

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

One–Hundredth Regular Session

FRIDAY, August 19, 2011

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

CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated **Tuesday, August 16, 2011**.

REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The committee on **Workforce Development, Small Business, and Tourism** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 11–023

Relating to income and franchise tax credits and deductions for businesses that relocate to Wisconsin.

No action taken.

Referred to joint committee for review of **Administrative Rules**, pursuant to 227.19(5)(a), Wisconsin Statutes.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 11–024

Relating to income and franchise tax deductions for job creation.

No action taken.

TERRY MOULTON
Chairperson

Referred to joint committee for review of **Administrative Rules**, pursuant to 227.19(5)(a), Wisconsin Statutes.

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated **Wednesday, August 17, 2011**.

REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 11–014

Relating to continuing education requirements for professional engineers.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.
Report received from Agency, August 12, 2011.

Referred to committee on **Labor, Public Safety, and Urban Affairs**, August 17, 2011.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 11–031

Relating to private onsite wastewater treatment systems (POWTS).

Submitted by Department of Commerce.
Report received from Agency, August 15, 2011.

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources and Environment**, August 17, 2011.

The joint committee for review of **Administrative Rules** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 11–006

Relating to fishing on the inland, outlying, and boundary waters of Wisconsin.

No action taken.

LEAH VUKMIR
Senate Chairperson

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin Office of the Senate Majority Leader

August 19, 2011

The Honorable, The Senate:

Pursuant to Section **234.02 (1)** Wisconsin Statutes and Senate Rule **20**, I am appointing Senator Glenn Grothman to the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
SCOTT FITZGERALD
Senate Majority Leader

State of Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

August 9, 2011

The Honorable, The Senate:

The following lobbyists have been authorized to act on behalf of the organizations set opposite their names.

For more detailed information about these lobbyists and organizations and a complete list of organizations and people authorized to lobby the 2011–2012 session of the legislature, visit the Government Accountability Board's web site at <http://gab.wi.gov/>.

Culotta, Jason

Wisconsin Manufacturers &
Commerce

McCoshen, William J

Public Finance Authority

Nekola, Katie

Clean Wisconsin Inc

Petersen, Eric J

Public Finance Authority

Walsh, Kenneth

Select Management
Resources

Also available from the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board are reports identifying the amount and

value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for lobbying activities filed by organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,
KEVIN KENNEDY
Director and General Counsel

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau**

August 17, 2011

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. 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 2009–10 school year, which is the fourth year the researchers arranged for the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination to be administered to Choice pupils. We analyzed and generally confirmed the analyses that they reported in March 2011, which show no significant difference in the performance of Choice pupils and similar MPS pupils after four years. However, we note that only 41.3 percent of the 2,727 Choice pupils in the researchers' sample remained in Choice schools in the 2009–10 school year.

As we discussed in our prior reports, we cannot provide legislators with information about academic performance specific to each of the 111 Choice schools that operated in the 2009–10 school year because the project, citing confidentiality concerns, has not provided us with average pupil test scores at individual Choice schools. However, [2009 Wisconsin Act 28](#) made several changes to testing requirements, including requiring Choice schools to administer the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination during the 2010–11 school year and report the results to the Department of Public Instruction.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by project researchers as we conducted this review.

Sincerely,
JOE CHRISMAN
Interim State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau**

August 18, 2011

The Honorable, The Legislature:

As requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, we have completed an evaluation of educational programs for working adults within the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS). Full-time equivalent enrollment increased 16.9 percent from fiscal year (FY) 2007–08 through FY 2009–10. WTCS attributes the increase to an increase in the number of new students, as well as students enrolling in more credit hours.

To help meet the local needs for the occupational education, training, and re-training of working adults, 31.8 percent of associate degree courses held in the Spring 2010 semester by the 16 technical college districts were scheduled after 5:00 p.m. or on weekends, or were available as online courses. Twenty-one associate degree programs are offered entirely online, and the number of online associate degree courses increased 46.4 percent over the six-semester period we reviewed, reaching 2,822 in Spring 2010. Current district policies allow other educational institutions to provide training and occupational programming in rented district facilities, which may help improve access to needed services. However, we include a recommendation for district boards to determine whether such programming could be offered by the technical colleges.

In June 2010, 259,643 individuals were unemployed, including some who were dislocated from their employment as a result of plant closings or mass layoffs. Some dislocated workers are eligible for training services funded by two federal programs, the Workforce Investment Act and the Trade Adjustment Assistance program. We estimated 7,000 students in the technical colleges were supported by these two programs in FY 2009–10. However, given the uncertainty of future federal funding levels and the likelihood of continued demand for training services, we include recommendations for updating information on funding, training needs, and employment outcomes after training.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by WTCS, the 16 technical college districts, and the Department of Workforce Development.

Sincerely,
JOE CHRISMAN
Interim State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
Government Accountability Board**

August 18, 2011

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the official canvass of the August 9, 2011 Recall Election vote for the office of State Senator, along with the determination by the designees of the Chairperson of the Government Accountability Board of the winners.

With this letter, I am delivering the Certificates of Election and transmittal letters for the winner to you for distribution.

If the Government Accountability Board can provide you with further information or assistance, please contact our office.

Sincerely,
KEVIN J. KENNEDY
Director & General Counsel

**Statement of Canvass
for
State Senator**

RECALL ELECTION, August 9, 2011

I, Gerald C. Nichol, designee of the Chairperson of the Government Accountability Board, certify that the attached tabular statements, as compiled from the certified returns made to the Government Accountability Board by the several counties of the state, contain a correct abstract of the total number of votes given for the election of a candidate for State Senator, at a Recall Election held in the several election districts in said counties on the ninth day of August, 2011.

I DO, THEREFORE, DETERMINE AND CERTIFY that the following candidate, having each received the greatest number of votes, is duly elected State Senator:

<u>Senate District</u>	<u>Elected</u>
2nd District	Robert L. Cowles
8th District	Alberta Darling
10th District	Sheila E. Harsdorf
14th District	Luther S. Olsen
18th District	Jessica King
32nd District	Jennifer Shilling

Done in the City of Madison, this 18th day of August, 2011.

JUDGE GERALD C. NICHOL
Designee of the Chairperson
Government Accountability Board

OATH OF OFFICE

On Friday, August 19, 2011, Jessica King took and subscribed the oath of office in Oshkosh, which was administered by the Honorable Barbara H. Key, Circuit Court Judge, Branch 3, Winnebago County.

**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE
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Senate Clearinghouse Rule 11-032

Relating to hunting and the 2011 migratory game bird seasons and waterfowl hunting zones.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from Agency, August 18, 2011.

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources and Environment**, August 19, 2011.

The joint committee for review of **Administrative Rules** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 10-129

Relating to the lottery and gaming and school levy tax credits and plat review fees.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 11-025

Relating to the requirements for the initial licensure of veterinarians, specifically the procedures for and the types of examinations required.

No action taken.

LEAH VUKMIR
Senate Chairperson