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Summary of Governor Walker's 2017-19 Executive Budget Impact on the City of Milwaukee

- Analysis of JFC Actions on Governor's Recommendations-

***Items in RED indicate significant or noteworthy changes made by the Joint Finance Committee to the Governor's Proposed Budget.**

LOCAL AID AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

- **Shared Revenue** – Includes no changes to the appropriation for or the formulas for allocating Shared Revenue, Utility Aid or Expenditure Restraint Aid. The City's 2016 payments were \$217.5 million for Shared Revenue, \$1.6 million for Utility Aid and \$8.7 million for ERP and will remain the same.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor's Recommendation.
- **Levy Limits** – Requires county and municipal governments to reduce property tax levies by the amount by which pre-July 2005 debt service decreases from the previous year. Would require an approximate \$280,000 reduction in the City's tax levy limit.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor's Recommendation.
- **Elimination of Forestry Mill Tax** – Eliminates the State forestry tax levied on property tax bills. For City taxpayers, this will result in approximately a \$4.5 million citywide reduction in property taxes or 0.6%.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor's Recommendation.
- **Individual Income Tax Reductions** – Reduces the bottom two income tax brackets of 4.0% and 5.84% to 3.9% and 5.74%, respectively.
 - **JFC:** Delete provision.
- **School Levy Credit** – Increases the credit by 10.2% or \$87 million statewide for property tax bills payable in 2018. In the past, the City has averaged 6.6% of the statewide appropriation, meaning that the citywide benefit will increase from \$56.3 million to \$62 million, or \$5.7 million.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor's recommendation.
- **First Dollar Credit** – In past years, the City averaged 8% of the \$150 million in statewide credits, or \$12 million. With no increase in the appropriation, that will continue for property tax bills payable in 2017 and 2018.
 - **JFC:** Decrease funding by \$1.1 million to reflect the actual amount of property tax year credits to be distributed in July, 2017. Funding for the credit in 2018-19 remains at the base level of \$150 million.

- **Earned Income Tax Credit** – Proposes to increase the earned income tax credit for those with one dependent child from 4% of the federal credit to 11% of the federal credit beginning in tax year 2018. Also reduces the marriage penalty and provides EITC to noncustodial parents who meet their child support obligations.
 - **JFC:** Delete all of the Governor’s recommended modifications to the credit. Decrease funding by \$2.1 million in 2017-18 and increase funding by \$450,000 in 2018-19.

- **Homestead Tax Credit** – Limits the Homestead Credit to those 62 and older, those with disabilities or those with earned income. It also indexes the credit for seniors and those with disabilities starting in 2018.
 - **JFC:** Modifies the formula for non-disabled claimants under the age of 62 with earned income. Non-disabled claimants under age 62 would be ineligible for the homestead credit after tax year 2017. Current law would be maintained for claimants aged 62 or older, whose spouse is 62 or older, those with disabilities, and those with earned income beginning tax year 2018.

- **Personal Property Tax Exemption** – Exempt machinery, tools, and patterns from the property tax effective with property assessed as of January 1, 2018. Create a state aid program administered by DOR to make annual payments to each local jurisdiction that imposed property taxes on personal property in 2017, and set each jurisdiction's payment equal to the amount of property taxes levied by the jurisdiction in 2017(18) on property exempt under this provision. Estimate the amount of the aid payment at \$74,400,000 GPR in 2018-19.

- **State Aid for Tax Exempt Computers, Cash Registers and Fax Machines** – Sunset the current law formula for calculating aid payments after the payments for the 2016(17) property tax year are made in July, 2017. Specify that in July of 2018, each taxing jurisdiction, as defined under current law, will receive an aid payment equal to the payment it received in July, 2017, multiplied by 1.0147.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

- **Newsline for the Blind** – Cost to continue increases of \$16,900 in FY18 and \$35,300 in FY19 are provided to MPL to maintain current levels of service, for a total of \$2,919,100 in FY18 and \$2,937,500 in FY19.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor’s recommendation.

- **Library Service Contracts** – Two of the four providers with whom DPI has service contracts are in the City of Milwaukee, including the Milwaukee Public Library and the Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library (WTBBL). MPL is projected to receive \$61,343 in FY18 and \$62,877 in FY19. The WTBBL is projected to receive \$916,300 each FY.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor’s recommendation.

- **General Equalization Aid** – Increases FY19 aids by \$72,750,000. If all other inputs to the formula remain constant, MPS will receive about \$8 million of this amount.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor’s recommendation.

- **Per Pupil Aid** – Increases from \$250 per pupil to \$450 per pupil FY18 and \$654 in FY19, but a district must certify compliance with Act 10 to qualify. This is an increase of \$200 in FY18 and

an additional \$204 in FY19. For MPS, this likely means an additional \$17 million in FY18 and \$30 million in FY19.

- **JFC:** Approve Governor’s recommendation.
- **Student Mental Health** – Provides \$6.5 million over the biennium to address student mental health issues through three new programs requested by DPI: \$3 million in FY19 for social work expenditures, \$2.5 million in FY19 to support school and community health collaborations, and \$491,300 FY18 and \$514,100 in FY19 with 1 FTE position to support training school employees in trauma-informed care.
 - **JFC:** Funding increased to \$6.85 million over the biennium. Funding to support school and community health collaborations increased to \$3.35 million in FY19. Budget amendment also specifies that private schools are also eligible for aid under the program and would be subject to the same reporting requirements as public school recipients.
- **Summer School Grant Program** – A new grant program is proposed to enhance MPS summer school at \$1.4 million each FY.
 - **JFC:** Remove \$1,400,000 for summer school grants in 2017-18 to make the funding available for 2018-19 and future years. Expand eligibility for funding beyond MPS to include any school district that was placed in a performance category of “fails to meet expectations” on DPI accountability report published in previous year.
- **Early Absenteeism Pilot Program** – Creates a 2-year pilot program to address early absenteeism. There will be a \$50,000 per school, competitive process, year-over-year reduction. Also requires a study of population overlap of public benefit programs and chronic absenteeism among students.
 - **JFC:** Provision deleted.
- **Performance Grant Fund** – Creates a FY19 grant program for public schools, independent charter and choice schools within the MPS geographic district. Rewards schools placed in performance category of “significantly exceeds expectations” or “exceeds expectations” on most recent accountability report and to schools that improved their scores at least 3 points over previous accountability report. Of \$5,645,000 in available FY19 funding, \$1,954,600 will fund a \$100/pupil for performance and 24 out of 152 MPS schools currently fall in that category. The remaining \$3,690,600 will go to schools with 3-point increases.
 - **JFC:** Provide \$3.7 million in 2018-19 for public, private choice, and independent charter schools in districts that received an overall rating of “Fails to Meet Expectations” in addition to all schools located within MPS boundaries. In order to qualify, a school must provide a written plan to improve pupil performance in math and reading. Schools must have a written improvement plan for math and reading in place and, if aid was received in the prior year, must also have improved their overall accountability score from its score two years prior to the previous year.
- **Milwaukee Parental Choice Program** –
 - Increases funding for program to reflect an increase in per pupil payments of \$217/year and reflect enrollment.
 - **JFC:** Approved Governor’s recommendation.
 - Eliminates requirement that participating schools annually satisfy at least one of these standards: a) at least 7-% of pupils advance one grade level ea. year, b) average attendance rate for pupils in program is at least 90%, c) at least 80% of pupils in program

- demonstrate significant academic progress, or d) at least 70% of participating families meet parent involvement criteria established by private school.
 - Prohibits DPI from requiring participating school (if not new and in good standing) to submit an annual operating budget to DPI as evidence of school’s fiscal and internal control practices or of its financial viability.
 - **JFC:** Increase overall funding for Milwaukee Parental Choice Program by \$9.8 million over the biennium. Increase family income eligibility from 185% of the federal poverty level to 220%. Allow students on district cap-imposed waiting lists to enter program at any grade. Allow students in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program to be eligible for the statewide parental choice program regardless of income.
- **Charter Schools** – Increases funding for special needs scholarship program by \$4,276,000 in FY18 and \$6,217,000 in FY19. Eliminates the requirement that DPI reduce the amount of state aid a charter school operator receives from transporting a pupil if the pupil is transported for less than a full school year because they are not enrolled in the school district or charter for entire year.
 - **JFC:** Eliminates prior year public school enrollment requirement.
- **Special Needs Students** – Provides \$7.6 million increase over the biennium for a two pronged approach: a Special Education Transitions Incentive Grant to provide payments based on postsecondary education and employment outcomes for pupils with disabilities and a Special Education Transitions Readiness Investment Grant to support school districts identifying and creating competitive work opportunities for pupils with disabilities and successfully placing those pupils in work opportunities.
 - **JFC:** Adjust payments under the Special Needs Scholarship program to **\$12,207 in 2017-18 and \$12,427 in 2018-19**, which is slightly different than the \$12,217 in 2017-18 and the \$12,434 in 2018-19 proposed by the Governor. This equates to an overall funding increase for the special needs scholarship program of \$4,276,000 in FY18 and \$6,217,000 in FY19. Allow parents and Principal to agree on additional specialized therapeutic services without DPI input or oversight. The sending district is required to pay up to \$18,000 in additional costs (for a total of \$30,000). Provide GPR funds of up to 90% for reimbursement of the remaining costs with no cap.
- **UW System** – Proposes a tuition freeze in FY 17-18 and reduces tuition by 5% in FY18-19. Increases need-based Wisconsin Grants by \$10,193,900 over the biennium.
 - **JFC:** Eliminates tuition reduction and funding for offset and instead freezes tuition for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 academic years.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE

- **Community Policing Grant** – Provides \$1 million GPR each fiscal year for total of \$2 million over biennium to help fund beat patrol officer overtime. Funding is limited to the 10 cities with the highest violent crime rates. DOJ determines grant amount; capped at \$400,000 for a city for a calendar year.
 - **JFC:** Delete GPR funding and provide \$1 million in program revenue annually. Additionally, provide that a city must have a population of 25,000 or more to be eligible to receive a grant.

- **Office of Justice Assistance** – Maintains funding of \$175,000 for MPD’s Shot Spotter Program.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor’s recommendation.
- **Military Affairs** – Provides \$500,000 in FY18 for Mobile Field Force Grants that may be awarded to law enforcement agencies to fund crowd-control training and equipment used for crowd control.
 - **JFC:** Approved Governor’s recommendation.
- **District Attorneys** – Small overall decrease in FTEs (may not impact Milw. Co.), and provided additional funding for pay progression for assistant district attorneys and deputy district attorneys to increase retention.
 - **JFC:** Reduce funding for pay progression by \$60,400 in 2017-18 and \$49,300 in 2018-19.
- **Emergency Preparedness** – Improves statewide large scale incident emergency preparedness by providing \$325,000 PR from the Public Service Commission in fiscal year 2017-18 to support the Dark Sky multistate emergency response exercise involving federal, state, local government, and private business participants.
 - **JFC:** Approved Governor’s recommendation.

TRANSPORTATION

- **General Transportation Aid** – General transportation aids to counties and municipalities will increase by \$40.1 million to a total of \$460 million annually beginning in 2018. Milwaukee is estimated to receive \$25.8 million in GTA and Connecting Highway aids in 2017. The City should receive an approximate \$1.15 million increase under this proposal in 2018.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor’s recommendation.
- **Local Road Improvement Program** – Proposes a statewide increase of \$14 million over the biennium and increases the maximum state share for local projects funded with discretionary grants from 50 percent to 60 percent. Increasing this cost share will allow more local governments to participate in the program by lessening the local funding burden. Over the years, the City typically receives \$1 million per year from the entitlement program which requires a 50% city match. We do not usually apply for funding under the discretionary grant program but with the increased funding, DPW will need to review projects for eligibility.
 - **JFC:** Reduce the proposed increase to a \$5 million annual increase--\$1,668,600 toward formula based program and \$3,331,400 for the discretionary program. For the discretionary program, \$2,873,900 would be for cities and villages.
- **Prevailing Wage** – Repeals the prevailing wage requirements for state construction projects including those let by the Department of Transportation and prohibit any unit of government in Wisconsin from either requiring or considering the use or lack of use of a project labor agreement by a contractor as a condition of bidding on a public works project.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor’s recommendation.
- **Local Bridge Improvement Assistance Program** – Provides an additional \$2.5 million annual increase.
 - **JFC:** Provide an additional \$7.5 million annually for a total of \$10 million annually.

- **Lift Bridge Aid** – Provides an additional \$6,031,500 over the biennium. The City is reimbursed for expenses related to maintenance of KK, Broadway, Wells and State Street lift bridges. The City is expected to receive \$2.2M in 2017.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor’s recommendation.
- **Transit Aids** – No change. Two percent (2%) increase for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Specialized Transportation County Aids.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor’s recommendation.
- **Major Highway Projects** – Proposes to keep the Zoo Interchange project on track and to complete I-94 North/South. No enumeration or funding for the I94 East/West corridor is included.
 - **JFC:** Suspends funding for the north leg of the Zoo Interchange.
- **Rail Investments** – Provides a \$200,000 increase in FY18 for operation of new state owned locomotives on Hiawatha line.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor’s recommendation.
- **Harbor Improvements and Freight Rail** – Increases Transportation Fund-supported General Obligation Bonding authority by \$14M and \$12M, respectively. The Port has received competitive grant funding from these programs in the past.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor’s recommendation.
- **MCTS Bus Purchase** – State will provide up to \$32 million of the VW settlement funds to the county to purchase new buses during the 2017-19 biennial budget. This will lower transit system emissions and target a majority of settlement funds toward a region deemed to be in need of air quality improvement. In return, the County will repay the State 75% of the total grant amount received per year as a reduction in its Shared Revenue payment, for a ten-year period.
 - **JFC:** Eliminate the proposed \$26,000,000 PR distribution to Milwaukee County and the corresponding annual \$1,950,000 GPR HJ-year reduction (\$19,500,000 in total) to Milwaukee County's county and municipal aid payments. Instead, require DOA to distribute no more than \$32,000,000 PR (\$11,000,000 in 2017-18 and \$21,000,000 in 2018-19) from the Volkswagen settlement funds appropriation for the purpose of awarding funding to local transit systems under a newly-created statewide transit capital assistance grant program under DOA. This would be a \$6,000,000 increase for transit capital compared to the Governor's recommendations.
- **Streetcar** – Specify that a TID may not incur expenses related to the operation of a streetcar. Prohibit the state and state agencies from incurring any direct or indirect expenses, including the forfeiture of revenue, relating to the operation or construction unless the expense is reimbursed by the City. Milwaukee County cannot expend funds for the construction. State Urban mass transit operating assistance may not be used for the operation.
- **Hybrid/Electric Vehicle fees** – Create \$75 fee for hybrid-electric vehicles and \$100 fee for electric vehicles effective January 1, 2018.
- **Tolling Study** – Provide DOT with \$2.5 million to study tolling implementation.

- **Federal Aid/State Funding "Swap"** – Require DOT to study the exchange of federal aid and state funding among state and local highway programs.
- **Prohibit condemnation authority for recreational and pedestrian trails** – Prohibit condemnation for the purpose of establishing or extending recreational trails, bicycle ways or lanes or pedestrian ways.

ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- **Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit** – Proposes to limit the credit to annual awards of \$10 million to be competitively awarded on the basis of job creation potential while creating a claw back provision to ensure credits are repaid if pledged job creation totals are not met. Milwaukee developers have been the largest user of the program in the past. The imposition of a \$10 million annual cap will significantly reduce available credits.
 - **JFC:** Deleted all of the Governor’s recommendations except the provision requiring that if a person who claims the state credit is required to repay any amount of the federal credit for the same qualified rehabilitation expenditures on which the state credit was claimed, the person must also repay a proportionate amount of the state credit. Limits the amount of historic credits that WEDC can certify a person to receive to no more than \$5 million for all rehab projects undertaken on the same parcel beginning July 1, 2008. Reduce estimated state tax revenue by \$3 million in 2017-18 and \$13.8 million in 2018-19.
- **Angel and Early Stage Seed Credit Program** – Increases the cap of investments eligible from \$8 million to \$12 million for each qualifying business to expand opportunities for those businesses to obtain more capital. In addition, allows the WEDC to carry forward unutilized credits under these programs to the next calendar year for purposes of requesting reallocations to the Business Development Credit program.
 - **JFC:** Deleted provision. Repeal current law allowing WEDC to request a reallocation of unused angel and early stage seed investment credits and instead permit WEDC to request an increase of up to \$10 million annually to the \$22 million statutory limit for the amount of business development credits that may be allocated.
- **WHEDA** – Gives authority to pilot a prioritization of Housing Choice (Section 8) Vouchers to chronically homeless individuals on the Housing Choice waitlist.
 - **JFC:** Deleted provision as a non-fiscal policy item.
- **Summer Youth Job Program** – The proposed budget eliminates the \$422,000 in annual funding received by Employ Milwaukee for summer youth job programming and reallocates it into other youth programs.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor’s recommendation.
- **Transform Milwaukee Transitional Jobs Program** – Maintains funding at current levels.
 - **JFC:** Approved Governor’s recommendation.
- **Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee** – Provides an additional \$100,000 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding in each fiscal year for a grant to the Boys and Girls Club for Milwaukee Public Schools to implement a program similar to Green Bay's BE

GREAT: Graduate program. Total funding for grants to the Boys and Girls Club is \$1,275,000 in each fiscal year, totaling \$2,550,000 over the biennium.

- **JFC:** Modify Governor's recommendation to specify that the additional annual funding of \$100,000 must be equally distributed amongst Boys and Girls Clubs in Milwaukee, Oshkosh, and Appleton to support the "Be Great: Graduate" program.

- **Fast Forward Program –**

- Increases Training Grants funding by \$5 million in FY18 above overall base funding of \$27 million over the biennium, and add additional eligible projects or programs: registered apprenticeship; teacher training, internships, worker training partnerships.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor's recommendation. In addition, transfer \$168,800 annually from supplies and services to salaries and fringe to permanently fund positions. Delete the requirement that a teacher development program must be designed and implemented with either a school of education in the UW System or a flexible option program in the UW Extension. Expand the eligibility of the teacher development program to include school districts, private schools and charter management organizations. Require that a teacher development program be designed and implemented in partnership with an educator preparation program approved by DPI. Permit teacher development programs to allow individuals that do not have a bachelor's degree to enter a teacher development program.
- Provides \$5 million in FY18 to DWD for Technical College Competitive Grants to provide high school students with industry-recognized certifications in high-demand fields.
 - **JFC:** Approve the Governor's recommendation.
- Provides additional \$1million in FY18 and \$1million in FY19 to expand the Windows-to-Work and vocational training program so that offenders have skills necessary for employment upon reentry into society.
 - **JFC:** Approve the Governor's recommendation.
- Expands opportunities for inmates within six months of release to be housed at county jails in order to participate in work-release and related employment programs.
 - **JFC:** Delete provision as a non-fiscal policy item.
- Provides \$1,050,000 in FY18 and \$50,000 in FY19 to expand the mobile classroom program and provides job skill training for inmates at correctional facilities who are preparing for reentry into the workforce.
 - **JFC:** Modify Governor's recommendation to require, instead of authorize, DWD to award up to \$1,000,000 for grants, and require the grants be awarded to the Dept. of Corrections.
- Creates an apprenticeship coordinator within the Department of Workforce Development to expand apprenticeship opportunities for inmates in correctional facilities.
 - **JFC:** Delete provision.
- Creates a five-year offender re-entry demonstration project using a trauma-informed approach and targeted to formerly incarcerated males who are noncustodial parents over age 18 and returning to certain Milwaukee neighborhoods. Temporary Assistance for

Needy Families (TANF) funding would total \$188,000 in FY18 and \$250,000 in FY19, for a biennial total of \$438,000.

- **JFC:** Approved Governor's recommendation.
- **Veterans Entrepreneur Development Grant** – Provides \$500,000 in each fiscal year for employment and entrepreneurship grants for veterans.
- **Homelessness Employment** – Provides \$75,000 each fiscal year to pilot a homelessness employment program to provide homeless individuals with work experience and work routine through jobs cleaning up municipal parks and public spaces with a goal of transitioning them into permanent employment.
 - **JFC:** Specify that a county be considered a municipality; and that DOA give preference to a municipality that places a priority on using the grant and matching funds for the purpose of paying the wages of homeless individuals participating in the grant program.
- **Job Training Service for FoodShare Recipients** – Provides \$3.3 million in FY18 and \$35.2 million in FY19 to increase the amount of job training and employment assistance services provided to individuals receiving FoodShare benefits by requiring able-bodied adults with school-age children to participate in the FoodShare Employment Training Program (FSET). As many as 80,000 Wisconsinites are projected to be provided an opportunity to participate in employment and training.
 - **JFC:** Modify the Governor's recommendation by only approving the pilot portion of the work requirement to operate from April, 2019, through June 30, 2020. Require that DHS evaluate the pilot program and, depending on its findings, submit a proposal for statewide expansion of the requirement in its 2021-23 biennial budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- **Recycling Grants** – Maintains the recycling grant program with the same amount of funding from the previous biennium. In 2016, Milwaukee received \$2.2 million.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor's recommendation.
- **Environmental Improvement Program** – Restructures the loan program for disadvantaged and extremely disadvantaged communities to provide clean water fund loan rates at 33 percent and 0 percent of the market interest rate. Decreases bonding authority by \$40.5 million.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor's recommendation.
- **Safe Drinking Water Loan Program** – Provides \$5.8 million in General Fund supported general obligation bonding for the 20% state match to the federal capitalization grant. Under federal law, each year up to 30% of the federal capitalization grant or \$4.3 million can be used for disadvantaged community programming, including lead service line removal.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor's recommendation.
- **Forestry Program** – No change in programming even though budget eliminates State Forestry Tax. The City qualifies for a maximum \$25,000 Urban Forestry grant.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor's recommendation.

- **Waukesha Water Supply Planning Area** – Aligns state law with the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council decision to override the water supply public service area proposed by SEWRPC and DNR for the Waukesha Water Utility. This makes the statutes consistent with the decision of the Council to revise the proposed service area for the Waukesha water withdrawal.
 - **JFC:** Delete provision as a non-fiscal policy item.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- **Lead Poisoning** – Updates the definition of blood lead poisoning or lead exposure in the statute from 10 micrograms per deciliter to 5 micrograms per deciliter and increases the Medicaid reimbursement for blood lead investigations to \$800.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor’s recommendation.
- **Mental Health Services** –
 - Peer-Run Respite Center for Veterans - Provides \$450,000 in FY18 to develop a Peer-Run Respite Center for Veterans in the Milwaukee area to improve outcomes of veterans in crisis and those having difficulty coping with mental illness.
 - **JFC:** Amend the Governor’s recommendation to provide a one-time \$450,000 transfer appropriation from DHS for Peer-Run Respite Center for Veterans, and require the department to include in its 2019-21 biennial budget request a proposal for providing ongoing GPR funding for a peer-run respite center providing services to veterans.
 - Provides \$518,000 each fiscal year in DSPS to help modernize the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to combat prescription drug abuse.
 - **JFC:** Reduce funding by \$92,000 in 2017-18 to budget the 5.0 new positions for nine months, rather than 12 months in 2017-18. In addition, permit a practitioner’s agent, in accordance with applicable standards of practice, to conduct a review of a PDMP record on behalf of a practitioner. Specify that the Controlled Substances Board may only refer a pharmacist, pharmacy, or practitioner to the appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation and possible prosecution when the Board has determined that a criminal violation may have occurred.
- **Sex Trafficking Services** – Provides \$2 million in additional funding for services to child victims of sex trafficking. Total funding would be \$2 million in FY18 and \$4 million in FY19.
 - **JFC:** Amend Governor’s recommendation to increase total funding to \$3million annually.
- **Foster Care** – Increases foster care and kinship care rates by 2.5% annually in each calendar year to strengthen foster and kinship care parent recruitment and retention efforts. The basic foster care and kinship care rate would increase from \$232 to \$238 in calendar year 2018 and from \$238 to \$244 in calendar year 2019.
 - **JFC:** Approve Governor’s recommendation.
- **Milwaukee Child Welfare Re-estimate** – Increases the Children and Family Aids allocation by \$1.2 million in FY18 and by \$5 million in FY19 to address increasing child welfare costs.

- **JFC:** Approve Governor’s recommendation; modify the bill to accurately reflect the total CFA allocation and to reflect the funding source for the CFA increase as federal Title IV-E funds.
- **Medicaid Administration and BadgerCare Plus** – This bill requires DHS to submit to the federal government a request for an amendment to the Medicaid waiver for the childless adult demonstration project to provide employment and training services for childless adults eligible for the demonstration project. Currently, the Childless Adult Demonstration Project, also known as BadgerCare Plus Core, provides health services to adults without children who are under the age of 65 and who have family incomes that do not exceed 100 percent of the federal poverty line. BadgerCare Plus Core operates under a waiver of federal Medicaid laws.
 - **JFC:** Delete the funding and positions related to the implementation of the proposed childless adult employment and training program. This would require the Department to implement the program with base funding and positions.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Statutory Printing, Publishing, or Mailing Requirements** – Allows an electronic option for all units of government for any statutory printing, publishing, or mailing requirements. The following documents are excluded from the waiver authority and the electronic option: any election documents, facsimile ballot, referenda, notice of public hearing before a governmental body, and notice of meetings of private and public bodies required by law; and a summons, order, citation, notice of sale, or other notice that is intended to inform a person that the person may or shall do an act or exercise a right within a designated period or by a designated date. In addition, the proposal exempts certified or registered mail.
 - **JFC:** Delete provision as non-fiscal policy item.
- **Rental Weatherization Program** – Eliminates the program in the Department of Safety and Professional Services. Elimination of the program will reduce fees for property owners by \$121,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$121,000 in fiscal year 2018-19.
 - **JFC:** Re-estimate the revenue decrease to \$160,000 annually from program fees, instead of \$121,000 annually under the bill. In addition, delete the authority for DSPS or local governments to enforce violations, stipulations, and orders that occurred before the effective date of the program repeal.
- **Local Government Department Consolidation** – Recommends allowing two or more municipalities the authority to enter into contracts to establish joint agencies or commissions to carry out a certain function that will fulfill each of the participating local governments' obligation to establish such an agency or commission for that function.
 - **JFC:** Delete provision as non-fiscal policy item.
- **Labor and Industry Review Commission** – LIRC is an independent Wisconsin administrative agency established to provide a fair and impartial review of the employment law decisions of administrative law judges in cases involving Unemployment Insurance (UI), Worker’s Compensation (WC), and Equal Rights (ER). The commission’s decisions provide consistency, stability, and integrity to the programs for the employers, employees, insurers, and citizens of the State of Wisconsin. Elimination is a major setback for the City Attorney’s office, which relies heavily on LIRC reviews.

- **JFC:** Delete provision. In addition, request the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to conduct a survey of decisions and orders of LIRC related to unemployment insurance, equal rights and worker's compensation, citing the statutes interpreted by LIRC and whether the decisions and orders were the subjects of actions for judicial review filed in Circuit Court. Request that the survey findings be submitted to the Governor and the Joint Committee on Finance by July 1, 2018.

JFC ADDITIONS

- **Domestic Partner benefits** – Eliminate authority for the state or a local governmental unit to provide for the payment of premiums for hospital, surgical, and other health and accident insurance and life insurance for an employee's domestic partner and dependent children of an employee's domestic partner. Effective 7 months after passage of the bill.
- **Authorize Public Employer Cost Sharing Payments** – Authorize the state or a local governmental unit to pay not only premiums but also cost sharing amounts for hospital, surgical, and other health and accident insurance and life insurance for employees and officers as well as their spouses and dependent children. Further, authorize a local governmental unit to provide for the payment of not only premiums but also cost sharing for hospital and surgical care for its retired employees. Specify that the effective date for the provisions would be the first day of the seventh month after publication of the bill.
- **Wisconsin Reading Corps** – Provide \$300,000 GPR in 2017-18 and \$700,000 GPR in 2018-19 on a one-time basis for the Wisconsin Reading Corps one-on-one AmeriCorps tutoring program. Require matching private funds equal to \$250,000 in each year.
- **College Possible** – Provide \$500,000 GPR annually for College Possible to work with college and high school pupils in Milwaukee. Require matching private funds equal to 20% of the grant amount in each year.
- **Municipal Levy Limit Referenda** – Require the language of a municipal levy limit referendum to include language identifying the specific purpose for which the additional funds levied would be used.
- **Preventing BID Assessments on City of Milwaukee Residential Properties** – Specify that if a First Class City (Milwaukee) specially assesses a mixed-use property located in a business improvement district (BID) that is real property and is partly tax-exempt or residential, or both, the special assessment may be imposed only on the percentage of the real property that is not tax-exempt or residential. This provision would apply to special assessments effective the date of the bill.
- **Property Tax Exemption for Marquette University** – Expand from 80 to 150 acres the existing property tax exemption for the grounds of an incorporated college or university that satisfies all of the following criteria: (a) it is a nonprofit organization; (b) it was founded prior to January 1, 1900; and (c) its total annual undergraduate enrollment is at least 5,000 students, not including students receiving online instruction only. Specify that this provision would first apply to the property tax assessments as of January 1, 2018 (2018-19 property tax year). Under current law, college or university grounds that total 80 acres or less are not subject to property taxation. This

provision increases the exemption limitation from 80 acres or less to 150 acres or less for Marquette University in Milwaukee.

- **County and Municipal Aid: Wisconsin Interoperability System for Communications (WISCOM) and a Statewide 911 System** – Fund the Interoperability Council and the Next Generation 911 system.
- **Local Ordinances Conflicting with State Law** – Prohibits enforcement of ordinances that conflicts with, defeats the purpose of, or goes against the spirit of state law.
- **County Board Approval for Sale or Lease of land owned by Milwaukee County** – The sale or lease of land owned by Milwaukee County must be approved by the County Board to take effect. The Board may only approve or reject a contract as negotiated by the County Executive.
- **Air BNB** – Prohibit ordinances that prohibit the rental of property for seven consecutive days or longer. Requires license from DATCP and political subdivision. Requires room tax collection for Air BNBs.
- **Grant for Building Occupational Skills for Success (BOSS) Program** – Require DWD to provide a grant of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 from workforce training grants appropriation, to Milwaukee Development Corporation (MDC) for the purpose of supporting the BOSS program. MDC, or any other organization, must provide equal matching funds to support the BOSS program. MDC agrees to make the BOSS program curriculum available upon request. MDC agrees to submit a report to JFC on the results no later than 90 days after the program has been implemented in MPS for one year.
- **Career and Technical Education Incentive Grants** – JFC require DWD to allocate not less than \$3,500,000 GPR annually for Career and Technical Education incentive grants from DWD’s workforce training grants appropriation, instead of not less than \$3,000,000 under current law.
- **Technical Education Equipment Grants** – JFC created a technical education equipment grant program and allow DWD to allocate up to \$500,000 annually for technical education equipment grants to school districts from the Department’s workforce training grants appropriation.
- **Grants for Teacher Training and Recruitment** – JFC approved transferring \$500,000 GPR annually and DPI biennial GPR Teach for America appropriation to DWD and rename the appropriation “Workforce development; grants for teacher training and recruitment.
- **Personal Electronic Computing Devices** – Provides \$9.1875 million beginning in 2018-19 school year for grants to public schools, independent charter schools, and tribal schools for personal electronic computing devices. Grants would equal \$125 per ninth grade pupil and would require schools to provide matching funds.