

Assembly  
Record of Committee Proceedings

**Committee on State Affairs**

**Assembly Bill 459**

Relating to: incorporating cursive writing into the state model English language arts standards and requiring cursive writing in elementary grades.

By Representatives Thiesfeldt, Vruwink, Ballweg, Bowen, Brostoff, Gundrum, James, Haywood, Krug, Kuglitsch, Mursau, L. Myers, Ramthun, Sanfelippo, Skowronski, Tusler and Dittrich; cosponsored by Senators Olsen, Johnson, Nass, Carpenter, Jacque, Marklein, L. Taylor and Wanggaard.

September 18, 2019 Referred to Committee on State Affairs

November 06, 2019 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (13) Representative Swearingen; Representatives Tauchen, Jagler, Schraa, Knodl, Kuglitsch, Summerfield, Vorpapel, Sinicki, McGuire, Ohnstad, Stubbs and Cabrera.  
Absent: (1) Representative Crowley.  
Excused: (1) Representative Kulp.

Appearances For

- Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt - 52nd Assembly District
- Krista Huerta
- Katie Kasubaski - Decoding Dyslexia WI
- Nancy Honadel - GFWC WI Womens Club
- Joyce O'Donnell - GFWC WI Womens Club
- Dan Degner

Appearances Against

- Dan Rossmiller - WI Association of School Boards

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Sen. Steve Nass - 11th Senate District
- Nancy Schrap - GFWC WI Womens Club

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- Grant Huber

January 22, 2020

**Executive Session Held**

Present: (13) Representative Swearingen; Representatives Tauchen, Jagler, Schraa, Knodl, Kuglitsch, Summerfield, Kulp, Sinicki, McGuire, Ohnstad, Stubbs and Cabrera.

Absent: (1) Representative Crowley.

Excused: (1) Representative Vorpapel.

Moved by Representative Schraa, seconded by Representative Summerfield that **Assembly Bill 459** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (8) Representative Swearingen; Representatives Tauchen, Jagler, Schraa, Knodl, Kuglitsch, Summerfield and Kulp.

Noes: (5) Representatives Sinicki, McGuire, Ohnstad, Stubbs and Cabrera.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 8, Noes 5

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Joe Mesec  
Committee Clerk