



INTRODUCTION:

With over 10,000 members from almost 300 local association affiliates, the WPPA is Wisconsin's largest law enforcement group. Our mission is to protect and promote public safety, as well as the interests of the dedicated men and women that serve to provide it. As such, the WPPA closely monitors legislative proposals that might impact the officers serving our communities and we work diligently to inform state lawmakers of their public policy implications. Through our lobbying efforts, the WPPA has demonstrated the pivotal role it plays in advancing new laws to enhance policing and to otherwise make Wisconsin safer for both the public and the officers that serve it.

Since 2006, the WPPA has published a legislative report card summarizing the actions taken on the bills for which the organization took a position either for or against. The most cumulative of its kind in Wisconsin, the WPPA report card tabulates legislative actions on bills throughout each stage of the lawmaking process, and awards and deducts points to individual legislators accordingly. The state lawmakers in each house are then ranked after those aggregate scores are calculated, and those ranked in the top tier in each house are named to the WPPA's "Law Enforcement Honor Roll." The highest ranking Legislators are given the distinct recognition of being named "WPPA Legislator of the Year."

The pages that follow provide a detailed summary of the report card results for the 2017-18 legislative session.

What began as a fraternal group in 1932 has evolved into a full-service organization that aims to serve as the voice of Wisconsin's law enforcement community. Our governmental affairs efforts are critically-important to ensuring that our voice is an informed one, and this report card is an invaluable resource in our work to preserve and strengthen law enforcement's ability to keep our communities safe and maintain the quality of life that Wisconsinites expect and have every right to deserve.

For questions or comments about this publication, please feel free to contact me by telephone at 608-273-3840 or by e-mail at palmer@wppa.com. Thank you.

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The WPPA's Legislative Priorities

As the state's largest law enforcement group, the Wisconsin Professional Police Association (WPPA) actively represents its membership before the State Legislature. We advocate on a wide variety of law enforcement and labor-related issues during each two-year legislative session,

and since 2005, we have used a cumulative methodology to closely evaluate legislative activity. At the beginning of each legislative session, the WPPA sends every legislative office an explanation of our governmental affairs platform and report card methodology.

At the 2004 WPPA Annual Convention, the Board of Directors consisting of elected law enforcement officers from all across the state formally adopted a governmental affairs platform declaring the legislative principles and policies of interest to the officers within our ranks.

WPPA Governmental Affairs Platform

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- 1. Protect state funding programs that impact public safety services, and promote reforms of state funding formulas in a manner that prioritizes these services.
- 2. Promote legislation to provide collective bargaining rights for all public employees, and to protect against legislation which could diminish those bargaining rights.
- 3. Support legislation improving the collective bargaining dispute settlement procedures for members of the law enforcement community.
- Support legislation allowing for the arbitration of discipline for municipal law enforcement officers.
- 5. Support legislation improving and protecting the pension and retirement benefits of protective services employees.
- 6. Promote legislation likely to have a beneficial impact on the law enforcement community and protect against legislation likely to have a detrimental impact on the law enforcement community.
- 7. Promote political activity by WPPA members through methods such as: encouraging locals to establish local political action committees; advising locals on the operation of their political action committees; providing political action committees with a current uniform candidate questionnaire, and organizing meetings with WPPA locals and their legislators.

This platform is used to help develop our annual report card that measures legislative action on bills of importance to the law enforcement community. This report card is published in the WPPA's quarterly publication, the *Wisconsin Police Journal*, which each and every member receives. It also aids our affiliated state and local political action committees in their consideration of political endorsements.

The WPPA Legislative Report Card:

Bills Lobbied by the WPPA in the 2017 - 2018 Session

Legislative Proposal

Assembly Bill 48

Relating to: expanding the definition of hate crime victims to include law enforcement officers.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Assembly Bill 62

Relating to: creditable military service under the Wisconsin Retirement System.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Assembly Bill 92/Senate Bill 58

Relating to: carjacking offenses and providing criminal penalties.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Enacted into law.

Assembly Bill 93/Senate Bill 53

Relating to: expungement of certain offenses committed before the age of 25 and making an appropriation.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Assembly Bill 97/Senate Bill 73

Relating to: mandatory period of confinement for homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle and providing a criminal penalty. WPPA SUPPORTED

Assembly Bill 98

Relating to: court orders regarding the installation of an ignition interlock device and providing a criminal penalty.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Enacted into law.

Assembly Bill 99/Senate Bill 72

Relating to: committing a fifth or sixth offense related to operating a vehicle while intoxicated and providing a criminal penalty. WPPA SUPPORTED

Assembly Bill 122/Senate Bill 61

Relating to: forfeiture of property seized in relation to a crime.

WPPA OPPOSED

Enacted into law.

Assembly Bill 138

Relating to: the safe-ride grant program.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Enacted into law.

Assembly Bill 150/Senate Bill 97

Relating to: requiring the payment of health insurance premiums, and establishing a loan program, for survivors of a law enforcement officer, emergency medical technician, or fire fighter who dies in the line of duty and making appropriations.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Assembly Bill 155

Relating to: prosecution decisions following deaths involving law enforcement officers.

WPPA OPPOSED

Assembly Bill 189

Relating to: grants for beat patrol and specialized officers.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Assembly Bill 197/Senate Bill 135

Relating to: revocation of operating privilege for certain offenses related to operating while intoxicated, operating after revocation, making an appropriation, and providing a criminal penalty.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Enacted into law.

Assembly Bill 217

Relating to: reducing the annual salary of the attorney general.

WPPA OPPOSED

Legislative Proposal

Assembly Bill 247

Relating to: going armed with a firearm and electric weapons, licenses for carrying a concealed weapon, trespassing while armed with a firearm, and providing criminal penalties.

WPPA OPPOSED

Assembly Bill 351/Senate Bill 279

Relating to: body cameras on law enforcement officers.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Assembly Bill 381/Senate Bill 480

Relating to: voluntary payments associated with special distinguishing registration plates expressing support for the family members of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.

WPPA SUPPORTED.

Enacted into law.

Senate Bill 17

Relating to: purchasing or possessing a firearm for a person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm and providing a criminal penalty.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Senate Bill 21/Assembly Bill 58

Relating to: requirements for law enforcement dogs that have bitten a person.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Senate Bill 190

Relating to: increasing the minimum retirement age under the Wisconsin Retirement System and determining final average earnings for the purpose of calculating Wisconsin Retirement System annuities.

WPPA OPPOSED

Assembly Bill 395/Senate Bill 303

Relating to: participation in a riot and providing a criminal penalty.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Assembly Bill 396/Senate Bill 304

Relating to: blocking a thoroughfare as part of a riot and providing a penalty.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Assembly Bill 397/Senate Bill 305

Relating to: going armed with a firearm while participating in a riot and providing a penalty.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Assembly Bill 506/Senate Bill 403

Relating to: the responsibilities of the Law Enforcement Standards Board.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Assembly Bill 563

Relating to: dissemination of threats against law enforcement officers and providing a penalty.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Assembly Bill 606/Senate Bill 512

Relating to: changes affecting a first-class city board of fire and police commissioners, chiefs, officers, and fire fighters, police and fire departments and boards of police and fire commissioners in other cities, villages, and certain towns, veterans preference points awarded by first class cities, and granting rule-making authority.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Assembly Bill 634/Senate Bill 541

Relating to: administrative subpoenas for the investigation of human trafficking crimes and Internet crimes against children.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Enacted into law.

Assembly Bill 815/Senate Bill 681

Relating to: allowed detention facilities for emergency detention and involuntary commitment.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Legislative Proposal

Assembly Bill 906/Senate Bill 768

Relating to: creating a law enforcement agency drug trafficking response grant program; positions to assist in prosecuting drug-related offenses; evidence-based programs for substance abuse prevention services for at-risk youth; victim impact panels; funding for family treatment courts; grants for county jails to provide nonnarcotic treatment before offender reentry; and making appropriations. WPPA SUPPORTED

Enacted into law.

Assembly Joint Resolution 47/Senate Joint Resolution 53

Relating to: the rights of crime victims (a proposal to amend the state constitution).

WPPA SUPPORTED

Senate Bill 7

Relating to: expiration dates of renewed licenses to carry a concealed weapon.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Enacted into law.

Assembly Bill 619/Senate Bill 664

Relating to: charitable donations to the family of a law enforcement officer or fire fighter killed in the line of duty.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Assembly Bill 434/Senate Bill 564

Relating to: worker's compensation claims by certain public safety employees for PTSD.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Assembly Bill 524/Senate Bill 408

Relating to: furnishing, purchasing, or possessing a firearm for a person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm, mandatory minimum sentences for individuals who commit certain firearm violations, and providing criminal penalties.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Enacted into law.

March 2018 Special Assembly Bill 2

Relating to: creating an office of school safety in the Department of Justice and making appropriations.

WPPA SUPPORTED

March 2018 Special Assembly Bill 6

Relating to: allowing a school board to share safety camera footage with law enforcement.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Assembly Bill 843

Relating to: creating an office of school safety in the Department of Justice and making appropriations.

WPPA SUPPORTED

Enacted into law.

The WPPA Legislative Report Card:

How we score state lawmakers

It is the responsibility of the WPPA's registered lobbyist(s) to identify items of legislation that impact Wisconsin's law enforcement community generally, and the WPPA's membership specifically. Preliminary positions on those bills are made by the WPPA lobbyist, and those positions are then

considered for ratification by the WPPA Legislative Committee and Board of Directors.

In recognition of the fact that not all bills are created equal, each legislative measure (companion bills are counted together) is weighted by the Legislative Committee. In order to prevent any bill from unfairly influencing the cumulative results, a weighting scale of 1 to 5 is utilized, as determined by the Legislative Committee. All positions ratified by the board are included on the legislative report card, and are scored in the following manner:

	Points
Co-sponsoring legislation which we support/oppose	3/-3
Committee votes for legislation which supports/opposes the WPPA position	1/-1
Floor votes for legislation which supports/opposes the WPPA position	2/-2
Procedural votes/other efforts to advance or stall legislation which supports/opposes the WPPA position	2/-2
Offering amendments which we support	2
Offering amendments we oppose	-2

score in the top one-third of all of the legislators in their *respective* chambers are named to the "WPPA Law Enforcement Honor Roll" for that particular legislative session and are eligible for an automatic endorsement for their reelection to their elected office following that legislative session. The legislators with the highest overall scores in their respective chambers will be eligible to be named a "WPPA Legislator of the Year."

Legislators that garner a cumulative

Given that the Legislative Report Card tracks a variety of legislative activity, such as co-sponsorships, committee and floor votes, among others, legislators may be recognized in these secondary areas as well, if determined appropriate by the WPPA's Legislative Committee and/ or Board of Directors.

General Disclosures

Due to the extent to which the WPPA's scoring methodology tracks

legislative activity, it is important to recognize that our evaluative approach provides lawmakers that sit on committees that consider law enforcement or labor-related issues with greater opportunities to be awarded or deducted points.

In situations in which a bill passes out of a legislative chamber on a voice vote, or is simply passed without objection in concurrence, all lawmakers in that legislative chamber receive credit for supporting or opposing the measure, depending upon the organization's position on that specific measure, unless the official journal for that legislative chamber indicates a lawmaker's successful motion to be recorded otherwise.

Due to the fact that the Senate Majority Leader, Senate Minority Leader, Assembly Speaker, and Assembly Minority Leader traditionally serve on fewer committees and sponsor fewer legislative measures as a result of their leadership status, those positions are not included on the Report Card. Legislators that left the legislature during the course of the session are also not included.

Notes Specific to the 2017-18 Legislative Session

Rep. Peter Barca has not been included in the Report Card, given that he served as the Assembly Minority Leader until late in the session, when, on October 1, 2017, Rep. Hintz succeeded Barca in this post. Sen. Patty Schachtner, who was not elected to the State Senate until January 16, 2018 and sworn-in until February 20th, also does not appear in the Report Card. (The session ended on March 22).

The WPPA Legislative Report Card:

2017-18 State Assembly Rankings

Rank	State Assembly	Party
1	Jacque, André	R
2	Horlacher, Cody	R
3	Spiros, John	R
4	Novak, Todd	R
5	Tusler, Ron	R
6	Brooks, Ed	R
7	Ott, Jim	R
8	Tittl, Paul	R
9	Skowronski, Ken	R
10	Rohrkaste, Mike	R
11	Mursau, Jeffrey	R
12	Kremer, Jesse	R
13	Brandtjen, Janel	R
13	Edming, James	R
14	Subek, Lisa	D
15	Thiesfeldt, Jeremy	R
16	Ballweg, Joan	R
17	Sanfelippo, Joe	R
18	Krug, Scott	R
19	Quinn, Ramaine	R
20	Anderson, Jimmy	D
21	Shankland, Katrina	D
22	Tranel, Travis	R
23	Macco, John	R
24	Berceau, Terese	D
24	Kleefisch, Joel	R
25	Bernier, Kathleen	R
25	Genrich, Eric	D
26	Brooks, Robert	R
26	Jagler, John	R
27	Allen, Scott	R
28	Loudenbeck, Amy	R

Rank	State Assembly	Party
29	Petryk, Warren	R
30	Steffen, David	R
31	Kitchens, Joel	R
31	Murphy, David	R
32	Doyle, Steve	D
32	Kulp, Bob	R
33	Kolste, Debra	D
34	Spreitzer, Mark	D
35	Wichgers, Chuck	R
36	Vruwink, Dan	D
37	Ohnstad, Tod	D
37	Wachs, Dana	D
38	Duchow, Cindi	R
38	Hebl, Gary	D
39	Born, Mark	R
39	Nerison, Lee	R
39	Pronschinske, Treig	R
39	Snyder, Patrick	R
40	Zepnick, Josh	D
41	Zimmerman, Shannon	R
42	Billings, Jill	D
42	Taylor, Chris	D
43	Knodl, Daniel	R
44	Fields, Jason	D
44	Pope, Sondy	D
45	Meyers, Beth	D
46	Nygren, John	R
46	Scraa, Michael	R
46	Vander Meer, Nancy	R
47	Vorpagel, Tyler	R
48	Kooyenga, Dale	R
48	Tauchen, Gary	R

Rank	State Assembly	Party
49	Hesselbein, Dianne	D
49	Petersen, Kevin	R
49	Rodriguez, Jessie	R
50	Sargent, Melissa	D
51	Crowley, David	D
51	Gundrum, Rick	R
52	Katsma, Terry	R
52	Kerkman, Samantha	R
52	Summerfield, Rob	R
52	Weatherston, Thomas	R
53	Felzkowski, Mary	R
53	Plumer, Jon	R
53	Swearingen, Rob	R
54	Considine, Dave	D
55	Stuck, Amanda	D
56	Hutton, Rob	R
57	Bowen, David	D
58	Neylon, Adam	R
58	Young, Leon	D
59	Kuglitsch, Mike	R
59	Stafshold, Rob	R
59	Zamarripa, JoCasta	D
60	Milroy, Nick	D
61	Goyke, Evan	D
62	Brostoff, Jonathan	D
63	Riemer, Daniel	D
63	Sinicki, Christine	D
64	Neubauer, Greta	D
65	Jarchow, Adam	R
66	Kessler, Frederick	D

2017-18 State Senate Rankings

Rank	State Senate	Party
1	Wanggaard	R
2	Carpenter	D
3	Olsen	R
4	Bewley	D
5	Hansen	D
6	Testin	R
7	Darling	R
8	Marklein	R
9	Erpenbach	D
10	Cowles	R

Rank	State Senate	Party
11	Johnson	D
11	Vukmir	R
12	Ringhand	D
13	Feyen	R
14	Petrowski	R
15	Stroebel	R
16	Nass	R
17	Vinehout	D
18	Taylor	D
19	Wirch	D

Rank	State Senate	Party
20	Larson	D
21	Roth	R
22	Moulton	R
23	Risser	D
24	Craig	R
25	Kapenga	R
26	Tiffany	R
27	Miller	D
28	LeMahieu	R

The WPPA's 2017-18 Law Enforcement Honor Roll

Wisconsin State Assembly

Jacque, André	R
Horlacher, Cody	R
Spiros, John	R
Novak, Todd	R
Tusler, Ron	R
Brooks, Ed	R
Ott, Jim	R
Tittl, Paul	R
Skowronski, Ken	R
Rohrkaste, Mike	R
Mursau, Jeffrey	R
Kremer, Jesse	R
Brandtjen, Janel	R
Edming, James	R
Subek, Lisa	D
Thiesfeldt, Jeremy	R

Ballweg, Joan	R
Sanfelippo, Joe	R
Krug, Scott	R
Quinn, Ramaine	R
Anderson, Jimmy	D
Shankland, Katrina	D
Tranel, Travis	R
Macco, John	R
Berceau, Terese	D
Kleefisch, Joel	R
Bernier, Kathleen	R
Genrich, Eric	D
Brooks, Robert	R
Jagler, John	R
Allen, Scott	R
Loudenbeck, Amy	R

Wisconsin State Senate

Van Wanggaard	R
Tim Carpenter	D
Luther Olsen	R
Janet Bewley	D
Dave Hansen	D

Patrick Testin	R
Alberta Darling	R
Howard Marklein	R
Jon Erpenbach	D
Robert Cowles	R

2018 WPPA Legislators of the Year

State Senator

Van Wanggaard



District 21 (R-Racine)

State Representative **André Jacque**



District 2 (R-De Pere)



