

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

One-Hundred and Fifth Regular Session

FRIDAY, November 5, 2021

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

CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 621** offered by Senators Bewley, Agard, Johnson, Ringhand and Roys.

SENATE ENROLLED PROPOSALS

The Chief Clerk records:

Senate Joint Resolution 65

Senate Joint Resolution 70

Report correctly enrolled on 11-5-2021.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read and referred:

Senate Resolution 11

Relating to: castigating the Wisconsin Elections Commission for ignoring statutory requirements, for sidestepping the administrative rulemaking process, and for not following both the letter and intent of state statute.

By Senators Roth, LeMahieu, Wanggaard, Bradley, Darling, Felzkowski, Feyen, Jacque, Jagler, Kapenga, Nass, Petrowski, Stafholt, Stroebel and Testin.

To the committee on **Senate Organization**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The committee on **Senate Organization** reported:

Referred to, and withdrawn from, the Joint Committee on Finance, pursuant to Senate Rule 41 (1)(e):

Assembly Bill 377

Ayes: 5 - Senators LeMahieu, Kapenga, Feyen, Bewley and Ringhand.

Noes: 0 - None.

Public hearing requirement waived, pursuant to Senate Rule 18 (1m):

Assembly Bill 99

Assembly Bill 314

Assembly Bill 377

Ayes: 5 - Senators LeMahieu, Kapenga, Feyen, Bewley and Ringhand.

Noes: 0 - None.

Placed the following appointments and proposals on the Senate Calendar of Monday, November 08, 2021:

Senate Bill 261

Senate Bill 309

Senate Bill 399

Senate Bill 570

Senate Bill 585

Senate Bill 588

Senate Bill 607

Senate Bill 621

Senate Bill 622

Senate Bill 655

Assembly Bill 99

Assembly Bill 314

Assembly Bill 377

Senate Resolution 11

Senate Joint Resolution 73

Senate Joint Resolution 74

Ayes: 5 - Senators LeMahieu, Kapenga, Feyen, Bewley and Ringhand.

Noes: 0 - None.

DEVIN LEMAHIEU

Chairperson

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Larson added as a coauthor of **Senate Bill 215**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representative Murphy added as a cosponsor of **Senate Bill 662**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Felzkowski added as a coauthor of **Senate Joint Resolution 74**.

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

November 5, 2021

The Honorable, the Senate:

The following bill(s), originating in the Senate, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

| <u>Bill Number</u> | <u>Act Number</u> | <u>Date Approved</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Senate Bill 103 | 88 | November 5, 2021 |
| Senate Bill 373 | 89 | November 5, 2021 |
| Senate Bill 555 | 90 | November 5, 2021 |

Sincerely,
TONY EVERS
 Governor

Pursuant to s. 35.095 (1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes, the following 2021 Act(s) have been published:

| <u>Act Number</u> | <u>Bill Number</u> | <u>Publication Date</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Wisconsin Act 88 | 103 | November 6, 2021 |
| Wisconsin Act 89 | 373 | November 6, 2021 |
| Wisconsin Act 90 | 555 | November 6, 2021 |

—————
State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

November 5, 2021

The Honorable, the Senate:

I am vetoing **Senate Bill 454** in its entirety.

The bill would mandate school boards and independent charter schools to assess the early literacy skill of pupils in four-year-old kindergarten to second grade using repeated screening assessments throughout the year and to create a personal reading plan for each pupil in five-year-old kindergarten to second grade who is identified as at-risk. It would also mandate the Department of Public Instruction establish and maintain lists of approved fundamental skills screening assessments, universal screening assessments, and diagnostic assessments on its Internet site based on alignment with model academic standards in reading and language arts,

and a mandatory minimum sensitivity rate and specificity rate. Further, this bill would mandate a school board, for each school and the district, or operator of an independent charter, to annually submit a report to the Department regarding the number of pupils identified as at-risk, the names of reading assessments used, and the number of pupils give-year-old kindergarten to second grade who receive literacy interventions, all information which the Department would have to then annually compile and report to the Legislature. The bill provides no additional funding to implement its new mandates for additional testing or to address staffing or other resource needs necessary for implementation.

Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the prior two years have been especially challenging for our kids, parents, and schools. We must work-and quickly-to address reading proficiency and increase literacy success for every kid in our classrooms. I have advocated for some time, including during my time on the Read to Lead Task Force, for increased efforts at the state level to support our kids and our schools so we can ensure every student’s success. This dialogue, however, must be based on proven, evidence-based practices, and cannot be independent from discussions about the state’s obligation to provide meaningful, sustainable support for our classrooms and our schools.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to fundamentally overhauling Wisconsin literacy instruction and intervention without evidence that more statewide, mandatory testing is the best approach for our students, and without providing the funding needed for implementation. This bill ultimately reduces valuable instruction time while asking schools to strain their existing resources, instead of providing necessary funding to support the work educators, administrators, and staff are currently doing to support reading and literacy for our students.

Respectfully submitted,
TONY EVERS
 Governor