

WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Capitol Update

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WCC Supports Adoption Tax Credit

In [testimony](#) submitted on January 11, the WCC urged members of the Assembly Committee on Children and Families to support [Assembly Bill 287](#) (Rep. Kathleen Bernier, R-Chippewa Falls). This bi-partisan bill would create a nonrefundable individual state tax credit of up to \$5,000 for qualified adoption expenses. The Committee took no further action on the bill.

Upcoming Hearings of Interest

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

Joint Legislative Council

8:30am, Wed., Jan. 18, 412-E

The Council will receive several special committee reports, including those of the Special Committee on Infant Mortality and the Health Care Access Committee. If testimony is taken, it will be by invitation only.

Joint Legislative Audit Committee

9:00am, Wed., Jan. 18, 411-S

The Committee will receive the Audit Report 11-5 on Family Care, as well as a follow-up report by the Department of Health Services in response to recommendations in report 11-5. A live audio broadcast of the hearing can be accessed at <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/lab/JCAHearing.htm>

Senate and Assembly Education Committees

9:30am, Wed., Jan. 25, 412-E

Informational Hearing on Wisconsin ESEA Waiver Proposal.

New Bills of Interest

[SB-315](#). **Juvenile Records** (Olsen) Use of law enforcement or juvenile court records to take disciplinary action against a pupil under a school district's athletic code. *To Education.*

[SB-325](#). **Concealed Carry** (JCRAR) Training requirements for licenses to carry a concealed weapon. *To Senate Organization.*

[SB-336](#). **Wisconsin Shares** (Taylor) Time limits and other participation requirements, case management services, and caretaker of newborn grants under Wisconsin Works; childcare provider rates and eligibility subsidies under Wisconsin Shares. *To Public Health, Human Services and Revenue.*

[SB-343](#). **Health Benefit Plans.** (Erpenbach) Requires certain medical loss ratios for health benefit plans. *To Insurance and Housing.*

[SB-345](#). **Statute of Limitations** (Lassa) Changes to the statute of limitations for sexual contact with a child. *To Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce, and Government Operations.*

[SB-350](#). **Domestic Abuse** (Olsen) Increased penalty for repeated domestic abuse offenses. *To Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce and Government Operations.*

[SB-351](#). **Medical Assistance** (Vinehout) Changes the deadline for approval of a certain federal law waiver request affecting Medical Assistance program. *To Health.*

[SB-353](#). **Public Schools** (Olsen) The use of seclusion and physical restraint on pupils in public schools. *To Education.*

[SB-355](#). **Minors** (Lassa) The hours that a minor may work. *To Economic Development and Veterans and Military Affairs.*

[SB-358](#). **Alcohol** (Galloway) Alcohol beverages violations by underage persons on licensed premises. *To Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce, and Government Operations.*

[SB-360](#). **Prescription Drugs** (Vukmir) Repeals minimum markup sale price on prescription drugs. *To Health.*

[SB-361](#). **Work-Based Learning** (Vukmir) Payments to the Second Chance Partners for Education and other nonprofit corporations that operate programs in

which disengaged pupils participate in work-based learning programs while earning high school diplomas. *To Education.*

[SB-362](#). **Tax Exemption** (Grothman) A sales and use tax exemption for building materials that become a part of a facility for a local unit of government or nonprofit organization. *To Tax Exemptions.*

[SB-364](#). **Income Tax Deduction** (Grothman) Creates an individual income tax deduction for certain contributions to a Coverdell Education Savings Account. *To Financial Institutions and Rural Issues.*

[SB-372](#). **Child Care Centers** (S. Coggs.) Inspections of unlicensed child care centers, a hotline to receive reports of alleged unlicensed child care centers, and an unlicensed child care center public information and education campaign. *To Labor, Public Safety, and Urban Affairs.*

[AB-415](#). **Juvenile Records** (Kestell) Use of law enforcement or juvenile court records to take disciplinary action against a pupil under a school district's athletic code. *To Education.*

[AB-434](#). **Pregnancy Centers** (E. Coggs) False advertising by limited services pregnancy centers. *To Health.*

[AB-436](#). **Conviction Records** (C. Taylor) Prohibits consideration of the conviction record of an applicant for employment before the applicant has been selected for an interview. *To Criminal Justice and Corrections.*

[AB-437](#). **Veterans** (Wynn) An income and franchise tax credit for hiring unemployed disabled veterans. *To Veterans and Military Affairs.*

[AB-443](#). **Workers Compensation** (Fields) Excludes sports officials from coverage under the worker's compensation law. *To Labor and Workforce Development.*

[AB-444](#). **Voting** (Grigsby) Restores the right to vote to certain persons barred from voting as a result of a felony conviction, changes the information required on voter registration forms, and changes voting procedure for certain persons who are convicted of felonies. *To Election and Campaign Reform.*

[AB-445](#). **Minors** (Grigsby) The hours a minor may work. *To Labor and Workforce Development.*

[AB-446](#). **Childcare** (Grigsby) Time limits and other participation requirements, case management services, and caretaker of newborn grants under Wisconsin Works; child care provider rates and eligibility for subsidies under Wisconsin Shares. *To Children and Families.*

[AB-448](#). **Abortions** (Craig) A prohibition on partial-birth abortions. *To Health.*

[AB-449](#). **Domestic Abuse** (A. Ott) Increased penalty for repeated domestic abuse offenses. *To Criminal Justice and Corrections.*

[AB-451](#). **Work-Based Learning** (Farrow) Payments to the Second Chance Partners for Education and other nonprofit corporations that operate programs in which disengaged pupils participate in work-based learning programs while earning high school diplomas. *To Education.*

[AB-455](#). **Restraints** (Kestell) The use of seclusion and physical restraint on pupils in public schools. *To Education.*

[AB-458](#). **Health Benefits** (Richards) Requires certain medical loss ratios for health benefit plans. *To Insurance.*

[AB-460](#). **IDs for Voting** (C. Taylor) Use of university, college, or technical college identification cards as proof of identification for voting. *To Election and Campaign Reform.*

[AB-461](#). **Statute of Limitations** (Pasch) Changes to the statute of limitations for sexual contact with a child. *To Criminal Justice and Corrections.*

[AB-464](#). **Alcohol Violations** (Jacque) Alcohol beverages violations by underage persons on licensed premises. *To Judiciary and Ethics.*

[AB-466](#). **Income Tax Deduction** (Thiesfeldt) Creates an individual income tax deduction for certain contributions to a Coverdell Education Savings Account. *To Ways and Means.*

[AB-469](#). **Electronic Smoking Devices** (Kooyenga) Exempts electronic smoking devices from the types of smoking devices that may not be used in certain locations. *To Homeland Security and State Affairs.*

[AB-471](#). **Disabilities** (Severson) Changes terminology for those with an intellectual disability. *To Health*.

[AB-474](#). **Medical Assistance** (Mason) Changes the deadline for approval of a certain federal law waiver request affecting the Medical Assistance program. *To Insurance*.

Web Sites of Interest

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

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