

2007-2008 Legislation and Proposed Bills
Summarized by Roberta Akalin, Wisconsin Sigma State Delta Kappa Gamma
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AWARENESS: Information to be share with and used by the local Delta Kappa Gamma Chapters.

In 2007-2008 the Wisconsin Assembly discussed 971 bills and the Wisconsin Senate discussed 573. The following is a listing of some of the concerns brought forth in the Wisconsin Legislative Committees.

PASSAGE OF 2007 WISCONSIN ACT 40

AN ACT to amend 120.12 (22) of the statutes;

relating to: payment of the costs of advanced placement examinations taken by certain pupils.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

07 Act 40, s. 1 120.12 (22) **ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS.** Using federal, state, local, or private funds, pay the costs of advanced placement examinations taken by pupils enrolled in the school district who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches in the federal school lunch program under 42 USC 1758.

ADDITIONAL INITIATIVES: The proposed bills in numeric order, the dates, the representatives/senators who voted for or against these proposals are included so that you know the involvement and actions of our state legislators.

Assembly Bill 151 Relating to: making a postsecondary student who has been convicted of possessing, with intent to manufacture, distribute, or deliver, or of manufacturing, distributing, or delivering, a controlled substance or controlled substance analog based on conduct that occurred during a period of enrollment for which the postsecondary student was receiving any state financial assistance ineligible for state financial assistance and granting rule-making authority.

By Representatives Hahn, LeMahieu, Van Roy, Lothian, Nygren, Suder, Kerkman, Ziegelbauer, Pridemore, Vukmir, Zipperer, A. Ott, Nass, Albers, Townsend, Bies, M. Williams, Vos, Petrowski and Roth; cosponsored by Senators Leibham, Lazich, Cowles, Roessler, Kanavas, Schultz and Darling.

March 05, 2007 Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

May 22, 2007 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Moved by Representative Nass that **Assembly Bill 151** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (6) Representatives Nass, Ballweg, Jeskewitz, Zipperer, Gottlieb and Kleefisch.

Noes: (3) Representatives Shilling, Smith and Black.

Absent: (1) Representative Hintz.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 3

Assembly Bill 165 Relating to: transportation of four-year-old kindergarten pupils attending private schools.

By Representatives Friske, Musser, Albers, Nass, Nerison, Van Roy and Ballweg;

cosponsored by Senators Lehman, Breske, Schultz and Roessler.

March 12, 2007 Referred to Committee on Education Reform.

January 8, 2008 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (8) Representatives Pridemore, Nass, Vukmir, Wood, J. Ott, Pope-Roberts, Krusick and A. Williams.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 8, Noes 0

Assembly Bill 176 Relating to: the use of ethnic names, nicknames, logos, and mascots by school boards, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Musser and Boyle; cosponsored by Senator Coggs, by request of Wisconsin Indian Education Association.

March 12, 2007 Referred to Committee on Education Reform.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Assembly Bill 199 Relating to: providing benefits to tribal schools and tribal school pupils similar to those provided to private schools and private school pupils and making an appropriation.

By Joint Legislative Council.

March 19, 2007 Referred to Committee on Education Reform.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Assembly Bill 233 Relating to: granting high school diplomas to certain veterans with service-connected disabilities.

By Representatives Sheridan, Musser, Bies, Berceau, Gunderson, Hahn, Hebl, Jorgensen, Kreuser, Lothian, Molepske, Petrowski, Sinicki, Travis, Townsend and A. Williams; cosponsored by Senators Sullivan, Leibham, Hansen, Kreitlow, Lassa, Plale, Schultz and Wirch.

April 10, 2007 Referred to Committee on Education.

March 6, 2008 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Ayes: (10) Representatives Davis, Newcomer, Nass, Townsend, Vukmir, Nygren, Pope-Roberts, Mason, Van Akkeren, Hixson. Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 10, Noes 0

Assembly Bill 237 Relating to: imposing a tax on the sale of soft drinks, creating a dental access trust fund, creating grants for dental public health and dental education projects, and making appropriations.

By Representatives Bies, Zepnick, Albers, Benedict, Berceau, Black, Grigsby, Hebl, Molepske, A. Ott, Pocan, Sheridan, Sherman, Soletski, Townsend, Turner, A. Williams and Young; cosponsored by Senator Miller.

April 10, 2007 Referred to Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Assembly Bill 252 Relating to: the maximum amount of a Wisconsin higher education grant.

By Representatives Molepske, Berceau, Staskunas, Cullen, Hixson and Soletski; cosponsored by Senators Erpenbach, Lehman, Roessler, Coggs and Lassa.

April 10, 2007 Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Assembly Bill 282 Relating to: threatening a school official.

By Representatives Albers, Molepske, Musser, Hahn, Berceau, Vos, Nygren, Townsend, Gunderson and Hraychuck; cosponsored by Senators Schultz, Roessler, Olsen and A. Lasee.

April 23, 2007 Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice.

October 18, 2007 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Moved by Representative Albers, seconded by Representative Vukmir that **Assembly Bill 282** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (8) Representatives Kleefisch, Friske, Albers, Owens, Vukmir, Kramer, Turner and Hraychuck.

Noes: (3) Representatives Staskunas, Kessler and Grigsby.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 8, Noes 3

Assembly Bill 286 Relating to: applications to attend a virtual charter school under the open enrollment program.

By Representatives Pridemore, Albers, Vos, Nygren, Wood and Townsend.

April 23, 2007 Referred to Committee on Education Reform.

January 8, 2008 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 3

Moved by Representative Wood, seconded by Representative Vukmir that **Assembly Bill 286** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (5) Representatives Pridemore, Nass, Vukmir, Wood and J. Ott. Noes: (3)

Representatives Pope-Roberts, Krusick and A. Williams.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 3

Assembly Bill 327 Relating to: school district youth options programs and making an appropriation.

By Representatives Mursau, Strachota, Montgomery, Musser, Jeskewitz, J. Ott, Kramer, Hahn, Wood, LeMahieu, Bies, A. Ott, Vos, Moulton, Lothian, Gunderson and Hines; cosponsored by Senators Schultz and Lazich.

May 15, 2007 Referred to Committee on Education.

December 4, 2007 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 4

Moved by Representative Vukmir, seconded by Representative Newcomer that **Assembly Bill 327** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (6) Representatives Davis, Newcomer, Nass, Townsend, Vukmir and Nygren.

Noes: (4) Representatives Pope-Roberts, Mason, Van Akkeren and Hixson.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 4

Assembly Bill 366 Relating to: sentencing for crimes on school premises and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Staskunas, Musser, Sheridan, Gunderson, Jeskewitz, Townsend, Hixson, A. Ott and Smith; cosponsored by Senators Carpenter, Roessler, Schultz, Darling, Hansen, Plale, Leibham and Sullivan.

May 29, 2007 Referred to Committee on Education.

March 6, 2008 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Moved by Representative Pope-Roberts, seconded by Representative Mason that **Assembly Bill 366** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (10) Representatives Davis, Newcomer, Nass, Townsend, Vukmir, Nygren, Pope-Roberts, Mason, Van Akkeren, Hixson. Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 10, Noes 0

Assembly Bill 367 Relating to: trespass on school premises and providing a penalty. By Representatives Staskunas, Musser, Zepnick, Sheridan, Bies, Ballweg, Albers, Gunderson, Jeskewitz, Townsend, Hixson, A. Ott and Smith; cosponsored by Senators Carpenter, Roessler, Schultz, Darling, Hansen, Plale, Lassa and Sullivan.

May 29, 2007 Referred to Committee on Education.

March 6, 2008 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Moved by Representative Pope-Roberts, seconded by Representative Mason that **Assembly Bill 367** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (9) Representatives Davis, Newcomer, Townsend, Vukmir, Nygren, Pope-Roberts, Mason, Van Akkeren and Hixson.

Noes: (1) Representative Nass.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 9, Noes 1

NOTE: ACT 40 Passed-Changing the State Statues 120.12.22--Assembly Bill 404

Relating to: payment of the costs of advanced placement examinations taken by certain pupils.

By Representatives Pope-Roberts, Ballweg, Berceau, Black, Cullen, Fields, Grigsby, Hixson, A. Ott, Pocan, Sheridan, Smith, Toles, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Van Akkeren, Vruwink and M. Williams; cosponsored by Senators Breske, Darling, Erpenbach, Kreitlow, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Plale, Risser, Schultz, Taylor and Vinehout.

June 14, 2007 Referred to Committee on Education.

December 4, 2007 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Moved by Representative Pope-Roberts, seconded by Representative Mason that **Assembly Bill 404** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (10) Representatives Davis, Newcomer, Nass, Townsend, Vukmir, Nygren, Pope-Roberts, Mason, Van Akkeren, Hixson. Noes: (0) None.

Assembly Bill 482 Relating to: prohibiting the Milwaukee Public Schools from imposing residency requirements on teachers.

By Representatives Gunderson, Vos, Pridemore, Pope-Roberts, Musser, Kestell, Albers, Bies, Mursau and Townsend; cosponsored by Senators Darling, Lazich and Schultz.

August 07, 2007 Referred to Committee on Education.

October 9, 2007 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Moved by Representative Vukmir, seconded by Representative Newcomer that **Assembly Bill 482** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (10) Representatives Davis, Newcomer, Nass, Townsend, Vukmir, Nygren, Pope-Roberts, Mason, Van Akkeren, Hixson. Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 10, Noes 0

Assembly Bill 517 Relating to: eliminating racial balance as a basis for rejecting a pupil under the Open Enrollment Program.

By Representatives Nass, Suder, Tauchen, Nygren, Bies, Vos, Hahn, Owens, LeMahieu, Mursau, Pridemore, A. Ott, Jeskewitz, Albers and Petrowski; cosponsored by Senator Lazich.

October 02, 2007 Referred to Committee on Education Reform.

January 8, 2008 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Moved by Representative Vukmir, seconded by Representative J. Ott that **Assembly Bill 517** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (7) Representatives Pridemore, Nass, Vukmir, Wood, J. Ott, Pope-Roberts and

Krusick.

Noes: (1) Representative A. Williams.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 1

March 07, 2008 Referred Committee on Education.

March 13, 2008 Failed to concur pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Assembly Bill 647 Relating to: adopting federal law as it relates to an income tax deduction for certain educators and creating an individual income tax deduction for educators who use their own funds to purchase classroom educational supplies.

By Representatives Wieckert, Ballweg, Staskunas, Boyle, Gronemus, Parisi, Turner, A. Ott, Smith, Jorgensen, Young, Berceau, Jeskewitz, Fields, Musser, Bies, Friske, Sheridan, Kaufert, Gunderson, Mursau, Mason, Grigsby, Cullen, Vos, Sherman, Seidel, Van Akkeren, Hubler, Shilling, Van Roy, Ziegelbauer, Molepske, Nelson, Kleefisch, Townsend, Schneider, Pope-Roberts, Travis and Hilgenberg; cosponsored by Senators Plale, Taylor, Olsen, Darling, Roessler, Kapanke, Leibham, Schultz, Kedzie, Wirch, Hansen, Vinehout and Risser.

March 13, 2008 Referred to Committee on Rules.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Assembly Bill 747 Relating to: providing notice of abstinence-only education.

By Representatives Grigsby, Benedict, Berceau, Black, Boyle, Fields, Kessler, Parisi, Pocan, Pope-Roberts, Seidel, Sheridan, Sinicki, Soletski, Toles, Turner and Wasserman; cosponsored by Senators Taylor and Risser.

February 04, 2008 Referred to Committee on Education Reform.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Assembly Bill 878 Relating to: providing information about suicide prevention to public and private school professional staff.

By Representatives Van Akkeren, Berceau, Hahn, Nygren, A. Ott, Pope-Roberts, Sheridan, Turner, Pocan and Albers; cosponsored by Senators Lehman, Darling, Lassa, Plale, Risser and Roessler.

February 26, 2008 Referred to Committee on Education.

March 11, 2008 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 9, Noes 1 **Assembly Bill 878**

March 11, 2008 Referred to Committee on Rules.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Assembly Bill 879 Relating to: requiring the licensure of instructional staff in schools participating in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.

By Representatives Pope-Roberts, Black, Parisi, Pocan, Sinicki, Turner, Van Akkeren and Sheridan; cosponsored by Senators Taylor, Lehman, Lassa and Kreitlow.

February 26, 2008 Referred to Committee on Education Reform.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Assembly Bill 940 Relating to: requiring school districts to spend at least 70 percent of their operating expenses on direct classroom expenditures.

By Representatives Vos, Kerkman and Lothian.

March 11, 2008 Referred to Committee on Education.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Senate Bill 41 Relating to: requiring an additional credit in mathematics and in science for

a high school diploma.

By Senators Olsen, Harsdorf, Roessler and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Davis, Strachota, Gottlieb, Hines, Honadel, Kerkman, F. Lasee, Moulton, Nass, Nygren, A. Ott, Pridemore, Rhoades, Suder, Townsend, Vos and Wasserman.

February 15, 2007 Referred to Committee on Education.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Senate Bill 42 Relating to: school policies on bullying.

By Senators Kedzie, Coggs, Carpenter, Lassa, Roessler, Darling, Lehman, Schultz, Hansen, Sullivan and A. Lasee; cosponsored by Representatives Jeskewitz, Lothian, Young, Sheridan, Fields, Turner, Hines, Albers, Berceau, A. Ott, Ballweg, Krusick, Cullen and Owens.

March 13, 2008 Referred to Committee on Rules.

March 13, 2008 Failed to concur pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Senate Bill 108 Relating to: requiring instruction in public schools on the history of organized labor in America and the collective bargaining process.

By Senators Hansen, Wirch, Lehman, Plale, Risser and Sullivan; cosponsored by Representatives Zepnick, Sheridan, Sinicki, Hebl, Black, Jorgensen, Pocan, Turner, Berceau, Grigsby and Vruwink.

March 13, 2008 Referred to Committee on Education.

March 13, 2008 Failed to concur pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Senate Bill 117 Relating to: imposing a tax on the sale of soft drinks, creating a dental access trust fund, creating grants for dental public health and dental education projects, and making appropriations.

By Senator Miller; cosponsored by Representatives Bies, Zepnick, Albers, Benedict, Berceau, Black, Grigsby, Hebl, Molepske, A. Ott, Pocan, Sheridan, Sherman, Soletski, Townsend, Turner, A. Williams and Young.

November 06, 2007 Referred to Committee on Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Senate Bill 132 Relating to: the use of ethnic names, nicknames, logos, and mascots by school boards, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

By Senators Coggs, Risser, Carpenter and Hansen; cosponsored by Representatives Musser, Boyle, Berceau, Cullen, Fields, Grigsby, Kreuser, Mursau, Nelson, Parisi, Pocan, Schneider, Sheridan, Sinicki, Soletski, Sherman and Shilling.

April 06, 2007 Referred to Committee on Education.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Senate Bill 231 Relating to: prohibiting the Milwaukee Public Schools from imposing residency requirements on teachers.

By Senators Darling, Lazich and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Gunderson, Vos, Pridemore, Pope-Roberts, Musser, Kestell, Albers, Bies, Mursau and Townsend.

July 12, 2007 Referred to Committee on Education.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Senate Bill 238 Relating to: accessible instructional materials for students with disabilities enrolled in the University of Wisconsin System or the technical college system.

By Senators Roessler and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Seidel, Berceau,

Grigsby, Hebl, Hintz, Sheridan and Zepnick.

July 18, 2007 Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Higher Education.

January 17, 2008 Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

NOTE: ACT 40 Passed-Changing the State Statues 120.12.22--Senate Bill 249

Relating to: payment of the costs of advanced placement examinations taken by certain pupils.

By Senators Lehman, Breske, Darling, Erpenbach, Kreitlow, Hansen, Lassa, Miller, Plale, Risser, Schultz, Taylor and Vinehout; cosponsored by Representatives Pope-Roberts, Ballweg, Berceau, Black, Cullen, Fields, Grigsby, Hilgenberg, Hixson, A. Ott, Pocan, Sheridan, Smith, Soletski, Toles, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Van Akkeren, Vruwink and M. Williams.

November 01, 2007 Referred to Committee on Education.

December 4, 2007 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Moved by Representative Pope-Roberts, seconded by Representative Mason that **Senate Bill 249** be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (10) Representatives Davis, Newcomer, Nass, Townsend, Vukmir, Nygren, Pope-Roberts, Mason, Van Akkeren, Hixson. Noes: (0) None.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 10, Noes 0

NOTE: ACT 40 Passed-Changing the State Statues 120.12.22--Senate Bill 338

Relating to: payment of the costs of advanced placement examinations taken by certain pupils (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Public Instruction).

November 21, 2007 Referred to Committee on Education.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Senate Bill 396 Relating to: online courses for elementary and secondary school pupils and granting rule-making authority.

By Senators Lehman, Kreitlow and Taylor; cosponsored by Representatives Pope-Roberts, Sinicki and Turner.

January 17, 2008 Referred to Committee on Education.

January 29, 2008 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Moved by Senator Olsen, seconded by Senator Kreitlow that **Senate Bill 396** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (7) Senators Lehman, Erpenbach, Hansen, Kreitlow, Olsen, Grothman and Lazich.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Senate Bill 400 Relating to: providing notice of abstinence-only education.

By Senators Taylor and Risser; cosponsored by Representatives Grigsby, Benedict, Berceau, Black, Boyle, Fields, Kessler, Parisi, Pocan, Pope-Roberts, Seidel, Sheridan, Sinicki, Soletski, Toles, Turner and Wasserman.

January 17, 2008 Referred to Committee on Education.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Senate Bill 405 Relating to: providing instruction in human growth and development.

By Senators Taylor, Erpenbach, Plale, Risser, Miller and Lassa; cosponsored by Representatives Grigsby, Benedict, Berceau, Black, Boyle, Fields, Kessler, Parisi, Pocan, Pope-Roberts, Seidel, Sheridan, Sinicki, Soletski, Toles, Turner, Young and Zepnick.

January 22, 2008 Referred to Committee on Education.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Senate Bill 442 Relating to: the use of cellular telephones and other devices while operating certain motor vehicles transporting children and providing a penalty.
By Senators Carpenter, Lehman and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Kerkman, Zepnick, Hixson, Pope-Roberts, Boyle, Turner, A. Ott and Ballweg.

March 13, 2008 Referred to Committee on Transportation.

March 13, 2008 Failed to concur pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Senate Bill 466 Relating to: grants for world languages instruction in elementary schools and making an appropriation.

By Senators Lassa, Schultz and Risser; cosponsored by Representatives Hebl, Musser, Hixson, Sheridan, Berceau, Cullen and Schneider.

February 08, 2008 Referred to Committee on Education.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Senate Bill 475 Relating to: eliminating racial balance as a basis for rejecting a pupil under the Open Enrollment Program.

By Senator Lazich; cosponsored by Representatives Nass, Suder, Tauchen, Nygren, Bies, Vos, Hahn, Owens, LeMahieu, Mursau, Pridemore, A. Ott, Jeskewitz and Albers.

February 12, 2008 Referred to Committee on Education.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Senate Bill 486 Relating to: requiring the licensure of instructional staff in schools participating in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.

By Senators Taylor, Lehman, Lassa and Kreitlow; cosponsored by Representatives Pope-Roberts, Black, Parisi, Pocan, Sinicki, Turner, Van Akkeren and Kessler.

March 13, 2008 Referred to Committee on Education Reform.

March 13, 2008 Failed to concur pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Senate Bill 493 Relating to: providing information about suicide prevention to public and private school professional staff.

By Senators Lehman, Darling, Lassa, Plale, Risser and Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Van Akkeren, Berceau, Hahn, Nygren, Pocan, Pope-Roberts, Sheridan and Turner.

February 15, 2008 Referred to Committee on Education.

March 6, 2008 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Moved by Senator Kreitlow, seconded by Senator Hansen that **Senate Bill 493** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (5) Senators Lehman, Erpenbach, Hansen, Kreitlow and Olsen.

Noes: (2) Senators Grothman and Lazich.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 2

Senate Bill 495 Relating to: providing services to homeless public school pupils and making an appropriation.

By Senators Lassa and Hansen; cosponsored by Representatives Mason, Boyle, Parisi, Pope-Roberts, Sheridan, Soletski, Turner and Young.

February 15, 2008 Referred to Committee on Education.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Senate Bill 495 Relating to: providing services to homeless public school pupils and making an appropriation.

By Senators Lassa and Hansen; cosponsored by Representatives Mason, Boyle, Parisi, Pope-Roberts, Sheridan, Soletski, Turner and Young.

February 15, 2008 Referred to Committee on Education.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Senate Bill 539 Relating to: tuition fee remission for certain spouses of eligible veterans.

By Senator Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Musser, Townsend, Owens, Bies, Berceau, Hahn and Lothian.

February 27, 2008 Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Higher Education.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

REFLECTION: Which of these bills do you believe should be pursued? Why? What are your top three initiatives?

ACTION: What are your top three concerns about children, women, and education that you want our legislators to address in 2008-2009?

Please list your Chapter Reflections top three initiatives and your top three concerns for the new year. Sned them to Roberta Akalin, Sigma State U.S. Forum/Legislative Chair, 320 116th Street, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158 or email them to ro2among4@yahoo.com

**Thank you,
R. Akalin**