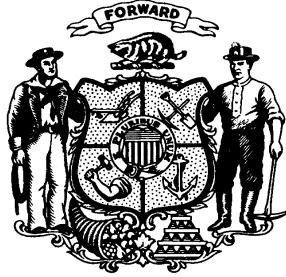


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TO: MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHILD WELFARE PROVIDER
RATE IMPLEMENTATION

FROM: Terry C. Anderson, Director

DATE: March 1, 2010

I am pleased to report that the Joint Legislative Council, at its February 24 meeting, ***approved for introduction*** as companion bills in both houses of the Legislature the following bill draft recommended by your committee:

- **LRB-4257/1**, relating to elimination of surplus retention limitations for residential care centers for children and youth, group homes, and child welfare agencies that provide rate-based services for the Department of Children and Families or a county department of human services or social services; determination of the rates charged by those providers; establishment of a performance-based contracting system for those providers; and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority.

*The motion to introduce was adopted by a vote of Ayes,
21; Noes, 0; and Absent, 1.*

Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the following report and bill developed by your committee and introduced by the Joint Legislative Council:

1. Wisconsin Legislative Council Report to the Legislature, RL 2009-14, dated March 1, 2010.
2. ***2009 Assembly Bill 780 [Senate Bill 567*]***.

For your information, ***a joint hearing on Assembly Bill 780 and Senate Bill 567*** will be held on ***Wednesday, March 3, 2010, in Room 412 East, State Capitol, Madison***, by the Assembly Committee on Children and Families and the Senate Committee on Children and Families and Workforce Development. The hearing begins at 2:00 p.m.

* Identical companion bill--not enclosed.

You are welcome and encouraged to attend this hearing and to present testimony on the bill, which was recommended by the Special Committee. However, you should note that the Joint Legislative Council will not be able to reimburse public member expenses for attending a hearing, since it is not a meeting of the Special Committee. Written testimony is also appropriate. It may be sent to Representative Tamara Grigsby, Chair, Assembly Committee on Children and Families, Room 324 East, P.O. Box 8952, State Capitol, Madison, WI, 53708 or Senator Robert Jauch, Chair, Senate Committee on Children and Families and Workforce Development, Room 118 South, P.O. Box 7882, State Capitol, Madison, WI, 53707-7882.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Anne Sappenfield or Laura Rose at this office.

Thank you for your participation in the development of this legislation.

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Enclosures