

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

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WEDNESDAY, November 17, 2004

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin

November 15, 2004

The Honorable, The Senate:

Pursuant to the statutes governing, I have reappointed James R. Reynolds to the Small Business Environmental Council.

Sincerely,

ALAN J. LASEE
Senate President

State of Wisconsin Ethics Board

November 16, 2004

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 2003 session of the legislature, visit the Ethics Board's web site at <http://ethics.state.wi.us>

Crass, David	Writing The Script Coalition, Inc
Pawlisch, Curt	Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters (WLCV)
Stone, Robert	New York Life Investment Management LLC
Taylor, Chad	Writing The Script Coalition, Inc

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,

R. ROTH JUDD
Director

State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services

November 12, 2004

The Honorable, The Senate:

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the Health Insurance Risk Sharing Plan (HIRSP), I am pleased to submit the calendar year 2003 annual report. This submission is in accordance with the statutory requirements set forth at s. 149.15, Wisconsin statutes.

The report includes:

- A summary of how HIRSP is funded, who is eligible, what services are covered and policyholder premium, deductible and coinsurance obligations.
- A historical overview and a summary of HIRSP-related legislative changes since 1997.
- Demographic information about HIRSP policyholders.
- An explanation of HIRSP's funding and financial information.
- Utilization and cost data, including summaries of HIRSP payments by diagnosis category and by therapeutic classes of prescription drugs.

The Department of Health and Family Services and the HIRSP Board appreciate the continuing support of the Legislature. Please contact me if I may provide additional information.

Sincerely,

MARK B. MOODY
Administrator, Division of Health Care Financing

Referred to committee on **Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care.**

State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

November 8, 2004

The Honorable, The Senate:

In accordance with s. 115.28 (49), Wis. Stats., the Department of Public Instruction submits this report relating to actions taken on new charter school petitions or proposals. The report provides information relating to the status of existing charter schools, the number of petitions for new charter schools, and school board and departmental action on petitions for new charter schools.

An electronic survey was administered to 426 Wisconsin public school district superintendents in the state. Using a mixed mode methodology that included a survey, emails, letters and phone calls, a 100 percent response rate was achieved. During the 2002-03 school year, there were 117 operating charter schools authorized by Wisconsin school boards and 11 charter schools authorized by non-school board sponsors. While there are multiple authorizers in the state of Wisconsin, this report specifically addresses local school board action as required by the legislature and does not include activity or action taken on new charter school petitions or proposals by non-school board sponsors.

In 2002, the DPI applied for and was awarded a three-year, \$27 million federal grant from the United States Department of Education (USDE) to support planning and start up of new charter schools and the dissemination of best practice to increase student achievement. The DPI state charter plan

submitted to USDE projects 150 operating charter schools by the 2004-05 school year. There currently are 161 operating charter schools, thus, the goal has been exceeded.

If you have questions regarding this document, please contact Paula Crandall Decker, Charter School Consultant, at 608-266-5728.

Sincerely,

ELIZABETH BURMASTER
State Superintendent

State of Wisconsin

Housing and Economic Development Authority

October 31, 2004

The Honorable, The Legislature:

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 234.931(5), enclosed please find the following reports relating to the Wisconsin Development Reserve Fund:

Annual Report of Guarantee Funds as of June 30, 2004

Should you have any questions or comments on the reports, please feel free to call me at 266-1640.

Sincerely,

LAURA B. MORRIS
Chief Financial Officer

ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

November 11, 2004

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint OSBORN, SANDRA, of Verona, as a member of the Medical Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2008.

Sincerely,

JIM DOYLE
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care.**