

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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WEDNESDAY, August 21, 2002

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

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**State of Wisconsin  
Legislative Audit Bureau**

August 20, 2002

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed a financial audit of the Mendota and Winnebago Mental Health Institutes for fiscal year 2000-01, at the request of the Department of Health and Family Services. We are able to provide unqualified opinions on the Institutes' financial statements. The financial statements show that, on an accrual basis, Mendota Mental Health Institute had a net loss of \$360,835 and Winnebago Mental Health Institute had a net loss of \$502,963.

We also reviewed the Department's progress in implementing its billing and accounting system for the Institutes and improving its process for estimating revenue and receivable balances. During prior years, we reported that technical problems associated with the system resulted in significant billing and collection delays and accounting problems. The Department is taking reasonable steps to address these technical issues. However, additional direction from management may be needed to improve the timeliness and effectiveness of the Department's collection efforts. As the result of continuing concerns with the Department's process for estimating patient revenues and receivables, one-time adjustments totaling \$14.6 million were required to correct reporting errors in both Institutes' patient receivable balances.

Copies of the audit have been distributed to members of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and those required by law to receive them. If you are interested in receiving a copy of this report, please contact our office and request report number 02-13. The report is also available on line at [www.legis.state.wi.us/lab/windex.htm](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lab/windex.htm).

Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER  
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin  
Ethics Board**

August 20, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

The following lobbyists have been authorized to act on behalf of the organizations set opposite their names.

For more detailed information about these lobbyists and organizations and a complete list of organizations and people authorized to lobby the 2001 session of the legislature, visit the Ethics Board's web site at <http://ethics.state.wi.us/>

Esbeck, William    **Wisconsin State Telecommunications Association**

Goyke, Gary        **Aquatic Alliance**

Also available from the Wisconsin Ethics Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for lobbying activities filed by organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,

ROTH JUDD  
Director

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**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF  
COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING  
PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 01–047**

Relating to experience in public practice.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from Agency, August 19, 2002.

Referred to committee on **Universities, Housing, and Government Operations**, August 21, 2002.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 01–069**

Relating to testing of pupils with limited–English proficiencies and disabilities.

Submitted by Department of Public Instruction.

Report received from Agency, August 16, 2002.

Referred to committee on **Education**, August 21, 2002.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 02–053**

Relating to property tax exemption for waste treatment facilities.

Submitted by Department of Revenue.

Report received from Agency, August 16, 2002.

Referred to committee on **Universities, Housing, and Government Operations**, August 21, 2002.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 02–086**

Relating to calculation of fees for special events, security, traffic enforcement and escort services.

Submitted by Department of Transportation.

Report received from Agency, August 16, 2002.

Referred to committee on **Insurance, Tourism, and Transportation**, August 21, 2002.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 02-090**

Relating to land surveyor temporary permits.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from Agency, August 19, 2002.

Referred to committee on **Universities, Housing, and Government Operations**, August 21, 2002.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 02-105**

Relating to changes made as a result of **2001 Wisconsin Act 80** involving practitioners of psychotherapy.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from Agency, August 16, 2002.

Referred to committee on **Human Services and Aging**, August 21, 2002.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 02-107**

Relating to the children at risk program.

Submitted by Department of Public Instruction.

Report received from Agency, August 16, 2002.

Referred to committee on **Education**, August 21, 2002.

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The committee on **Universities, Housing, and Government Operations** reports and recommends:

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 02-033**

Relating to corporation returns, claims for refund and other amended returns and petitions for redetermination.

No action taken.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 02-066**

Relating to the 2003 edition of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP).

No action taken.

Mark Meyer  
Chairperson