

## WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

# CAPITOL UPDATE

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### State Budget Update

The Conference Committee continues to meet on the biennial budget and while no final package is in sight, some progress is being made on funding for K-12 education, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Administration Office of Justice Assistance. On health care, Republicans continue to press Democrats to drop the Healthy Wisconsin plan from their version of the budget.

### WCC Testifies on Coercive Abortion Bill

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, the WCC [testified](#) in support of a proposal put forward by Wisconsin Right to Life designed to protect women who are being coerced into having an abortion. [Assembly Bill 427](#), authored by Representative Mark Gundrum (R-New Berlin) and Senator Roger Breske (D-Eland) would do two things. First, it would require the physician who is to perform or induce the abortion to determine whether or not the woman has, in fact, freely and without coercion consented to the abortion. Second, the bill would require the physician to inform the woman of services for those threatened with or victimized by domestic abuse, and to provide her with a private phone if she wishes to call for assistance. The Assembly Judiciary and Ethics Committee approved the bill on a bi-partisan vote of 8-2. The bill is now available for a floor vote in 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 Education

10am, Tue, Sep. 25, 417 N.

[AB 345](#). Transportation aid to school districts.

## **Assembly Public Health**

**1:15pm, Wed, Sep. 26, 328 NW.**

[AB 492](#). Providing information about the human papillomavirus to schools and to parents of pupils in grades 6 to 12.

## **New Bills of Interest**

[AB-511](#). **Payday Loans** (Jorgensen) Regulation of payday loan providers. *To Financial Institutions.*

## **Web Sites of Interest**

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/waml>

- Who are my legislators

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/leginfo.html>

- 2007-08 Session Schedule
- Weekly Schedule of Committee Activities
- Senate and Assembly Daily Floor Calendar

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