



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Assembly Journal

One-Hundredth Regular Session

FRIDAY, May 13, 2011

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Assembly amendment 5 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 96** offered by Representative Milroy.

Assembly amendment 6 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 96** offered by Representative Milroy.

Assembly amendment 7 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 96** offered by Representative Milroy.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Bill 129

Relating to: creation of the Wisconsin Venture Capital Authority, creation of the badger jobs fund and the jobs now fund certification program, both of which are to be administered by the Wisconsin Venture Capital Authority, making an appropriation, and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Tauchen, Klenke, Kuglitsch, Fields, Williams, Kestell, Nygren, Spanbauer, A. Ott, Van Roy, LeMahieu, Petrowski, Endsley, Bies and Ballweg; cosponsored by Senators Hopper, Darling, Galloway, Leibham, Schultz, Lazich and Olsen.

To committee on **Jobs, Economy and Small Business**.

COMMUNICATIONS

May 13, 2011

Patrick Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

Please add my name as a co-author of Assembly Bill 129, relating to creation of the Wisconsin Venture Capital Authority, creation of the badger jobs fund and the jobs now fund certification program, both of which are to be administered by the Wisconsin Venture Capital Authority, making an appropriation, and providing a penalty.

Sincerely,
JEFFREY MURSAU
State Representative
36th Assembly District

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Milwaukee Public Schools
Milwaukee

May 3, 2011

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

According to Wisconsin School Law 121.87 in accordance with 13.172, the Board is required by law to submit the enclosed reports. School Law 121.87 states "...annually by May 1 the board of school directors of the school district operating under ch. 119 shall submit a report to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2) that specifies the number, percentage, race, sex, grade and attendance area of pupils transferred outside their attendance area without written consent under s. 121.85 (6)(am)."

Enclosed you will find a report that meet the requirements stated above. The total number of intra-district students bused under the Chapter 220 designation for the school year 2010-2011 equals 15,167. Of that number 662 either did not return a consent form or checked box indicating no consent. Students who have moved during the school year and no longer require parental consent were subtracted from the non-returned figure. The district did meet the requirement of ninety-five percent (95%) parents providing consent.

Sincerely,
MICHAEL TURZA, DIRECTOR
Division of Business Services

Referred to committee on **Education**.

State of Wisconsin
WHA Information Center
Madison

May 5, 2011

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Please find enclosed a hard copy of the Guide to Wisconsin Hospitals, FY 2009 produced by WHA Information Center pursuant to s. 153.22, Wis. Stats. The report was posted on our Web site in March 2011. Please feel free to download and print additional copies.

If you have any questions regarding the report you may contact me at 609-274-1820, 800-231-8340 or drickelman@wha.org.

Sincerely,
*DEBBIE RICKELMAN, SENIOR
DIRECTOR*
WHA Information Center

Referred to committee on **Health**.

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

May 9, 2011

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

As required by [2009 Wisconsin Act 219](#), we have completed an evaluation of the BadgerCare Plus Basic Plan administered by the Department of Health Services (DHS). The Basic Plan was established to provide temporary, unsubsidized health insurance for childless adults on a waiting list for the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan, a Medical Assistance program that imposed enrollment caps in October 2009. A total of 5,143 individuals were enrolled in the Basic Plan at some point during the six-month period we reviewed.

Statutes require the Basic Plan's insured benefits and administrative costs to be funded by premiums, although program costs may be subsidized by federal grant funding if it is available. Through December 2010, expenditures exceeded revenues by \$140,300, and the deficit would have been larger without \$1.1 million in federal State Health Access Program grant funding that may not be available in the future.

We identified numerous concerns that are affecting the Basic Plan's sustainability. Most notably, monthly premiums have been insufficient to cover services and administrative costs, services have been provided to individuals who were not enrolled in the plan, and enrollees have received services that are not covered under the plan. In addition, until recently DHS did little to verify the eligibility of applicants and enrollees. We also found that DHS had charged a total of \$878,800 in plan expenditures to two general purpose revenue appropriations, contrary to state law. DHS reversed these transactions when we raised concerns about them during our fieldwork.

DHS has taken recent steps to address the Basic Plan's deficit, including transferring 438 high-cost enrollees with diagnoses of cancer and cardiac conditions to the Core Plan. In addition, DHS suspended enrollment in the Basic Plan in March 2011 and increased the monthly premium from \$130 to \$200 beginning with June coverage. Despite these recent changes, concerns remain regarding the Basic Plan's sustainability. Therefore, DHS and the Legislature will need to consider how best to address the future of the plan, which is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2014.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by DHS in completing this evaluation.

Sincerely,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

May 11, 2011

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

As required by s. [13.94 \(1\)\(em\)](#), Wis. Stats., we have completed our annual financial audit and biennial program evaluation of the Wisconsin Lottery, which is administered by the Department of Revenue (DOR). We have issued an unqualified opinion on the Wisconsin Lottery's fiscal year (FY) 2009-10 and FY 2008-09 financial statements.

Sales of instant game and lotto tickets decreased 5.5 percent over the past five years, from \$509.1 million in FY 2005-06 to \$480.9 million in FY 2009-10. However, largely because of the introduction of a new multi-state lotto game, total sales increased 1.6 percent in FY 2009-10. From FY 2005-06 through FY 2009-10, gaming-related proceeds funded \$699.3 million in property tax relief.

As a management tool, the Wisconsin Lottery calculates ticket sales for each instant game for the first 12 weeks after its introduction, as well as each game's net sales, which reflect both ticket sales and the costs of production and prizes paid, but not product information expenditures. When we included product information expenditures, we found that net sales for 12 instant games that were introduced in FY 2008-09 were lower than net sales for 36 unpublicized games introduced during the same period. We include a recommendation that the Wisconsin Lottery report to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee later this year on how it proposes to measure the effects of its product information expenditures.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by Wisconsin Lottery staff in DOR. DOR's response follows our report.

Respectfully submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor