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AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 246	**Assembly Substitute Amendment 1**
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Assembly Bill 246 directs the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board, within five years, to develop *admission* standards and a *curriculum* for each health occupation program offered by the technical college districts and ensure that all district boards adopt those curricula.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 provides that within five years, the WTCS Board, in cooperation with the local technical college district boards, shall do all of the following:

- Develop a *curriculum* for each health occupation program offered by the districts and ensure that each district board adopts it.

- Establish program *application* standards (rather than admission standards as required under the bill), relating to testing, skill requirements, academic course requirements, certification requirements, and physical examinations, if any, that are applicable to all of the health occupation programs offered by the districts.

The substitute amendment also requires the WTCS Board to:

- Report to the Legislature on issues affecting the WTCS Board's efforts to address the statewide shortage of health care workers by the first day of the ninth month beginning after the effective date of the act.

- Within 2-1/2 years, report to the Legislature on the progress made to develop curricula and establish program application standards under the legislation.

- Report to the Legislature any district board that has not adopted the required curricula or program application standards within five years.

Legislative History

On March 30, 2005, Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Wieckert. On April 5, 2005, the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities recommended adoption of the substitute amendment on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 3, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 5.

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