



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 84

Senate Amendment 1

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Current Law

Under current law, school is required to be held for at least 180 days during the school term. In addition, each school board must schedule at least 437 hours of direct pupil instruction in kindergarten, at least 1,050 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 1 to 6, and at least 1,137 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 7 to 12. Assembly Bill 84 retains the requirement that school be held for these minimum required hours of instruction, but *eliminates* the requirement that school be held for at least 180 days.

Senate Amendment 1 amends Assembly Bill 84 as follows:

1. Specifies that if a school has scheduled a greater number of hours in the 2005-06 school year than the current requirements, then those higher scheduled hours become the minimum requirement for school for direct pupil instruction.
2. Clarifies that the annual report of the school districts include the number of hours of direct pupil instruction provided *in each school* by teachers legally qualified to teach.

The amendment makes no other changes to the bill.

Legislative History

Assembly Bill 84 was introduced on February 3, 2005 by Representative Towns and others, cosponsored by Senator Kedzie and others. The bill was referred to the Assembly Committee on Education where a public hearing was held on March 22, 2005. In an executive session held on April 19, 2005, the committee voted Ayes, 9; Noes, 2 to report passage of the bill. On June 16, 2005, the bill was read a third time and passed on a vote of Ayes, 65; Noes, 32 by the Assembly. The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Education where a public hearing was held on October 18, 2005. Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Olson on January 31, 2006. The Senate committee subsequently reported adoption of Senate Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0 and reported concurrence as amended on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 3.

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