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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2019 Assembly Bill 529**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

### **2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 529**

Assembly Bill 529 creates a total of \$270,000 in grants to be given to a Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) to support a collaborative project between the Department of Public Instruction and CESAs to provide assistance to school districts in implementing prevention and intervention programs for alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse, mental health programs, and programs to promote school safety. The collaborative project currently meeting this description is the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Center, or “WISH Center.”

The bill requires that the first use of grant funds must be supporting the ongoing operations of the project. Then, to the extent funding is available, funds must be used for expanding services offered to school districts, including training and technical assistance related to “general wellness.”

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 provides that the secondary use of grant funds, to the extent funding is available, must be to expand services offered to school districts, including training and technical assistance related to “mental health wellness as it pertains to suicide prevention,” rather than general wellness.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Schraa on October 28, 2019. On October 29, 2019, the Assembly Committee on Education recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and passage of Assembly Bill 529, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0.

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