



## 2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 3

January 27, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives GOTTLIEB, J. FITZGERALD, BALLWEG, BIES, BROOKS, DAVIS, FRISKE, GUNDERSON, GUNDRUM, HONADEL, HUEBSCH, KAUFERT, KERKMAN, KESTELL, KLEEFISCH, KNODL, KRAMER, LEMAHIEU, LOTHIAN, MEYER, MONTGOMERY, MURSAU, MURTHA, NERISON, NEWCOMER, NYGREN, A. OTT, J. OTT, PETERSEN, PETROWSKI, PRIDEMORE, RHOADES, RIPP, ROTH, SPANBAUER, STONE, STRACHOTA, SUDER, TAUCHEN, TOWNSEND, VAN ROY, VOS, VUKMIR, M. WILLIAMS and ZIPPERER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

- 1 **To create** joint rule 28; **relating to:** creating the Joint Committee on Economic
- 2 Stimulus Accountability.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This joint resolution creates the Joint Committee on Economic Stimulus Accountability (JCESA), consisting of five members from each house. Under the joint resolution, the speaker of the assembly must appoint three members from the assembly, the assembly minority leader must appoint two members from the assembly, the senate majority leader must appoint three members from the senate, and the senate minority leader must appoint two members from the senate.

The joint resolution provides that neither house may pass a bill to appropriate funds received through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, or any similar or successor federal legislation signed into law before July 1, 2009, unless JCESA has held a public hearing on the bill and issued a report containing all of the following information: a determination by JCESA that all projects for which the funds are expended in the bill are an appropriate use of public funds; the amount, if any, that the proposed expenditures contained in the bill will increase the state's structural deficit; a determination by JCESA that proper safeguards are contained in the bill to prevent any appropriated funds in the bill from being paid to an individual who or entity that has outstanding obligations to the state; and an estimate of the number of private sector jobs and public sector jobs that will be created by the projects for which the funds are expended. Under the bill, JCESA must hold the public hearing within seven days of the referral of the bill to the committee and issue its report no later than seven days after the public hearing.

The joint resolution finally provides that JCESA is abolished on the 90th day after all moneys received through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment

Act of 2009, or any similar or successor federal legislation signed into law before July 1, 2009, have been appropriated by law.

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1           ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:***

2           **SECTION 1.** Joint rule 28 is created to read:

3           **JOINT RULE 28. Joint committee on economic stimulus accountability.**

4           (1) There is created a joint committee on economic stimulus accountability,  
5           consisting of 5 members from each house. The speaker shall appoint 3 members from  
6           the assembly, the assembly minority leader shall appoint 2 members from the  
7           assembly, the senate majority leader shall appoint 3 members from the senate, and  
8           the senate minority leader shall appoint 2 members from the senate.

9           (2) Neither house may pass a bill to appropriate funds received through the  
10          federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, or any similar or  
11          successor federal legislation signed into law before July 1, 2009, unless the joint  
12          committee on economic stimulus accountability has held a public hearing on the bill  
13          and issued a report containing all of the following information:

14          (a) A determination by the committee that all projects for which the funds are  
15          expended in the bill are an appropriate use of public funds.

16          (b) The amount, if any, that the proposed expenditures contained in the bill will  
17          increase the state's structural deficit.

18          (c) A determination by the committee that proper safeguards are contained in  
19          the bill to prevent any appropriated funds in the bill from being paid to an individual  
20          who or entity that has outstanding obligations to the state.

21          (d) An estimate of the number of private sector jobs and public sector jobs that  
22          will be created by the projects for which the funds are expended.

1           (3) The joint committee on economic stimulus accountability shall hold the  
2 public hearing under sub. (2) within 7 days of the referral of the bill to the committee  
3 and issue its report no later than 7 days after the public hearing.

4           (4) The joint committee on economic stimulus accountability is abolished on the  
5 90th day after all moneys received through the federal American Recovery and  
6 Reinvestment Act of 2009, or any similar or successor federal legislation signed into  
7 law before July 1, 2009, have been appropriated by law.

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