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JOSEPH J. CZARNEZKI • COUNTY CLERK

MEMO

DATE: January 18, 2011
TO: The Honorable County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Joseph J. Czarnezki, County Clerk
SUBJECT: Vetoed File Returned

The County Executive has returned to my office the following file:

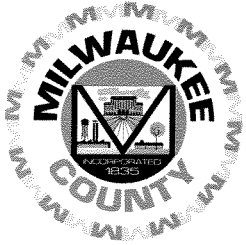
File No. RES 11-695 – A resolution authorizing the Chief Judge of Milwaukee County to collaborate with the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee to develop Shakespeare in the Courts as a pilot alternative to incarceration option for sentencing of juvenile offenders.

This resolution was adopted by a vote of 11 ayes – 8 noes at your meeting of December 15, 2011.

The County Executive has vetoed this resolution and attached is a copy of his veto message wherein he states his objection.

This matter is now before your honorable body.

Joseph J. Czarnezki, County Clerk



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Milwaukee County

CHRIS ABELE • COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DATE: Jan. 16, 2012
TO: The Honorable Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive
RE: Veto of County Board File RES 11-695 on Shakespeare in the Courts Pilot Program

I am vetoing County Board File RES 11-695 pursuant to the authority granted to me by Article IV, Section 23(a) of the Wisconsin Constitution and Section 59.17(6) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The County Board approved a resolution to spend \$65,000 to authorize the Chief Judge of Milwaukee County to collaborate with the Peck School of the Arts' Theater Program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to develop a Shakespeare in the Courts pilot program as a sentencing alternative for youth offenders.

Given the historical deficits in the Courts and other fiscal pressures, spending money without conclusive evidence or a thorough process seeking out the best diversion programs is not something I can support. As a steward of taxpayer dollars, I am driven by the certainty that spending must produce results. Thus, despite my passion and support for the arts and for Shakespeare, and despite my interest in evidence-based programs for juvenile offenders as both a powerful variable in public safety and in these youths' future, I am vetoing this resolution.