

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

Ninety–Ninth Regular Session

WEDNESDAY, August 26, 2009

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

CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 215** offered by Senator Holperin.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read and referred:

Senate Joint Resolution 44

Relating to: the life and military service of Wisconsin Army National Guard Master Sergeant Brian K. Naseman of Racine.

By Senator Lehman; cosponsored by Representatives Vos, Mason and Turner.

To committee on **Senate Organization**.

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 274

Relating to: requiring landlords to change locks.

By Senators Holperin, Hansen, Kreitlow, Schultz and Taylor; cosponsored by Representatives Dexter, Parisi, Berceau, Bernard Schaber, Clark, Grigsby, Hebl, Milroy, A. Ott, Pasch, Pohan, Roys, Seidel, Shilling, Smith, Suder, A. Williams and Wood.

To committee on **Judiciary, Corrections, Insurance, Campaign Finance Reform, and Housing**.

Senate Bill 275

Relating to: employment discrimination based on credit history.

By Senators Taylor and Coggs; cosponsored by Representatives Hixson, Berceau, Grigsby, Toles, Hintz, Zepnick, Pope–Roberts, Schneider, Parisi, Pasch, A. Williams, Turner, Fields and Hilgenberg.

To committee on **Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs**.

Senate Bill 276

Relating to: requiring governmental bodies of school districts and certain political subdivisions to post meeting notices and minutes on their Web sites.

By Senators Kreitlow, Plale, Taylor and Hansen; cosponsored by Representatives Roys, Smith, Kerkman, Mason, Berceau, Pope–Roberts, Danou, Spanbauer and Bies.

To committee on **Rural Issues, Biofuels, and Information Technology**.

Senate Bill 277

Relating to: costs eligible for reimbursement under the Local Roads Improvement Program administered by the Department of Transportation.

By Senators Kreitlow and Lehman; cosponsored by Representatives Smith, Jorgensen, Berceau, Turner, Petrowski, Clark, Brooks, Vruwink and Gottlieb.

To committee on **Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The committee on **Veterans and Military Affairs, Biotechnology, and Financial Institutions** reports and recommends:

Senate Bill 195

Relating to: adding a member to the council on veterans programs.

Passage.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Sullivan, Coggs, Carpenter, Leibham and Kanavas.

Noes, 0 – None.

JIM SULLIVAN

Chairperson

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representative Bernard Schaber added as a cosponsor of **Senate Bill 221**.

State of Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau

August 26, 2009

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 Choice and Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) pupils first selected in the 2006–07 school year. The representative sample includes 2,727 Choice pupils who were in the third through ninth grades in fall 2006 and a comparable group of 2,727 MPS pupils who were in the third through ninth grades

in fall 2006. The researchers are tracking changes in Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination scores and determining how participation in the Choice program affects changes in academic achievement.

We reviewed the project's data for the 2007–08 school year, which is the second year the researchers arranged for the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination to be administered to Choice pupils. We analyzed and generally confirmed the test score averages and related analyses that they reported in March 2009. However, as we discussed in our September 2008 report, we are unable to review average pupil test scores at individual Choice schools because the project, citing confidentiality concerns, has not provided 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 2007–08 school year. [2009 Wisconsin Act 28](#) made several changes to the testing requirements for Choice schools, and Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination scores for each school will be available to the public after the 2010–11 school year.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us

by project researchers as we conducted this review.

Sincerely,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

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

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 09–024

Relating to hunting, trapping and wildlife rehabilitation.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from Agency, August 24, 2009.

Referred to committee on **Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources**, August 26, 2009.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 09–042

Relating to the 2009 migratory game bird seasons and waterfowl hunting zones.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from Agency, August 24, 2009.

Referred to committee on **Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources**, August 26, 2009.