



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Assembly Journal

One-Hundred and Fifth Regular Session

FRIDAY, June 18, 2021

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

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 68** offered by joint committee on Finance.

Assembly Amendment 5 to **Assembly Bill 75** offered by Representative Moses.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 191** offered by Representative Knodl.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Resolution 19

Relating to: the life and public service of Ann Marie Hraychuck.

By Representatives Magnafici, Milroy, Sinicki, Billings, Bowen, Conley, Doyle, Drake, Emerson, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hintz, Kerkman, B. Meyers, Ohnstad, Pope, S. Rodriguez, Shankland, Shelton, Spreitzer, Subeck, Tauchen, Vruwink and Murphy.

To committee on **Rules**.

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

June 18, 2021

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

The following bill, originating in the Assembly, has been vetoed in its entirety, and was returned to its house of origin, together with the objections in writing:

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Date of Veto</u>
Assembly Bill 59	June 18, 2021

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 59 in its entirety.

This bill increases the income eligibility threshold for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) for the 2021-22 school year to 300 percent of the federal poverty level; allows pupils to submit full-time open enrollment applications to more than three nonresident school districts in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years; and prohibits a resident school board from denying an alternative open

enrollment application in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years if the application is made on the basis of best interest of the pupil. I am vetoing this bill because I object to its proposed changes to the WPCP and open enrollment processes for multiple reasons.

First, I object to diverting resources from school districts to private schools. While the bill authors present this bill as a temporary increase in the income threshold, students who participate in any choice program are not required to meet the income requirement in subsequent years of participation. Therefore, a one-time change in the WPCP income threshold has the potential for long-term financial impacts. Additionally, participation in the WPCP increased by over 30 percent in the 2019-20 school year and 25 percent in the 2020-21 school with the 220 percent income threshold in place, indicating that the current income threshold does not prevent program growth.

Further, I am concerned that the implementation of these proposed changes to the WPCP would increase property taxes in some school districts. Currently, 297 school districts have the potential for increased property taxes as a result of resident students participating in the WPCP. The bill would exacerbate not only property tax increases but the incoherence of Wisconsin's current school funding system among public and private schools in the state.

Additionally, the bill is not timely as the application period for the WPCP for the 2021-22 school year ended on April 15, 2021, leaving no time for parents of newly eligible students to apply.

Moreover, the temporary changes to the open enrollment alternative application procedure reduce the local decision-making ability of school boards. Meanwhile, expanding the number of nonresident school districts a student may apply to in each open enrollment period may result in an increased administrative burden and uncertainty over which school district a student may end up attending.

Finally, in the 2020 open enrollment application period, only 11 of roughly 25,000 applicants were denied under the three school district limit, indicating the current is not as restrictive as portrayed. This is a bill that purports to address problems, but it unfortunately only creates more of them.

Sincerely,
TONY EVERS
Governor of Wisconsin

COMMUNICATIONS

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Edward A. Blazel
Assembly Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Blazel:

Please add my name as a co-author of Assembly Bill 191, relating to eliminating the personal property tax and making an appropriation.

Sincerely,
JON PLUMER
State Representative
42nd Assembly District

June 18, 2021

Edward A. Blazel
Assembly Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Blazel:

Please add my name as a co-author of Assembly Joint Resolution 63, relating to recognizing June 28, 2021, as the 52nd anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising.

Sincerely,
ROBYN VINING
State Representative
14th Assembly District

Edward A. Blazel
Assembly Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Blazel:

Please add my name as a co-author of Assembly Bill 19, relating to justices or judges authorized to officiate a marriage.

Please add my name as a co-sponsor of Senate Bill 14, relating to justices or judges authorized to officiate a marriage.

Sincerely,
JONATHAN BROSTOFF
State Representative
19th Assembly District