

Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty: Governor Evers' budget: What you need to know

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With the legislature's Joint Finance Committee scheduled to start voting on Governor Evers' proposed budget on Thursday, the debate is about to come to a head. To be fully prepared with research you can trust, WILL has authored a number of timely, comprehensive studies and articles on various portions of the budget. Take a look at the work WILL's legal and policy experts have done on the Evers budget proposal and what it would mean for the State of Wisconsin.

Medicaid Expansion

- [The Impact of Medicaid Expansion: Examining the cost to consumers and the net impact on Wisconsin](#): A WILL and CROWE study concluded that Medicaid expansion would result in increased costs to families with private insurance – as much as \$700 per year for a family of four, resulting in a net cost to Wisconsin of \$400 million. Also referenced in [The Hill](#).
- [A Response to Critics of WILL's Medicaid Expansion Study](#): Our response to the critics who believe that Medicaid expansion is “free” and underestimate the costs to the private sector.

Regulatory Reform

- [How Evers' Budget Empowers the Executive and Regulatory State](#): A budget with less transparency for state agencies, a return of “Sue and Settle,” and more power to the federal government.
- [It's Time to Repeal the Minimum Markup Law](#): The government should have no role in artificially inflating the price of goods. A partial repeal is estimated to save Wisconsinites more than \$350 million per year on gas alone.

K-12 Education — Overall

- [WILL's Deep Dive into Governor Evers' K-12 Budget Proposal](#) explains the impact of nearly every proposal and how Evers would “end school choice as we know it.” Watch CJ Szafer and Libby Sobczak discuss Evers' budget on [WisEye's Newsmakers](#).
- [Governor Tony Evers' tries to turn back the clock on education reform](#), Thomas B. Fordham Institute. “As states like Tennessee and Florida push forward new broad-based education reform initiatives that deepen, strengthen, and broaden school choice, Wisconsin can ill afford to move in the opposite direction.”
- [Poll of Evers' Budget and K-12 Education Policy](#): Majorities are opposed to Evers' freeze on vouchers, charter moratorium, and spending more money on public schools with no accountability for results.
- [A Roadmap to Student Achievement](#): WILL's K-12 Education Reform agenda on how to improve student achievement.

K-12 Education — Spending

- [Truth in Spending: An Analysis of K-12 Public School Spending in Wisconsin](#): Our analysis sets the record straight on school spending and explains why Evers' plan is unlikely to lead to better test scores for students.
- Will Flanders in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on what [the research actually says about Tony Evers' proposals](#): “A meta-analysis of about 400 studies by Eric Hanushek of Stanford University finds no relationship between spending and student outcomes.”

K-12 Education — School Choice

- [Evers' K-12 Budget Will Hurt Wisconsin's Most Vulnerable Students](#), RightWisconsin. Why the voucher freeze is a disastrous idea.
- [Evers' Education Plan Hits District Benefitting From Open Enrollment](#), RightWisconsin. Evers' budget creates a disincentive for schools to participate in Open Enrollment and hurts Wisconsin's largest school choice program.
- [Evers' Backdoor Plan to Freeze School Choice](#), RightWisconsin. The voucher freeze gets all the headlines but Evers is pushing several red-tape requirements that would devastate private schools in the choice program.

The Budget — Overall

- [In 2020 the road to the White House runs through Wisconsin \(and Democrats there are moving far to the left\)](#), FoxNews.com: “Even in the polite Midwest, the energy among Democrats is not for moderation, compromise or solving problems – the very things Evers promised. It's for expanding and empowering government, enacting job-killing tax increases, and hurting the private sector.”

For more information on Governor Evers' budget, please see our friends at the MacIver Institute (who have done [terrific fiscal analysis on](#) the budget) and the Badger Institute (who [recently published](#) The High Cost of Increasing the Minimum Wage in Wisconsin).