System administration by \$53,400 in 2008-09 to reflect this 25% reduction. Systemwide GPR expenditures for communications and university relations functions not directly related to the instructional, research, and public service missions of the University are estimated to be \$8,171,300 in 2006-07.

#### 12. UW-EXTENSION SCHOOL FOR WORKERS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Beginning in 2008-09, prohibit the UW System from using GPR to fund the School for Workers under UW-Extension. Reduce the UW System's GPR general program operations budget by \$932,800 in 2008-09 to reflect this change.

Chg. to JFC GPR - \$932,800

#### 13. THE HAVENS CENTER

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Beginning in 2008-09, prohibit the UW System from using GPR to fund the Havens Center, which is located within the Sociology Department of UW-Madison. Reduce the UW System's GPR general program operations budget by \$131,700 in 2008-09 to reflect this change.

**Chg. to JFC**GPR - \$131,700

#### 14. WISCONSIN HUMANITIES COUNCIL

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete a separate GPR appropriation with \$72,600 annually for the Wisconsin Humanities Council.

Chg. to JFC
GPR - \$145,200

#### 15. BIOMEDICAL TECHNOLOGY ALLIANCE

**Senate**: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete \$500,000 in 2007-08 provided by Joint Finance in a new biennial appropriation for a biomedical technology alliance in southeastern Wisconsin. According to DOA staff, the biomedical technology alliance promotes collaborative research involving UW-

Chg. to JFC - \$500,000

Milwaukee, UW-Parkside, the Medical College of Wisconsin, Marquette University, and the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

#### 16. ISLET TRANSPLANTATION PROGRAM

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete \$200,000 annually provided by Joint Finance to support research related to islet transplantation at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. Islet transplantation is an experimental treatment for type 1 (juvenile) diabetes. According to DOA staff, this

Chg. to JFC
GPR - \$400,000

funding would have paid for rent on additional space (\$150,000) and some general operating costs (\$50,000).

#### 17. APPLIÇATION FEE INCREASE

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Delete increases in the statutorily set application fees charged to new freshmen and out-of-system transfers and to graduate, law, and professional students. Decrease the tuition revenue appropriation by \$1,100,000 PR annually to reflect this change. Under Joint Finance, these fees would have increased from \$35 to \$44 for new

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Joint Finance, these fees would have increased from \$35 to \$44 for new freshmen and out-of-system transfers and from \$45 to \$56 for graduate, law, and professional students.

#### 18. STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FEE REVENUES

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete \$123,800 in 2007-08 and \$1,412,300 in 2008-09 provided by Joint Finance for instructional technology funds. These increases reflected projections of higher fee revenues attributable to general tuition revenue growth, since the fee is set as a percentage (2.5% at Madison, 2.0% at all other campuses) of overall tuition.

Chg. to JFC - \$1,536,100

### 19. AQUACULTURE DEMONSTRATION FACILITY

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Delete the appropriation which would provide \$402,100 annually for operational costs associated with the aquaculture demonstration facility. The aquaculture demonstration facility is funded by tribal gaming revenues. Tribal gaming receipts not otherwise appropriated to state agencies are deposited in the general fundamental costs.

Chg. to JFC
PR - \$804,200

otherwise appropriated to state agencies are deposited in the general fund. Decreasing tribal gaming allocations to agencies has the effect of increasing the amount of tribal gaming revenue that would otherwise be credited to the general fund.

#### 20. USE OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND MONEYS

Senate: Authorize the use of moneys from the universal service fund to pay for any telecommunications services across the UW System, rather than only for telecommunications services provided by the Department of Administration to the campuses at River Falls, Stout, Superior, and Whitewater as under current law.

Assembly: No change to Joint Finance.

#### 21. UW-MILWAUKEE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Senate: Nø change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Delete the provision that would require the Board of Regents to allocate \$200,000 from its largest GPR appropriation for the establishment of a School of Public Health at UW-Milwaukee if the Board approves the School.

## 22. NONRESIDENT TUITION REMISSION FOR CERTAIN UNDOCUMENTED PERSONS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete a provision that would have required the UW System and WTCS to consider certain undocumented persons as residents of this state for purposes of admission and tuition if that person meets all of the following requirements: (a) the person graduated from a Wisconsin high school or received a high school graduation equivalency from this state; (b) the person was continuously present in this state for at least one/three years following the first day of attending a high school in this state; and (c) the person enrolls in a UW System or WTCS institution and provides the institution with an affidavit that the person has filed or will file an application for a permanent resident visa with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services as soon as the person is eligible to do so.

## 23. SHORT COURSE TO INTRODUCE CHINESE STUDENTS TO THE WISCONSIN IDEA

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Delete a provision by Joint Finance that would have required the UW System to allocate \$25,000 from its largest GPR appropriation to develop a five-week course to be offered in the summer of 2008. The course would have introduced Chinese political, business, and academic leaders and practitioners to the Wisconsin idea, especially as it related to China's environmental issues.

#### 24. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORTING

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Allow the Joint Committee on Information Policy and Technology (JCIPT), if it is organized, or the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, if JCIPT is not organized, to review all UW System information technology projects with an actual or projected cost of at least \$1 million or projects that are considered high-risk. Require semiannual reports from the UW System to JCIPT or the Joint Legislative Audit Committee that document the following for each project: (a) original and updated projections for project costs; (b) original and updated projections for the date of completion for the project or any stage of the project; (c) the reason for cost or timeline changes under points (a) and (b); (d) a copy of any contract related to an information technology project; (e) all funding sources for the project; (f) the amount of funding provided under a master lease; (g) information on the status of the project, including any portion of a project; and (h) any additional information requested by the Committee related to information technology projects. Allow JCIPT or the Joint Legislative Audit Committee to make recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor related to whether an information technology project should be implemented or continued.

#### WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

#### 1. BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Reduce funding for six WTCS GPR appropriations by a total of \$7,112,900 annually. The following table shows each affected appropriation, its adjusted base, the proposed reduction amount by

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Appropriation	Adjusted Base	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u> <u>% C</u>	<u>hange</u>
General program operations	\$3,326,200	-\$665,200	-\$665,200 -2	0.0%
Displaced homemakers	813,400	-506,700	-506 <i>,7</i> 00 -6	2.3
Incentive grants	6,483,100	-1,944,900	-1,944,900 -3	0.0
Faculty development grants	<i>7</i> 94,600	-158,900	-158,900 -2	0.0
Supplemental aid	1,432,500	-284,700	-284,700 -2	0.0
State aid to technical colleges	118,415,000	<u>-3,552,500</u>	<u>-3,552,500</u> -	3.0
Total	\$132,264,800	-\$7,112,900	-\$7,112,900	

#### 2. TRAINING PROGRAM GRANTS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Delete the proposed increase in funding of \$1,000,000 in 2007-08 and \$2,000,000 in 2008-09 under Joint Finance for training program grants, which would continue base level funding of \$1,000,000 annually. Also, delete proposed program modifications, which would

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have limited eligibility to employers with fewer than 100 employees or less than \$10,000,000 in gross annual income and would have applied to \$500,000 in grant awards for 2007-08 and \$1,000,000 in grant awards for 2008-09. Instead, require that in each year, two-thirds of the amount awarded must be used for grants to small businesses, defined as those employing fewer than 100 employees.

### 3. LEVY LIMIT FOR TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICTS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Prohibit any technical college district from increasing its tax levy by more than a percentage determined through formula, beginning in 2007. Provide that the percentage be calculated as the average, annual percentage change in the statewide equalized value due to new construction, less improvements removed, as determined for the January 1 equalized values in the five years preceding the levy, but not less than zero.

Exclusions and Adjustments. Exclude from the limitation any amounts levied for the payment of any general obligation debt service on debt authorized by a referendum on or after July 1, 2007, and secured by the full faith and credit of the district. Specify that the levy limit would be adjusted, as determined by DOR, as follows: (a) if a district transfers to another governmental unit responsibility for providing any service that it provided in the preceding year, the levy increase limit otherwise applicable to the district would be decreased to reflect the cost that the district would have incurred to provide the service; (b) if a district increases the services that it provides by adding responsibility for providing a service transferred to it from

another governmental unit, the levy increase limit otherwise applicable to the district would be increased to reflect the cost of providing that service; (c) if the amount of debt service in the preceding year is less than the amount of debt service needed in the current year, as the result of the district adopting a resolution before July 1, 2007, authorizing the issuance of debt, the levy increase limit would be increased by the difference between the two amounts. Specify that debt service includes debt service on debt issued or reissued to fund or refund outstanding obligations, interest on outstanding obligations, or the payment of related issuance costs or redemption premiums secured by the full faith and credit of the district.

Referendum. Create a procedure under which a technical college district may exceed its levy increase limit if the technical college district's board adopts a resolution to that effect and the electors of the district approve the resolution at a referendum. Require the resolution and referendum to specify the proposed amount of the levy increase above the limit and whether the amount of the proposed increase is for a single year only or is ongoing. Authorize the district to hold a special referendum, with regard to a referendum relating to the 2007 or 2009 levy. Authorize the district to hold a referendum at the same time as the next spring primary or election or September primary or general election, with regard to a referendum relating to the 2008 levy. Require the referendum to be held in accordance with current law provisions enumerated in chapters 5 to 12 of the state statutes.

Require the referendum question to be submitted to the electors as follows: "Under state law, the percentage increase in the levy of the .... (name of district) for the.... (next) fiscal year, is limited to ....percent, resulting in a levy of \$.... Shall the .... (name of district) be allowed to exceed this limit such that the percentage increase for the.... (next) fiscal year will be ....percent, resulting in a levy of \$....?". Require the district board to publish notices regarding the referendum prior to the time it is held and to certify the results of the referendum to DOR within 14 days of the referendum. If the resolution specifies that the increase is for one year only, the amount of the increase must be subtracted from the base used to calculate the district's levy limit for the second succeeding fiscal year.

<u>Penalty.</u> Require DOR to notify the technical college system board of any amounts levied in excess of the amount allowed under these provisions and require the technical college system board to reduce the state aid payment of any technical college district that imposes a tax levy in excess of the amount allowed under these provisions. Establish the reduction as the amount equal to the excess tax levy. Provide that the aid reduction be imposed in the same fiscal year as the excess amount is levied. Provide that any withheld state aid amounts be lapsed to the general fund.

Sunset. Sunset these provisions three years after the effective date of enactment.

4. COLLEGIATE TRANSFER TUITION

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Increase the uniform tuition charge for collegiate transfer courses, from the current law minimum of 31% of the statewide average operational costs for such programs, to at least 42% in 2008-09 and at least 50% in 2009-10 and in each year thereafter. Require that, beginning in 2008-09, each district board offering such programs reduce its property tax levy each year by an amount equal to the amount of revenue generated in that school year by the higher percentage cost recovery, less the amount of revenue that would have been generated in that school year if the applicable percentage had been 37%, which is the actual level of cost recovery attained in 2006-07. It is estimated that, assuming that the number of full-time equivalent students remained unchanged, collegiate transfer revenues could have been approximately \$7.3 million higher, had the 50% recovery rate been in place for 2006-07 compared to the 37% recovery rate that applied in that year. Three districts currently offer collegiate transfer programs: Madison, Milwaukee, and Nicolet.

#### 5. ENTERPRISE CENTERS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Beginning in 2009-10, prohibit a technical college district board from: (a) using revenues from property taxes or state aid to fund the operation of an enterprise center; and (b) transferring more than 10% of the revenue generated by an enterprise center in any school year to fund the operation of another enterprise center. Define enterprise center as a revenue-generating operation such as a bookstore, cafeteria, or day care center, and including a public broadcasting station.

#### 6. ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE COURSES

**Senate:**/No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Delete the current law prohibition on technical colleges charging fees for courses in English as a second language. Require the WTCS Board to establish uniform fees for such courses. Specify that such fees would first apply to students enrolled in the 2008-09 school year.

### 7. ALLOCATE INCENTIVE GRANT TO NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

**Assembly:** Delete the Joint Finance provision that would require the WTCS Board to allocate \$194,000 in 2008-09 within the incentive grants appropriation to the Northcentral Technical College in order to implement a dairy science associate degree program.

#### 8. AUDIT OF CERTAIN GRANT PROGRAMS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Require the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) to conduct a performance evaluation audit of all grant programs administered by the Wisconsin Technical College System Board that are intended to recruit or retain students. Require the LAB to file its report by January 15, 2009.

# WISCONSIN HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

#### CRITERIA FOR ISSUING BONDS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Modify current law relating to WHEFA decisions regarding whether or not to issue bonds for a project so that WHEFA would be required to issue bonds if it determines that revenues associated with the project would be sufficient to pay all debt service costs related to the bonds.