



# STATE OF WISCONSIN

# Assembly Journal

## One-Hundred and Sixth Regular Session

FRIDAY, March 1, 2024

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

### ENROLLED BILL

The following Assembly proposal, which has been approved by both the Assembly and Senate, has been enrolled by the Legislative Reference Bureau:

**Assembly Bill 742**

*EDWARD A. BLAZEL*  
Assembly Chief Clerk

### REFERENCE BUREAU CORRECTIONS

**Assembly Bill 742**

In enrolling, the following correction was made:

1. Page 6, line 3: delete “(47).” And substitute “(47):”.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor  
Madison

March 1, 2024

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

The following bill, originating in the Assembly, has 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> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Assembly Bill 890</b> ..... | 98.....           | February 29, 2024    |

Respectfully submitted,  
*TONY EVERS*  
Governor

Pursuant to s. 35.095 (1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes, the following 2023 Act has been published:

| <u>Act Number</u>             | <u>Bill Number</u>     | <u>Publication Date</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Wisconsin Act 98</b> ..... | Assembly Bill 890..... | March 1, 2024           |

### GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

March 1, 2024

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

The following bills, originating in the Assembly, have been vetoed in their entirety, and were returned to their house of origin, together with the objections in writing:

| <u>Bill Number</u>        | <u>Date of Veto</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Assembly Bill 1020</b> | March 1, 2024       |
| <b>Assembly Bill 1021</b> | March 1, 2024       |
| <b>Assembly Bill 1022</b> | March 1, 2024       |

I am vetoing **Assembly Bill 1020** in its entirety.

This bill expands the taxable income thresholds for the second individual income tax bracket, beginning with tax year 2024: (1) from \$14,320-\$28,640, for a single filer under current law, to \$14,320-\$112,500; (2) from \$19,090-\$38,190, for a married-joint filer under current law, to \$19,090-\$150,000; and (3) from \$9,550-\$19,090, for a married person filing separately under current law, to \$9,550-\$75,000. These changes would increase the amount of taxable income subject to the 4.4 percent second bracket rate instead of the 5.3 percent third bracket rate. The bill would also require the Department of Revenue to update individual income tax withholding tables by July 1, 2024, to reflect the updated rates and brackets in effect for tax year 2024. The bill would reduce revenues by \$1.2339 billion in fiscal year 2024-25 and \$751.9 million annually thereafter.

I have been proud to sign several income tax cuts during my time in office, including keeping—and, in fact, well exceeding—my promise to provide a ten percent, middle-class tax cut targeted to Wisconsin's working families. During my first term in office, I proudly signed one of the largest tax cuts in Wisconsin state history, which provided \$2 billion in individual income tax relief over the biennium and approximately \$1 billion annually going forward. Through this historic tax cut, combined with the tax cuts I signed during my first year in office alone, 86 percent of Wisconsin taxpayers have seen an income tax cut of 15 percent or more, with 2.4 million taxpayers receiving relief. Through the income tax cuts I have already signed into law during my time in office, Wisconsin taxpayers will see \$1.5 billion in tax relief annually, primarily targeted to the middle class.

Most recently, I also proposed in my 2023-25 biennial budget to provide \$1.2 billion in targeted tax relief to working families, parents, veterans, caregivers, seniors, and student

loan borrowers, among others. Unfortunately, Republican members of the Wisconsin State Legislature rejected my proposal, providing little to no justification for their decision to do so.

When we deliver tax relief for the people of Wisconsin—just as we have—it should be real relief aimed at helping Wisconsin's working families afford rising costs, and it should be responsible and sustainable, ensuring we can keep taxes low now and into the future without causing devastating cuts to priorities like public schools and public safety down the road. Republican members of the Wisconsin State Legislature today once again fail to balance these important obligations.

Making sound financial decisions and being prudent with Wisconsin taxpayer dollars remains a top priority and always will for me. I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to fiscally irresponsible measures that would leave the State of Wisconsin unable to meet its basic obligations to adequately fund education, health care, public safety and aid to local governments in the 2025-27 biennium and beyond. Coupled with companion bills relating to increasing the retirement income exclusion and a married couple credit, these three bills would reduce revenues by such a margin that it would likely force the state, even with ordinary revenue growth, to partially or fully drain the Budget Stabilization Fund just to provide bare minimum inflationary adjustments to key programs in the 2025-27 biennium.

Moreover, this bill could result in the state having to repay billions of dollars it received under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, completely reversing even under the best projected economic circumstances the progress we have made toward improving our state's fiscal condition.

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I am vetoing **Assembly Bill 1021** in its entirety.

This bill expands the current individual income tax subtraction for retirement income to exclude, for claimants 65 or older, payments or distributions from qualified retirement plans and certain individual retirement accounts up to \$75,000, for single filers and married persons filing separately, and up to \$150,000, for married-joint filers, beginning in tax year 2024. The bill would reduce tax collections in fiscal year 2024-25 by \$658.2 million, and \$472.4 million annually thereafter.

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I am vetoing **Assembly Bill 1022** in its entirety.

This bill expands the married persons credit against income tax liability to a maximum of \$870 from the current law maximum of \$480, beginning in tax year 2024. The bill would reduce individual income tax collections by \$169.0 million in fiscal year 2024-25 and \$160.9 million annually thereafter.

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Respectfully submitted,  
**TONY EVERS**  
 Governor

**COMMUNICATIONS**

February 28, 2024

Edward A. Blazel  
 Assembly Chief Clerk  
 17 West Main Street, Suite 401  
 Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Blazel:

On February 22, Assembly Bill 181 passed on a voice vote. I would like to register my vote as a “No” on passage.

Sincerely,  
**NIK RETTINGER**  
 State Representative  
 83rd Assembly District

March 1, 2024

Edward A. Blazel  
 Assembly Chief Clerk  
 17 West Main Street, Suite 401  
 Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Blazel:

Please add my name as a cosponsor of Assembly Bill 612, relating to waivers from workplace immunization requirements.

Sincerely,  
**ANDRÉ JACQUE**  
 State Senator  
 1st Senate District

**AGENCY REPORTS**

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 13.172 (2) and (3), following is a list of agency reports received from executive branch and legislative service agencies for the month of February, 2024.

**Department of Children and Families**

*90 Day Final Summary Report for Child Death, Serious Injury and Egregious Incident*

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 48.981 (7)(cr)3.b.

Received on February 2, 7, 14, 16, and 28, 2024

Referred to **Children and Families**

**Commissioner of Insurance**

*Social and Financial Impact Report on 2023 Assembly Bill 1014*

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 601.423 (2)(a)

Received on February 6, 2024

Referred to **Insurance**

**Wisconsin Technical College System**

*2022-2023 Annual Report on High School Students Attending Technical Colleges*

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 38.04 (21)

Received on February 9, 2024

Referred to **Colleges and Universities**

**Department of Health Services**

*2023 Data Processing Project Report*

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 46.03 (26)

Received on February 12, 2024

Referred to **Health, Aging and Long-Term Care**

**Department of Safety and Professional Services**

*2023 Medical Examining Board Annual Report*

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 448.14

Received on February 21, 2024

Referred to **Health, Aging and Long-Term Care**

**Department of Safety and Professional Services**

*2023 Annual Home Inspector Report*

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 440.979

Received on February 21, 2024

Referred to **Housing and Real Estate**

**Commissioner of Insurance**

*FY23 Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund  
Annual Functional and Progress Report*  
Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 655.27 (4)(f)  
Received on February 23, 2024  
Referred to **Insurance**

**Department of Justice**

2023 Annual Carry Concealed Weapon Report  
Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 175.60 (19)  
Received on February 23, 2024  
Referred to **Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

**Department of Administration**

*Temporary reallocation of balances*  
Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 20.002 (11)(f)  
Received on February 29, 2024  
Referred to **Ways and Means** and joint committee on  
**Finance**

**Department of Public Instruction**

*2022-2023 Robotics League Participation Grants Program  
Report*  
Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 115.45 (3)  
Received on February 29, 2024  
Referred to **Education**