



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Assembly Bill 701

Assembly Amendment 1

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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 701

Assembly Bill 701 (“the bill”) requires the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System (“the Board”) to establish a crime victim’s legal clinic at the UW Law School. The bill requires the Board to apply to the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) for grants under the federal Victim of Crime Act to defray the costs of the clinic. Finally, the bill requires the DOJ to award the grants in amounts that the DOJ determines are reasonable to support the clinic if the DOJ determines that the clinic is eligible for the grants and that sufficient funding is available.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 requires the Board to submit a report to the appropriate standing committees of the Legislature containing all of the following information:

- A summary of the work performed by the clinic.
- The number of clients served by the clinic.
- The costs of the clinic.
- The amount of grants awarded to the clinic by the DOJ as specified under the bill.
- Any recommendations of the Board for continuing or discontinuing the clinic.

The Board must submit the report not later than the first day of the 60th month beginning after the effective date of the bill.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Bill 701 was introduced on November 29, 2017, by Representative Horlacher and others. On January 17, 2018, Representative Horlacher offered Assembly Amendment 1. On January 18, 2018, the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and passage of Assembly Bill 701, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0.

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