

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND
REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS; REFERENCE OF
APPOINTMENTS**

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Public Instruction**

July 16, 2007

The Honorable, The Senate:

Pursuant to s. 15.377(8), Wis. Stats., enclosed please find a list of nominees to the Professional Standards Council for Teachers. These individuals were selected based upon organizational recommendations as prescribed in statute. Your confirmation of the appointees is requested.

Sincerely,
ELIZABETH BURMASTER
State Superintendent

BARNETT, JEFFREY, of Whitewater, as a member of the Professional Standards Council for Teachers, to serve for the term ending June 30, 2010.

Read and referred to committee on **Education**.

BENZ, LISA, of River Falls, as a member of the Professional Standards Council for Teachers, to serve for the term ending June 30, 2010.

Read and referred to committee on **Education**.

BOHON, FRANCES, of Marshfield, as a member of the Professional Standards Council for Teachers, to serve for the term ending June 30, 2010.

Read and referred to committee on **Education**.

CATTAU, ANN, of Neenah, as a member of the Professional Standards Council for Teachers, to serve for the term ending June 30, 2010.

Read and referred to committee on **Education**.

HASE, PAULA, of Wausau, as a member of the Professional Standards Council for Teachers, to serve for the term ending June 30, 2009.

Read and referred to committee on **Education**.

OLIVER, JAMIE LYNN, of Ettrick, as a member of the Professional Standards Council for Teachers, to serve for the term ending June 30, 2008.

Read and referred to committee on **Education**.

POLLACK, HILLARY, of Ashland, as a member of the Professional Standards Council for Teachers, to serve for the term ending June 30, 2010.

Read and referred to committee on **Education**.

SCHOESSOW, TERRY, of Mequon, as a member of the Professional Standards Council for Teachers, to serve for the term ending June 30, 2010.

Read and referred to committee on **Education**.

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Public Instruction**

July 16, 2007

The Honorable, The Senate:

I would like to request the following individuals to be removed from confirmation to serve on the Professional Standards Council for Teachers:

Richard Johnson, effective July 1, 2006, to serve until June 30, 2007

Muriel Smith–Gross, effective July 1, 2006, to serve until June 30, 2009

Muriel Smith–Gross, effective August 1, 2003, to serve until July 1, 2006

Mary Zimmerman, effective July 1, 2006, to serve until June 30, 2009

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
ELIZABETH BURMASTER
State Superintendent

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Family Services**

July 19, 2007

The Honorable, The Senate:

The Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) is pleased to submit to you and the Legislature the annual Wisconsin Immunization Program Legislative Report for State Fiscal Year 2007. The attached report is required by Wisconsin Statutes 252.04(11).

Wisconsin continues to make important progress towards attaining the goals set forth in Governor Doyle's KidsFirst Initiative and Healthiest Wisconsin 2010. The percentage of school aged children that meet the minimum immunization standard as required by the student immunization law requirements increased from 88.5% in the 2005-06 school year to 91.7% in the 2006-07 school year. For students attending the

Milwaukee Public Schools there was a significant increase, from 44.9% to 61.3%, in the same time period. DHFS staff continues to work with other public and private partners to identify opportunities to improve immunizations rates for all children living in Milwaukee. Other highlights of the Legislative Report include:

- The implementation of newly licensed vaccines to prevent potentially serious diseases in children and adolescents has increased the amount of federal funds for vaccine purchase from \$18.3 million in SFY 2006 to \$25.9 million in SFY 2007.
- The annual Kindergarten Immunization Assessment indicates a 6% increase in the percentage of children that are considered to have completed their immunizations and a 1.6% decrease in the percentage of children who have opted for a personal conviction waiver.
- The Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) continues to be a success with an increase in the number of records in the system, an increase in users and enhancements added to the system that will be beneficial in a bioterrorism or related event.
- With Governor Doyle's announcement that parents and guardians will have direct access to their children's immunization history in the WIR, there have been approximately 6,000 public access attempts per month.

We are pleased with this progress and will continue our strong partnership with other public and private health care providers in Wisconsin to ensure that children are properly immunized.

With warm regards,
KEVIN R. HAYDEN
 Secretary

Referred to committee on **Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy.**

**State of Wisconsin
 Legislative Audit Bureau**

July 24, 2007

The Honorable, the Legislature:

We have completed an evaluation of the allocation of prosecutor positions, as requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. The State has funded county-level prosecutors, including district attorneys, deputy district attorneys, and assistant district attorneys, since 1990. As of July 1, 2006, there were 424.65 full-time equivalent (FTE) county-level prosecutors statewide. Fiscal year 2005-06 expenditures totaled \$44.4 million, including \$40.8 million in general purpose revenue.

Each year, the State Prosecutors Office in the Department of Administration (DOA) calculates prosecutorial staffing needs in each county using a formula that considers current staffing levels and the number and types of cases prosecuted by

each county. However, the formula has never been used to reallocate positions across counties. The current weighted caseload formula estimates that statewide, district attorneys' offices are understaffed by 117.33 FTE positions.

Prosecutors have expressed a number of concerns with the formula's calculation of staffing needs. We found that while the formula's basic methodology is sound, it uses incomplete data and out-of-date measures of the time required to prosecute cases. Updating the formula will require use of a more accurate data source and a new time study to measure prosecutors' work.

We also examined the extent to which prosecutors' workloads are affected by other agencies, including prisons and the courts. We found that cases involving prison inmates are relatively rare but can be time-consuming, and that better coordination between district attorneys and prison officials could assist in mitigating the workload impact of crimes committed by inmates.

We identify several issues for the Legislature to consider in allocating prosecutor positions. For example, creating a pool of "floating" assistant district attorneys could help counties manage unexpected or short-term workload increases.

We appreciate the courtesy extended to us by DOA, district attorneys and their staffs, and other state and local officials we contacted during our evaluation. DOA's response follows the appendices.

Respectfully submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
 State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
 Joint Legislative Council**

July 26, 2007

The Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to transmit to you the following report to the 2007 Legislature on legislation introduced by the Joint Legislative Council:

RL 2007-6 Special Committee on Navigability and
 Drainage Ditches
 [2007 Senate Bills 235 and 236]

I would appreciate your including this letter in the Journal for the information of the membership. Additional copies of this report are available at the Legislative Council Staff offices, One East Main, Suite 401, or from our web page at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/>

Sincerely,
TERRY C. ANDERSON
 Director

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representative Petrowski added as a cosponsor of **Senate Joint Resolution 53.**