



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2009 Senate Bill 359**

**Senate Substitute  
Amendment 1**

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Current law requires each school board, among other items, to provide an instructional program designed to give pupils knowledge of state, national, and world history. Senate Bill 359 directs school board to include in that program the role of the Hmong in fighting for the United States in the Vietnam War, the persecution of the Hmong by the Laotian government after the Vietnam War, and the reasons for the immigration of many Hmong to the United States.

### **Provisions of Senate Substitute Amendment 1**

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to 2009 Senate Bill 359 directs the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to incorporate into the model academics standards for social studies, the role of the Hmong in fighting for the United States in the Vietnam War, the persecution of the Hmong by the Laotian government after the Vietnam War, and the reasons for the immigration of many Hmong to the United States.

### **Legislative History**

2009 Senate Bill 359 was introduced on October 20, 2009 by Senator Lehman and others; cosponsored by Representatives Soletski and others; and referred to the Senate Committee on Education. Senate Substitute Amendment 1 was introduced on December 2, 2009 by Senator Lehman. A public hearing was held by the Senate Committee on Education on December 3, 2009, and in an executive session the committee reported adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0. The committee recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0.

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