



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2003 Assembly Bill 211**

**Assembly  
Amendments 1 and 2**

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**Current law** authorizes the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board to organize a nonstock, nonprofit corporation for the purpose of soliciting and accepting contributions, grants, gifts, and bequests for the Children's Trust Fund. The corporation is named the Celebrate Children Foundation. The corporation is governed by a board of directors. The board of directors consists of the chair of the Board and additional members elected by the Board and must include one legislator. In addition, no two members of the corporation's board may be from the same category of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board members.

**Assembly Bill 211** provides that the nonprofit corporation created by the Board may establish a fund that is separate from the Children's Trust Fund. The corporation may deposit gifts, grants, contributions, or bequests into the fund. In addition, the principal balance and any interest from "Celebrate Children" license plate sales that are deposited into the Children's Trust Fund, under current law, will be transferred from the Children's Trust Fund to the corporation's fund under the bill. All future revenues from the sale of license plates will also be deposited into this fund. Under current law, revenue from the sale of license plates that are deposited into the Children's Trust Fund and may not be spent by the Board. The Board may only expend the interest from this revenue.

**Assembly Amendment 1** clarifies that revenue from the sale of "Celebrate Children" license plates must continue to accumulate indefinitely in the corporation's fund. In addition, the amendment removes the requirements for membership of the corporation's board that one member must be a legislator and that no two members may be from the same category of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board members. The amendment also makes technical changes to the appropriation language in the bill.

**Assembly Bill 211** also permits the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board to award a grant of not more than \$150,000 each fiscal year to the nonprofit corporation. The corporation may use the funding to encourage donors to make contributions, to fund statewide projects or any other program that

the board contracts with the corporation to administer, or to pay the actual and necessary operating costs of the corporation. In addition, the funds may be permitted to accumulate indefinitely.

*Assembly Amendment 2* permits the Board to award a grant of not more than \$100,000 only in fiscal years 2004-05 and 2005-06 to the nonprofit corporation. In addition, the amendment provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2006-07, the total amount that the corporation may expend in a given fiscal year for administrative and fundraising costs may not exceed 14% of the amount of contributions, grants, gifts, and bequests accepted by the corporation in that fiscal year.

The Assembly Committee on Children and Families recommended adoption of Assembly Amendments 1 and 2 on votes of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0, on October 30, 2003. The committee also recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0, on that same date.

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