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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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### 2019 Senate Bill 369

### Senate Amendment 2

2019 Senate Bill 369 modifies several emergency management authorities and requirements of the adjutant general as head of the Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Military Affairs.

As relevant to Senate Amendment 2, the bill addresses: (1) electronic communications between the adjutant general and units of local government; and (2) the distribution of emergency management assistance by the adjutant general to units of local government.

## ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

### 2019 Senate Bill 369

The bill gives the head of emergency management of **each county** the option of receiving all emergency management correspondence from the adjutant general via e-mail.

Under the bill, if the county chooses the e-mail option, the adjutant general must conduct all correspondence with the county head of emergency management **and** with each local unit of government within that county via e-mail, to the extent practicable.

### Senate Amendment 2

The amendment gives the head of emergency management of **each local unit of government** the option of receiving all emergency management correspondence from the adjutant general via e-mail.

Under the amendment, if the county chooses the e-mail option, the adjutant general would **not** be required to conduct all correspondence with each local unit of government within that county via e-mail (unless a local unit of government had also chosen the e-mail option).

## DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

### 2019 Senate Bill 369

Under current law, the adjutant general pays to a local unit of government the state's share of certain federal emergency management grants for major disaster recovery assistance.

The bill requires the adjutant general to issue these payments within **14 days** after: (1) the state receives the federal emergency assistance funds; (2) the adjutant general has received all required state and federal forms from the local unit of government; and (3) the local unit of government has fulfilled all other **federal** requirements.

## **Senate Amendment 2**

The amendment changes the adjutant general's deadline to **30 days** instead of 14 days. It also modifies the third condition listed above by making the payments contingent on the local unit of government having fulfilled all other **state and federal** requirements instead of only the federal requirements.

## **BILL HISTORY**

Senator Marklein offered Senate Amendment 2 on October 18, 2019. On October 22, 2019, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Veterans and Military Affairs voted to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 2, and passage of Senate Bill 369, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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