

WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

CAPITOL UPDATE

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Legislature Adjourns until April

The Legislature has adjourned its March floor period. The final floor period of the 2009-10 session will run April 13-22. Legislative committees, however, will continue to hold hearings over the next six weeks.

Senate Passes BadgerCare Plus Basic

By a vote of 17-16, the Senate passed the BadgerCare Plus Basic bill. BadgerCare Plus Basic is a health care plan that would offer basic coverage for a \$130 a month premium. To be eligible, individuals must have incomes below 200 percent of federal poverty level, have no dependent children, and be on the waiting list for the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan. The bill now heads to the Assembly.

Upcoming Hearings of Interest

(N.B. Only bills of interest are flagged. In most cases, committees will be considering other bills as well.)

Assembly Public Health

9:35 am, Tue, March 9, 400-NE

[AB-725](#). CPR (Zigmunt) Instruction in CPR, cardiocerebral resuscitation and use of external defibrillator to high school students.

Assembly Education

10 am, Tue, March 9, 417-N.

[AB-201](#). **Student Pupil Count** (Huebsch) Changes date of pupil counts in second semester to the last Friday in January.

[AB-557](#). **School Closings** (Bernard Schaber) Requires notification of school closings/reopenings.

New Bills of Interest

[SB-553](#). **Hospitals** (Miller) Assessment on critical access hospitals; payments to critical access hospitals under the Medical Assistance Program; creates a rural physician residency assistance program; the physician, dentist, and health care provider loan assistance program. To Public Health, Senior Issues, Long-Term Care, and Job Creation.

[SB-567](#). **Residential Care Centers** (Legislative Council) Elimination of surplus retention limitations for residential care centers for children and youth, group homes and child welfare agencies providing rate-based services for DCF or a county department of human services or social services; determination of the rates charged by those providers; establishment of a performance-based contracting system for those providers. To Children and Families.

[SB-568](#). **Juvenile Courts** (Legislative Council) Extended juvenile court jurisdiction for certain foster youth under 21. To Children and Families.

[SB-569](#). **Foster Parents** (Legislative Council) Training for foster parents. To Children and Families.

[SB-570](#). **Foster Children** (Legislative Council) Creating expectations for foster children and foster parents. To Children and Families.

[SB-571](#). **Family Policy** (Legislative Council) Creates a family policy board. To Children and Families.

[SB-577](#). **Public Assistance** (Grothman) Limits eligibility for public assistance programs to US citizens and qualifying aliens. To Ethics Reform and Government Operations.

[SB-585](#). **Religious and Political Discrimination** (Coggs) Prohibits discrimination against an employee who declines to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or to participate in any communication with the employer or with an agent, representative or designee of the employer, the primary purpose of which is to communicate the opinion of the employer about religious or political matters. To Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs.

[AB-557](#). **School Closings** (Bernard Schaber) Requires notification of school closings/reopenings. To Education.

[AB-725](#). **CPR** (Zigmunt) Instruction in CPR, cardiocerebral resuscitation and use of external defibrillator to high school students. To Public Health.

[AB-772](#). **Milwaukee Schools** (Kessler) Creates an Office of School Standards and Licensure in Milwaukee; requires all public schools and certain private schools in the city to obtain a license in order to operate. To Rules.

[AB-777](#). **Driver Cards** (Colon) Changes affecting DOT issuance of driver cards and driver card instruction permits. To Transportation.

[AB-780](#). **Residential Care Centers** (Legislative Council) Elimination of surplus retention limitations for residential care centers for children and youth, group homes and child welfare agencies providing rate-based services for DCF or a county department of human services or social services; determination of the rates charged by those providers; establishment of a performance-based contracting system for those providers. To Children and Families.

[AB-784](#). **Sex Contact Investigations** (Krusick) Reporting results of a religious organization's investigation of sexual contact with a child. To Children and Families.

Web Sites of Interest

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