



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2011 Senate Bill 184

Assembly Amendment 1

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Current Law

The 2011-13 Biennial Budget Act (2011 Wisconsin Act 32) created the Special Task Force on University of Wisconsin Restructuring and Operational Flexibilities to study the University of Wisconsin System. In its study, the Task Force must address the following issues:

- Whether there is a need to restructure the system and make recommendations as to a new governance structure.
- How system employees and those system employees assigned to the University of Wisconsin-Madison would transition from the state personnel system to the new personnel systems.
- Whether tuition flexibility can be extended to the system while ensuring access and affordability, and what role the Legislature should have in establishing tuition.
- How compensation plans for system employees should be determined in future biennia.
- Additional operational flexibilities that could be provided to system institutions.
- How articulation and the transfer of credits between system institutions could be improved.

The Act appropriated \$50,000 for Task Force expenses during the 2011-12 fiscal year and directed the Task Force to submit its report to the Joint Committee on Finance and other appropriate standing committees of the Legislature by January 1, 2012.

Senate Bill 184

Senate Bill 184 bill changes the Task Force's reporting deadline to January 7, 2013, and provides that the amount appropriated for Task Force expenses may be spent over the 2011-13 fiscal biennium.

Assembly Amendment 1

Assembly Amendment 1 changes the Task Force's reporting deadline to July 31, 2012 and provides that the Task Force may, at its own initiative, extend that deadline by 30 days to August 31, 2012.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Strachota on November 1, 2011. On November 8, 2011, the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities voted to recommend adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0. The committee then voted to recommend concurrence with the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0.

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