

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Senate Journal
Ninety–Eighth Regular Session

TUESDAY, September 30, 2008

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

CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated **Thursday, September 25, 2008.**

**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 06–080

Relating to certification of outpatient mental health clinics, and affecting small businesses.

Report modifications requested, Ayes 6, Noes 0.

Ayes, 6 – Senators Erpenbach, Vinehout, Carpenter, Taylor, Lazich and Kanavas.
Noes, 0 – None.

JON ERPENBACH
Chairperson

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated **Friday, September 26, 2008.**

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

The committee on **Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 08–069

Relating to increasing Wisconsin's minimum wages and affecting small businesses.

No action taken.

SPENCER COGGS
Chairperson

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated **Monday, September 29, 2008.**

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

The committee on **Commerce, Utilities and Rail** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 08–043

Relating to the uniform dwelling code.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 08–047

Relating to electrical construction.

No action taken.

JEFFREY PLALE
Chairperson

The committee on **Transportation and Tourism** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 08–058

Relating to multiple trip overweight permits for vehicles transporting granular roofing materials.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 08–072

Relating to the occupational licensing program.

No action taken.

JEFFREY PLALE
Chairperson

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau**

September 18, 2008

The Honorable, The Legislature:

As requested by the Public Service Commission (PSC), we have completed a financial audit of the Universal Service Fund, which was established to ensure that all state residents receive essential telecommunications services and have access to advanced telecommunications capabilities. It is funded primarily through assessments on telecommunications providers, which totaled \$30.0 million in fiscal year (FY) 2006–07. Our audit report contains our unqualified opinion on the Universal Service Fund's financial statements for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2007, and June 30, 2006.

Eight of 13 programs currently supported by the Universal Service Fund are operated by the PSC. The programs provide low-income or disabled individuals affordable access to basic telephone and information services, lessen the financial effect of high rate increases, and assist in the purchase of medical telecommunications equipment.

The largest program supported by the Universal Service Fund is the Educational Telecommunications Access Program, which is administered by the Department of Administration (DOA). This program subsidizes data lines and video links for

eligible educational institutions. In FY 2006, 2007, expenditures for the program totaled \$17.4 million.

The Universal Services Fund also supported two programs administered by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) during FY 2006-07, including state aid to public library systems. Since FY 2004-05, the Universal Service Fund has been used increasingly for library system aid.

In our Report on Internal Control and Compliance, we reported on three fiscal management issues that require attention by the PSC and DOA. We found errors in the financial statements, inaccurate copayment billings for educational institutions participating in the Educational Telecommunications Access Program, and an incorrect treatment of a prior-year refund.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by staff at the PSC, DOA, DPI, University of Wisconsin System, and the Universal Service Fund's administrator, Wipfli LLP.

Respectfully Submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Revenue**

September 24, 2008

The Honorable, The Legislature:

I am submitting the quarterly report of the Wisconsin Lottery for the quarter ending June 30, 2008. As required by 565.37(3), Wis. Stats., the attached materials contain unaudited Wisconsin Lottery year-to-date Revenue and Expenditure information.

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. ERVIN
Secretary of Revenue

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Reference Bureau**

September 30, 2008

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

The following rules have been published in the September 30, 2008 Wisconsin Administrative [Register No. 633](#):

<u>Clearinghouse Rules</u>	<u>Effective Date(s)</u>
07-100	10-1-2008
07-103	10-1-2008
08-011	2-1-2009
08-014	10-1-2008
08-038	10-1-2008
08-041	10-1-2008

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

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

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

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 08-044

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

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 08-052

Relating to state special education aid for certain pupil services personnel.

No action taken.

JOHN LEHMAN
Chairperson

The committee on **Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Workforce Development, Technical Colleges and Consumer Protection** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 08-059

Relating to wages exempt from unemployment insurance levy and affecting small businesses.

No action taken.

ROBERT WIRCH
Chairperson