



STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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Date: January 10, 2018

To: Members of the Assembly Committee on Local Government

Re: 2017 Assembly Bill 618 / 2017 Senate Bill 511

Chairman Brooks and Members of the Committee:

The Joint Legislative Audit Committee introduced AB 618 to eliminate the requirement that the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) perform certain audits. The Audit Committee is uniquely qualified by statute to assign work to the Legislative Audit Bureau; eliminating or modifying certain statutory requirements allows the committee to give the Audit Bureau other relevant assignments.

The changes proposed in Assembly Bill 618 include:

- **Eliminate the requirement that the LAB perform an annual audit of the Read to Lead program.** The Audit Bureau has conducted an audit of the Read to Lead Development Fund three times since its creation in 2012. The fund received \$400,000 in initial funding through a transfer from the general fund and has received an annual GPR appropriation of \$23,600 in each fiscal year since FY 2011-12. Although the Read to Lead Council has the ability to solicit additional funding such as direct contributions, gifts, grants, or bequests, no additional funding has been solicited. Eliminating the requirement that the Audit Bureau audit the activity of this relatively small fund will free-up Bureau resources to conduct audits of areas that could carry greater risk to the state if not well-managed. The Joint Audit Committee could still choose to direct the Audit Bureau to conduct this audit.
- **Modify the requirement that the LAB perform a biennial audit of the Milwaukee County Health Board and mental health programs and services in Milwaukee County.** Instead, such an audit could be performed either at the state auditor's discretion or at the Joint Legislative Audit Committee's directive.
- **Eliminate the requirement that the LAB perform a financial audit of the local government property insurance fund every three years and specify a period for**

a final LAB audit of the fund. Because the 2017 budget bill (2017 Wisconsin Act 59) sunset the Local Government Property Insurance Fund, there will be no continued need to audit the fund and the statutory requirement should be removed. Act 59 also specified that no coverage may be issued after July 1, 2017; no coverage may be renewed after December 31, 2017; no coverage may terminate later than December 31, 2018; and all claims must be filed no later than July 1, 2019. When the Fund's balance becomes insufficient to pay claims that are due, the Department of Administration is statutorily required to transfer from the General Fund an amount sufficient to pay the claims. Under current law, the LAB would need to complete an audit of the fund before the end of 2018. AB 618 replaces that requirement with one for a final audit once all claims have been filed.

Thank you for your consideration of 2017 Assembly Bill 618.

Local Government Property Insurance Fund (LGPIF) Active Policies By Date
For Date Range: 01/01/2018 - 12/31/18

Entity Type	PolicyNum	Name	EffectiveDate	ExpireDate	TIV
TOWN	150820	Town Of How	4/5/2017	4/5/2018	703,095
TOWN	150811	Town of Newton	4/14/2017	4/14/2018	590,472
VILLAGE	160821	Village of Wilson	4/22/2017	4/22/2018	1,845,964
TOWN	151140	Town of West Kewaunee	4/28/2017	4/28/2018	296,583
					3,436,114
MISC	180542	Tri Lakes Management District	5/1/2017	5/1/2018	1,418,430
TOWN	151055	Town Of Washington	5/1/2017	5/1/2018	720,182
VILLAGE	160886	Village of Yuba	5/2/2017	5/2/2018	1,439,658
TOWN	151142	Town of Neshkoro	5/5/2017	5/5/2018	172,043
MISC	180677	Edgar Volunteer Fire Dept.	5/8/2017	5/8/2018	863,476
MISC	180090	South Central Library System	5/10/2017	5/10/2018	2,881,435
MISC	180675	Big Cedar Lake Protect&Rehab Dist.	5/10/2017	5/10/2018	2,018,120
TOWN	151011	Town of Garfield	5/12/2017	5/12/2018	949,296
MISC	180798	RDA of City of Milwaukee	5/17/2017	5/17/2018	16,048,231
TOWN	150183	Town of Gillett	5/19/2017	5/19/2018	855,252
SCHOOL	138318	Unity school District	5/20/2017	5/20/2018	47,512,281
MISC	180500	Northern Waters Library Service	5/21/2017	5/21/2018	1,333,035
MISC	180772	Oshkosh Redevelopment Auth.	5/22/2017	5/22/2018	400,001
TOWN	150829	Town of Koshkonong	5/25/2017	5/25/2018	2,154,244
TOWN	151197	Town of Cross Plains	5/28/2017	5/28/2018	2,302,732
					81,068,416
SCHOOL	138334	Webster School District	6/1/2017	6/1/2018	36,840,234
TOWN	150748	Town of Beetown	6/1/2017	6/1/2018	2,024,075
TOWN	151058	Town Of Ruby	6/1/2017	6/1/2018	1,061,869
TOWN	151156	Town Of Mazomanie	6/1/2017	6/1/2018	1,691,967
TOWN	151130	Town Of Clayton	6/4/2017	6/4/2018	4,160,592
TOWN	151108	Town of Washburn	6/7/2017	6/7/2018	682,362
COUNTY	120057	Sawyer County	6/10/2017	6/10/2018	43,970,232
MISC	180642	Nicolet Federated Library	6/10/2017	6/10/2018	1,333,035
TOWN	151126	Town of Milltown	6/12/2017	6/12/2018	874,172
TOWN	150849	Town of Osceola	6/15/2017	6/15/2018	1,212,030
MISC	180789	Colfax Fire Department	6/16/2017	6/16/2018	876,476

					94,727,044
MISC	180580	Montello Lake Inland Protection &	7/1/2017	7/1/2018	513,382
MISC	180730	Wild Rose Area Fire District	7/1/2017	7/1/2018	1,703,756
SCHOOL	133936	School District of New London	7/1/2017	7/1/2018	98,704,545
SCHOOL	132798	Kenosha Unified SD	7/1/2017	7/1/2018	674,920,956
MISC	180636	Wautome Area Fire Dist.	7/1/2017	7/18/2018	2,173,908
TOWN	151005	Town Of Clinton	7/1/2017	7/1/2018	1,719,808
TOWN	151085	Town Of Milton	7/1/2017	7/1/2018	1,039,752
TOWN	151176	Town Of Porter	7/1/2017	7/1/2018	221,338
SCHOOL	134221	Palmyra-Eagle School District	7/1/2017	7/1/2018	64,685,791
VILLAGE	160860	Village of Tony	7/1/2017	7/1/2018	883,446
TOWN	150405	Town Of Oregon	7/12/2017	7/12/2018	2,117,351
VILLAGE	160822	Village of Clayton	7/12/2017	7/12/2018	3,716,725
MISC	180508	Potosi -Tennyson Sewer Commission	7/15/2017	7/15/2018	5,648,305
MISC	180783	Potosi Tennyson Park Commission	7/15/2017	7/15/2018	203,867
VILLAGE	160965	Village Of Cazenovia	7/15/2017	7/15/2018	2,553,678
					860,806,608
MISC	180430	Webster Rural Fire Association	8/1/2017	8/1/2018	1,479,857
SCHOOL	130084	School District Of Alma	8/1/2017	8/1/2018	17,487,739
SCHOOL	138353	Deerfield Community School District	8/1/2017	8/1/2018	44,033,717
TOWN	150777	Town of Clear Lake	8/1/2017	8/1/2018	1,320,009
TOWN	151011	Town of Garfield	8/1/2017	8/1/2018	914,637
TOWN	151063	Town Of Hunter	8/1/2017	8/1/2018	626,934
VILLAGE	160890	Village of Wheeler	8/1/2017	8/1/2018	6,661,933
TOWN	151067	Town of Deer Creek	8/5/2017	8/5/2018	466,819
TOWN	151110	Town Of Merrill	8/14/2017	8/14/2018	1,812,321
					74,803,966
TOWN	150775	Town of Goetz	9/11/2017	9/11/2018	802,638
VILLAGE	160928	Village of Lublin	9/12/2017	9/12/2018	1,820,164
VILLAGE	160510	Village of Rio	9/24/2017	9/24/2018	5,634,367
					8,257,169
TOWN	150440	Town of Port Wing	10/1/2017	10/1/2018	4,403,684
TOWN	150700	Town of Onalaska	10/5/2017	10/5/2018	3,264,631

MISC	180490	Winnefox Library System	10/15/2017	10/15/2018	2,636,947
					10,305,262
TOWN	150817	Town of Burns	11/1/2017	11/1/2018	993,286
TOWN	150875	Town of Lorain	11/1/2017	11/1/2018	548,623
TOWN	151042	Town of Winchester	11/1/2017	11/1/2018	2,318,689
VILLAGE	160610	Village of Taylor	11/1/2017	11/1/2018	6,500,829
TOWN	151064	Town of Mifflin	11/3/2017	11/3/2018	889,106
MISC	180778	Central BrownCounty Water Authority	11/8/2017	11/8/2018	19,077,613
TOWN	150997	Town of Sand Lake	11/29/2017	11/29/2018	898,216
					31,226,362
MISC	180530	Rolling Stone LakePotect&RehabDist.	12/1/2017	12/1/2018	346,778
TOWN	150200	Town Of Harrison	12/1/2017	12/1/2018	16,343
TOWN	151114	Town Of Shields	12/1/2017	12/1/2018	748,593
TOWN	150886	Town Of Northfield	12/15/2017	12/15/2018	616,809
VILLAGE	160935	Village Of Eland	12/16/2017	12/16/2018	918,858
TOWN	151194	Town of Omro	12/27/2017	12/27/2018	471,720
VILLAGE	160814	Village of Aniwa	12/31/2017	12/31/2018	837,322
					3,956,423

Ex Month	TIV	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
April	\$3,436,114.00									
May	\$81,068,416.00									
June	\$92,517,533.00									
July	\$860,806,608.00									
Aug	\$74,803,966.00									
Sept	\$8,257,169.00									
Oct	\$10,305,262.00									
Nov	\$31,226,362.00									
Dec	\$3,956,423.00									
TIV Total		\$1,168,587,364.00	\$1,162,941,739.00	\$1,081,873,323.00	\$989,355,790.00	\$128,549,182.00	\$53,745,216.00	\$45,488,047.00	\$35,182,785.00	\$3,956,423.00



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Re: 2017 Assembly Bill 618

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The Read to Lead Development Fund was created to provide grants to school districts and other entities to support literacy and early childhood development programs. The 2015-17 budget bill transferred leadership responsibility of the Read to Lead Council, which oversees the grant funding, to the Department of Children and Families. Since 2016, the Department has been solely responsible for administrative and fiscal oversight of the Fund and its related annual GPR appropriation of \$23,600.

The Legislative Audit Bureau is required to complete an annual audit of the Read to Lead Development Fund. Assembly Bill 618 removes the requirement that the Legislative Audit Bureau perform an annual financial audit of the Fund.

The most recent Legislative Audit Bureau audit of the Read to Lead Development Fund was released in November 2017. The report provided several financial and programmatic recommendations that are consistent with the steps the Department is already taking to improve administration of the Read to Lead program. The Department plans to keep the Joint Legislative Audit Committee informed of progress.