

To: DPI Staff
From: Grant Huber, Legislative Liaison
Date: January 31, 2020
Re: Legislative Update

1. UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS

February Senate Session

- The **Senate** is expected to be in session on **Wednesday, February 19**, likely to start at 1 pm.
 - **The State of the Tribes** is being held on **Tuesday, February 18** at 1 pm.
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COMMITTEE NOTICES

Assembly Energy and Utilities Committee, Tues., Feb. 4, 225-NW

Public Hearing-1:30 pm

- AB-475 Lead Testing (Thiesfeldt, Jeremy) Testing for lead in drinking water in facilities used for recreational and educational camps and child care.
- AB-476 Lead Testing (Thiesfeldt, Jeremy) Lead testing of potable water sources in certain schools; providing loans for lead remediation in certain schools; and providing an exception to referendum restrictions for lead remediation.

Assembly Education Committee, Thurs., Feb. 6, 417-N

Executive Session- 9 AM

- AB-737 Open Enrollment (Loudenbeck, Amy) Applications for full-time open enrollment.

Public Hearing-

- AB-594 Teacher Prep Requirements (Kulp) Requirements for teacher preparatory programs in this state, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority.
- AB-595 Teacher Grants (Kulp) Grants for teachers who receive certain credentials in advanced structured literacy and making an appropriation.

- AB-601 Dyslexia Training (Kulp) Requiring an online dyslexia awareness training for school district employees.
- AB-603 Reading Test Scores (Kulp) Publishing Foundations of Reading test scores.
- AB-604 Pupils with Dyslexia (Kulp) Programs to identify and address pupils with dyslexia in public schools.
- AB-632 Reading Readiness (Kulp) Assessments to evaluate reading readiness.
- AB-635 Dyslexia Specialist (Kulp) Requiring each cooperative educational service agency to employ a dyslexia specialist.
- AB-810 School Accounting (Felzkowski) Creating a computerized uniform school budget and accounting system.
- AB-779 Athletic Participation (Allen) Participation in interscholastic athletics and extracurricular activities.

2. LEGISLATIVE DRAFT BILLS CIRCULATING FOR SPONSORS (Co-sponsorship Memos)

- LRB-2470 Memo Parental Choice Phase out (Brostoff) Phasing out parental choice programs and the Special Needs Scholarship Program, repealing the achievement gap reduction program and the student achievement guarantee program, creating a new student achievement guarantee program, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation. *Deadline: Tuesday, February 4, 5 pm*
- LRB-4321 Memo Teacher Loan Program (Johnson) Allowing certain child care providers to participate in the teacher loan program and making an appropriation. *Deadline: Thursday, February 6, 5 pm*
- LRB-4911 Memo Collective Bargaining (Larson) Bargaining over wages, hours, and conditions of employment for public employees. *Deadline: Saturday, February 8, 4 pm*
- LRB-4913 Memo Civil Service System (Larson) The state civil service system. *Deadline: Saturday, February 8, 4 pm*

3. INTRODUCED LEGISLATION & APPOINTMENTS

Assembly

- AB-801 Freshwater Collaborative (Novak) Funding a University of Wisconsin System freshwater collaborative and making an appropriation. *Referred to Assembly Colleges and Universities*
- AB-810 School Accounting (Felzkowski) Creating a computerized uniform school budget and accounting system. *Referred to Assembly Education*

- **AB-816 Holocaust Education** (Plumer) Incorporating the Holocaust and other genocides into the state model social studies standards and requiring instruction on the Holocaust and other genocides. *Referred to Assembly State Affairs*
- **AB-839 Epi Syringes** (Sortwell) Use of epinephrine prefilled syringes and standing order for epinephrine. Referred to Assembly Health
- **AJR-123 School Safety Patrol** (Thiesfeldt) Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the American Automobile Association's School Safety Patrol Program. *Referred to Assembly Rules*

Senate

- **SB-704 College Savings Account** (Kooyenga) Modifying the individual income tax treatment for contributions to and withdrawals from a college savings account and modifying an administrative rule of the Department of Financial Institutions related to the college savings program. *Referred to Senate Committee on Agriculture, Revenue, & Financial Institutions*
- **SB-705 Athletic Participation** (Petrowski) Participation in interscholastic athletics and extracurricular activities. *Referred to Senate Committee on Education*
- **SB-712 Freshwater Collaborative** (Darling) Funding a University of Wisconsin System freshwater collaborative and making an appropriation. Referred to Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Energy
- **SB-713 Hmong Instruction** (Taylor) Directing school boards to provide instruction on Hmong Americans. *Referred to Senate Committee on Education*
- **SB-742 Inspector General** (Craig) Creating a legislative office of inspector general and making an appropriation. *Referred to Senate Committee on Insurance, Financial Services, Government Oversight, & Courts*
- **SB-743 School Accounting** (Darling) Creating a computerized uniform school budget and accounting system. *Referred to Senate Committee on Education*
- **SB-744 Holocaust Education** (Darling) Incorporating the Holocaust and other genocides into the state model social studies standards and requiring instruction on the Holocaust and other genocides. *Referred to Senate Committee on Education*
- **SB-750 Tobacco Prevention Campaign** (Schachtner) Public health campaign for prevention of tobacco and electronic cigarette use, a grant program to support organizations working on youth vaping and cessation services, and making an appropriation. *Referred to Senate Committee on Health & Human Services*
- **SB-759 Epi Syringes** (Jacque) Use of epinephrine prefilled syringes and standing order for epinephrine. *Referred to Senate Committee on Health & Human Services*
- **SJR-089 School Safety Patrol** (Olsen) Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the American Automobile Association's School Safety Patrol Program. *Referred to Senate Committee on Organization*

4. COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD

Senate Elections, Ethics, & Rural Issues Committee, Fri., Jan. 24. Paper Ballot

Executive Session

- SB-606 Election Inspectors (Bernier) Allowing a pupil enrolled in a home-based educational program to serve as an election inspector. *Passage recommended, 5-0.*

Senate Education Committee, Tues., Jan. 28

Public hearing-10 AM

- SB-595 Online Learning (Darling) An online early learning pilot program and making an appropriation. DPI Registered in Support and submitted written testimony. Click [here](#) for all committee handouts and testimony
- SB-688 Open Enrollment (Olsen) Applications for full-time open enrollment.

Assembly Constitution and Ethics Committee, Tues., Jan. 28, 300-NE

Public Hearing- 10 AM

- AJR-108 Partial Veto Prohibition (Kuglitsch) Prohibiting the governor from using the partial veto to increase state expenditures (first consideration).

Joint Law Revision Committee, Wed., Jan. 29, 225-NW

Public Hearing- 10 AM

- Audit Report 19-28: DOJ School Safety Grants and Plans

Assembly State Affairs, Wed., Jan. 29, 328-NW

Public Hearing 10:01 AM

- AB 670 Increasing Retirement Age (Felzkowski) Increasing the minimum retirement age under the Wisconsin Retirement System; decreasing the minimum break in service for annuitants in the Wisconsin Retirement System who are rehired by a participating employer, and allowing rehired annuitants to elect to not participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System.

Senate Gov't Operations, Technology, & Consumer Protection Committee, Wed., Jan. 29, 330-SW
Public Hearing-10:30 AM

- **SB-690 Fee Reports** (Bernier) Biennial reports regarding fees charged by executive agencies.
- **SB-612 Increasing Retirement Age** (Stroebel) Increasing the minimum retirement age under the Wisconsin Retirement System; decreasing the minimum break in service for annuitants in the Wisconsin Retirement System who are rehired by a participating employer, and allowing rehired annuitants to elect to not participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System.

Assembly Health Committee, Wed., Jan. 29, 417-N
Executive Session-9 AM

- **AB-487 Psychology** (Tittl) The practice of psychology, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority

Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee, Wed., Jan. 29, 400-SE
Public Hearing-12:30 pm

- **SB-712 Freshwater Collaborative** (Darling, Alberta) Funding a University of Wisconsin System freshwater collaborative and making an appropriation.

Assembly Regulatory Licensing Reform Committee, Thurs., Jan. 30, 415-NW
Executive Session- 10 AM

- **AB-674 Fee Waivers** (Thiesfeldt) License fee waivers for veterans' spouses. *Passage recommended, 6-0.*

Assembly Colleges and Universities Committee, Thurs., Jan. 30, 225-NW
Executive Session-10 AM

- **AB-230 Military Credit Transfer** (Kurtz) Transferring academic credits from military transcripts to University of Wisconsin System schools and technical colleges. *Passage recommended, 14-0.*
- **AB-556 Teaching Hours** (Loudenbeck,) Recognizing teaching hours for providing certain extension services of the University of Wisconsin System. *Sub. 1 adopted, 14-0. Passage as amended recommended, 14-0.*

Public Hearing

- **AB-800 Well Testing Grants** (Shankland) Supporting the Center for Watershed Science and Education, creating a hydrogeologist position, funding research on phosphorus recovery and reuse,

creating grant programs for counties to test wells and provide public education, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

- **AB-801 Freshwater Collaborative** (Novak) Funding a University of Wisconsin System freshwater collaborative and making an appropriation.

Assembly Campaigns and Elections Committee, Thurs., Jan. 30, 400-NE
Public Hearing-10 AM

- **AB-667 Election Inspectors** (James) Allowing a pupil enrolled in a home-based educational program to serve as an election inspector.

Senate Universities, Tech Colleges, Children & Families Committee, Fri., Jan. 31, Paper Ballot
Executive Session

- **SB-497 Teaching Hours** (Marklein) Recognizing teaching hours for providing certain extension services of the University of Wisconsin System.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES ACTIVITY

Notices of Submittal of Proposed Rules to Legislative Council Clearinghouse

- **DPI (PI 34). CR 20-005.** Changes to PI 34 as a result of 2019 Wisconsin Act 44.

Rule-Making Notices

- **DPI (PI 34). CR 20-005.** Changes to PI 34 as a result of 2019 Wisconsin Act 44.

1 pm: Monday, Feb. 24. GEF 3, Room 041, 125 S. Webster Street, Madison.

Notices of Submittal of Rules to Legislature in Final Draft Form

- **DPI (PI 35). CR 19-120.** Changes to rules governing the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program as a result of 2017 Wisconsin Acts 36 and 59 and other changes.
- **DPI (PI 48). CR 19-121.** Changes to rules governing the Parental Choice Programs as a result of 2017 Wisconsin Act 36 and 59 and other changes.
- **DPI (PI 30). CR 19-147.** Clarifying high cost special education aid.

Link to DPI Guidance Documents Available for Public Comment

6. OTHER

Governor Signs Executive Order on Student Debt

Governor Evers has signed Executive Order #67, creating a Task Force on Student Debt. According to the Order the Task Force will include:

- Secretary of the Dept. of Financial Institutions (chair), or designee;
- Governor, or designee;
- Executive Director, Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board, or designee;
- Sec. of the Dept. of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, or designee;
- State Superintendent of DPI, or designee;
- Sec. of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, or designee;
- President of the UW System, or designee;
- President of the WI Technical College System, or designee;
- President of the WI Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, or designee;
- Two members of the Assembly, one from each party;
- Two members of the Senate, one from each party;
- Representative from the WI Tribal Nation;
- Individuals appointed by the Governor which may include business community, academic community, financial services industry, student loan borrowers, and parents of student loan borrowers.

Legislative Tracking System

Please note that we have updated our legislative tracking system. There is now a downloadable spreadsheet on our legislative page (<https://dpi.wi.gov/legislative-policy-outreach/legislation>) where you, and any member of the public, can access all of the legislation related to schools and libraries that we are tracking, along with the related fiscal estimates, DPI positions, and any resulting acts and act memos. We are planning on keeping this external file updated on a weekly basis.

7. FEDERAL UPDATES

Federal Rules

You may view any **federal rules** currently under consideration and any comments submitted by DPI. A number of newly published rules available for comment have been added.