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# State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



### 2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 194

June 28, 2011 - Introduced by Representatives Severson, Litjens, Kerkman, Spanbauer, Steineke, Weininger, Rivard and Thiesfeldt, cosponsored by Senator Darling. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

AN ACT to create 16.42 (1) (h) of the statutes; relating to: requiring certain

information in state agency budget requests.

#### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, no later than September 15 of each even-numbered year, state agencies in the executive branch are required to submit to the Department of Administration and the Legislative Fiscal Bureau their budget requests. This bill requires that the budget requests contain an analysis of the implications for agency expenditures and operations in the event of federal government insolvency or substantially reduced federal payments to the agency. More specifically, the analyses must do all of the following:

- 1. Identify the risks to the agency if the federal government were unable to meet its financial or service commitments.
- 2. Estimate the impact of the risks to the agency under item 1. in terms of the potential loss of federal revenue and its effect on agency operations.
- 3. Recommend strategies to better allow the agency to minimize the loss of federal revenue, to adjust to any loss of federal revenue, and to reduce the impact of any loss of federal revenue on agency operations without eliminating any programs or services.
- 4. Recommend a plan for monitoring indicators that track the federal government's inability to meet its financial obligations.
- 5. Include in the plan under item 4. specific steps that the agency must take in the event the indicators signal that the federal government may be unable to meet its financial obligations.

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

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

**Section 1.** 16.42 (1) (h) of the statutes is created to read:

- 16.42 (1) (h) An analysis of the implications for agency expenditures and operations in the event of federal government insolvency or substantially reduced federal payments to the agency. The analysis shall do all of the following:
- 1. Identify the risks to the agency if the federal government were unable to meet its financial or service commitments.
- 2. Estimate the impact of the risks to the agency under subd. 1. in terms of the potential loss of federal revenue and its effect on agency operations.
- 3. Recommend strategies to better allow the agency to minimize the loss of federal revenue, to adjust to any loss of federal revenue, and to reduce the impact of any loss of federal revenue on agency operations.
- 4. Recommend a plan for monitoring indicators that track the federal government's inability to meet its financial obligations without eliminating any programs or services.
- 5. Include in the plan under subd. 4. specific steps that the agency must take in the event the indicators signal that the federal government may be unable to meet its financial obligations.

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