



## Marquette Law School Poll – May 20-21, 2026

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[PN: Rotate response options 1-2/2-1 and in question text]

- A1. On May 11, Democratic Gov. Tony Evers and Republican legislative leaders announced an agreement on a bill that would have used \$1.8 billion of the projected \$2.5 billion state budget surplus to increase funding for special education, reduce school property taxes by about 5%, and send rebate checks of \$300 to individuals, \$600 to married couples, who paid state income taxes. It would also have eliminated taxes on tips and overtime.

Do you think the state legislature (should have passed the bill), or (should it have defeated the bill)?

1. Should have passed the bill
  2. Should have defeated the bill
  3. Don't know
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- A2. Some have argued that the bill was fiscally irresponsible for spending a projected surplus now that might lead to a deficit in future budgets. Would it be better to delay providing special education funding, property tax reductions, and rebate checks until next year, or would it be better to provide them now, even if it might affect the budget next year?

1. Better to delay special education funding, property tax reductions, and rebate checks until next year
  2. Better to provide special education funding, property tax reductions, and rebate checks now
  3. Don't know
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The bill was defeated in the state Senate on May 13, with all 15 Democratic senators and 3 Republicans voting against the bill, versus 15 Republicans voting for it. The bill was also opposed by Republican candidate for governor Tom Tiffany and most of the Democratic candidates for governor.

[PN: Randomize order of A3-A5]

A3. How do you feel about Democratic candidates for governor **opposing** the bill?

1. That was the right thing for them to do
  2. That was the wrong thing for them to do
  3. Don't know
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A4. How do you feel about Republican candidate for governor Tom Tiffany **opposing** the bill?

1. That was the right thing for him to do
  2. That was the wrong thing for him to do
  3. Don't know
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A5. How do you feel about Democratic Gov. Tony Evers **supporting** the bill?

1. That was the right thing for him to do
  2. That was the wrong thing for him to do
  3. Don't know
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A6. How important are the positions taken by candidates on this bill for your vote in November for governor and for state legislature?

1. Very important
  2. Somewhat important
  3. Not too important
  4. Not at all important
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