



State of Wisconsin
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2001 SENATE RESOLUTION 16

March 11, 2002 – Introduced by Senator GROBSCHMIDT. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** autism spectrum disorder.

2 Whereas, autism spectrum disorder has been labeled the silent epidemic of our
3 time, silent because this developmental disorder has robbed at least 400,000
4 children of their ability to communicate and interact with their families and loved
5 ones, and silent because there are currently no established autism registries in the
6 nation to tell us how many people are actually afflicted with this disorder; and

7 Whereas, current statistics tell us that autism affects at least one in every 500
8 children in America, and recent anecdotal evidence suggest that autism rates are
9 increasing to possibly one in every 250 children; and

10 Whereas, the U.S. house of representatives has passed a resolution, H. CON.
11 RES. 91, recognizing the importance of increasing awareness of autism spectrum
12 disorder, and supporting programs for greater research and improved treatment of
13 autism and improved training and support for individuals with autism and those
14 who care for them; now, therefore, be it

