# STATE OF WISCONSIN Senate Journal

# One-Hundred and Fifth Regular Session

#### MONDAY, February 7, 2022

The Chief Clerk made the following entries under the above date.

## **CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES**

#### AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Substitute Amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 573** offered by Senator Cowles.

Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 682** offered by Senator Jacque.

Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 692** offered by Senator Cowles.

Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 812** offered by Senator Wanggaard.

Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 836** offered by Senator Jacque.

Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 843** offered by Senator Pfaff.

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 867 offered by Senator Felzkowski.

Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 893** offered by Senator Ballweg.

# INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

#### Senate Bill 944

Relating to: felony theft of property and providing a penalty.

By Senator Jacque; cosponsored by Representatives Brandtjen, Wichgers, Murphy and Knodl.

To the committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

#### Senate Bill 945

Relating to: notifications to local elections officials and the elections commission regarding certain prospective jurors.

By Senator Wimberger; cosponsored by Representatives Sortwell, Knodl, Armstrong, Brooks, Behnke, Cabral-Guevara, Krug, Murphy, Rozar, Tittl and Wichgers.

To the committee on **Elections**, **Election Process Reform and Ethics**.

#### Senate Bill 946

Relating to: whistleblower protection for municipal clerks who witness and report election fraud or irregularities.

By Senators Bernier, Darling, Jacque and Wanggaard; cosponsored by Representatives Petersen, Armstrong, Behnke, Brooks, Edming, Kitchens, Krug, Magnafici and Rozar.

To the committee on **Elections**, **Election Process Reform and Ethics**.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representative Novak added as a cosponsor of **Senate Bill 793**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representative Dittrich added as a cosponsor of **Senate Bill 841**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Ballweg added as a coauthor of **Senate Bill 938**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Ballweg added as a coauthor of **Senate Bill 941**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Ballweg added as a coauthor of **Senate Bill 943**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Jacque added as a coauthor of **Senate Joint Resolution 101**.

#### State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

February 7, 2022

The Honorable, the Senate:

The following bill(s), originating in the Senate, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

| <u>Bill Number</u> | <u>Act Number</u> | Date Approved    |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Senate Bill 158    |                   | February 4, 2022 |
| Senate Bill 242    | 120               | February 4, 2022 |
| Senate Bill 309    |                   | February 4, 2022 |
| Senate Bill 395    | 122               | February 4, 2022 |
| Senate Bill 412    |                   | February 4, 2022 |
| Senate Bill 425    |                   | February 4, 2022 |
| Senate Bill 453    |                   | February 4, 2022 |
| Senate Bill 488    |                   | February 4, 2022 |
| Senate Bill 491    |                   | February 4, 2022 |
| Senate Bill 571    |                   |                  |

| Senate Bill 607 | 128 | February 4, 2022 |
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| Senate Bill 655 | 129 | February 4, 2022 |

Sincerely, TONY EVERS Governor

Pursuant to s. 35.095 (1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes, the following 2021 Act(s) have been published:

| <u>Act Number</u> | <u>Bill Number</u> | <b>Publication Date</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Wisconsin Act 119 | 158                | February 5, 2022        |
| Wisconsin Act 120 |                    | February 5, 2022        |
| Wisconsin Act 121 |                    | February 5, 2022        |
| Wisconsin Act 122 |                    | February 5, 2022        |
| Wisconsin Act 123 |                    | February 5, 2022        |
| Wisconsin Act 124 |                    | February 5, 2022        |
| Wisconsin Act 125 |                    | February 5, 2022        |
|                   |                    | February 5, 2022        |
| Wisconsin Act 127 |                    | February 5, 2022        |
| Wisconsin Act 128 | 607                | February 5, 2022        |
| Wisconsin Act 129 | 655                | February 5, 2022        |
| Wisconsin Act 132 |                    | February 5, 2022        |
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#### State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

February 4, 2022

The Honorable, the Senate:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 332 in its entirety.

This bill would expand the starting and ending times in a day a minor under age 16 is allowed to work for employers not covered by the federal Fair Labor Standards act.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to creating two separate systems of work requirements for employers, which would increase the amount of administrative work for businesses when determining the permissible hours and days they are allowed to employ minors. By creating two legal frameworks on this topic, one for employers subject to the Federal Labor Standards Act and a different one for those that are not, the bill will increase complexity for employers, and could result in unintended consequences.

At a time when our state has the lowest unemployment rate in Wisconsin state history at 2.8 percent and the fewest number of people unemployed in our state ever, we must find meaningful, sustainable, and long-term solutions to the workforce challenges that have long plagued our state. For example, I allocated \$130 million in innovative, community based solutions to address Wisconsin's longstanding workforce challenges. This includes \$100 million for a Workforce Innovation Grant program to encourage regions and communities to develop leading-edge, long-term solutions to the workforce challenges the state faces in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic; \$20 million toward the Worker Advancement Initiative, which will offer subsidized employment and skills training opportunities with local employers to unemployed individuals; and \$10 million for a Worker Connection Program which will provide workforce

career coaches who will connect with individuals attempting to reengage in the workforce post-pandemic.

I also recently proposed putting some of our state's unprecedented projected revenue surplus toward reducing barriers to employment by decreasing the costs for childcare and caregiving. My plan expanded the newly created Child and Dependent Care Credit from 50 percent of the federal credit to 100 percent, providing nearly \$30 million in tax relief to the 107,000 Wisconsinites who claim the credit. I also proposed providing more than \$100 million to create a new income tax credit for qualified expenses incurred by a family caregiver.

By injecting funding into innovative solutions and providing economic relief to those struggling with the cost of childcare and caregiving, we can truly begin to address our workforce challenges, support working families, and get more people back into the workforce. This bill does not further those goals, and I hope the Legislature will join me in addressing this issue with real, meaningful solutions.

Respectfully submitted, TONY EVERS Governor

#### LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU CORRECTIONS

CORRECTIONS IN:

#### 2021 SENATE BILL 520

Prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau (February 7, 2022)

- 1. Page 1, line 3: delete "statutes" and substitute "statutes, as affected by 2021 Wisconsin Act 58,".
- 2. Page 2, line 1: after "purpose." Insert "The state may contact additional public debt in an amount up to \$4,000,000 for this purpose.".

#### 2021 SENATE BILL 836

Prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau (February 7, 2022)

**1.** Page 3, line 11: delete "(3)" and substitute "(4)".

# **REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

The committee on **Education** reported and recommended:

#### Senate Clearinghouse Rule 21-077

Relating to educator preparation program and licensing flexibilities.

No action taken on February 7, 2022.

Referred to the joint committee for review of **Administrative Rules**, February 7, 2022.

#### Senate Clearinghouse Rule 21-082

Relating to general updates to open enrollment procedures.

No action taken on February 7, 2022.

Referred to the joint committee for review of **Administrative Rules**, February 7, 2022.

ALBERTA DARLING Chairperson

The committee on **Natural Resources and Energy** reported and recommended:

#### Senate Clearinghouse Rule 21-063

Relating to regulation of wastewater discharges from dental offices to sanitary sewers and affecting small business.

No action taken on February 7, 2022.

Referred to the joint committee for review of **Administrative Rules**, February 7, 2022.

#### Senate Clearinghouse Rule 21-068

Relating to allowing for third party administration of operator certification examinations and affecting small business.

No action taken on February 7, 2022.

Referred to the joint committee for review of **Administrative Rules**, February 7, 2022.

ROBERT COWLES Chairperson