



How They Voted Guide

2017-2018 Session

Bills:

SB 81/AB 128 – Prohibiting the Group Insurance Board from Contracting with Insurance Plans for State Employees That Cover Abortions

Since an erroneous 1995 opinion by then-Attorney General Jim Doyle that ignored state law, elective abortions have been covered by taxpayer-funded state employee health plans. **Wisconsin Right to Life supported SB 81/AB 128.** This reversed Doyle's opinion and made clear that state law prohibiting taxpayer funding for abortion applies to state employee health plans. AB 128 was signed into law by Governor Walker on April 3, 2018. It is now known as 2017 Wisconsin Act 191.

Senate Votes

Vote #1 - 2/16/18 – Vote in the Senate Committee on Insurance, Financial Services, Constitution and Federalism on passage of SB 81/AB 128. Committee voted to recommend passage of SB 81/AB 128 by a vote of 3-2. *Wisconsin Right to Life position prevailed.*

Vote #2 - 2/20/18 – Vote in the State Senate on passage of AB 128. Passed by a vote of 18-14. *Wisconsin Right to Life position prevailed.*

Assembly Votes

Vote #1 – 10/31/17 – Vote in the Assembly Committee on Health on passage of AB 128. Committee voted to recommend passage of AB 128 by a vote of 7-3. *Wisconsin Right to Life position prevailed.*

Vote #2 - 11/2/17 - Vote in the State Assembly on whether to table Amendment 3 to AB 128. This amendment would unnecessarily change the definition of abortion in s. 253.10(2)(a). Assembly voted to table the amendment by a vote of 61-34. *Wisconsin Right to Life position prevailed.*

Vote #3 - 11/2/17 - Vote in the State Assembly on whether to table Amendment 4 to AB 128. This amendment would unnecessarily change the requirements of s. 20.927. Assembly voted to table the amendment by a vote of 61-34. *Wisconsin Right to Life position prevailed.*

Vote #4 - 11/2/17 - Vote in the State Assembly on reading a third time and concurrence of AB 128. Passed by a vote of 61-34. *Wisconsin Right to Life position prevailed.*

SB 154/AB 206 – UW-Madison Abortion Training at Planned Parenthood

The Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives discovered an MOU between Planned Parenthood of WI and UW-Madison. UW-Madison would contract out staff to perform abortions at Planned Parenthood to train medical residents. This bill would have ended such an arrangement between state employees and Planned Parenthood. **Wisconsin Right to Life supported SB 154/AB 206.** SB 154/AB 206 received hearings in both the Senate and Assembly and was voted out of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, but failed to advance.

Senate Votes

Vote #3 – 10/26/17 - Vote in the State Senate Committee on Health and Human Services on passage of SB 154. Committee voted to recommend passage of SB 154 by a vote of 3-2. Wisconsin Right to Life position prevailed.

Other Significant Legislation:

While the information below is not scored, it is worthy of public attention.

SB 423/AB 549, SB 424/AB 550, and SB 422/AB 83 - Fetal Tissue and Ethical Alternatives

The Heal Without Harm Legislative Initiative (SB 423/AB 549, SB 424/AB 550) was a package of two bills, supported by all four pro-life groups in the state of WI, that would truly end the trade of baby body parts in WI and promote ethical alternatives to aborted fetal tissue in research. On the other hand, SB 422/AB 83 would only stop the profiteering from (but not the trade of) aborted fetal tissue, and aborted fetal tissue from out of state could be traded into WI between non-profit entities like the UW and Medical College. Plus, SB 422/AB 83 had a broad exception for pharmaceutical studies, a huge area of medical research. **Wisconsin Right to Life strongly supported SB 423/AB 549 and SB 424/AB 550. Wisconsin Right to Life did not support SB 422/AB 83.** SB 423, SB 424, and AB 550 received public hearings, but unfortunately no further action was taken for SB 423/AB 549 or SB 424/AB 550. SB 422 received a hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, and fortunately no further action was taken for SB 422/AB 83.

Here are the co-sponsors of these pieces of legislation:

WRTL-supported SB 423/AB 549 and SB 424/AB 550: Senators Moulton, Vukmir, Testin, Stroebel, Craig, Nass, LeMahieu, Kapenga and Marklein; Representatives Kleefisch, Bernier, Jacque, Allen, Born, Brandtjen, Edming, Gannon, Horlacher, Hutton, Katsma, Knodl, Kremer, Krug, Kulp, Macco, Murphy, Neylon, Ott, Pronschinske, Quinn, Ripp, Rohrkaste, Sanfelippo, Schraa, Skowronski, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Tusler and Wichgers

WRTL-opposed SB 422/AB 83: Senators Darling, Wanggaard and Olsen; Representatives Duchow, Loudenberg, Ballweg, Born, E. Brooks, Felzkowski, Kerkman, Krug, Nygren, Ott, Rohrkaste, Spiros, Steineke and Vos

Voting Records

Key:

X	<i>Voted in Favor of WRTL Position</i>
O	<i>Voted Against WRTL Position</i>
A	<i>Absent or Unable to Vote*</i>

**Votes are considered "absent" if a legislator is not a member of a committee that took at WRTL-scored vote, is unable to vote for personal reasons (such as illness or family emergencies), or declined to vote for various reasons.*

SENATE VOTES

SENATORS	Vote 1	Vote 2	Vote 3	%
BEWLEY, Janet (D-25)	O	O	A	0
CARPENTER, Tim (D-3)	A	O	A	0
COWLES, Robert (R-2)	A	X	A	100
CRAIG, David (R-28)	X	X	A	100
DARLING, Alberta (R-8)	A	X	A	100
ERPENBACH, Jon (D-27)	A	O	O	0
FEYEN, Dan (R-18)	X	X	A	100
FITZGERALD, Scott (R-13)	A	X	A	100
HANSEN, Dave (D-30)	A	O	A	0
HARSDORF, Sheila (R-10)	A	A	A	N/A
JOHNSON, LaTonya (D-6)	A	O	O	0
KAPENGA, Chris (R-33)	A	X	A	100
LARSON, Chris (D-7)	A	O	A	0
LASEE, Frank (R-1)	A	A	A	N/A
LEMAHIEU, Devin (R-9)	A	X	X	100
MARKLEIN, Howard (R-17)	A	X	A	100
MILLER, Mark (D-16)	A	O	A	0

MOULTON, Terry (R-23)	A	X	X	100
NASS, Stephen (R-11)	A	X	A	100
OLSEN, Luther (R-14)	A	X	A	100
PETROWSKI, Jerry (R-29)	A	X	A	100
RINGHAND, Janis (D-15)	A	O	A	0
RISSE, Fred (D-26)	O	O	A	0
ROTH, Roger (R-19)	A	X	A	100
SCHACHTNER, Patty (D-10)	A	O	A	0
SHILLING, Jennifer (D-32)	A	O	A	0
STROEBEL, Duey (R-20)	X	X	A	100
TAYLOR, Lena (D-4)	A	O	A	0
TESTIN, Patrick (R-24)	A	X	A	100
TIFFANY, Tom (R-12)	A	X	A	100
VINEHOUT, Kathleen (D-31)	A	O	A	0
VUKMIR, Leah (R-5)	A	X	X	100
WANGGAARD, Van (R-21)	A	X	A	100
WIRCH, Robert (D-22)	A	O	A	0

ASSEMBLY VOTES

REPRESENTATIVE	Vote 1	Vote 2	Vote 3	Vote 4	%
ALLEN, Scott (R-97)	A	X	X	X	100
ANDERSON, Jimmy (D-47)	A	○	○	○	0
AUGUST, Tyler (R-32)	A	X	X	X	100
BALLWEG, Joan (R-41)	A	X	X	X	100
BARCA, Peter (D-64)	A	○	○	○	0
BERCEAU, Terese (D-77)	A	○	○	○	0
BERNIER, Kathy (R-68)	A	X	X	X	100
BILLINGS, Jill (D-95)	A	○	○	○	0
BORN, Mark (R-39)	A	X	X	X	100
BOWEN, David (D-10)	A	○	○	○	0
BRANDTJEN, Janel (R-22)	A	X	X	X	100
BROOKS, Ed (R-50)	A	X	X	X	100
BROOKS, Robert (R-60)	A	X	X	X	100
BROSTOFF, Jonathan (D-19)	A	○	○	○	0
CONSIDINE, Dave (D-81)	A	○	○	○	0
CROWLEY, David (D-17)	A	○	○	○	0
CZAJA-FELZKOWSKI, Mary (R-35)	A	X	X	X	100
DOYLE, Steve (D-94)	A	○	○	○	0
DUCHOW, Cindi (R-99)	A	X	X	X	100
EDMING, James (R-89)	X	X	X	X	100
FIELDS, Jason (D-11)	A	○	○	○	0
GANNON, Bob (R-58)	A	A	A	A	N/A
GENRICH, Eric (D-90)	A	○	○	○	0
GOYKE, Evan (D-18)	A	○	○	○	0
GUNDRUM, Rick (R-58)	A	A	A	A	N/A
HEBL, Gary (D-46)	A	○	○	○	0
HESELBEIN, Dianne (D-79)	A	○	○	○	0
HINTZ, Gordon (D-54)	A	○	○	○	0
HORLACHER, Cody (R-33)	A	X	X	X	100
HUTTON, Rob (R-13)	A	X	X	X	100
JACQUE, Andre (R-2)	X	X	X	X	100
JAGLER, John (R-37)	A	X	X	X	100
JARCHOW, Adam (R-28)	A	X	X	X	100
KATSMA, Terry (R-26)	A	X	X	X	100

KERKMAN, Samantha (R-61)	A	X	X	X	100
KESSLER, Frederick (D-12)	A	○	○	○	0
KITCHENS, Joel (R-1)	A	X	X	X	100
KLEEFISCH, Joel (R-38)	A	X	X	X	100
KNODL, Dan (R-24)	A	X	X	X	100
KOLSTE, Debra (D-44)	○	○	○	○	0
KOOYENGA, Dale (R-14)	A	X	X	X	100
KREMER, Jesse (R-59)	X	X	X	X	100
KRUG, Scott (R-72)	A	X	X	X	100
KUGLITSCH, Mike (R-84)	A	X	X	X	100
KULP, Bob (R-69)	A	X	X	X	100
LOUDENBECK, Amy (R-31)	A	X	X	X	100
MACCO, John (R-88)	A	X	X	X	100
MASON, Corey (D-66)	A	○	○	○	0
MEYERS, Beth (D-74)	A	○	○	○	0
MILROY, Nick (D-73)	A	A	A	○	0
MURPHY, Dave (R-56)	X	X	X	X	100
MURSAU, Jeffrey (R-36)	A	X	X	X	100
NERISON, Lee (R-96)	A	X	X	X	100
NEYLON, Adam (R-98)	A	X	X	X	100
NOVAK, Todd (R-51)	A	X	X	X	100
NYGREN, John (R-89)	A	X	X	X	100
OHNSTAD, Tod (D-65)	A	○	○	○	0
OTT, Jim (R-23)	A	X	X	X	100
PETERSEN, Kevin (R-40)	A	X	X	X	100
PETRYK, Warren (R-93)	A	X	X	X	100
PRONSCHINSKE, Treig (R-92)	A	X	X	X	100
POPE, Sondy (D-80)	A	○	○	○	0
QUINN, Romaine (R-75)	A	X	X	X	100
RIEMER, Daniel (D-7)	A	○	○	○	0
RIPP, Keith (R-42)	A	X	X	X	100
RODRIGUEZ, Jessie (R-21)	A	X	X	X	100
ROHRKASTE, Mike (R-55)	A	X	X	X	100
SANFELIPPO, Joe (R-15)	X	A	A	A	100
SARGENT, Melissa (D-48)	A	○	○	○	0
SCHRAA, Michael (R-53)	A	X	X	X	100

SHANKLAND, Katrina (D-71)	A	○	○	○	0
SINICKI, Christine (D-20)	A	○	○	○	0
SKOWRONSKI, Ken (R-82)	X	X	X	X	100
SNYDER, Patrick (R-85)	A	X	X	X	100
SPIROS, John (R-86)	A	X	X	X	100
SPREITZER, Mark (D-45)	A	○	○	○	0
STAFSHOLT, Rob (R-29)	A	X	X	X	100
STEFFEN, Dave (R-4)	A	X	X	X	100
STEINEKE, Jim (R-5)	A	X	X	X	100
STUCK, Amanda (D-57)	A	○	○	○	0
SUBECK, Lisa (D-78)	○	○	○	○	0
SUMMERFIELD, Rob (R-67)	A	X	X	X	100
SWEARINGEN, Rob (R-34)	A	X	X	X	100
TAUCHEN, Gary (R-6)	A	X	X	X	100
TAYLOR, Chris (D-76)	A	○	○	○	0
THIESFELDT, Jeremy (R-52)	A	X	X	X	100
TITTL, Paul (R-25)	A	X	X	X	100
TRANEL, Travis (R-49)	A	X	X	X	100
TUSLER, Ron (R-3)	A	X	X	X	100
VANDERMEER, Nancy (R-70)	A	X	X	X	100
VORPAGEL, Tyler (R-27)	A	A	A	A	N/A
VOS, Robin (R-63)	A	X	X	X	100
VRUWINK, Don (D-43)	A	○	○	○	0
WACHS, Dana (D-91)	A	○	○	○	0
WEATHERSTON, Thomas (R-62)	A	X	X	X	100
WICHGERS, Chuck (R-83)	X	X	X	X	100
YOUNG, Leon (D-16)	A	○	○	○	0
ZAMARRIPA, JoCasta (D-8)	○	○	○	○	0
ZEPNICK, Josh (D-9)	A	○	○	○	0
ZIMMERMAN, Shannon (R-30)	A	X	X	X	100