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Wisconsin Advanced Telecommunications Foundation

Administrative Services for WATF (TEACH Board)

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CURRENT LAW

Under current law, the TEACH Board has 2.0 PR positions and \$155,300 PR of annual funding to provide administrative services to the Wisconsin Advanced Telecommunications Foundation (WATF).

GOVERNOR

Delete \$155,300 PR and 2.0 PR positions annually to reflect the dissolution of the WATF and the dispersal of its accrued endowment fund to the state. Eliminate statutory authority for the TEACH Board to provide administrative services to the Foundation.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. With uncertainty as to the future intentions of the WATF Board, it may be desirable to restore funding and statutory authority relating to TEACH providing administrative services for WATF.

2. The TEACH Board also has significant administrative workload associated with the federal E-rate program. In order to maintain staff activities to apply for E-rate monies that would be reallocated to the general fund under a previous action by the Committee, 1.0 FED position with \$80,000 FED in annual funding, with a corresponding reduction in the amount of applied receipts from E-rate monies, would be needed.

ALTERNATIVES TO BILL

1. Approve the Governor’s recommendations.
2. Delete the Governor’s recommendations relating to TEACH administrative functions regarding WATF and provide 1.0 FED position with \$80,000 FED of annual funding with a corresponding reduction in applied receipts to provide staff to apply for E-rate monies that would be reallocated to the general fund under a previous action by the Committee.

Alternative 2	FED	PR	GPR-Lapse
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	\$160,000	\$310,600	- \$160,000
2002-03 POSITIONS (Change to Bill)	1.00	2.00	0.00

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