

Date	Section	Outcome	Notes
15-Apr-15	Citizen Utility Board	Reduce funding for the intervenor compensation grant program to an entity that has a history of advocating on behalf of residential ratepayers for affordable rates by \$300,000. Since the creation of the program, the CUB has been the only entity to receive funding through the grant program.	
15-Apr-15	Supreme Court/Circuit Courts	Delete the Governor's provision and instead maintain current law requiring counties to report circuit court costs to the Director of State Courts in accordance with the uniform chart of accounts. As under current law, a county that fails to submit information under the uniform chart of accounts would not be eligible to receive funding under state circuit court payment programs. Further, maintain current law that the Director of State Courts is authorized to audit the information and must annually report to the Governor and the Legislature regarding financial data gathered.	
15-Apr-15	Circuit Courts - Court Reporters and Consolidation of Circuit Court Block Grant	Delete the Governor's provision regarding court reporters and instead maintain current law, with funding and position authority for court reporters under the Circuit Court's general program operations sum sufficient appropriation. Approve the Governor's recommendation, but delay implementation until the second year of the biennium, to create a new biennial local assistance appropriation from which to make payments to counties for circuit court costs. Delete the appropriations and statutory language associated with the circuit court support payments, guardian ad litem costs, and court interpreter fees. Delete the current law definition of "circuit court costs," and instead authorize the Director of State Courts to define circuit court costs for the purpose of making payments from the new appropriation.	
15-Apr-15	Circuit Courts	The Committee retained exemption to the \$25 forfeiture fee for: (a) prohibitions against smoking, responsibility of persons in charge violations; (b) motor vehicle liability insurance violation; (c) special identification cards for physically disabled violation; or (d) a safety belt use violation. Had the exemptions been removed, revenue from the fee would have been distributed as follows: (a) \$12.50 to the general fund; (b) \$5 to the Circuit Court Automation Programs; and (c) \$7.50 to the counties.	
17-Apr	WTCS	Motion #95 requires that a person serving on the MATC district board representing employers must have at least two years of experience managing a business entity, nonprofit organization, credit union, or cooperative association with at least 15 employees, or at least two years of experience managing the finances or the hiring of the personnel of a business entity, nonprofit organization, credit union, or cooperative association with at least 100 employees.	
17-Apr	Veterans Affairs	Motion #103 requires grants to county and tribal veterans service offices to be made on a reimbursable basis and phases out the use of grants for salary and fringe benefit costs. After 2017, reimbursable expenses include information technology, transportation for veterans and services to veterans with barriers, special outreach to veterans, and training and services.	
17-Apr	OCI - Local Government Property Insurance Fund	Motion #400 adopts the Governor's proposal to eliminate the LGIP, but delays the end date for renewing policies to Jan. 1, 2018 and the last day to file claims to Jan. 1, 2019.	Milwaukee County is currently insured through the LGIP. Plans have been underway since the Courthouse fire to move towards an alternative property insurer, however, and the County is prepared for this transition.
17-Apr	Health Services	Motion #116 allows DHS to deduct the allowable costs the state incurs to replace a lost or stolen electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card from the FoodShare benefit amount provided on the EBT card.	

17-Apr	Health Services	Motion #111 folds the Milwaukee County Enrollment Broker into DHS's general program operations appropriation. Automated Health Services currently serves as the Department's HMO enrollment broker, which provides outreach, education, and enrollment services to BadgerCare Plus members who enroll in HMOs. These services are provided through a call center in Milwaukee County.
17-Apr	Health Service - Income Maintenance	Modifies the Governor's recommendations by deleting 17.5 positions (-9.10 GPR positions and -8.40 FED positions) in Milwaukee Enrollment Services (MILES), beginning in 2016-17, to reduce by 25% the number of additional positions provided in Act 20 to DHS to meet workload relating to the ACA and BadgerCare Plus eligibility requirements.
17-Apr	Health Services - Cemetery Fees	Motion #110 prohibits counties from recovering the costs they incur for services for indigent decedents relating to coroner fees, death certificate signing fees, and transportation fees from funeral homes, cemeteries and crematories. In addition, the motion frees these fees for a two year period and limits increases to these fees to increases in CPI.
22-Apr	Tourism - Marketing Earmarks	Motion #141 temporarily restores funding for earmarks for the Milwaukee Public Museum and the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra through FY2017.
22-Apr	Natural Resources - Car Killed Deer	The Governor's budget eliminated funding (\$701,400 annually) for car-killed deer and repealed statutory language requiring the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to pay for the removal and disposal of car-killed deer on state and local roads. The Committee restored funding (\$701,400 annually) for the program and required DNR to continue oversight of the program on state and federal highways.
5-May	Health Services - Well Woman Program	Motion #189 increases funding for the Well Woman Program by \$100,000.
5-May	Health Services - HIV/AIDS	Motion #179 increase funding for the HIV/AIDS program by \$150,000.
5-May	Supreme Court - Judicial Commission	Motion #184 deletes the Governor's recommendation to create a Judicial Compensation Commission to biennially review the salaries of Supreme Court Justices, Court of Appeals Judges, and circuit court judges, and submit a written report on their recommendations for changes to these salaries to the Governor and the Joint Committee on Employment Relations (JCER)
5-May	District Attorneys - Pay Progression	Motion #175 provides a 2% salary increase to district attorneys, deputy district attorneys and assistant state public defenders.
5-May	Natural Resources - Environmental Quality	Delete \$4,000,000 from the municipal and county recycling grant appropriation in the first year of the biennium, but restore funding in the second year of the biennium.
5-May	Natural Resources - PECFA	Sunsetts the PECFA program on Dec. 31, 2017. PECFA provides reimbursement to owners for a portion of the cleanup costs of petroleum leaks.
5-May	Natural Resources - Culvert Replacement	Motion #194 creates an exemption to the prohibition on the construction of culverts in a navigable waterway if the culvert is placed in substantially the same location as the culvert being replaced and best management practices are used to comply with water quality standards.
5-May	Natural Resources - Parks and Forestry	The Joint Committee on Finance adopted language to require the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to provide \$1 million in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$1 million in fiscal year 2016-17 in one time funding from the forestry account to local governments. The language specifies that the taxation district or municipality in which the land is located retain 80% of the revenues and remit 20% to the county.
7-May	Natural Resources - State Parks	Motion #196 increases annual state park vehicle admission fees and allows the Department to authorize a trail pass system through administrative rule.

7-May	Natural Resources - Urban Forestry Grants	Retains current law to allow DNR to award urban forestry grants to cities, villages, towns, counties, tribal governments and non-profit organizations for up to 50 percent of the cost of various projects, including tree management plans, tree inventories, brush residue projects, the development of tree management ordinances, tree disease evaluation, public education relating to trees in urban areas and other related projects.	
7-May	Justice - State Justice Assistance Grants	Motion #200 reduces funding by 22.6% for youth diversion grant recipients, including the Milwaukee Community Relations - Social Development Commission (except for its AODA initiative, which would retain its current funding level of \$281,000). The Milwaukee Community Relations - Social Development Commission would lose a total of \$93,700 in funding. Funding for the Commission's non-AODA programs would be 320,400 as a result.	
7-May	Justice Information Surcharge Fund	Maintains current law funding for the program that reimburses counties for court interpreter costs.	Other surcharge funding shifts in the budget are expected to make this a more sustainable revenue source.
7-May	Justice - Sexual Assault Victim Services Grant Program	Motion #239 provides the Department of Justice with \$100,000 for grants under the sexual assault victim services grant program.	
7-May	Justice - Marquette University Police Officers	Motion #199 expands the definition of a law enforcement officer to include officers employed by the Marquette University police department.	
7-May	Justice - CASA	Motion #246 provides DOJ with \$80,000 annually for the 2015-17 biennium for grants for the Wisconsin Court Appointed Special Advocate Association.	
7-May	Justice - Local Crime Prevention Boards	The Governor's budget would have created a \$20 surcharge statewide on each felony and misdemeanor conviction. Money would have gone to a Crime Prevention Funding Board made up of local justice and law enforcement officials. Half of the money would have had to go to private, nonprofit crime prevention organizations. JFC amended proposal to make the surcharge a county option. In counties with no non-profit crime prevention organization, the funds may go to a law enforcement agency.	
12-May	HEAB	Motion #286 modifies the minority teacher loan program to include, among other things, a requirement that eligible loan recipients be enrolled in a program that includes a student teaching component located at a public or private elementary or secondary school located in the City of Milwaukee.	
12-May	Health Services - Institutions and Mental Health	Motion #284 deletes the Governor's recommendation to align Milwaukee County's emergency detention evaluation process with other counties' processes. That is, current law is retained, and a person taken into custody for the purposes of emergency detention in Milwaukee County must be evaluated within 24-hours to determine if they meet the criteria for emergency detention. The motion also deletes the Governor's recommendation to eliminate the Milwaukee County emergency detention pilot program, and would extend the sunset date of the pilot program from May 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017. In addition, the motion would specify that at crisis assessment may be performed in person or through phone or telemedicine technology and requires DHS to define the term "mental health professional" with respect to those who can conduct evaluations. Finally, the motion approves the Governor's recommendation to provide \$1,500,000 in crisis service grants to counties although the distribution among counties, nor the criteria for distribution, is not specified.	This motion was unanimously adopted by the Committee and generally reflects the changes requested by Milwaukee County and advocates.

12-May	Health Services - Institutions and Mental Health	The Governor proposed to consolidate various mental health programs into one fund for distribution through the state's community aids program. The Committee modified the Governor's recommendation as follows: (a) require DHS to consult with the Wisconsin Counties Association and mental health stakeholders before developing a method for distributing community mental health services funds in 2016 and beyond; (b) require the Department to submit a proposed distribution method to the Joint Committee on Finance under a 14-passive review process; and (c) require the Department to use the proposed distribution method, as approved, or as modified and approved by the Committee.	
12-May	Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection - Nonpoint Management and Conservation Staffing	Motion #289 increases funding for county conservation staffing grants by \$1,350,000 over the biennium.	
14-May	Children and Families - Milwaukee Offender Re-entry Program	Per the Governor's administration, funding of \$1.956 million is removed from the budget. The funding would have been used to implement a pilot program to aid the successful community transition out of incarceration. The demonstration project would employ best practices from the fields of corrections re-entry, family reunification, and workforce development.	This was program was proposed in November 2014 originally. The program was never implemented.
14-May	Children and Families - Milwaukee Offender Re-entry Program	Motion #344 authorizes DCF to issue a RFP to enter into a contract for an agreed upon payment on the condition that the organization can demonstrate savings realized by the state (and not by local or federal) government from reducing recidivism by offenders residing in the City of Milwaukee who have left incarceration and reentered the community. The contract can not provide payment for the services unless a minimum level of success is demonstrated.	
14-May	Children and Families - BMCW	Motion #356 (L. Taylor) would have prevented BMCW from being included as a division under DCF and would have required information to be provided if the position of assistant administrator created under the motion went unfilled.	This motion failed, but was offered to address the continued vacancy issues of the bureau director of BMCW in response to concerns with workload and child safety.
14-May	Children and Families - BMCW	Motion #374 (adopted) adopts the Governor's recommendation that BMCW be modified to be a Division within DCF, for the stated purpose of attracting national candidates to the Division Administrator position. The motion creates an Assistant Administrator position similar to that which was offered by Senator Taylor. In addition, the motion specifies that the BMCW reorganization can not modify the duties of the Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council. Paper 201 increased staffing levels for BMCW by 11 FTE to address caseload issues, and added \$500,000 to BMCW's budget to address underlying problems that contribute to the high turnover rates at BMCW such as compensation, competing offers from private employers, after-hours and on-call workloads, and work related stress. This paper also removed \$345,000 for case aids to assist initial assessors in BMCW for the stated reason that DCF has been able to fund the positions through existing funding.	Supervisors Johnson Jr. and Alexander currently serve on the Council. The Committee rejected Motions #354, 355, 357, 358 offered by Sen. Taylor which would have: (1) required that initial assessment staff be paid at least as much as similar Dane County initial assessment case workers; (2) transferred BMCW's responsibilities from the state to Milwaukee County; (3) required a report from BMCW if it fails to complete at least 65% of initial assessment investigations of reports of child abuse and neglect; and, (4) required the Legislative Audit Bureau to audit BMCW.
14-May	Children and Families - BMCW Staffing		

14-May	Children and Families - BMCW	The Committee adopted various reestimates to the Governor's budget that increased, in most cases, funding for: (1) contracts; (2) services; and (3) out-of-home care costs. The Committee increased funding for all services with the exception of the BMCW wraparound program based on a more recent estimate of increased federal funding for the services.	The Committee's two Assembly Democrats supported the motion, while the Committee's two Senate Democrats opposed it.
14-May	Children and Families - Domestic Abuse	The Committee increased funding for domestic abuse services provided by community-based agencies by \$5,000,000, but rejected Committee Democrats' effort to increase the funding by \$19.7 million.	
14-May	Children and Families - Sex Trafficking	The Committee approved the Governor's recommendation to provide \$2,000,000 in increased funding for services for victims of sex trafficking.	The Committee rejected Motion #363 which would have prohibited the prosecution of prostitution for a person if the person has not attained the age of 18, and there was evidence the person was a victim of sex trafficking.
14-May	Children and Families - Brighter Futures	The Committee approved Motion #343 to allow DCF to provide grants to other organizations than those which currently provide up to \$2,000,000 in funding to agencies in Milwaukee County provided they are statewide. However, the benchmarks and reporting requirements would not apply to the grant.	
14-May	Children and Families - W-2 Lifetime Limits	The Committee approved the Governor's proposal to reduce the lifetime limit for W-2 employment positions and job access loans from 60 months to 48 months.	
14-May	Children and Families - Transform Milwaukee	Allows DCF discretion to negotiate wages for the work program rather than specify the wage must be the minimum wage.	
14-May	Children and Families - EITC	The Committee adopted a provision that would remove GPR funding from the EITC and instead replace it with TANF funding rather than use that funding for other programs and services funded with TANF, such as W-2, Wisconsin Shares, etc.	
14-May	Shared Revenue - Property Tax Bill Information	Deleted the Governor's recommendation to require: (a) the amount of the debt service from bonds issued by each taxing jurisdiction and the taxpayer's proportionate share of that amount; (b) the amount of any fees or charges assessed by each taxing jurisdiction that is collected in the tax levy and the taxpayer's proportionate share of that amount; (c) the amount of taxes levied for the maintenance and operation of each county, city, village, town, school district, and technical college district where the property is located; and (d) the amount of taxes levied to pay for all of the following: (1) the redemption charges on any bonded indebtedness or other long-term obligation incurred by each taxing jurisdiction where the property is located; (2) additional amounts levied pursuant to a referendum to exceed a tax levy limitation of a taxing jurisdiction where the property is located; and (3) the maintenance and operation of any taxing jurisdiction where the property is located, other than the jurisdictions listed under (c). The Committee instead required under Motion #379 that local governments include a line item detailing the amount of tax levied in the current year as a result of referenda to exceed the school revenue limit, the technical college revenue limit, or the county and municipal levy limit on a non-permanent basis.	
14-May	Shared Revenue - Adjustment for Unused Levy Authority	Motion #301 allows a local government to carryforward up to 5% of its unused levy authority in a given year. A county could only use the 5% carryover if they do so in a year when their total outstanding debt did not increase from the prior year. The current law 1.5% carryforward allowance also remains in place.	The adjustment in Motion #301 is not expected to have an immediate measurable impact, but it may grow over time.
14-May	Shared Revenue - Settlement of Delinquent Assessments and Charges	Motion #367 prohibits delinquent utility, sidewalk, and sewerage bills from being placed on the property tax bill as a "special tax."	

14-May	Shared Revenue - Adjustment for Service Transfers	Motion #316 allows any political subdivision to receive half the savings from a service transfer to be divided between the collaborating local governments to be retained as additional levy limit authority. Under current law, when one local government transfers responsibility for a service to another local government, a levy limit adjustment must be made.	This adjustment is one for one, meaning the levy limit adjustment for the local government providing a new service must be completely offset by a reduction in the other local government's levy limit.
14-May	Shared Revenue - Local Public Works Projects	Motion #369 increases the threshold for the size of a project triggering a competitive bid from \$25,000 to \$100,000.	
19-May	Employee Trust Funds - Elected Officials Retirement Age	Motion #428 provides that state and local elected officials regular retirement age be raised from 62 to 65. This would apply to state and local elected officials who take office after December 31, 2016.	
19-May	Drug Screening and Testing	Motion #455 applies drug screening requirements to FoodShare, Children First, W2, Transform Milwaukee, unemployment insurance, BadgerCare, Children First and other work experience programs.	Milwaukee County currently only administers the Children First program. Motion #455 also specifies that DCF pay for all costs of substance abuse treatment not otherwise covered by medical assistance, private insurance or other type of coverage. This will ensure Milwaukee County does not incur additional costs associated with the drug screening requirement.
19-May	Department of Corrections - Opioid Addiction Treatment Pilot	Motion #448 provides \$836,700 annually to create an opioid addiction treatment pilot program under the Department of Corrections.	The pilot program would be required to establish programs at the county jail level to provide an initial assessment, information regarding treatment programs as well as dispensing naloxone upon release for persons with heroin-related disorders.
19-May	Department of Corrections - Community Corrections	The Committee approved the Governor's recommendation to remove a \$50,000 funding earmark from Project Return, a Milwaukee-based community organization assisting offenders in their reintegration into the community.	DOC still retains the funding and has indicated it will issue an RFP for these services.
19-May	Department of Corrections - Juvenile Corrections	The Committee approved the Governor's recommendation to set the JCI rate at \$284 in FY16 and \$292 in FY17 and reduced the \$17 per day add on to the daily rate (which is chargeable to counties and designed to assist in the Department's deficit reduction efforts) to \$6. Juvenile corrective sanctions program rates were set at \$132 in FY16 and \$127 in FY17.	

<p>Motion #457 adopted a number of provisions related to K-12 education, including: restoring the Governor's proposed cut of \$127 million to school aids by in the first year of the biennium and increasing aids by \$69 million in the second year of the biennium; making voucher payments equivalent to open enrollment aid payments and allowing the transferring district to retain the excess aid payment and allowing the district to county the student towards its revenue limits; making a portion of the school levy tax payment in the next FY, phasing out of the Chapter 220 program and a softening of the reduction in corresponding aid payments; creating the OSPS program (previously described); created a disabled student "voucher" program; allows enrollment in the statewide voucher program to be limited to no more than 1% of the district's prior year enrollment and beginning in 2028 up to 10%; requires independent financial audits by private schools participating in the voucher program; allows teachers' aides to be qualified if they have received a high school diploma by the administrator of a home-based private educational program; requires all teachers in the voucher program to have a bachelors' (at least) from a regionally or nationally accredited institution; requires a civics assessment for graduation; changing the school assessments to a star-based system rather than a grade based on; and, school boards would be allowed to decide which test to administer to determine student proficiency (as opposed to Common Core).</p>	<p>A number of motions backed by Committee Democrats were voted down, including: increases to general and categorical aids; limiting the voucher program; allowing MPS students to be counted for revenue limit and general aid purposes; deleting the County Executive as the appointer of the OSPS Commissioner; deleting OSPS and instead creating a task force to study the issue; selection criteria for the Commissioner of OSPS; and expansion of OSPS statewide.</p>
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<p>The Committee adopted Omnibus Motion #495 which adopted a number of Medicaid positions, including rejecting the Governor's proposal to require SeniorCare enrollees to apply for and enroll in Medicare Part D. This modification resulted in an increase of \$32 million to the bill. The motion also delayed implementation of reimbursement to FQHCs (including Progressive Community Health Centers, Milwaukee Health Centers and Sixteenth Street Community Health Center in Milwaukee) of a prospective payment system rather than under current law and increased funding for FQHCs by \$7.2 million over the biennium.</p>	<p>The Committee rejected Motion #503 offered by Democrats which would have increased eligibility limits for BadgerCare Plus among other things.</p>
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Omnibus Motion #513 makes the following changes to the state's long-term care programs, including Family Care and IRI5. Requires DHS to submit a request to CMS to expand Family Care statewide by January 1, 2017. Reduce funding by \$14,336,900 (-\$6,000,000 GPR and -\$8,336,900 FED) in 2016-17 to reflect savings associated with the statewide expansion of the Family Care program. This funding reduction reflects the Department of Administration's estimates of anticipated increases in county contributions during the expansion of the Family Care benefit to additional counties in 2016-17. It does not account for any potential cost savings related to the expansion of managed care, or changes in costs related to any other provisions in this entry.

In addition to requesting a waiver to implement the program statewide, the motion requires DHS to request a waiver to allow the program to provide acute care services from integrated health agencies (IHA) in at least five regions of the state and require multiple IHAs in all regions of the state. Thus, the motion also increases the size of regions currently served by Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) so there are no less than 5 regions.

In addition, the motion requires that IHAs be required to make consumer-directed options available under the long-term care program similar to the current IRI5 program (instead of IRI5). The motion would also allow IHAs to be for-profit insurance companies and would eliminate the "profit limits" on entities providing Family Care services.

The motion also requires DHS to consult with stakeholders, including representatives of consumers of long-term care and long-term care provider and the public prior to developing its final waiver. The motion requires DHS to retain ADRCs, but to undertake a study to determine whether there are duplicative services provided by DHS and to make recommendations to JFC by July 1, 2016. In addition, DHS would be required to study integrating ADRCs with IM consortia.

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The Committee rejected Motion #517 offered by Committee Democrats which would have preserved the state's long-term care programs as is and would not have authorized DHS to begin the process of allowing private, for-profit entities from providing long-term care services or acute care services.