



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 480

Assembly Amendment 1

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Assembly Bill 480 provides, in part, that if an individual in the legal custody of the Department of Corrections (DOC) dies while confined to a state correctional institution or while confined in a county jail or house of correction under a contract with DOC, the coroner or medical examiner of the county where the death occurred must perform an autopsy on the deceased individual. The bill also creates an Inmate and Resident Mortality Board, attached to the DOC. The bill requires the board to review the circumstances of the death of every individual in DOC custody who dies while confined to a state correctional institution or while confined in a county jail or house of correction under a contract with DOC.

Assembly Amendment 1 specifies that the board is only required to review the circumstances of the death of every individual who dies while confined to a state correctional institution. The amendment adds a new provision which provides that a sheriff who reviews the circumstances of the death of an individual who dies while in DOC custody and confined in a county jail or house of correction under a contract with DOC must submit a report on the review to the board. The amendment then requires the board to review all such reports.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representatives Albers and Suder on April 27, 2006. On the same date, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1, and passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 77; Noes, 21.

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