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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2019 Assembly Bill 556**

**Assembly Substitute  
Amendment 1**

### **2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 556**

Under current law, the Board of Regents (“the Board”) must have a plan that requires each University of Wisconsin (UW) System institution to monitor teaching workloads and to report teaching hours to the UW System administration. Under the plan, faculty and instructional staff may be rewarded for teaching more than a standard academic load.

2019 Assembly Bill 556 requires that the plan also require that institutions count the time spent by state specialists teaching graduate students and teaching Wisconsin farmers as teaching hours that are reported to the UW System administration and that may be counted towards a reward. Under the bill, a state specialist is a faculty or instructional academic staff member who provides extension services in the field of applied agricultural research at UW Platteville, UW River Falls, or the UW Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

### **ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1**

The substitute amendment requires that the Board develop and implement a separate plan to monitor the extension and outreach workloads of state specialists. The plan must include requirements for state specialists to report their extension and outreach hours to the UW System administration.

The substitute amendment also requires that aggregate data on extension and outreach hours be included in the Board’s annual accountability reports to the Legislature and the Governor and be published on the Board’s online accountability dashboard.

The substitute amendment defines state specialists to mean faculty or academic staff at UW Platteville, UW River Falls, UW Stevens Point, or the UW Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences with appointments partially or fully funded through the division of extension at UW Madison in the field of applied agricultural research.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Representative Loudenberg introduced Assembly Bill 556 on October 21, 2019, and offered Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on January 22, 2020. On January 30, 2020, the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 16; Noes, 0.

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