

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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FRIDAY, September 19, 2008

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated **Monday, September 15, 2008.**

**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS
CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

The committee on **Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 07–093

Relating to local agents that license and inspect retail food establishments for the department.

No action taken.

TIM CARPENTER
Chairperson

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated **Wednesday, September 17, 2008.**

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Reference Bureau**

September 17, 2008

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

The following rules have been published in the August 31, 2008 Wisconsin Administrative [Register No. 632](#):

<u>Clearinghouse Rules</u>	<u>Effective Date(s)</u>
07–012	9–1–2008
07–078	9–1–2008
07–079	9–1–2008
07–080	9–1–2008
08–007	9–1–2008
08–008	9–1–2008
08–012	(part) 9–1–2008
	(part) 1–1–2009
08–013	(part) 9–1–2008
	(part) 9–1–2009
08–016	9–1–2008
08–020	9–1–2008
08–029	9–1–2008

Sincerely,
BRUCE J. HOESLY
Senior Legislative Attorney/Code Editor

**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS
CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

The committee on **Agriculture and Higher Education** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 07–073

Relating to the agricultural producer security program.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 07–107

Relating to animal diseases and movement; animal markets, dealers and truckers; and livestock premises registration.

No action taken.

KATHLEEN VINEHOUT
Chairperson

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources**

September 12, 2008

The Honorable, The Senate:

In fulfillment of the requirements under s. [299.85 \(9m\)](#), Wisconsin State Statutes, I am submitting to you a copy of the Wisconsin's Environmental Compliance Audit Program 2008 Annual Report. It covers the period April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008. Please distribute as appropriate. I am also providing a copy of the Report to the Governor and to the Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

For more information on Wisconsin's Environmental Compliance Audit Program or additional copies of this report, please contact Mark McDermid at (608) 267–3125, or visit our web site at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/environmental/audit/index.htm>
DNR staff will send your office an electronic copy of this letter and Annual Report to facilitate distribution.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
MATTHEW FRANK
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Environment and Natural Resources.**

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources**

September 15, 2008

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We at the Department of Natural Resources are pleased to provide you with a copy of our annual Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA) report. In fulfillment of Section 1.11 (2)(j) of the state statutes, this document provides information on the numbers of environmental assessments (EAs) and environmental impact statements (EISs) completed by the Department in the past fiscal year. Questions about the report can be directed to me at 6-0426.

Sincerely,

JAMES D. PARDEE

Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act Coordinator
DNR Office of Energy and Environmental Analysis

University of Wisconsin System

September 15, 2008

The Honorable, The Legislature:

The attached document reflects the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA) activities of the University of Wisconsin System for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. This annual report fulfills Section 1.11 (2)(j) of the Wisconsin Statutes, in that it provides information on the number of Type I Environmental Impact Statements and Type II Environmental Impact Assessments completed during the past fiscal year.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please direct them to Terri Reda, UW System Environmental Affairs Officer, at (608) 263-4410.

Sincerely,

KEVIN P. REILLY

President

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau**

September 16, 2008

The Honorable, The Legislature:

As required by [2005 Wisconsin Act 125](#), we have reviewed the pupil test score data provided to us by the School Choice Demonstration Project, which is a group of privately funded education researchers who are studying the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program. The Choice program provides publicly funded private school tuition for low-income children in Milwaukee.

Project researchers are conducting a five-year longitudinal study of a sample of 2,727 Choice pupils that comprises a random sample of pupils in the third through eighth grades and

all Choice pupils in the ninth grade; 2,727 Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) pupils in the third through ninth grades who were selected based on their similarity to the Choice pupils; and a random sample of 2,727 MPS pupils in the third through ninth grades. The researchers plan to track changes in the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination scores and determine how participation in the Choice program affects changes in academic achievement.

We reviewed the project's data for the 2006-2007 school year, the first year that it arranged for the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination to be administered to Choice pupils. We analyzed and confirmed the test score averages and related analyses that the project reported in February 2008. However, we were unable to review average pupil test scores at individual Choice schools because the project, citing confidentiality concerns, did not provide us with this type of information. As a result, we cannot provide legislators and other policymakers with information about academic performance specific to each of the 120 Choice schools that operated in the 2006-07 school year. We also note analytical challenges that the project will need to address when analyzing test scores in the future years.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the project in conducting this review.

Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER

State Auditor

**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE
REPORTS CONCERNING PROPOSED
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

The committee on **Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 08-049

Relating to examination waivers, temporary licenses and continuing education.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 08-051

Relating to the regulation of wholesale prescription drug distributors.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 08-053

Relating to audit, control and financial reporting requirements.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 08-064

Relating to advisory councils and committees.

No action taken.

JON ERPENBACH

Chairperson