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Assembly Passes Payday Lending Bill

By a vote of 59-38, the Assembly this week passed a revised version of [Assembly Bill 447](#) as [Assembly Substitute Amendment 1](#). The revised bill, which regulates the payday loan industry, does not include a rate cap on loans, but it would place limits on the amount of each loan, as well as the number and frequency of the loans that a lender could make to an individual. It would create a database for all lenders to enter their customers' transactions and comply with the bill's requirements. The bill would also prohibit motor vehicle title loans. Finally, the bill would give Wisconsin's Department of Financial Institutions powers of inspection and enforcement. The bill now goes to the Senate, where it is expected to undergo further revision.

WCC Supports School Conference and Activities Leave Bill

The WCC submitted written testimony this week in favor of [Senate Bill 86](#), which would allow employees to take leave from work to attend a child's day care or classroom function. The Senate Committee on Children and Families and Workforce Development took no further action on the bill following its public hearing.

New Bills of Interest

[SB-530. Payday Lenders](#) (Sullivan) Regulates consumer small loans, and limits areas where a payday lender may operate. To Veterans and Military Affairs, Biotechnology, and Financial Institutions.

[SB-534. Housing](#) (Taylor) Employer-assisted housing. To Judiciary.

[SB-536. School Meals](#) (Lassa) Promotes use of locally-grown food in school meals and snacks. To Agriculture.

[SB-538. Nursing Homes](#) (Carpenter) Requires nursing homes to notify residents of certain alleged violations. To Public Health, Senior Issues, Long-Term Care, and Job Creation.

[SB-544. Child Placement](#) (Plale) Equalizes physical placement to the highest degree; requires courts to state reasons for ordering sole legal custody or not equalizing placement; standards for modifying legal custody or physical placement. To Judiciary.

[AB-722. Foster Parents](#) (Strachota) Various changes affecting the identity of foster parents; rights, treatment, and placement of a child for adoption with a foster parent. To Children and Families.

[AB-726. School Contributions](#) (Fields) Nonrefundable individual and corporate income/franchise tax credit for contributions to certain public school programs and private school scholarship funds. To Ways and Means.

[AB-729. Mortgages](#) (Clark) Residential mortgage loan foreclosures. To Housing.

[AB-732. Juveniles](#) (Kessler) Changes affecting juvenile court jurisdiction. To Corrections and the Courts.

[AB-746. School Meals](#) (Vruwink) Promotes use of locally-grown food in school meals and snacks. To Agriculture.

Web Sites of Interest

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