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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2005 Assembly Bill 654**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

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Under *current law*, child support is generally calculated using the percentage standard established by the Department of Workforce Development. Upon the request of a party, the court may modify the amount that would be ordered by using the percentage standard if, after considering a number of factors, the court finds that use of the percentage standard is unfair to the child or to either of the parties. One of the factors the court must consider is the financial resources of both parents.

*Assembly Bill 654* requires the court to consider the financial resources of both parents *including* the resulting disparity in the parties' incomes and resources and, if the payer's income and resources are lower than the payee's, whether application of the percentage standard would create substantially disparate standards of living between the parties.

*Assembly Amendment 1* requires the court to consider the financial resources of each parent, instead of both parents.

### *Legislative History*

On December 8, 2005, the Assembly Committee on Children and Families offered Assembly Amendment 1. Also on that date, the committee voted to recommend adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 6; Noes, 0.

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