



## **School Administrators Alliance**

*Representing the Interests of Wisconsin School Children*

### **SAA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**March 18, 2025**

#### **STATE BUDGET UPDATE**

The Joint Committee on Finance will hold public hearings on the Governor's 2025-27 Biennial Budget (Senate Bill 45/Assembly Bill 50) according to the schedule below:

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| <b>Wednesday, April 2, 2025 (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) *</b><br>Kaukauna High School<br>Auxiliary Gymnasium (Door AA4)<br>1701 County Road CE<br>Kaukauna, WI 54130 | <b>Friday, April 4, 2025 (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) *</b><br>Wisconsin State Fair Park<br>Exposition Center<br>640 South 84th Street<br>West Allis, WI 53214<br><i>Parking at Gate 4</i> |
| <b>Monday, April 28, 2025 (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) *</b><br>Hayward High School Auditorium<br>10320 Greenwood Lane<br>Hayward, WI 54843                           | <b>Tuesday, April 29, 2025 (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) *</b><br>Northcentral Technical College<br>Center for Health Sciences<br>1000 West Campus Drive<br>Wausau, WI 54401                |

In person testimony is preferred however, written comments can be emailed to the Committee at [budget.comments@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:budget.comments@legis.wisconsin.gov) or <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/topics/budgetcomments>.

**Please remember to copy your legislators on any written communication you submit.**

#### **SCHOOL REFERENDA QUESTIONS – APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>**

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| <b>Issue Debt</b>    | 31        |
| <b>Non-Recurring</b> | 53        |
| <b>Recurring</b>     | 5         |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>93</b> |

A complete listing can be found on the SAA website - [School-Referendum-April-1-2025.pdf](#)

#### **UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS**

##### **Assembly Floor Session - Tues, March 18, 11:00am**

The State of the Tribes Address, by Thomas Fowler of the St. Croix Chippewa -11 AM to a joint convening of the Seante and Assembly. Assembly members were told to continue to hold March 19 and 20 open for possible additional session days.

The Assembly [calendar](#) includes the following K-12 related bills:

- [AB-098](#) Tribal Regalia (Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations) Pupils wearing traditional tribal regalia at a graduation ceremony or school-sponsored event.
- [AB-099](#) Vital Records (Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations) Authorization for tribal governments to copy certified copies of vital records for administrative use.
- [AB-101](#) School District Reports (Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations) Requiring school districts to report information related to American Indian children attending school in the school district.

### **Senate Floor Session - Tues, March 18, 12:30pm**

Following the State of the Tribes Address the Senate will convene a floor session.

The Senate [calendar](#) includes the following K-12 related bills:

- [AB-001 Educational Assessment Program](#) (Wittke, Robert) Changes to the educational assessment program and the school and school district accountability report

### **Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules. Wed., March 19, 12:15pm**

[Public Hearing](#) and [Executive Session](#) 12:15 PM

- [EmR2413](#) Department of Public Instruction (PI) Bilingual-bicultural supplemental licenses.

### **LEGISLATIVE DRAFT BILLS CIRCULATING FOR SPONSORS** (Co-Sponsorship Memos)

- [LRB-1723 Memo](#) Rehired Annuitants (Wittke, Kitchens, Marklein) Rehired annuitants in the Wisconsin Retirement System. Deadline: Wednesday, March 19.

### **LEGISLATION INTRODUCED**

#### **Assembly**

- [AB-109](#) Teaching License (Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations) A lifetime license that authorizes an individual to teach an American Indian language in an American Indian language program and modifying rules promulgated by the Department of Public Instruction. Referred to Assembly Committee on Education
- [AB-110](#) Council Membership (Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations) The membership of the Professional Standards Council for Teachers. Referred to Assembly Committee on Education
- [AB-120](#) DOJ Positions (Novak, Todd) Positions for the Office of School Safety. Referred to Assembly Committee on Education
- [AB-122](#) Open Enrollment (Tucker, Duke) Alternative open enrollment application procedures for residency change based on military orders. Referred to Assembly Committee on Education
- [AB-125](#) Vel Phillips Day (Moore Omokunde, Supreme) Special observance days in schools.
- Referred to Assembly Committee on State Affairs
- [AB-126](#) School Bus Lamps (Tusler, Ron) School bus back-up lamps. Referred to Assembly Committee on Transportation
- [AB-129](#) Drinking Water (Mursau, Jeffrey) Providing safe drinking water in public and private schools. Referred to the Assembly Committee on Education.

#### **Senate**

- [SB-119](#) Office of School Safety (Quinn, Romaine) Positions for the Office of School Safety. Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety

### **LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS HELD**

#### **Floor Session**

On March 13 the Assembly met in [floor session](#) and acted on the following K-12 related bills:

- [AB-074](#) School Notifications (Franklin, Benjamin) Parental notification of alleged sexual misconduct by a school staff member. Am. 1 to Am. 1 adopted, (Voice Vote). Am. 1 adopted, (Voice Vote). Passed, (Voice Vote). Messaged.
- [AB-091](#) School Resource Officers (Donovan, Bob) The requirement that first class cities and first-class city school districts place school resource officers in schools. Sub. 1 Point of Order, Ruled Non-Germane, Decision of

the chair upheld, 53-44. Am. 1 adopted, (Voice Vote). Passed, [53-44](#). Messaged.

## **Committee Meetings**

### **Assembly Government Operations, Accountability & Transparency, Tues., Mar 11, 11:00am**

#### Informational Hearing-

The committee will hear from invited speakers only. There will be no opportunity for public testimony.

Telework, Space Management, and Cybersecurity

- Legislative Audit Bureau Joe Chrisman, State Auditor
- Wisconsin Department of Administration Secretary-designee Kathy Blumenfeld
- Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Dr. Jill Underly, State Superintendent

Legislative Audit Bureau Reports 23-22 Telework, Space Management, and Risk Management: Department of Administration and 23-23 Telework, Space Management, and Risk Management: University of Wisconsin System may be accessed at <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/lab/audit-reports/reports-by-year>.

### **Assembly Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, Tues, Mar 11, 11:00am**

#### Executive Session-

- [AB-091](#) School Resource Officers (Donovan, Bob) The requirement that first class cities and first-class city school districts place school resource officers in schools. [Am.1](#) adopted, 12-0. Passage as amended recommended, 8-4 (Emerson, Doyle, McGuire, Spaude).
- [AB-074](#) School Notifications (Franklin, Benjamin) Parental notification of alleged sexual misconduct by a school staff member. [Am.1](#) adopted, 9-2 (Emerson, Spaude). Passage as amended recommended, 10-2 (Emerson, Taylor). Leg Council Amendment [Memo](#)

### **Assembly State Affairs Committee, Wed., Mar 12, 10:30am**

#### Executive Session-

- [AB-098](#) Tribal Regalia (Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations) Pupils wearing traditional tribal regalia at a graduation ceremony or school-sponsored event. Passage recommended, 9-0.
- [AB-099](#) Vital Records (Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations) Authorization for tribal governments to copy certified copies of vital records for administrative use. Passage recommended, 9-0.

### **Senate Gov't Operations, Labor & Economic Development, Wed., March 12, 10:30am**

#### Public Hearing-10:30 AM

#### Executive Session- Thurs., March 13, Paper Ballot

- [SB-085](#) Tribal Regalia (Joint Legislative Council) Pupils wearing traditional tribal regalia at a graduation ceremony or school-sponsored event. Passage recommended, 4-1 (Kapenga). DPI Registered in Support
- [SB-087](#) Teaching License (Joint Legislative Council) A lifetime license that authorizes an individual to teach an American Indian language in an American Indian language program and modifying rules promulgated by the Department of Public Instruction. Passage recommended, 4-1 (Kapenga). DPI Registered in Support
- [SB-088](#) Council Membership (Joint Legislative Council) Membership of the Professional Standards Council for Teachers. Passage recommended, 4-1 (Kapenga). DPI Registered in Support. DPI Registered in Support
- [SB-089](#) School District Reports (Joint Legislative Council) Requiring school districts to report information related to American Indian children attending school in the school district. Passage recommended, 4-1 (Kapenga). DPI Registered in Support

### **Assembly Education Committee, Thurs., March 13, 9:00am**

### Executive Session-

- [AB-101](#) School District Reports (Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations) Requiring school districts to report information related to American Indian children attending school in the school district. Passage recommended, 11-0.
- [AB-100](#) Athletic Sports (Dittrich, Barbara) Designating athletic sports and teams operated or sponsored by public schools or private schools participating in a parental choice program based on the sex of the participants. [Am.1](#) adopted, 7-4 (Hong, Cruz, Phelps, Sheehan). Passage as amended recommended, 7-4 (Hong, Cruz, Phelps, Sheehan).
- [AB-103](#) School Policies (Dittrich, Barbara) School board policies related to changing a pupil's legal name and pronouns. Referred to Assembly Committee on Education [Am.1](#) adopted, 7-4 (Hong, Cruz, Phelps, Sheehan). Passage as amended recommended, 7-4 (Hong, Cruz, Phelps, Sheehan).

### **Senate Committee on Education, Thursday, Mar 13, 10:00am**

#### Public Hearing-

- [AB-001 SB-018](#) Educational Assessment Program (Wittke/Jagler) Changes to the educational assessment program and the school and school district accountability report.
- [AB-002/SB-029](#) Wireless Devices (Kitchens, Cabral-Guevara) Requiring school boards to adopt policies to prohibit the use of wireless communication devices during instructional time.

### **Senate Committee on Education, Friday, March 14, 11:00am**

#### Executive Session- Paper Ballot

- [AB-001/SB-018](#) Educational Assessment Program (Wittke/Jagler) Changes to the educational assessment program and the school and school district accountability report. Passage Recommended 3-2

### **Licensing, Regulatory Reform, State & Federal Affairs Thurs., March 13, 10:00am**

#### Executive Session-10 AM (Paper Ballot)

- [SB-027](#) In-Person Work (Tomczyk, Cory) Requiring state employees to perform their work at the offices of their employer. Passage Recommended 3-2 (Carpenter, Larson)

### **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES ACTIVITY**

#### **Emergency Rules Now in Effect**

- DPI (PI 34) [EmR2413](#). Bilingual-bicultural supplemental licenses. (Nov. 1, 2024 –March 30, 2025).

#### **Scope Statements**

- DPI (PI 34). [SS 013-25](#). Clarifying the educational interpreter, 1-year renewable license.
- DPI (PI 34). [SS 014-25](#). Creating a board-certified behavior analyst license as a related service.
- DPI (PI 34). [SS 015-25](#). Creating a pre-student teaching school setting exception for the speech-language pathologist license.

#### **Notices of Submittal of Proposed Rules to Legislative Council Clearinghouse**

- DPI (PI 34). [CR 25-016](#). Definition of good standing for tier I charter school principal licenses and tier II licenses based on reciprocity.
- DPI (PI 34). [CR 25-017](#). Program coordinator licenses.
- DPI (PI 34). [CR 25-018](#). Pre-student teaching requirements for supplementary area licenses.

For an update on the status of all DPI Rules please refer to this [link](#).

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