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**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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**2009 Assembly Bill 395**

**Assembly  
Amendments 1 and 2**

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*Assembly Amendment 1* conforms the language of the bill to the intent of the bill by making the following correction and clarification:

1. Item 1 of the amendment corrects language regarding what assets are available for legal representation by substituting reference to “assets” in place of the mistaken reference to “cost” on page 3, line 20 of the bill.
2. Items 2 and 3 of the amendment clarify the language regarding what income is available to pay for legal representation (and, in so doing, make the structure of the sentence treated by the amendment parallel to the structure of the corresponding sentence regarding available assets in proposed par. (b), found on lines 18 to 22, page 3, of the bill).

*Assembly Amendment 2* reduces the bill’s increase in authorized FTE positions for the Public Defender Board from 49.25 GPR positions to 45.4 GPR positions. According to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, this is a technical correction, conforming the position authorization in the bill to the intent of the bill.

**Legislative History**

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by the Assembly Committee on Judiciary and Ethics. The committee recommended adoption of the amendment by a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0. The committee recommended passage of Assembly Bill 395, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 2.

The Joint Committee on Finance recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0. The Finance committee offered Assembly Amendment 2 and recommended its adoption by a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0. The committee recommended passage of Assembly Bill 395, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 1.

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