



School Administrators Alliance

Representing the Interests of Wisconsin School Children

SAA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

March 27, 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:

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

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

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

FISCAL BUREAU SUMMARIES

The Legislative Fiscal Bureau summary of the Governor's Budget Recommendations is available.

- [Summary of Governor's Budget Recommendations](#) - (by Agency)
- [Summary of Governor's Budget Recommendations](#) - (Summary Tables)
- [Summary of Governor's Budget Recommendations](#) - (Entire Document)

REFERENDUM

The [following is a list of the school referendum](#) scheduled for the April 1 election.

UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS

Committee hearings

No K-12 related committee meetings or floor actions were scheduled for the week of March 24-28.

LEGISLATIVE DRAFT BILLS CIRCULATING FOR CO-SPONSORSHIP

- [LRB-2332 Memo](#) Abuse Prevention Education (Gundrum, Rick) Requiring child sexual abuse prevention education

LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

Assembly

- [AB-141](#) Social Worker Certificates (Snyder, Patrick) Provisional social worker certificates and licenses. *Referred to Assembly Committee on Regulatory Licensing Reform*

Senate

- [SB-134](#) Open Enrollment (Jacque, Andre) Alternative open enrollment application procedures for residency change based on military orders. *Referred to Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Veterans & Military Affairs*
- [SB-135](#) Vel Phillips Day (Drake, Dora) Special observance days in schools. *Referred to Senate Committee on Education*
- [SB-136](#) School Bus Lamps (Tomczyk, Cory) School bus back-up lamps. *Referred to Senate Committee on Transportation & Local Government*

LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS HELD

Floor Session

On March 18, Thomas Fowler of the St. Croix Chippewa delivered the State of the Tribes Address before a joint session of the legislature. Both the Assembly and Senate also met later that day to consider a number of bills.

The Assembly met in [floor session](#) on March 18 and acted on 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. *Passed, (Voice Vote). Messaged.*
- [AB-099](#) Vital Records (Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations) Authorization for tribal governments to copy certified copies of vital records for administrative use. *Passed, (Voice Vote). Messaged.*
- [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. *Passed, (Voice Vote). Messaged.*

The Senate met in [floor session](#) on March 18 and acted on the following K-12 related bills:

- [AB-001](#) Educational Assessment Program (Witke, Robert) Changes to the educational assessment program and the school and school district accountability report. *Passed, 18-14. Messaged.*
- [AB-099](#) Vital Records (Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations) Authorization for tribal governments to copy certified copies of vital records for administrative use. *Passed, (Voice Vote). Messaged.* (Because the Senate passed the Assembly bill, the identical companion bill SB-086 was tabled).

The Assembly also met in [floor session](#) on March 20 and acted on the following K-12 related bills:

- [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, (Voice Vote). Passed 51-43. Messaged*
- [AB-102](#) College Sports (Dittrich, Barbara) Designating University of Wisconsin and technical college sports and athletic teams based on the sex of the participants. *Am. 1 adopted, (Voice Vote). Passed 50-43. Messaged*
- [AB-103](#) School Policies (Dittrich, Barbara) School board policies related to changing a
- pupil's legal name and pronouns. *Am. 1 adopted, (Voice Vote). Passed 50-43. Messaged*
- [AB-104](#) Gender Transitions (Allen, Scott) Prohibiting gender transition medical intervention for individuals under 18 years of age. *Passed 50-43. Messaged*
- [AB-105](#) Internet Material Distribution (Goeben, Joy) The distribution of certain material on the Internet. *Am. 1 adopted, (Voice Vote). Passed, 69-22. Messaged*

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES ACTIVITY

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

- DPI (PI 34) [EmR2413](#). Bilingual-bicultural supplemental licenses. *(November 1, 2024–March 30, 2025, extended to May 29, 2025).* The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules approved the department's request for a 60- day extension in Executive Session on March 19, 2025.