



RESOLUTION # 7-4/11

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 4-24  
BOARD ACTION

Adopted:   
For: 23  
Against: -  
Abstain: -  
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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:   
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Against: -  
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Abs/Excd: 3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:   
For: 7  
Against: -  
Abstain: -  
Abs/Excd: 2

**RE: OPPOSITION TO FUNDING CUTS FOR CHILD SUPPORT IN 2011-13 EXECUTIVE BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Walker's 2011-13 Executive Budget cuts General Purpose Revenue (GPR) funding for Child Support by one-half beginning in July 2012 (July 2012-June 2013); and,

**WHEREAS**, currently La Crosse County's share of GPR funding for child support in 2011 is \$142,112 and a funding cut of one-half would reduce that amount to \$71,056/year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the funding cut of \$71,056/year would have a greater impact upon the La Crosse County Child Support Agency because of the additional loss of Federal Funds that are received at the rate of 66% for every \$1 spent on allowable costs including salary, fringe benefits and other operating expenses; and,

**WHEREAS**, if the Child Support Agency experiences a cut of \$71,056/year in the GPR funding in the State Budget and this amount is not made up through the tax levy or some other revenue source, then the Agency will experience a total annual loss of \$208,988 resulting from the reduction in GPR funding plus the loss of Federal Funds (\$137,932); and,

**WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Child Support Agency already has one of the highest case loads per Support Specialist in the State of Wisconsin based on a review of case loads of our comparable counties (See Attachment A) and a decrease in funding in the amount of \$208,988/year would result in significant staff layoffs that would make the timely collection of child support for custodial parents and their dependent children much more difficult.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board opposes the cut in General Purpose Revenue for Child Support in the 2011-13 Budget and urges Governor Scott Walker and the Wisconsin Legislature to restore the General Purpose Revenue funding for Child Support activities in the State of Wisconsin at the 2011 funding levels of \$8.5 million.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Wisconsin Counties Association, area legislators and Governor Scott Walker.

**FISCAL NOTE:** The Child Support Agency loses approximately \$2 in Federal Funding for every \$1 cut from GPR funding by the State of Wisconsin. Thus a cut \$71,056/year in State funding results in a loss of \$208,988 annually for the Child Support budget because of the additional loss of Federal funds.

Date: April 11, 2011

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

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RECORDING CLERK

Date: 4-14-11

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

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RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	_____	<u>50</u>	_____	Requested By: County Administrator Date Requested: March 30, 2011 Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Fin. Director	_____	<u>601</u>	_____	
Corp. Counsel	_____	<u>WAS</u>	_____	
Board Chair	<u>SD/ma</u>	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 19 Day of April, 2011

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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE  
I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

[Signature]  
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk