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Governor joins multi-state lawsuit

Governor Tony Evers has joined a multistate lawsuit against the US Department of Education (USDE) for withholding federal funds from states that do not comply with a letter requesting state education agencies to certify compliance with Title VI. The suit, filed in Massachusetts' U.S. District Court, includes 18 states, including Wisconsin, New York, Illinois, Massachusetts, California, Minnesota, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington.

Public hearings for bills on rehiring retired annuitants and sexual abuse education

Two legislative committees held a public hearing on two bills affecting school boards and K-12 education. SB 170 allows WRS annuitants to return to work without suspending their annuity, while AB 156 requires sexual abuse prevention education in grades 4K-12. SB 170 allows rehired annuitants in the Wisconsin Retirement System to continue receiving their annuity for up to 60 months, while AB 156 requires school boards to provide a child sexual abuse prevention instructional program to pupils in grades 4K-12.