



2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 116

February 18, 2016 - Introduced by Representatives ZAMARRIPA, MASON, BERCEAU, HINTZ, JOHNSON, JORGENSEN, KESSLER, OHNSTAD, POPE, SINICKI, SPREITZER, SUBECK, MILROY and C. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Senators MILLER, L. TAYLOR and HARRIS DODD. Referred to Committee on Workforce Development.

- 1 **Relating to:** requiring the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization to
2 immediately appoint a committee to study and report on certain impacts of
3 professional licensure requirements.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This resolution requires the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization to immediately appoint a committee consisting of two members of the majority and the minority parties in the assembly; two members of the majority and the minority parties in the senate; four representatives of licensed professionals; one representative of the Department of Safety and Professional Services; and four representatives of those formerly convicted of a crime.

The committee must study the impact of the fact of an individual's past criminal conviction on his or her ability to obtain a professional license when the circumstances of the offense do not substantially relate to the circumstances of the particular licensed activity. The committee must investigate whether Wisconsin's professional licensing laws are narrowly tailored to protect the public welfare and whether they place an undue burden on formerly convicted individuals seeking to become licensed professionals.

Under the resolution, the committee must deliver its findings to the assembly and the senate majority and minority leaders and to the cochairpersons of the Joint Committee on Finance before January 3, 2017.

1 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the joint committee
2 on legislative organization shall immediately appoint a committee consisting of 2
3 members of the majority and the minority parties in the assembly; 2 members of the
4 majority and the minority parties in the senate; 4 representatives of licensed
5 professionals in this state; one representative of the department of safety and
6 professional services; and 4 representatives of individuals formerly convicted of a
7 crime. The committee shall study the impact of the fact of an individual's past
8 criminal conviction on the individual's ability to obtain a professional license in this
9 state when the circumstances of the offense do not substantially relate to the
10 circumstances of the particular licensed activity. The committee shall investigate
11 whether this state's professional licensing laws are narrowly tailored to protect the
12 public welfare and whether they place an undue burden on formerly convicted
13 individuals seeking professional licenses. The committee shall deliver its findings
14 to the assembly and the senate majority and minority leaders and to the
15 cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance before January 3, 2017.

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