



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

Room 412 East, State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

February 11, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

[The following is a summary of the February 11, 2015 meeting of the Joint Legislative Council. The file copy of this summary has appended to it a copy of each document prepared for or submitted to the committee during the meeting. A digital recording of the meeting is available on our website at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc>.]

Call to Order and Roll Call

Co-Chair Ballweg called the meeting to order. The roll was called and it was noted that a quorum was present. Co-Chair Ballweg reminded members that bills recommended today will be introduced by the Council to the Legislature pursuant to s. 13.81 (3), Stats. These bills will follow the traditional process in the Legislature. Public hearings may be held on these bills in their assigned standing committees. Co-Chair Ballweg noted that all Council recommendations require at least 12 votes.

Co-Chair Ballweg welcomed back to Council leadership Senator Lazich, and welcomed the new members of the Council.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT:

Rep. Joan Ballweg and Sen. Mary Lazich, Co-Chairs; Sens. Scott Fitzgerald, Rick Gudex, Mark Miller, Terry Moulton, Jerry Petrowski, Fred Risser, Jennifer Shilling, Lena Taylor, and Van Wanggaard; and Reps. Tyler August, Peter Barca, Dan Knodl, Cory Mason, John Murtha, John Nygren, Katrina Shankland, Jim Steineke, Chris Taylor, and Robin Vos.

COMMITTEE MEMBER
EXCUSED:

Sen. Alberta Darling.

COUNCIL STAFF PRESENT: Terry C. Anderson, Director; Dan Schmidt, Principal Analyst; Scott Grosz and Jessica Karls-Ruplinger, Principal Attorneys; Margit Kelley and Melissa Schmidt, Senior Staff Attorneys; Jessica Ozalp and Rachel Snyder, Staff Attorneys; and Julie Learned, Kelly Mautz, and Tracey Young, Senior Administrative Assistants.

APPEARANCES: Sen. Luther Olsen, Chair, and Rep. Mary Czaja, Vice Chair, Study Committee on the Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE) Program; Rep. Evan Goyke, Vice Chair, Study Committee on Problem-Solving Courts, Alternatives, and Diversions, and Cory Bruce, aide to former Rep. Garey Bies; Rep. LaTonya Johnson, Vice Chair, Study Committee on Adoption Disruption and Dissolution; and Sen. Rick Gudex, Chair, Study Committee on the Review of Tax Incremental Financing.

Approval of the Minutes of the Committee's February 13, 2013 Meeting

Co-Chair Ballweg asked for a motion to approve the February 13, 2013 minutes of the Joint Legislative Council.

Rep. Barca moved, seconded by Sen. Fitzgerald, that the minutes of the February 13, 2013 meeting be approved. The motion was adopted by voice vote.

Committee Report No. 1 of the Study Committee on the Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE) Program

Senator Luther Olsen, Chair, and Representative Mary Czaja, Vice Chair, Study Committee on the Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE) Program, accompanied by Jessica Ozalp, Legislative Council staff, presented the report of the Study Committee. Senator Olsen gave a summary of the two recommendations.

After a lengthy discussion, Co-Chair Ballweg asked for a motion to introduce LRB-0729/1 and LRB-1312/1.

*Sen. Lazich moved, seconded by Sen. Petrowski, that **LRB-0729/1 and LRB-1312/1**, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 16 (Reps. Ballweg, August Knodl, Murtha, Nygren, Steineke, and Vos; Sens. Lazich, Fitzgerald, Gudex, Miller, Moulton, Petrowski, Risser, Taylor, and Wanggaard); Noes, 5 (Reps. Barca, Mason, Shankland, and Taylor; and Sens. Shilling); and Excused, 1 (Sen. Darling).*

Committee Report No. 3 of the Study Committee on Problem-Solving Courts, Alternatives, and Diversions

Representative Goyke, Vice Chair, Study Committee on Problem-Solving Courts, Alternatives and Diversions, accompanied by Melissa Schmidt, Legislative Council staff, outlined the work of the Study Committee and described the committee's three recommendations. He thanked retired Representative Garey Bies, Chair of the Study Committee, for his work and dedication to the committee.

After discussion from committee members, Co-Chair Ballweg asked for a motion to introduce LRB-0932/1, LRB-0922/1 and LRB-0918/1.

*Rep. Nygren moved, seconded by Sen. Taylor, that **LRB-0932/1, LRB-0922/1 and LRB-0918/1**, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 20 (Reps. Ballweg, Barca, Knodl, Mason, Murtha, Nygren, Shankland, Steineke, Taylor, and Vos; and Sens. Lazich, Fitzgerald, Gudex, Miller, Moulton, Petrowski, Risser, Shilling, Taylor, and Wanggaard); Noes, 1 (Rep. August); and Excused, 1 (Sen. Darling).*

Committee Report No. 5 of the Study Committee on Adoption Disruption and Dissolution

Representative Johnson, Vice Chair, Study Committee on Adoption Disruption and Dissolution, accompanied by Margit Kelley, Legislative Council staff, reported on the committee's activities. She stated the committee was charged with studying the extent of disruption and dissolution of adoptive families. In order to help such families, the committee was also directed to consider legislative options to address issues that may lead an adoption to fail, and to consider options to address the needs of adoptive children and parents if an adoption should fail. Representative Johnson then explained the committee's four bill drafts.

After discussion by committee members, Co-Chair Ballweg asked for a motion to introduce LRB-1027/2, LRB-1028/1, LRB-1029/1, and LRB-1030/1.

*Rep. Barca moved, seconded by Sen. Lazich, that **LRB-1027/2, LRB-1028/1, LRB-1029/1, and LRB-1030/1**, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 19 (Reps. Ballweg, August, Barca, Knodl, Mason, Murtha, Nygren, Shankland, Steineke, and Taylor; and Sens. Lazich, Gudex, Miller, Moulton, Petrowski, Risser, Shilling, Taylor, and Wanggaard); Noes, 0; and Excused, 3 (Rep. Vos; and Sens. Darling and Fitzgerald).*

[Sen. Fitzgerald and Rep. Vos indicated that had they been present they would have voted "aye".]

Committee Report No. 4 of the Study Committee on the Review of Tax Incremental Financing

Senator Rick Gudex, Chair, Study Committee on the Review of Tax Incremental Financing, accompanied by Scott Grosz and Melissa Schmidt, Legislative Council staff, summarized the work of the committee and noted that the committee's public members represented professionals with expertise in TIF consulting, public finance, real estate development, and the study of TIF performance, as well as representation for the economic development interests of municipalities of all sizes, from regions throughout the state, which proved to be very beneficial as the committee progressed considering the technical nature of some of the recommendations. He then gave a brief description of each of the eight committee recommendations.

Co-Chair Ballweg asked for a motion for introduction on LRB-1063/1, LRB-1064/2, LRB-1065/1, LRB-1066/1, LRB-1067/1, LRB-1068/1, LRB-1069/1, and LRB-1070/1.

*Sen. Lazich moved, seconded by Rep. Mason, that **LRB-1063/1, LRB-1064/2, LRB-1065/1, LRB-1066/1, LRB-1067/1, LRB-1068/1, LRB-1069/1, and LRB-1070/1**, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 19 (Reps. Ballweg, August, Barca, Knodl, Mason, Murtha, Nygren, Shankland, Steineke, and Taylor; and Sens. Lazich, Gudex, Miller, Moulton, Petrowski, Risser, Shilling, Taylor, and Wanggaard); Noes, 0; and Excused, 3 (Rep. Vos; and Sens. Darling and Fitzgerald).*

[Sen. Fitzgerald and Rep. Vos indicated that had they been present they would have voted "aye".]

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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