**Fiscal Facts: Wisconsin’s Declaration of Rights**

Like the U.S. Constitution, each state’s constitution has a bill of rights. Wisconsin’s Declaration of Rights provides for freedom of speech and the rights to assemble and petition, the same as in the U.S. Constitution. But Wisconsin also prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude, provisions that are not found in the federal document.

Wisconsin’s Declaration of Rights has been amended over the years. For example, in 1967, Article I, Section 23 was added. It requires the state to “provide for the transportation of children to and from any parochial or private school or institution of learning.”

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