



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2017 Senate Bill 221**

**Senate  
Amendment 1**

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Senate Amendment 1 (“the amendment”) to 2017 Senate Bill 221 (“the bill”) makes changes to the job access loan program, which provides loans to eligible persons that can be used for, among other things, the repair or purchase of a vehicle needed for employment.

### **JOB ACCESS LOANS**

Under current law, the Department of Children and Families makes job access loans through the Wisconsin Works (W-2) program to eligible persons who need such loans to obtain or continue employment. Generally, the W-2 program is available to low-income custodial parents who are at least 18 years old. The loan funds can be used to repair or purchase a vehicle needed to access a job.

### **The Bill**

The bill creates special eligibility conditions for granting a job access loan in the following circumstances. First, in order to be eligible for a job access loan to repair or purchase a vehicle, a person must possess a current and valid driver’s license. Second, a person who is on probation, parole, or extended supervision is not eligible to receive a job access loan to purchase a vehicle unless that person provides proof that the responsible parole or probation officer or extended supervision agent has granted permission to purchase a vehicle.

### **The Amendment**

The amendment creates an additional requirement that a person must also provide proof of a motor vehicle liability insurance policy as required by s. 344.62, Stats., to be eligible to receive a job access loan to repair or purchase a vehicle.

**BILL HISTORY**

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Kapenga on July 6, 2017. On September 28, 2017, the Senate Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing, and State-Federal Relations recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes 5; Noes 0. On the same day, the committee recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes 5; Noes 0.

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