



Update Legislation of Interest to WNA
April 16, 2026

Bill # - A	Bill # S	Title	Assigned to	WNA Position	Status
2025 Assembly Bill 982	2025 Senate Bill 920	<p>Relating to: health care providers providing excused absences under compulsory school attendance law</p> <p>Clarifies that registered nurses are not allowed to write statements excusing a child from school.</p>	<p>A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care</p> <p>S – Health Committee</p>	Support “Clean up from APRN bill”	<p>Signed by the Governor 3-13-2026. 2025 Wisconsin Act 101</p> <p>S-Passed by full Senate. Testified at public hearing 2/5/26 A –Passed by the full Assembly. Testified at 2/11/26 public hearing</p>
2025 Assembly Bill 840	2025 Senate Bill 843	Relating to: certain requirements related to data centers.	<p>A - Committee on State Affairs</p> <p>S - Utilities, Technology and Tourism</p>	Monitoring - want to propose a Summer 2026 Legislative Council Study	<p>A- passed full Assembly</p> <p>S – passed out of Committee</p> <p>Ran out of time for Senate floor vote - No further action.</p>
2025 Assembly Bill 834	2025 Senate Bill 864	courtroom supports for and sealing the identifying information of child victims and child witnesses of human trafficking crimes.	<p>A – Judiciary</p> <p>S - Judiciary and Public Safety</p>	Support	<p>A- Public hearing 1/21/26</p> <p>S – Senate Public Hearing 2/17/26</p>

					Ran out of time for floor votes - No further action
2025 Assembly Bill 833	2025 Senate Bill 838	a human trafficking victim services grant program, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.	A - Criminal Justice and Public Safety S - Judiciary and Public Safety	Support	S- 2/16/26 Passed out of Committee. Waiting for scheduling. Public Hearing 2/4/26 Senate and Assembly – Ran out of time for floor votes - No further action
2025 Assembly Bill 832	2025 Senate Bill 839	required human trafficking and sextortion prevention instruction in certain grades and teacher training related to identifying victims of child trafficking and sextortion.	A - Education S - Education	Support	No committee public hearings No further action
2025 Assembly Bill 824		displaying a human trafficking resource center hotline poster.	A - Jobs and Economy	Support	A – Sent to Assembly Rules Committee A- voted out of committee on 2/4/26 Ran out of time for floor votes - No further action
2025 Assembly Bill 799	2025 Senate Bill 802	Health professional assistance program and making an appropriation	A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care S - Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families	Concerns	A – Did not advance for a full vote of the Assembly. Sent to Assembly Rules Committee for scheduling A - Passed out of Committee 1/21/26

					<p>S-Did not schedule for a vote by the full Senate. Passed out of committee 2/3/26 Public Hearing 1/27/26 Ran out of time for floor votes - No further action</p>
2025 Assembly Bill 759	2025 Senate Bill 745	<p>Relating to eligibility to receive occupational credentials for recipients of deferred action under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permits individuals granted deferred action for the first time under the federal DACA program to obtain credentials to practice occupations overseen by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services in this state if all of the following apply: They have current and unexpired deferred action; and They possess a valid, unexpired employment authorization document issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Any credential issued under the bill, as amended, would be valid only for the duration of the individual's employment authorization issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and would not be applicable to individuals granted deferred action for the first time after the effective date of this bill. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Credentials may be renewed so long as the individual's federal work authorization is renewed. 	<p>A - Committee on Regulatory Licensing Reform S - Committee on Government Operations, Labor and Economic Development</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Signed by the Governor April 9, 2026 2025 Wisconsin Act 240</p> <p>3/17/26 – Passed the full Senate 3/18/26 – Passed the full Assembly</p>

2025 Assembly Bill 677	2025 Senate Bill 671	<p>Relating to: creating a crime of grooming a child for sexual activity and providing a penalty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates a crime of grooming a child for sexual activity and provides graduated penalties; • Adds the new crime to various cross-references, including to the list of offenses whose statute of limitations end when the victim reaches the age of 45; • Adds the crime of grooming to the definition of “abuse” for the purposes of the Children’s Code; • Provides that consent is not an issue or a defense for the purposes of the crime of grooming; and • Modifies the current law offense of sexual misconduct by a school staff person or volunteer by clarifying that victims under that offense include any pupil enrolled in a school in Wisconsin, rather than limiting it to a particular school. 	<p>A - Criminal Justice and Public Safety S - Education</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Signed by the Governor March 6, 2026 2025 Wisconsin Act 88</p> <p>S- Passed the full Senate 2/11/26 Passed out of committee 2/3/26 A – Passed out of the full Assembly 1/21/26</p>
2025 Assembly Bill 675	2025 Senate Bill 657	<p>Relating to: noncompete clauses for medical practitioners.</p>	<p>A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care S – Licensing, Regulatory Reform, State and Federal Affairs S – moved to Health Committee</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>S- Passed out of the Senate Committee. Waiting to be scheduled for a full vote of the Senate. Testified at Senate public hearing 1/29/26</p>

					1/7/26 – Testified Assembly Health Committee Ran out of time for floor votes - No further action
2025 Assembly Bill 668	2025 Senate Bill 646	<p>Relating to: reports on the competency of involuntarily committed individuals to refuse medication or treatment based upon an examination by an advanced practice registered nurse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expands the mental health providers who may perform an examination to determine whether or not the individual is competent to refuse medication or treatment; and Allows qualified psychiatric advanced practice registered nurses, in addition to physicians, to conduct mental health competency evaluations to help address backlogs in those competency evaluations, thus reducing delays in court proceedings and protecting patient rights. 	<p>A - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention S - Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families</p>	Support	<p>3/27/26 – Signed by the Governor 2025 Wisconsin Act 123 Presented to the Governor for action. S –Passed the full Senate 2/11/26 A- Passed full Assembly 1/26/26 Public Hearing 1/6/26 – Submitted Testimony</p>
2025 Assembly Bill 573	2025 Senate Bill 575	<p>Relating to: Sexual assault forensic examination compensation. Expands the healthcare provider costs that are eligible for reimbursement under the sexual assault forensic examination compensation program to include human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prophylaxis, supporting crime victims by removing a financial barrier to getting treatment that they may need and reducing the risk of HIV transmission.</p>	A - Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care	Support	<p>April 9, 2026 – Signed by the Governor 2025 Wisconsin Act 243 S –Passed full Senate 1/21/26 A – Passed full Assembly 2/12/26</p>
2025 Assembly Bill 563	2025 Senate Bill 442	requiring hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to implement policies to prevent exposure to surgical smoke in operating rooms.	<p>A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care S- Health</p>	Support	10/28/25 – Passed out of Senate Committee

					S – Public Hearing 10/22/25. Presented testimony. Ran out of time for floor votes - No further action
2025 Assembly Bill 438	2025 Senate Bill 435	Adopting the title of physician associate for physician assistants, independent practice of certain physician associates, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, and providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures.	A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care S - Health	No position	Senate- Passed out of Health Committee No further action
2025 Assembly Bill 432	2025 Senate Bill 434	Transparency and regulation of prior authorization requirements under health insurance plans.	A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care S - Insurance, Housing, Rural Issues and Forestry	Support	A – No action S – Public Hearing 10/29/25 No further action
2025 Assembly Bill 414	2025 Senate Bill 413	Expands the current immunity for underage drinking offenses and creates immunity for aiders and victims of certain controlled substance violations by specifically adding any crime against a child involving sexual contact or sexually explicit conduct to the definition of crime for the purposes of immunity and create immunity from prosecution for a misdemeanor violation of possessing a controlled substance or controlled substance analog, possessing drug paraphernalia, and possessing a masking agent if the person is a victim of sexual assault or a person seeking aid for the victim; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends the statute of limitations for prosecuting second-degree sexual assault. • Extends the period that the state crime laboratories must store sexual assault kits; and 	A - Criminal Justice and Public Safety S - Judiciary and Public Safety	Support	Signed by the Governor on 3-6-2026. 2025 Wisconsin Act 90 11/18/25 passed the full Senate 2/17/26 Passed the full Assembly

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows a tenant to terminate a residential lease based on a person engaging, attempting, or threatening a crime that would constitute sexual assault, among other provisions. 			
2025 Assembly Bill 338	2025 Senate Bill 342	Relating to: coverage of treatment for mental health or substance use disorders under health insurance policies and plans.	A - Insurance S - Insurance, Housing, Rural Issues and Forestry	Support	No action in either house
2025 Assembly Bill 362	2025 Senate Bill 317	requiring cardiac emergency response plans for cardiac emergencies that occur on school property or at school-sponsored athletic events.	A - Education S - Judiciary and Public Safety	Support	1/18/26 – Passed by the full Assembly 1/18/26 – Senate available for scheduling No further action
2025 Assembly Bill 294	2025 Senate Bill 282	<p>Membership on the Board of Nursing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modifies the current membership of the Board of Nursing by reducing the number of licensed registered nurses from five to three and adding two new appointments: one certified/licensed advanced practice registered nurse and one nurse educator; Changes “certified advanced practice nurse prescriber” to “licensed advanced practice registered nurse,” effective Sept. 1, 2026, to reflect the changes included in 2025 Wisconsin Act 17; and Specifies that the two currently licensed registered nurse members with the earliest term expirations, upon the effective date of this bill, would be replaced by individuals under the new appointment types created in this bill. 	A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care S - Health Committee	Support	Provide testimony Signed by the Governor 12-9-2025. 2025 2025 Wisconsin Act 74

2025 Assembly Bill 263	2025 Senate Bill 264	<p>Relating to: coverage of breast cancer screenings by the Medical Assistance program and health insurance policies and plans. (FE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires health insurance policies, including the state Medicaid program, to fully cover medically necessary and appropriate supplemental breast screenings or diagnostic breast examinations for individuals who are at higher risk of breast cancer or have heterogeneously or extremely dense breast tissue; • Defines supplemental breast screening examinations to include the use of breast MRIs or breast ultrasound to screen for breast cancer when there is no abnormality seen or suspected based on personal or family medical history; • Defines diagnostic breast examinations to include the use of breast MRIs, breast ultrasounds, breast tomosynthesis, and diagnostic mammography used to evaluate an abnormality seen or suspected from a screening examination for breast cancer or an abnormality detected through another means of examination; and • Requires coverage regardless of whether the woman shows any symptoms of breast cancer. • Policies or plans would not be able to impose a cost-sharing amount for any diagnostic breast examination or the first supplemental breast screening examination in a policy year. Cost-sharing may be imposed for any subsequent supplemental breast screening examinations in a policy year. <p>The bill would take effect on the first day of the fourth month, beginning after publication and first apply to policy or plan years beginning on</p>	<p>A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care S- Health</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Signed by the Governor on 3-19-2026. 2025 Wisconsin Act 103 2/19/26 – Passed the full Assembly 10/14/25 – Passed the full Senate. 11/19/25 Referred to Assembly Organization Committee</p>
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2025 Assembly Bill 257	2025 Senate Bill 258	<p>APRN Modernizations Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced practice registered nurses, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority. • Makes several changes related to the practicing, licensing and certifying requirements for nurses as administered by the Board of Nursing. • Creates a new licensure opportunity for RNs to become APRNs and establishes various oversight and safety provisions (including mandating the completion of education and continuing education requirements and collaboration with physicians); and • Increases access to healthcare services for state residents. 	A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care S - Health	Support	Signed by the Governor on 8-8-2025. 2025 Wisconsin Act 17
2025 Assembly Bill 128	2025 Senate Bill 156	Relating to: requiring first responders to be trained to administer epinephrine delivery systems.	A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care S - Government Operations, Labor and Economic Development	Support	Senate 4/24/25 Public Hearing Assembly 10/15/25 – Public Hearing No further action

2025 Assembly Bill 114	2025 Senate Bill 109	clinician initiation of emergency detention of a minor and providing a penalty.	A -Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families S - Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families	Support	5/27/25 A. Public Hearing 5/27/25 S Public Hearing No further action
2025 Assembly Bill 113	2025 Senate Bill 108	Sharing minors' safety plans. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directs the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to develop and maintain a statewide portal to facilitate the sharing of safety plans for minors among safety plan partners; • Requires DHS to develop a standard safety plan template to be used by individuals developing such a plan; • Provides one full-time equivalent unfunded position for the purpose of developing and maintaining the portal; and • \$819,200 GPR has been included in the 2025-27 to fund the program. 	A - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention S - Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families	Support	Signed by the Governor on 7-2-2025. 2025 Wisconsin Act 10
2025 Assembly Bill 97	2025 Senate Bill 23	Relating to: extension of eligibility under the Medical Assistance program for postpartum women. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends postpartum Medicaid coverage from 60 days to one year; and • Requires the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to seek approval from the federal Department of Health and Human Services to extend until the last day of the month in which the 365th day after the last day of the pregnancy falls Medicaid benefits to 	A - Regulatory Licensing Reform S- Health Committee	Support	Signed by the Governor on 3-18-2026. 2025 Wisconsin Act 102 11/19/25 - forwarded to Assembly Organizational Committee - Viewed

		women who are eligible for those benefits when pregnant			as Medicaid expansion 4/22/25 - Passed out of the full Senate "
2025 Assembly Bill 86	2025 Senate Bill 91	<p>Relating to: imposing the penalty of life imprisonment for the crime of child trafficking and providing a penalty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expands the conduct that defines the crime of trafficking of a child to include knowingly selling, purchasing, transferring, receiving, isolating, holding, confining, or depriving the livery of any child for the purpose of commercial sex acts, or knowingly attempting the same; and Increases the penalty for the trafficking of a child, or knowingly benefiting from the crime of trafficking a child, to a Class A felony when it involves at least three victims and specifies that the term of imprisonment would be life without the possibility of extended supervision. 	A - Judiciary S - Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety	Support	<p>April 3, 2026, Signed by the Governor, 2025 Wisconsin Act 187 3/13/25 - Passed by the full Assembly 3/18/26 – Passed out of the full Senate 4/15/25 - Passed out of the Senate Health Committee. Waiting to be scheduled.</p>
2025 Assembly Bill 74	2025 Senate Bill 97	<p>Relating to: parental notification of alleged sexual misconduct by a school staff member.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires public, private, and charter schools to notify a pupil’s parent or guardian if the pupil is an alleged victim, target, or recipient of several types of alleged sex offenses while at school; and Requires each school board of a public school to annually provide parents and guardians with information regarding their rights to access records regarding school employee discipline, as provided under state law around public records. 	A - Criminal Justice and Public Safety S - Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families	Support	<p>12/9/25 Signed by the Governor 2025 Wisconsin Act 57</p>

2025 Assembly Bill 54	2025 Senate Bill 83	Relating to: utilization management controls for antipsychotic prescription drugs under the Medical Assistance program. (FE)	A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care S - Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families	Support	10/15/25 - Assembly Public Hearing 11/12/25 - Waiting to be scheduled for a floor vote 11/12/25 - Passed out of Senate Committee 11/6/25 - Senate Public Hearing No further action
2025 Assembly Bill 49	2025 Senate Bill 70	Relating to: a minor's authority to consent to health care.	A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care S - Health	Support	3/14/25 - Passed out of the Senate Committee waiting to be scheduled No action in the Assembly
2025 Assembly Bill 43	2025 Senate Bill 42	Relating to: permitting pharmacists to prescribe certain contraceptives, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.	A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care S - Health	Support	5/14/25 - S Passed and waiting to be scheduled for a floor vote 5/13/25 - A Passed by full Assembly 4/23/25 A - Public Hearing 3/14/25 S - Passed out of Committee No further action
2025 Assembly Bill 44	2025 Senate Bill 43	Relating to: allowing advanced practice nurse prescribers to pronounce the date, time, and place of a patient's death for purposes of the preparation of death records. Authorizes advanced practice nurse prescribers to pronounce the date, time, and place of a patient's death for purpose of preparing a death record.	A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care S - Health	Support	Signed by the Governor on 8-8-2025. 2025 Wisconsin Act 19

2025 Assembly Bill 23	2025 Senate Bill 39	Relating to: establishment of a Palliative Care Council.	A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care S - Health	Support	5/14/25 - S waiting to be scheduled for a vote 5/14/25 - A - Passed by the full Assembly 3/14/25 - A - Passed out of committee the 3/15/25 Waiting to be scheduled by the full Senate No further action
2025 Assembly Bill 19	2025 Senate Bill 15	Relating to: increased penalties for crimes against adults at risk; Makes several changes that extend protections related to adults at risk, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowing an adult at risk seeking a restraining order to appear in court via telephone or live audiovisual means; • Creating a penalty enhancer for crimes committed against an adult at risk; • Adding victims who are adults at risk to the crime of battery to an elder person; • Increasing the penalty for sexual assault of an adult at risk; and • Adding adults at risk to the procedure that allows a court to freeze or seize a defendant's assets if charged with a financial exploitation crime. 	A - Criminal Justice and Public Safety S - Judiciary and Public Safety	Support	Signed by the Governor April 2, 2026 2025 Wisconsin Act 149 1/13/26 - Passed the full Assembly 1/21/26 - Passed the full Senate
2025 Assembly Bill 12	2025 Senate Bill 31	Relating to: state agency status for certain physician assistants and advanced practice nurses who provide services without compensation for local health departments or school districts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows APNPs to supervise an immunization program and issue orders for the administration 	A - Health, Aging and LTC S - Health	Support	8/8/25 Signed by the Governor 2025 Wisconsin Act 18

		<p>of immunizations that are in accordance with written protocols issued by DHS."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends certain protections to physician assistants and advanced practice nurses who provide services without compensation for local health departments or school districts. 			
2025 Assembly Bill 11	2025 Senate Bill 14	<p>Relating to: pelvic exams on unconscious patients and creating an administrative rule related to hospital requirements for pelvic exams on unconscious patients.</p> <p>Requires hospitals to ensure written informed consent is obtained from a patient before a pelvic examination is performed on the patient solely for educational purposes while the patient is under general anesthesia or otherwise unconscious.</p>	A - Health, Aging and LTC S - Health	Support	8/8/25 Signed by the Governor 2025 Wisconsin Act 22
		Board of Nursing Activity	Update	WNA Position	Outcome
Scope Statement - APRN	SS 082-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of Administrative Code Rules for APRN under Wisconsin Nurse Practice Act • Overview • The proposed project will promulgate rules necessary to implement 2025 Wisconsin Act 17, which makes substantial changes to ch. 441 related to the creation of a new system of licensure that allows registered nurses to be licensed as advanced practice registered nurses (APRN). • This new system for APRN licensure replaces the previous advanced practice nurse prescriber certification and requires applicants to provide evidence of education and certification in one of the following recognized roles: certified nurse-midwife (CRM); certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA); clinical nurse specialist (CNS); and nurse practitioner (NP). 	<p>4/9/26 – Identified specific language to be inserted in specific sections.</p> <p>3/12/26 – Reviewing specific sections of N1 – N8 that reflect the scope statement assignment including, evidence of education attained, education and training, grandfathering.</p> <p>2/12/26 – Reviewed sections of the Administrative Code where changes may be made due to new law.</p> <p>1/26/26 – First meeting of the BON Rules Committee.</p>		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The act establishes new requirements for the licensure, renewal, independent practice, and continuing education of APRNs. <u>Section 441.09 (6) (a), Stats., as created by 2025 WI Act 17, states that “[t]he board shall promulgate rules necessary to administer this section, including rules for all of the following:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further defining the scope of practice of an advanced practice registered nurse, practice of a certified nurse-midwife, practice of a certified registered nurse anesthetist, practice of a nurse practitioner, and practice of a clinical nurse specialist and defining the scope of practice within which an advanced practice registered nurse may issue prescription orders under sub. (2). • Determining acceptable national certification for purposes of sub. (1) (a) 2. a. • Establishing the appropriate education, training, or experience requirements that a registered nurse must satisfy in order to be an advanced practice registered nurse and to obtain each specialty designation corresponding to the recognized roles. • Specifying the classes of drugs, individual drugs, or devices that may not be prescribed by an advanced practice registered nurse under sub. (2). • Specifying the conditions to be met for registered nurses to do the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Administer a drug prescribed by an advanced practice registered nurse. ○ Administer a drug at the direction of an advanced practice registered nurse. 	<p>Overview of responsibilities. 1/8/26 – Preliminary hearing to determine public support for the scope statement. 12/18/25 – Scope statement approved by the Governor.</p>		
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Statement of Scope – BSN prepared nurses as clinical instructors	SS 064-25	Chapter N1 – Faculty Accreditation Standards N 1.05 Approval of school of nursing. Creation of rules that allow BSN-prepared nurses to be clinical instructors in schools of nursing.	4/9/26 – The Board continues to work on the criteria necessary for a BSN prepared nurse to be a clinical instructor. 10/19/25 – Preliminary public hearing 9/18/25 – approved by the Governor to move forward.		