

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

Ninety–Fifth Regular Session

TUESDAY, November 27, 2001

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 331

Relating to: collective bargaining and binding arbitration coverage under the Municipal Employment Relations Act for fire fighting supervisors employed by a 1st class city.

By Senators Burke and George; cosponsored by Representatives Krusick, Berceau, Bock, Carpenter, Meyerhofer, Plale, Richards, Sinicki, Sykora, Turner, Williams and Young.

To committee on **Labor and Agriculture**.

Senate Bill 332

Relating to: overpayment of state transit operating aids to the city of Rhinelander.

By Senator Breske; cosponsored by Representative D. Meyer.

To committee on **Insurance, Tourism, and Transportation**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

November 21, 2001

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following bill(s), originating in the Senate, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Act Number</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
Senate Bill 279	Wisconsin Act 19	November 20, 2001

Sincerely,

SCOTT MCCALLUM
Governor

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Secretary of State**

To the Honorable, the Senate:

<u>Bill, Joint Reso- lution or Resolu- tion Number</u>	<u>Act Number or En- rolled Number</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
Senate Bill 279	Wisconsin Act 19	December 4, 2001
Senate Joint Resolution 34	Enrolled Joint Reso- lution 21	N/A

Sincerely,
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau**

November 26, 2001

The Honorable, The Legislature:

Under the terms of a contract with the Legislative Audit Bureau, the Lewin Group has completed its second report on implementation of the Family Care Pilot program. Its first implementation report was released in November 2000. The Legislature authorized the Family Care program—a redesign of Wisconsin’s long-term care system for the elderly and adults with physical and developmental disabilities—in [1999 Wisconsin Act 9](#). Act 9 also directed the Audit Bureau to contract with an organization other than an agency of the State to evaluate the pilot program. In addition to the enclosed report, the Lewin Group will provide a report on the program’s impact and cost-effectiveness, as well as additional reports on program implementation, in the 2001-03 biennium.

The Family Care program is being piloted in nine counties. Jackson, Kenosha, Marathon, and Trempealeau counties operate Resource Centers, which provide information and referral services to both consumers and providers of long-term care services. Fond du Lac, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Portage, and Richland counties operate both Resource Centers and Care Management Organizations (CMOs), which coordinate care and manage capitated payments for those determined to be eligible for the Family Care benefit. Expenditures for the Resource Centers and CMOs totaled \$32.2 million in calendar year 2000; expenditures are expected to increase in 2001 as enrollment is projected to increase from 2,875 individuals in March 2001, the first quarter in which all five CMOs were operational, to 5100 individuals by the end of 2001.

The Lewin Group notes that since November 2000, the Department of Health and Family Services and the pilot counties have made considerable progress in implementing Family care, although the counties are at different stages in terms of program processes, capacity, and enrollment. In January 2002, the counties will implement a final program

element, an independent enrollment broker, as proposed by the Department and approved by the federal government. The Lewin report points out a number of areas that need to be addressed as the pilots continue, including outreach, provider relations, care management, quality assurance, and cost.

We appreciate the cooperation and courtesy of the Department of Health and Family Services and the many county staff, citizen members of long-term care councils, and provider

representatives who have worked with the Lewin Group throughout the evaluation process. The second implementation report is available on our Web site at www.legis.state.wi.us/lab, or it can be obtained by contacting our office at (608) 266-2818.

Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor