



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Assembly Bill 539

Senate Amendment 1

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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 539

Assembly Bill 539 makes changes related to the supervised release of sexually violent persons (SVP), who are sex offenders civilly committed under ch. 980, Stats., following their criminal sentences. Among other changes, Assembly Bill 539 eliminates the ability of a court to place an SVP outside of his or her home county for “good cause,” meaning that any residence for an SVP on supervised release must be within the SVP’s county of residence. The bill also requires the SVP’s county of residence to form a temporary committee to create a report identifying an appropriate residential option for the SVP. The Department of Health Services (DHS) must then propose the residential option identified by the county committee in the supervised release plan DHS submits to the court.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 increases an appropriation to DHS by \$77,000 for fiscal year 2018-19 to increase the authorized FTE positions by 1.0 for a human service coordinator to serve on and support county committees in creating reports for supervised release plans.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Testin on February 20, 2018. On that date, the Senate adopted Senate Amendment 1 on a voice vote and passed Assembly Bill 539, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 32; Noes, 0. The Assembly then nonconcurrent in Senate Amendment 1 on February 21, 2018, on a voice vote.

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