



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2005 Assembly Bill 589**

**Assembly  
Amendments 1 and 2**

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*Assembly Bill 589* requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to make available to school districts, private schools, and charter schools information about meningococcal disease, including the causes and symptoms of the disease, how it is spread, how to obtain additional information, and the availability, effectiveness, and risks of vaccinations. DPI may do so by posting the information on its Internet site. At the beginning of every school year, schools are required to provide parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in grades 6 to 12 with the information.

*Assembly Amendment 1* requires schools to provide the information to parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in grades 6 to 12 for school years 2006-07 to 2011-12. At the beginning of the 2012-13 school year, and every school year thereafter, schools would be required to provide the information only to parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in grade 6.

*Assembly Amendment 2* repeals the requirements on DPI and schools under the bill if the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) has promulgated a rule, under its authority relating to the school immunization laws, that requires vaccinations against meningitis. If DHFS does so, it is required to notify the Revisor of Statutes, who is required to publish a statement to that effect in the Wisconsin Administrative Register.

### Legislative History

On October 19, 2005, the Assembly Committee on Public Health recommended adoption of Assembly Amendments 1 and 2, and passage of the bill as amended, all on votes of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0.

On November 1, 2005, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendments 1 and 2 by voice votes, and passed the bill as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 96; Noes, 0.

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