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2015-2016

Legislative Scorecard



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About Wisconsin Family Action's 2015-2016 Legislative Scorecard

Wisconsin Family Action (WFA) presents its *2015-2016 Legislative Scorecard*. This *Scorecard* covers the two-year legislative session our state legislators recently concluded. It is a compilation of significant votes on a cross section of issues dealing in some way with marriage, family, the sanctity of human life, or religious freedom.

The votes of each legislator are “scored” in comparison to WFA’s position on the bill. This year for the first time we have included co-sponsorships in our scoring. While co-sponsorship scores are not weighted as heavily as the actual floor or committee votes, we believe they do give important insight into how much an elected official supports the ideas in a given bill. A 100% score indicates the legislator agreed with WFA’s position on all items.

This *2015-2016 Legislative Scorecard* is a part of WFA’s mission of strengthening, preserving and promoting marriage, family, life and religious freedom in The Badger State. We are working for a Wisconsin where God is honored, life is cherished, families thrive and religious freedom flourishes.

Our vision will happen only as individuals all across the state become involved in their culture and their government. We hope you find this information helpful as you exercise your civic duty as a citizen of this state.

To find out who your state legislators are, go to www.legis.wisconsin.gov, “Find My Legislators” on the home page or call the WFA office at 608-268-5074 (toll-free 866-849-2536).



2015-2016 Wisconsin State Senate Scorecard

WFA Senate Voting Records Scorecard To see the text of each bill click on the bill number on the top of each column.									WFA Senate Co-sponsorship Scorecard				WFA* Score
Senator	SB 44	SB 179	SJR 2	AB 310	SB 238	AB 388	AB 387	SB 43	SB 260	SB 582	SB 702	AB 692	
Wisconsin Family Action	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	100%
Bewley, Janet (D-25)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Carpenter, Tim (D-3)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Cowles, Robert (R-2)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	-	-	+	+	75%
Darling, Alberta (R-8)	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	-	+	75%
Erpenbach, Jon (D-27)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Farrow, Paul** (R-33)	Y	Y	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	+	+	83%
Fitzgerald, Scott (R-13)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	83%
Gudex, Richard (R-18)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	-	-	+	83%
Hansen, Dave (D-30)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Harris Dodd, Nikiya (D-6)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	-	-	+	-	8%
Harsdorf, Sheila (R-10)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	83%
Kapenga, Chris◀ (R-33)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Larson, Chris (D-7)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Lasee, Frank (R-1)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	83%
Lassa, Julie (D-24)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Lazich, Mary (R-28)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
LeMahieu, Devin (R-9)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Marklein, Howard (R-17)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	83%
Miller, Mark (D-16)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Moulton, Terry (R-23)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	100%
Nass, Stephen (R-11)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	100%
Olsen, Luther (R-14)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	83%
Petrowski, Jerry (R-29)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	75%
Ringhand, Janis (D-15)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Risser, Fred (D-26)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Roth, Roger (R-19)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	NV	+	-	-	+	83%
Shilling, Jennifer (D-32)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Stroebel, Duey♦ (R-20)	N/A	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	100%
Taylor, Lena (D-4)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	-	-	+	+	17%

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Tiffany, Thomas (R-12)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Vinehout, Kathleen (D-31)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Vukmir, Leah (R-5)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Wanggaard, Van (R-21)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Wirch, Robert (D-22)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	-	-	+	+	17%
*Percentage does not include bills for which the legislator was not present for the vote/did not vote.													
**Sen. Paul Farrow served a partial term due to his election to Waukesha County Executive in 2014.													
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Wisconsin Family Action	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	100%
Allen, Scott (R-97)	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	-	83%
August, Tyler (R-32)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Ballweg, Joan (R-41)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	83%
Barca, Peter (D-64)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Barnes, Mandela (D-11)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Berceau, Terese (D-77)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	-	17%
Bernier, Kathleen (R-68)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Billings, Jill (D-95)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	-	8%
Born, Mark (R-39)	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Bowen, David (D-10)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Brandtjen, Janel (R-22)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Brooks, Edward (R-50)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	-	75%
Brooks, Robert (R-60)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Brostoff, Jonathan (D-19)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	-	-	0%

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Wisconsin Family Action	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	100%
Considine, Dave (D-81)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Craig, David (R-83)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	100%
Czaja, Mary (R-35)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Danou, Chris (D-92)	N	NV	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Doyle, Steve (D-94)	PN	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Duchow, Cindi◀ (R-99)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	-	+	83%
Edming, James (R-87)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Gannon, Bob (R-58)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	100%
Genrich, Eric (D-90)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Goyke, Evan (D-18)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Heaton, David (R-85)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	100%
Hebl, Gary (D-46)	N	N	PN	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Hesselbein, Dianne (D-79)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Hintz, Gordon (D-54)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Horlacher, Cody (R-33)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	100%
Hutton, Rob (R-13)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Jacque, Andre (R-2)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	100%
Jagler, John (R-37)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	83%
Jarchow, Adam (R-28)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Johnson, LaTonya (D-17)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	NV	N	-	-	+	-	8%
Jorgenson, Andy (D-43)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Kahl, Robb (D-47)	N	N	N	N	NV	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	-	8%
Kapenga, Chris♦ (R-99)	Y	Y	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	+	+	83%
Katsma, Terry (R-26)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Kerkman, Samantha (R-61)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Kessler, Frederick (D-12)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Kitchens, Joel (R-1)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	83%
Kleefisch, Joel (R-38)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Knodl, Daniel (R-24)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Knudson, Dean (R-30)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Kolste, Debra (D-44)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Kooyenga, Dale (R-14)	Y	PY	Y	NV	Y	N/A	NV	PY	NV	+	-	+	+	92%
Kremer, Jesse (R-59)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	100%
Krug, Scott (R-72)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	-	+	83%
Kuglitsch, Mike (R-84)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Kulp, Bob (R-69)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%

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Larson, Thomas (R-67)	PY	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Loudenbeck, Amy (R-31)	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	-	-	-	+	75%
Macco, John (R-88)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Mason, Cory (D-66)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Meyers, Beth (D-74)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Milroy, Nick (D-73)	N	N	N	PN	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	-	8%
Murphy, David (R-56)	Y	Y	Y	PY	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Mursau, Jeffrey (R-36)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	83%
Murtha, John (R-29)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	83%
Nerison, Lee (R-96)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	83%
Neylon, Adam (R-98)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Novak, Todd (R-51)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	69%
Nygren, John (R-89)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	83%
Ohnstad, Tod (D-65)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	-	8%
Ott, Alvin (R-3)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	-	-	75%
Ott, Jim (R-23)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Petersen, Kevin (R-40)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Petryk, Warren (R-93)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	N	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	75%
Pope, SONDY (D-80)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	-	8%
Quinn, Romaine (R-75)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Riemer, Daniel (D-7)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	PN	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Ripp, Keith (R-42)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NV	NV	NV	+	-	+	+	92%
Rodriguez, Jessie (R-21)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	83%
Rohrkaste, Mike (R-55)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Sanfelippo, Joe (R-15)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	83%
Sargent, Melissa (D-48)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	-	8%
Schraa, Michael (R-53)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Shankland, Katrina (D-71)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Sinicki, Christine (D-20)	N	PN	NV	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Skowronski, Ken (R-82)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	100%
Spiros, John (R-86)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	-	75%
Spreitzer, Mark (D-45)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Steffen, David (R-4)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	92%
Steineke, Jim (R-5)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	83%
Stuck, Amanda (D-57)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	-	8%
Subeck, Lisa (D-78)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	-	8%
Swearingen, Rob (R-34)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	83%

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Taylor, Chris (D-76)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	-	8%
Thiesfeldt, Jeremy (R-52)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	100%
Tittl, Paul (R-25)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	100%
Tranel, Travis (R-49)	Y	Y	PY	Y	Y	N/A	N	Y	Y	+	-	+	+	84%
VanderMeer, Nancy (R-70)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	83%
Vorpagel, Tyler (R-27)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	+	-	-	+	83%
Vos, Robin (R-63)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	83%
Wachs, Dana (D-91)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Weatherston, Thomas (R-62)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	-	-	+	+	83%
Young, Leon (D-16)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Zamarripa, JoCasta (D-8)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%
Zepnick, Josh (D-9)	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N	NV	N	-	-	+	+	17%

*Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

**Percentage does not include bills for which the legislator was not present for the vote/did not vote.

◀Rep. Cindi Duchow was elected to fill the empty 99th Assembly District seat in September of 2015.

◆Rep. Chris Kapenga resigned the 99th Assembly District seat in August of 2015 after he was elected to a vacant Senate seat in July.

✓This is final Assembly vote, not concurrence vote. On AB 387, Democrats protested by not voting.

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WFA Voting Record Explanation of Bills Scored 2015-2016 Legislative Session

Note: WFA's score for each legislator is weighted 2-1 based on the legislator's votes and co-sponsorships for specific bills, respectively. A legislator's vote score is given twice as much weight for WFA's final score as his/her co-sponsorship score. For example, if a legislator scored 100% on the vote scorecard and 50% on co-sponsorships, then his/her final score is 83%.

Senate and Assembly

A vote in agreement with WFA's position on a bill is a "Y" or yes vote.

1. **SB 44 Right to Work/Freedom of Conscience in the Workplace**

Senate Bill 44 gives private sector employees freedom of conscience to choose whether to join the union for their workplace/industry or not. Formerly, joining a union and paying union dues that supported activities an employee may or may not agree with could have been a condition of employment for certain private sector workers under what is known as an “all-union agreement.” The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Organization. SB 44 passed in the Senate 17-15 and in the Assembly 62-35. Governor Walker signed the bill into law on March 15, 2015.

WFA Position: Support

2. **SB 179 Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection**

Senate Bill 179 prohibits the performance of an abortion, except in the case of a medical emergency, on an unborn child who is “considered capable of experiencing pain,” that is, a child who is 20-weeks or more from the time of fertilization. A medical emergency is defined in the bill as a medical complication of a pregnant woman that necessitates an abortion to avert her death or to avert the serious risk of the loss of one or more of the pregnant woman’s major bodily functions. WFA supported this bill but has considerable concerns about the medical emergency exception. This bill went into effect on February 1, 2016. SB 179 was co-authored by Senator Mary Lazich (R-New Berlin) and Representative Jesse Kremer (R-Kewaskum). SB 179 passed in the Senate 19-14 and in the Assembly 61-34. Governor Walker signed the bill into law on July 21, 2015.

WFA Position: Support (limited)

3. **SJR 2 Election of State Supreme Court Chief Justice (second consideration)**

Senate Joint Resolution 2 is an amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution which allows a majority of the seven justices on the State Supreme Court to elect the chief justice for a two-year term. Formerly, the constitution stipulated that the longest-serving member of the State Supreme Court was the chief justice. A constitutional amendment requires approval by two successive legislatures and ratification by the people before it can become effective. Passage of SJR 2 constituted the second successive approval by the legislature and it was approved in referendum by the people of Wisconsin on April 7, 2015. The Joint Resolution was authored by Senator Tom Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst) and Representative Rob Hutton (R-Brookfield). SJR 2 was passed in the Senate 17-14 and in the Assembly 62-34. It was put on the statewide ballot on April 7, 2015 and was passed by Wisconsin voters, 58%-32%.

WFA Position: Support

4. **AB 310 Title X Family-Planning Grant**

This bill requires the state Department of Health Services (DHS) to apply for federal Title X family-planning grant funds beginning in 2018. Currently, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin is the sole recipient of the \$3.5 million federal Title X funds in the state. If DHS wins the grant funds, DHS must award the funds using a three-tier system: first to the Wisconsin Well-Woman Program, then to other public entities, then to certain nonpublic entities, as long as those entities do not provide abortion services or have an affiliate that provides abortion services. This bill was co-authored by Rep. André Jacque (R-DePere) and Sen. Chris Kapenga (R-Delafield). AB 310 was passed by the Assembly 60-35 and by the Senate 19-14. Governor Walker signed the bill into law on February 18, 2016.

WFA Position: Support

5. **SB 238 Medicaid Billing Practices**

Senate Bill 238 requires family-planning organizations, including Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, to bill Medicaid for the actual acquisition cost of birth control drugs plus the acquisition fee. It prohibits the current practice of overbilling the state for birth control drugs these organizations purchase and dispense through the Medicaid 340B program. This bill was co-authored by Sen. Chris Kapenga (R-Delafield) and Rep. André Jacque (R-DePere). SB 238 passed in the Senate

19-14 and in the Assembly 61-35. Governor Walker signed the bill into law on February 18, 2016.

WFA Position: Support

6. **AB 305/SB 260 Aborted Fetal Body Parts bill (Assembly Only)**

AB 305 prohibits the transfer, sale or use of aborted fetal body parts for experimentation. The prohibition under the bill does not apply to cell, tissue or other part of an unborn child that was donated from a miscarriage or still birth, or to cell lines derived from an unborn child aborted on or before January 1, 2015. **This bill did not receive a floor vote in either house this session.** The vote scored in this publication is **only for those legislators on the Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety who voted to pass or block the bill in committee.** This bill was co-authored by Rep. André Jacque and Sen. Duey Stroebel (R-Saukville). Both AB 305 and SB 260 died in committee.

WFA Position: Support

7. **AB 388 Government Accountability Board Reform bill**

This bill eliminates the Government Accountability Board (GAB) and replaces it with two commissions: the Elections Commission, which administers and enforces election laws; and the Ethics Commission, which administers and enforces campaign finance, ethics, and lobbying laws. Members of the commission are appointed to five-year terms by legislative leadership or the governor. The commissions will each appoint an administrator who will direct and supervise the commission and who must be confirmed by the State Senate. This bill was co-authored by Rep. Dean Knudson (R-Hudson) and Sen. Leah Vukmir (R-Brookfield). The vote listed for the Assembly is the final floor vote on the bill before it went to the Senate. The Senate added two amendments to the bill. AB 388 passed in both houses with amendments and was signed into law with a partial veto by Governor Walker on December 17, 2015.

WFA Position: Support

8. **AB 387 Campaign Finance Reform**

Assembly Bill 387 completely repeals the existing state regulations on campaign finance for state and local offices and replaces it with a new structure of campaign finance reporting rules and reports. The bill also creates new rules for express advocacy reporting and regulates campaign contributions, creates new campaign contribution limits and clarifies the law on coordination and the difference between “issue advocacy” and “express advocacy.” Legislative members of the Assembly Democratic caucus refused to vote on the final passage of the bill. This bill was co-authored by Speaker of the Assembly Robin Vos (R-Burlington) and Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau). The vote listed for the Assembly is the final floor vote on the bill before it went to the Senate. The Senate added an amendment to the bill. AB 387 passed in both houses with amendments and was signed into law by Governor Walker on December 17, 2015.

WFA Position: Support

9. **SB 43 John Doe Reform**

This bill made significant changes to John Doe proceedings, which are conducted by a judge to determine if a crime has been committed, and by whom, and whether there is sufficient credible evidence to warrant prosecution. Changes made by SB 43 include limiting the types of crimes that can be investigated under a John Doe proceeding, prohibiting a reserve judge from conducting a John Doe proceeding, specifying to whom a secrecy order may apply under a John Doe proceeding, establishing time and scope limits for a John Doe proceeding and subjecting John Doe proceedings to Wisconsin’s Open Records Law. This bill was co-authored by Sen. Tom Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst) and Rep. Dave Craig (R-Big Bend). SB 43 passed in the Senate 18-14 and in the Assembly 61-36. Governor Walker signed the bill into law on October 23, 2015.

**WFA Bill Co-Sponsorship Record
Explanation of Bills Scored
2015-2016 Legislative Session**

These are bills that WFA actively lobbied in support of or in opposition to that did not receive a committee vote or a floor vote in one or both houses. The co-sponsorship list indicates legislators who actively supported these bills by co-sponsoring them. Note: declining to co-sponsor a piece of legislation does not necessarily indicate a legislator opposed the legislation. However, we do believe co-sponsoring is an important indicator of a legislator's view on any given bill. Those who are truly supportive of a bill will co-sponsor.

1. AB 305/SB 260 Aborted Fetal Body Parts bill

(See item #6 above)

WFA Position: Support

2. AB 469/SB 582 Student Privacy Protection bill

This bill was co-authored by Rep. Jesse Kreme (R-Kewaskum) and Sen. Stephen Nass (R-Whitewater). This bill requires all WI public schools to designate restrooms and changing rooms as exclusively for males or females. It also requires that students use the facilities that correspond to their biologic sex as recorded on their birth certificate. If a student or his/her parents wish to use another facility, they can request that of the school administration. The administration may grant this request by providing either a single-user facility or a multi-user, gender neutral facility where the stalls are completely self-contained units with locking doors. The bill also allows a pupil or a pupil's parent or guardian to file a written complaint with the school board regarding violations of the bill. Both AB 469 and SB 582 died in committee.

WFA Position: Support

3. AB 800/SB 702: Gambling bill

This bill would legalize and regulate Daily Fantasy Sports games. Co-authored by Rep. Tyler Vorpapel (R-Plymouth) and Sen. Roger Roth (R-Appleton), the bill would regulate and therefore legalize online gambling in Wisconsin, which to this point has been illegal in our state—and most other states. Both AB 800 and SB702 died in committee.

WFA Position: Oppose

4. AB 692: Teen Dating Violence bill

Although this bill purports to address teen dating violence in public schools, it would also codify “homophobic language” as “abusive behavior.” “Homophobic language” is not further defined by the bill, leaving it open for the Department of Public Instruction and local school boards and districts to define. Potentially, affirming marriage as between one-man-and-one-woman could be defined by a local district as “homophobic language.” The bill, authored by Rep. John Spiros (R-Marshfield) and Sen. Nikiya Harris Dodd (D-Milwaukee), requires school districts to either adopt DPI's teen dating violence policy and curriculum or create its own. WFA would have supported a bill that simply directed local school districts to incorporate a teen dating violence policy and curriculum into the current required bullying policy and human growth and development curriculum, without all of the stipulations and vague terminology in this bill. AB 692 died in committee.

WFA Position: Oppose



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