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TUESDAY, September 16, 2008

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

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 07-095

Relating to community-based residential facilities, and affecting small businesses.

Submitted by Department of Health and Family Services.
Report received from Agency, August 29, 2008.
To committee on **Aging and Long Term Care**.
Referred on September 15, 2008.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 08-036

Relating to the training and certification of individuals performing regulated asbestos abatement activities, the certification of companies providing regulated asbestos activities, the accreditation of asbestos training courses, the approval of asbestos training instructors, and the responsibilities of designated school asbestos coordinators, and affecting small businesses.

Submitted by Department of Health and Family Services.
Report received from Agency, August 29, 2008.
To committee on **Health and Healthcare Reform**.
Referred on September 15, 2008.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 08-044

Relating to grants for national teacher certification and master educator licensure.

Submitted by Department of Public Instruction.
Report received from Agency, August 29, 2008.
To committee on **Education**.
Referred on September 15, 2008.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 08-045

Relating to the sex offender registration fee to bring the rule into compliance with s. 301.45 (10), Stats., as amended by 2007 Wisconsin Act 20, section 3132.

Submitted by Department of Corrections.
Report received from Agency, August 29, 2008.
To committee on **Criminal Justice**.
Referred on September 15, 2008.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 08-050

Relating to occupational therapist supervision of occupational therapy assistants.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.
Report received from Agency, August 29, 2008.

To committee on **Health and Healthcare Reform**.
Referred on September 15, 2008.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 08-073

Relating to creating and increasing fees for tattooing and body piercing establishments, recreational and educational camps, campgrounds, hotels, motels, and tourist rooming houses, restaurants, bed and breakfast establishments, vending of food, and affecting small businesses.

Submitted by Department of Health Services.
Report received from Agency, August 29, 2008.
To committee on **Public Health**.
Referred on September 15, 2008.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 08-077

Relating to securities definitions, securities registration procedures and registration exemptions, registration of securities broker-dealers and investment advisers, fraudulent practices, general provisions, administrative procedure and forms, and relating to franchise law disclosure document requirements.

Submitted by Department of Financial Institutions.
Report received from Agency, August 29, 2008.
To committee on **Financial Institutions**.
Referred on September 15, 2008.

COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Reference Bureau
Madison

DATE: September 15, 2008

TO: Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk

Robert Marchant
Senate Chief Clerk

FROM: Bruce J. Hoesly
Code Editor

SUBJECT: Rules published in the August 31, 2008,
Wisconsin Administrative Register, No. 632.

The following rules have been published:

Clearinghouse Rule 07-078	effective	09-01-2008
Clearinghouse Rule 07-079	effective	09-01-2008
Clearinghouse Rule 07-080	effective	09-01-2008

Clearinghouse Rule 08-020 effective 09-01-2008
Clearinghouse Rule 08-008 effective 09-01-2008
Clearinghouse Rule 08-016 effective 09-01-2008
Clearinghouse Rule 07-012 effective 09-01-2008
Clearinghouse Rule 08-012 effective 09-01-2008
and 01-01-2009
Clearinghouse Rule 08-013 effective 09-01-2008
and 09-01-2009
Clearinghouse Rule 08-007 effective 09-01-2008
Clearinghouse Rule 08-029 effective 09-01-2008

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Groundwater Coordinating Council
Madison

August, 2008

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

The Groundwater Coordinating Council (GCC) is pleased to release its 2008 Report to the Legislature. The GCC was formed in 1984 to help state agencies coordinate non-regulatory activities and exchange information on groundwater. For the past 24 years, the GCC has served as a model for interagency coordination and cooperation among state agencies, the Governor, local and federal government, and the university. It is one of the few groups in the nation to effectively coordinate groundwater activities in its state from an advisory position.

This report summarizes GCC and agency activities related to groundwater protection and management in FY 08 (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008) and provides an overview of the condition of the groundwater resource. See the Executive Summary for highlights and the GCC's recommendations in Future Directions for Groundwater Protection. The full report will be made available online at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/dwg/gcc/rtl/gccreport.htm>.

We hope you will find this report to be a useful reference in protecting Wisconsin's valuable groundwater resource.

Sincerely,
TODD AMBS, CHAIR
Groundwater Coordinating Council

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Children and Families
Madison

September 3, 2008

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Pursuant to Section 46.014(4) of the Wis. Stats., the Department of Children and Families is required to submit an annual report to the Legislature concerning the activities of the Community Action agencies under s. 46.30, and their

effectiveness in promoting social and economic opportunities for low-income persons.

The attached report describes the uses of the Community Services Block Grant funding and its support of the services provided by the Community Action agencies and Limited Purpose agencies in order to reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities and empower low-income individuals and families to become economically self-sufficient.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kitty Kocol, CSBG Coordinator at (608) 267-5149 or gregorymarkle@wi.gov.

Sincerely,
REGGIE BICHA
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Children and Family Law**.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources
Madison

September 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

In fulfillment of the requirements under s. 299.85(9m), Wisconsin State Statutes, I am submitting to you a copy of 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 Senate.

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 **Natural Resources**.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources
Madison

September 15, 2008

To 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 266-0426.

Sincerely,
JAMES D. PARDEE
Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act
Coordinator

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

September 11, 2008

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

We have completed a best practices review of local government operations, as directed by s. 13.94(8), Wis. Stats. This review focuses on efforts by Wisconsin's public school districts to reduce truancy, which is the unexcused absence from school of children under the age of 18. In the 2006-07 school year, 9.3 percent of pupils in kindergarten through grade 12 were classified as habitual truants because they had five or more unexcused absences in a semester, although rates in individual school districts ranged from 0 in 47 districts to 58.2 percent in the Menominee Indian School District.

Efforts to reduce truancy are guided by a statutory framework that requires school districts to establish plans and policies, collaborate with local officials within their counties, and notify parents and guardians of their children's truancies. Districts have also established a variety of programs consistent with nationally developed best practices, which include involving parents in improving school attendance and working with human services and law enforcement agencies to provide services to pupils and to enforce local ordinances.

We have identified several best practices to assist school districts and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in monitoring, assessing, and reducing truancy.

We appreciate the courtesy extended to us by DPI, school district officials, other state and local government officials, and officials representing private-sector agencies that provided information for our review.

Respectfully Submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

September 16, 2008

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

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 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 2006-07 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 future years.

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

Sincerely,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor