



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**January 2018 Special Session
Senate Bill 8**

Senate Amendment 1

Memo published: February 15, 2018

Contact: Margit S. Kelley, Senior Staff Attorney

JANUARY 2018 SPECIAL SESSION SENATE BILL 8

January 2018 Special Session Senate Bill 8 revises the current requirement for a custodial parent who is receiving Medical Assistance to cooperate in establishing paternity for a nonmarital child and in obtaining child support or any other payments for a dependent child.

Rather than a general condition of eligibility for Medical Assistance, the bill revises the language in the requirement to more specifically apply only to an able-bodied adult, and expands the requirement beyond a child support recipient to require cooperation and timely payments by a parent who is obligated to pay child support, with some exceptions.

The bill defines an “able-bodied” adult as a person between ages 18 and 64 who is not disabled, and who is able-bodied as additionally defined by the Department of Health Services.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 adds that an “able-bodied” adult who is subject to the child support compliance requirement does not include a woman who is pregnant. The amendment also removes references to a child support order being made by a “court,” in order to recognize administrative or other child support actions. Lastly, the amendment requires notification of the child support compliance requirement at the time a person applies for Medical Assistance.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Kapenga on February 5, 2018. On February 14, 2018, the Senate Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing and State-Federal Relations recommended adoption of the amendment, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

MSK:jal