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2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 55

January 7, 2004 – Introduced by Senators Carpenter and Moore, cosponsored by Representatives Richards, Cullen, Taylor, Sinicki, Young and Morris. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: requiring the Joint Legislative Council to study pharmacy needs in Milwaukee County.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This joint resolution directs the Joint Legislative Council to create a committee to study pharmacy needs in Milwaukee County.

Whereas, the well-being of Wisconsin's citizens depends upon access to high-quality health care, including an adequate supply of pharmacists; and Whereas, the pharmacy society of Wisconsin states that the "future of Wisconsin pharmacies is bleak," citing shortages of pharmacists in Wisconsin; and Whereas, a study by Western University of Health Sciences has shown that the pharmacist shortage in Wisconsin is one of the most severe in the nation, finding that in Wisconsin it is often difficult to fill open positions; and

Whereas, almost one-half of Wisconsin's population resides in the greater Milwaukee area; and

| Whereas, the pharmacy needs in Milwaukee County should be assessed and |
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| recommendations should be formulated regarding all of the following: |
| (1) Improving access to careers in the pharmacy profession within Wisconsin's |
| largest urban center; |
| (2) Facilitating recruitment of diverse students to the pharmacy workforce; |
| (3) Helping ease the current and projected critical shortage of pharmacists, |
| while contributing to Wisconsin's economic development; |
| (4) Improving access and diversity among students in an attempt to help |
| resolve the pharmacist shortage and eventually to ease the job vacancy problem; and |
| (5) Fostering possible collaborations with targeted urban high schools, the |
| pharmacy retail industry, health care providers, business communities, and other |
| minority workforce development organizations; now, therefore, be it |
| Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the joint legislative |
| council shall create a committee by March 31, 2004, to study pharmacy needs in |
| Milwaukee County pursuant to this joint resolution; and, be it further |
| Resolved, That the committee shall report it findings and recommendations, |
| including any suggested legislation, to the senate and assembly by October 1, 2004. |

(END)