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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Senator Vukmir

**From:** Tracy K. Kuczenski, Legislative Attorney, (608) 266-9867

**Subject:** Technical Memorandum to **2011 SB 234** (LRB-3117/1) by **DOR**

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We received the attached technical memorandum relating to your bill. This copy is for your information and your file.

If you wish to discuss this memorandum or the necessity of revising your bill or preparing an amendment, please contact me.

## MEMORANDUM

October 18, 2011

**TO:** Tracy Kuczenski  
Legislative Reference Bureau

**FROM:** John Koskinen  
Brad Caruth  
Department of Revenue

**SUBJECT:** Technical Memorandum on Senate Bill 234: Relating to Preaccreditation and Accreditation of Private Schools Participating in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program and the Choice Program for Eligible School Districts, Certificates of Occupancy for Participating Private School Buildings, Verification of Income Eligibility for Pupils to Participate in the Programs, Fees and Tuition Charged to Pupils Attending Participating Private Schools, and Standards of Conduct for Administrators of Participating Private Schools

The Department has the following concerns related to the bill:

The Department prefers to remove the word "ascertain" and replace it with "verify" on page 6, line 17 and page 13, line 13. The word, "ascertain," means "to discover through examination or experimentation; to make certain and definite" and thus requires further investigation on the part of DOR then just to compare the income reported on the student's application with the income reported on the tax returns. The word, "ascertain," conflicts with the language in the preceding sentence, which states that, "The department of revenue may take no other action on the basis of the information submitted under subd. 1.b."

DOR also prefers the phrase, "department of public instruction" to "department" on page 5, line 22 and page 12, line 18.

If you have any questions regarding this technical memorandum, please contact Brad Caruth at (608) 261-8984 or [bradley.caruth@revenue.wi.gov](mailto:bradley.caruth@revenue.wi.gov).

cc: Senator Vukmir