



STATE OF WISCONSIN
JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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MAIL BALLOT SUMMARY**

April 8, 2022

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF STUDY COMMITTEES

The co-chairs of the Joint Legislative Council recommend establishment of six study committees and the appointment of the chairs and vice chairs as follows:

Study Committee on the Commercial Building Permitting Process

[Senator Duey Stroebel, Chair, and Representative Rob Summerfield, Vice Chair]

The study committee is directed to review the current commercial building permitting process. This review shall focus on the commercial plan review process within the Department of Safety and Professional Services and municipalities, timelines for environmental permitting, and the role of the Commercial Building Code Council. As part of its review, the study committee shall also evaluate approaches in other states and identify innovative and exemplary policies that could serve as a model for Wisconsin. Following this review, the committee shall recommend legislation to improve the commercial building permitting process.

Study Committee on Increasing Offender Employment Opportunities

[Senator Mary Felzkowski, Chair, and Representative Michael Schraa, Vice Chair]

The study committee is directed to review existing impediments to employment and job training for individuals who are incarcerated or recently released and to recommend legislation following its review. The committee shall explore ways to expand connections between private employers and potential employees who are incarcerated in state institutions or on extended supervision, explore vocational earned release programs for possible implementation, consider release location flexibility based on employment opportunities, and evaluate other methods for improving job prospects for the offender population.

Study Committee on Occupational Licenses

[Senator Rob Stafsholt, Chair, and Representative Shae Sortwell, Vice Chair]

The study committee is directed to review the current occupational licensing system administered by the Department of Safety and Professional Services. The committee shall review prior recommendations made by the department regarding any current laws requiring occupational credentials that may be eliminated without clearly harming or endangering the health, safety, or welfare of the public. The committee shall also review whether it is necessary to implement systems of review both to determine the necessity of legislative proposals for new occupational credentials, and to periodically review the appropriateness of maintaining current occupational credential requirements. Lastly, the committee shall review options to expand access to individuals from other states to receive a reciprocal credential to practice in Wisconsin. Following these reviews, the committee shall

recommend legislation on current credentials that may be eliminated, on systems for review of new and existing occupational credentials, and on the issuance of reciprocal credentials.

Study Committee on Shared School District Services

[Representative Robert Brooks, Chair, and Senator Dan Feyen, Vice Chair]

The study committee is directed to review current barriers to shared administrative or other services between school districts, and explore statutory changes or creation of incentives to encourage efficiencies. The committee shall consider methods for sharing or consolidating services such as district-level administration and personnel, purchasing, technology and data processing, transportation, food service, and building maintenance and make recommendations for legislation. As part of its work, the committee shall study school district structures employed in other states, particularly county-wide school district models.

Study Committee on Uniform Death Reporting Standards

[Senator Joan Ballweg, Chair, and Representative Jesse James, Vice Chair]

The study committee is directed to review the current protocols for investigating causes of death and reporting death, and the uniformity of those protocols. The review shall focus on options to implement more comprehensive uniform death reporting standards across Wisconsin, including the advantages and barriers to implementation of such standards. Following review, the committee shall develop legislation to provide minimum requirements for death investigations and reporting, particularly deaths involving homicide, suicide, child or infant death, domestic violence, maternal mortality, and substance use.

Study Committee on Wisconsin National Guard Sexual Misconduct Procedures

[Representative Tony Kurtz, Chair, and Senator Eric Wimberger, Vice Chair]

The study committee is directed to study the Wisconsin National Guard's procedures for investigating and addressing sexual misconduct. The committee shall review the findings and recommendations contained in previously completed investigations into the Wisconsin National Guard's procedures, with a particular focus on the National Guard Bureau Office of Complex Investigation's assessment of the Wisconsin National Guard's sexual assault and harassment reporting procedures, investigation protocols, and accountability measures. The committee is directed to recommend legislation that enhances oversight of the Wisconsin National Guard as it relates to sexual misconduct, ensures state law complies with relevant federal requirements, and amends the Wisconsin Code of Military Justice where necessary.

B. BIENNIAL APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS

The co-chairs of the Joint Legislative Council recommend that **Representative Jeffrey Mursau** serve as chair and **Senator Janet Bewley** serve as Vice Chair of the Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations.

Scope: The special committee is directed to study issues relating to American Indians and the American Indian tribes and bands in this state and develop specific recommendations and legislative proposals relating to these issues. [s. 13.83 (3), Stats.]