



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2019 Assembly Bill 110

**Assembly
Amendment 1**

Memo published: June 3, 2019

Contact: Katie Bender-Olson, Senior Staff Attorney

2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 110

Assembly Bill 110 was developed by the Legislative Council Study Committee on the Identification and Management of Dyslexia. The bill requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to develop a guidebook regarding dyslexia and related conditions, in consultation with a 19-member advisory committee.

The guidebook must contain a description of the following: (a) screening processes and tools available to identify dyslexia and related conditions; (b) interventions and instructional strategies shown to improve academic performance of students with dyslexia and related conditions; and (c) resources and services related to dyslexia and related conditions available to students, parents and guardians, and educators. DPI must review the guidebook every three years, in consultation with the International Dyslexia Association – Wisconsin Branch, Inc., and the Wisconsin State Reading Association, Inc., and revise the guidebook as appropriate.

The bill imposes requirements related to appointments to the advisory committee. The state superintendent must appoint two co-chairs for the committee, one from a list of three names submitted by the International Dyslexia Association – Wisconsin Branch, Inc., and one from a list of three names submitted by the Wisconsin State Reading Association, Inc. The superintendent must also appoint eight additional members from a list submitted by the first organization, and eight additional members from a list submitted by the second organization. Finally, the superintendent must appoint one DPI representative to the committee.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Amendment 1 provides that individuals with certain financial interests may not be appointed to the advisory committee. Under the amendment, the International Dyslexia

Association – Wisconsin Branch, Inc. and the Wisconsin State Reading Association, Inc., cannot submit for appointment the name of any individual who has a financial interest in an entity that develops, sells, or markets a product: (a) for screening risk factors for reading difficulties; (b) to assess reading ability; (c) specifically intended to be used to teach reading; or (d) to treat reading difficulties. The organizations are also prohibited from submitting the name of any individual who received income from any entity to provide training on one of the described products if the training occurred within the preceding 12 months.

The amendment also prohibits the state superintendent from appointing an individual with the specified financial interests to the advisory committee, unless the disqualification applies solely because of the individual's employment at DPI.

BILL HISTORY

The Assembly Committee on Education adopted Assembly Amendment 1 on May 30, 2019, on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0. The committee then voted to pass Assembly Bill 110, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 5.

KBO:ty