

Capitol Update

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WCC Supports Assembly Bill to Reform Sex Education

On November 16, the WCC presented [testimony](#) in support of [Assembly Bill 337](#) (Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt, R-Fond du Lac) at a public hearing before the Assembly Education Committee. Known as the “Strong Communities/Healthy Kids Act,” AB 337 (like its companion bill, Senate Bill 237) would provide local districts flexibility in teaching human growth and development classes, as well as permit abstinence-based instruction. The Committee took no further action on the bill.

WCC Supports Abortion Opt-Out Bill

On November 17, the WCC presented [testimony](#) in support of [Assembly Bill 154](#) (Rep. Robin Vos, R-Burlington) at a public hearing before the Assembly Insurance Committee. The bill would prohibit insurance providers that participate in a future state health care exchange from including elective abortions in their coverage. The Committee took no further action on the bill.

Governor Signs New Bills into Law

Governor Walker has signed into law three bills on which the WCC took a position. [Senate Bill 42](#), now [2011 Wisconsin Act 81](#), requires mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect by school district employees. The WCC supported the legislation. [Senate Bill 86](#), now [2011 Wisconsin Act 83](#), permits an educational agency to refuse to employ or to terminate from employment an unpardoned felon. The WCC testified for information. [Senate Bill 45](#), now [2011 Wisconsin Act 86](#), makes changes affecting administration of medication to pupils. The WCC supported the legislation.

New Bills of Interest

[SB-299](#). **Missing Children** (Lassa) Failing to report the death of a child or to report a missing child, moving the corpse of a child, hiding a corpse to collect public benefits. To Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce, and Government Operations.

[SB-304](#). **Conviction Act** (Taylor) Creates a Uniform Collateral Consequences of Conviction Act. To Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce, and Government Operations.

[SB-305](#). **Medical Assistance** (Vinehout) Notice of eligibility of benefit changes in Medical Assistance. To Public Health, Human Services, and Revenue.

[SB-306](#). **Abortions** (Lazich) Voluntary and informed consent to an abortion, information on domestic abuse services, giving a woman an abortion-inducing drug, repealing criminal sanctions against women who perform or obtain certain abortion procedures. To Health.

[SB-309](#). **Employment** (Taylor) Prohibits consideration of the conviction record of an applicant for employment before the applicant has been selected for an interview. To Labor, Public Safety, and Urban Affairs.

[SB-313](#). **Newborns** (Lazich) Relinquishing custody of a newborn child. To Public Health, Human Services, and Revenue.

[AJR-77](#). **Terms** (Jacque) Terms of people and person (First Consideration). To Homeland Security and State Affairs.

[AB-386](#). **Well-Woman**. (Jacque) Changes the entities Department of Health Services may distribute funds to for the Wisconsin Well-Woman Program. To Health.

[AB-396](#). **Newborns** (Kooyenga) Relinquishing custody of a newborn child. To Children and Families.

[AB-397](#). **Missing Children** (Kerkman) Failing to report the death of a child or to report a missing child, moving the corpse of a child, hiding a corpse to collect public benefits. To Criminal Justice and Corrections.

Web Sites of Interest

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

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