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**WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...  
PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS**

**2001-02**

(session year)

**Assembly**

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

**Committee on ... Corrections and Courts (AC-CC)**

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# Assembly

## Record of Committee Proceedings

### Committee on Corrections and the Courts

#### Assembly Bill 810

Relating to: transporting people to visit state prison inmates.

By Representatives Suder, Loeffelholz, Kestell, Ryba, D. Meyer, Owens, Ladwig, Townsend, Ainsworth, Grothman, Starzyk, Skindrud, Krawczyk, Vrakas, Gunderson, Sykora, Nass, Gundrum, Hines, Freese and Petrowski; cosponsored by Senators Welch, Darling, Kanavas and Schultz.

February 12, 2002 Referred to Committee on Corrections and the Courts.

February 27, 2002 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (9) Representatives Walker, Suder, Friske, Owens, Skindrud, Underheim, Balow, Pocan and Colon.  
Absent: (1) Representative Coggs.

#### Appearances for

- Rep. Scott Suder, author, 69th Assembly District

#### Appearances against

- None

#### Appearances for Information Only

- M. Colleen Wilson, Wisconsin Catholic Conference

#### Registrations for

- Sen. Bob Welch, 14th Senate District

#### Registrations against

- Shel Gross, Mental Health Association in Milwaukee

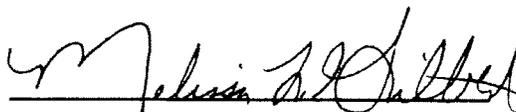
February 27, 2002 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Present: (10) Representatives Walker, Suder, Friske, Owens, Skindrud, Underheim, Balow, Coggs, Pocan and Colon.  
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Underheim, seconded by Representative Balow, that **Assembly Bill 810** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (7) Representatives Walker, Suder, Friske, Owens, Skindrud, Underheim and Balow.  
Noes: (3) Representatives Coggs, Pocan and Colon.  
Absent: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 3, Absent 0



Committee Clerk

# Vote Record

## Assembly - Committee on Corrections and the Courts

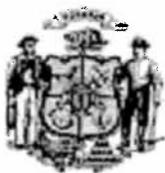
Date: 2/27/02  
 Moved by: Underheim      Seconded by: Balow  
 AB: 810      SB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clearinghouse Rule: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Be recommended for:
- Passage
  - Introduction
  - Adoption
  - Rejection
  - Indefinite Postponement
  - Tabling
  - Concurrence
  - Nonconcurrence
  - Confirmation

Committee Member	Aye	No	Absent	Not Voting
Rep. Scott Walker, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Scott Suder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Donald Friske	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Carol Owens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Rick Skindrud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Gregg Underheim	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Larry Balow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. G. Spencer Coggs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Mark Pocan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Pedro Colon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Totals:	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>





## Legislative Fiscal Bureau

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June 18, 2001

TO: Representative Scott Suder  
Room 21 North, State Capitol

FROM: Jere Bauer, Fiscal Analyst

SUBJECT: Correctional Institution Visitors Bus

AB 810  
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At your request, I am providing information on a visitors bus operated by the Department of Corrections under contract to transport inmate families to certain state correctional facilities.

In 1985 Act 29 (section 3023 (23)), the Department of Corrections (then a division in the Department of Health and Social Services) was directed to furnish transportation for family members of inmates to visit state prisons. The Department was directed to expend \$60,000 GPR in fiscal years 1985-86 and 1986-87 from its existing general program operations appropriation for the service. The Department currently allocates \$60,000 GPR annually from its purchase of services appropriation for bus service. This allocation is budgeted to continue in the 2001-03 biennium.

Corrections currently has a contract with Laidlaw to provide the transportation service from the City of Milwaukee to certain state prisons on a scheduled basis. According to Corrections, bus service is provided to all state correctional institutions except the Supermax Correctional Institution and the Redgranite Correctional Institution.

I hope this information is of assistance.

JR/sas





## WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

**TO: State Representative Scott Walker, Chair  
Members, Assembly Committee on Corrections**

**FROM: M. Colleen Wilson, Associate Director**

**DATE: February 27, 2002**

**RE: Assembly Bill 810**

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The Wisconsin Catholic Conference of Wisconsin, the public policy voice of the state's Roman Catholic bishops, appreciates the opportunity to provide informational testimony on Assembly Bill 810, which proposes to eliminate bus service used to transport family members to the state's medium and maximum security prisons for visitation with incarcerated loved ones.

Rather than considering this issue in the highly charged context of the Supermax Correctional Institution, it may be constructive to evaluate the program in the context of the need to restore the imprisoned to society. It is undeniable that the overwhelming majority of the incarcerated in this state will return to our communities. As such, we should foster any approach that prevents those who are released from reoffending. We must acknowledge as a society that it is simply implausible to ignore the need for effective rehabilitation of those who commit crimes. As policy makers, the Legislature must continually consider the question: Can we continue to allocate billions of dollars to the correctional system for the purpose of locking up criminals when the ineffective rehabilitation efforts contribute to dramatic recidivism?

The Legislative Council Special Study Committee on Faith Based Approaches to Corrections premised many of its proposals on research that sustains linking of inmates with a supportive family, a strong faith and employment all served to improve recidivism rates. The bus service that is the subject of AB 810 should be considered in light of this message. The program, which operates on a very small scale, provides opportunities to those living in the greater Milwaukee Metropolitan area to maintain familial relationships that may improve the ability of the inmate to live a responsible and constructive life upon his/her release from prison.

As committee members assess this program and the proposal to eliminate it, it also is important to consider the affect AB 810 would have on the poor and marginalized of our society, including the impact of the policy on racial minorities who are disproportionately represented in the corrections system. The persons served by the program likely lack the financial resources to pay for their own transportation to visit imprisoned family members, and are likely family members of the disproportionate number of racial minorities who are incarcerated in the corrections system.

Rather than dismissing the program outright because it is viewed as a perk to prison inmates, we respectfully ask committee members to consider the broader ramifications of this service and assess it in light of its ability to improve inmate rehabilitation.



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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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*Terry C. Anderson, Director*  
*Laura D. Rose, Deputy Director*

TO: REPRESENTATIVES SCOTT SUDER, SCOTT WALKER AND MARK POCAN

FROM: Anne Sappenfield, Senior Staff Attorney

RE: Proposed Amendment to 2001 Assembly Bill 810, Relating to Transporting People to Visit State Prison Inmates

DATE: March 11, 2002

Attached to this memorandum is a proposed amendment to 2001 Assembly Bill 810, relating to transporting people to visit state prison inmates. Assembly Bill 810 was introduced by Representative Suder and others; cosponsored by Senator Welch and others, on February 12, 2002. The Assembly Committee on Corrections and the Courts recommended passage of the bill on February 27, 2002 on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 3. The attached amendment was discussed at the February 27, 2002 meeting.

Assembly Bill 810 prohibits the Department of Corrections (DOC) from using state funds to transport persons visiting inmates in state prisons. The proposed amendment creates an exception under which DOC may do either of the following to pay for the cost of transporting persons visiting inmates in state prisons:

1. Charge a reasonable fee to persons to whom the transportation is provided.
2. Use money received from gifts, grants, donations, and burial trusts that is provided for the purpose of paying for the cost of such transportation.

Under current law, DOC has an appropriation for any gifts, grants, or donations received. The amendment creates an additional appropriation for any money received as fees from persons receiving transportation. The amendment provides that the newly created appropriation will contain \$60,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 to estimate the amount that may be collected in fees.

If you have any questions about the amendment, please call me at 267-9485.

AS:jal;wu

Attachment

a copy of  
LRBA 1399/2  
was attached