

# STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

# Ninety-Eighth Regular Session

12:26 P.M.

THURSDAY, May 8, 2008

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber located in the State Capitol.

Representative F. Lasee in the chair.

The Assembly dispensed with the call of the roll.

# **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

## Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 07-082

Relating to ambient air quality standards and affecting small business.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources. Report received from Agency, May 1, 2008. To committee on **Natural Resources**. Referred on May 8, 2008.

#### **Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 08–012**

Relating to the hook and line harvest of lake sturgeon. Submitted by Department of Natural Resources. Report received from Agency, May 1, 2008. To committee on **Natural Resources**. Referred on May 8, 2008.

# **Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 08–013**

Relating to deer hunting as it relates to the management of chronic wasting disease.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources. Report received from Agency, May 1, 2008. To committee on **Natural Resources**. Referred on May 8, 2008.

# REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin Department of Revenue Madison

May 2, 2008

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

I am submitting the quarterly report of the Wisconsin Lottery for the quarter ending March 31, 2008. As required by s. 565.37(3), Wis. Stats., the attached materials contain unaudited Wisconsin Lottery year-to-date Revenue and Expenditure information.

Sales were down \$9.5 million or 7% from the third quarter of Pt 2007, primarily due to a drop in Powerball and Megabucks sales, which are jackpot driven. Lower jackpots in FY 2008 have resulted in lower sales of these two products. Scratch ticket sales were also down during the third quarter. Grocery and convenience stores account for approximately 80% of lottery sales and high food and gas prices may be having a negative impact on lottery sales.

The information reported here is a summary and is not intended to be a complete financial accounting of Wisconsin Lottery operations.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please feel free to contact me at (608) 266-6466.

Sincerely, *ROGER M. IRVIN* Secretary of Revenue

Referred to committee on **State Affairs**.

Milwaukee Public Schools Division of Business Services Milwaukee

May 5, 2008

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

According to Wisconsin School Law 121.87 in accordance with 13.172, the Board is required by law to submit the enclosed reports. School Law 121.87 states "...annually by May 1 the board of school directors of the school district operating under ch. 119 shall submit a report to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2) that specifies the number, percentage, race, sex, grade and attendance area of pupils transferred outside their attendance area without written consent under s. 121.85 (6)(am)."

Enclosed you will find a report that meet the requirements stated above. The total number of intra-district students bused under the Chapter 220 designation for the school year 2007-2008 equals 15,817. Of that number 725 either did not return a consent form or checked box indicating no consent. Students who have moved during the school year and no longer require parental consent were subtracted from the non-returned figure. The district did meet the requirement of ninety-five percent (95%) parents providing consent.

Sincerely,
MICHAEL TURZA
Director of Business Services

Referred to committee on Education.

# **AGENCY REPORTS**

State of Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau Madison

April 18, 2008

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

We have completed a review of dental care services provided under the State's Medical Assistance program, as requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. Dentists statewide have long expressed concern about the amounts they are reimbursed under the program. In fiscal year (FY) 2006-07, when approximately \$46.0 million was spent for dental services provided to Medical Assistance recipients, only 1,342 of 3,493 licensed dentists in Wisconsin, or 38.4 percent, were certified as Medical Assistance providers statewide.

We focused our analysis on four counties in southeast Wisconsin in which dental services are provided to Medical Assistance recipients through health maintenance organizations (HMOs). We found lower utilization of dental care services among HMO enrollees, particularly for those under the age of 21, and higher costs than in the fee-for-service system used in other counties. Furthermore, HMO utilization rates have not improved in the past five years. We therefore include a recommendation for the

Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), which administers the Medical Assistance program, to develop alternative dental service delivery models for southeast Wisconsin before current contracts expire in December 2009.

The Legislature has recently funded alternative programs to improve dental care services to low-income and underserved populations in varied settings, including federally funded community health centers. For example, since FY 2005-06 it has appropriated \$16.3 million in general purpose revenue for various dental clinics and programs. In December 2006 the Joint Committee on Finance approved the distribution of \$4.1 million in federal funds as one-time grants to expand dental services provided through specific clinics and programs statewide.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation of DHFS and other parties with whom we met in conducting this review.

Sincerely, *JANICE MUELLER* State Auditor

### ADJOURNMENT

Representative Wood moved that the Assembly stand adjourned pursuant to **Senate Joint Resolution 1**.

The question was: Shall the Assembly stand adjourned?

Motion carried.

The Assembly stood adjourned.

12:27 P.M.