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3 File No. 20-678  
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6 **AN ENGROSSED RESOLUTION**  
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8 To allocate \$35,000 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 – Appropriation for Contingencies to Org.  
9 Unit 8000 for allocation to the Local 212 Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC)  
10 Faculty and Students Together Fund (FAST Fund) to specifically mitigate student  
11 housing insecurity so pupils can graduate and become successful  
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14 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) is Wisconsin’s only  
15 majority-minority college and MATC reports approximately 70 percent of its students are  
16 low-income and 83 percent of its students are Milwaukee County residents; and  
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18 WHEREAS, according to the 2015 University of Wisconsin – Madison study  
19 titled, “Hungry to Learn: Addressing Food & Housing Insecurity Among  
20 Undergraduates”, “[H]alf of all community college students are struggling with food  
21 and/or housing insecurity. Fully 20 percent are hungry and 13 percent are homeless.  
22 These numbers are startling and indicate the need for a multi-pronged, comprehensive  
23 set of institutional, state, and local policies to alleviate the barriers presented by poverty,  
24 so as to improve educational success.”; and  
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26 WHEREAS, motivated by the aforementioned study, the American Federation of  
27 Teachers Local 212, representing faculty and staff of MATC since 1930, created the  
28 Faculty and Students Together Fund (FAST Fund) in 2016 as an independent nonprofit  
29 to help ensure hunger, transportation, housing instability, and poverty are not learning  
30 obstacles, so students may focus on their studies, remain enrolled, and graduate to  
31 move on to successful careers; and  
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33 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Public Television (MPTV) program *Adelante* featured  
34 a segment about MATC’s FAST Fund which reported:  
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- 36 • Many students are lower middle class, poor, or do not qualify for financial aid
- 37 • 61 percent of students qualify for Pell Grants, which are typically awarded only to  
38 low-income students
- 39 • Current and retired MATC faculty and staff have been the Fund’s primary donors  
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42 WHEREAS, the FAST Fund Director reports the Fund has helped students meet  
 43 these basic needs so they may focus on studying:  
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| Academic Year | Dollars Raised | Total Students Helped | Students Helped by Type of Aid |      |                        |                |       |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------|------------------------|----------------|-------|
|               |                |                       | Housing                        | Food | Tuition/ College Costs | Transportation | Other |
| '16-'17       | \$21,950       | 26                    | 12                             | -    | 14                     | -              | -     |
| '17-'18       | \$47,990       | 109                   | 43                             | 3    | 45                     | 18             | 12    |
| '18-'19       | \$53,320       | 153                   | 53                             | 30   | 23                     | 33             | 14    |
| '19-'20       | \$89,294       | 298*                  | 105                            | 40   | 99                     | 25             | 36    |

\*Some students received multiple forms of aid, therefore adding the types of aid will exceed 298

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49 WHEREAS, according to a May 2020 Brookings Institution report titled,  
 50 "Opportunity Engines: Middle-Class Mobility in Higher Education," at least some form of  
 51 higher education is required for upward mobility and middle-class living, particularly  
 52 from institutions which have higher per pupil instructional spending; and  
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54 WHEREAS, according to an August 2020 Georgetown University report titled,  
 55 "Driving Home Costs Beyond Tuition: A New Look at Older Students' Challenges  
 56 Affording Housing," higher education costs beyond tuition are 2.5 to 4 times greater  
 57 than tuition, with a greater burden falling on older students due to their typically  
 58 increased responsibilities, with housing being the single biggest challenge; and  
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60 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of September 17, 2020,  
 61 recommended adoption of File No. 20-678 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,  
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63 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
 64 authorizes and directs the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of  
 65 Administrative Services to process an administrative transfer of \$35,000 from Org. Unit  
 66 1940-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies to Org. Unit ~~8000~~ **8521, Account 8123** –  
 67 Department of Health and Human Services Housing Division **Administration** to  
 68 ~~distribute to~~ **cooperate with** the Local 212 Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC)  
 69 Faculty and Students Together (FAST) Fund **to enable distribution of those funds,**  
 70 **pursuant to and in conformity with Wis. Stats. §§ 59.53, 66.1201 to 66.1211 et seq.,**  
 71 **also in conformity with guidance provided by the Wisconsin Office of the**

72 **Attorney General opinion OAG-01-17, specifically for the MATC FAST Fund** to  
73 mitigate student housing insecurity **with these funds** to remove a barrier to graduation  
74 and success; and  
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76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Housing Division is requested to make  
77 contingent upon Milwaukee County's appropriation to the FAST Fund an agreement  
78 whereby Milwaukee County may review the financial records of the FAST Fund upon  
79 request to **audit and** verify taxpayer dollars are spent toward student housing insecurity  
80 **pursuant to the aforementioned and relevant State statutes and the mission of**  
81 **Milwaukee County.**  
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