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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2017 Assembly Bill 559**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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### **2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 559**

Assembly Bill 559 requires the Board of Regents (the Board) of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System to establish policies for the transfer of postsecondary credits between institutions within the UW System, including those postsecondary credits earned by high school pupils under the Youth Options Program under s. 118.55, Stats. If the Board determines that credits earned under the Youth Options Program are not transferable, the bill requires the Board to permit an individual to take an examination to determine the individual's competency in the subject area of the course and, if the individual receives a passing score, award equivalent credits to the individual.

The bill also requires the Board to establish policies determining which courses will be transferable between and within institutions without loss of credit toward graduation or toward completion of a specific course of study.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 eliminates the provision of the bill that requires the Board to establish policies determining which courses will be transferable between and within institutions without loss of credit toward graduation or toward completion of a specific course of study.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Assembly Bill 559 was introduced on October 19, 2017, by Representative Kitchens and others. On December 5, 2017, Representative Kitchens offered Assembly Amendment 1. On December 20, 2017, the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and passage of Assembly Bill 559, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

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