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**2005 Senate Bill 259**

**Senate Substitute Amendment  
1, as Amended by Assembly  
Amendment 1 to Senate  
Substitute Amendment 1**

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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1**

*Senate Substitute Amendment 1* to 2005 Senate Bill 259 retains only the parts of Senate Bill 259 relating to: Department of Administration (DOA) information technology standards; school board and Department of Public Instruction (DPI) requirements; and city health departments' ability to retain "local health department" status.

**DOA Information Technology Standards**

The substitute amendment requires the DOA to prescribe standards for data, application, and business process integration for use by executive branch agencies, to the extent consistent with the statewide strategic plan for information technology, and that enable local governmental units to integrate their data, application, and business processes into state systems whenever feasible.

**School Board and DPI Requirements**

The substitute amendment eliminates various school board and DPI requirements, as follows:

1. Eliminates the requirement that a school board must pay the tuition of a pupil enrolled in the school district who attends the University of Wisconsin System if: the course that the pupil is taking is not offered in the school district; the pupil will receive high school credit for the course; and the pupil is not participating in the Youth Options Program. The substitute amendment allowed a school board to pay a pupil's tuition in these circumstances, but eliminated the requirement to do so. However, *Assembly Amendment 1* to Senate Substitute Amendment 1 deletes this provision in the substitute amendment. Thus, under the bill, as amended by the Assembly, current law would continue to apply.

2. Eliminates the requirement that a school board adopt rules prohibiting a pupil from using or possessing a paging or two-way communication device while on school premises, subject to certain exceptions as permitted by the school board. The substitute amendment allows, but does not require, a school board to adopt rules on all electronic communication devices.
3. Eliminates the requirement that each public and private school file a report annually pertaining to fire drills with the Department of Commerce and with the local fire department. The amended bill requires each public and private school to keep a record of each fire drill for at least seven years.
4. Eliminates the requirement that a school board report school bus accidents to DPI.
5. Eliminates the requirement that a school district report to DPI when a school district contracts with another school district to acquire or use the latter district's facilities or equipment, but does require a school board to adopt a policy about such contracts.
6. Eliminates the requirement that a school board annually adopt a policy on access to extracurricular and recreational school programs and activities.
7. Eliminates the requirement that DPI coordinate the exchange of teachers.
8. Eliminates the requirement that DPI promote public awareness of, access to, and training of health professionals for rural and underserved urban areas.
9. Eliminates the requirement that school boards maintain a mailbox for each school located on a rural mail route.
10. Eliminates the requirement that DPI report to the Legislature every three years on all cooperative educational service agency programs and services.

**City Health Departments' Ability to Retain "Local Health Department" Status**

The substitute amendment expands the definition of "local health department" to include a city health department that forms a joint health department with another city or county and later withdraws after giving statutorily-specified written notice at least one year prior to commencement of the fiscal year at which the withdrawal takes effect. Under the substitute amendment, the city health department's withdrawal from the city-city or city-county health department would not cause it to lose its "local health department" status.

**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1**

As noted above, Assembly Amendment 1 to the substitute amendment maintains current law by continuing to require a school board to pay the tuition of a pupil enrolled in the school district who attends the University of Wisconsin System if: the course that the pupil is taking is not offered in the school district; the pupil will receive high school credit for the course; and the pupil is not participating in the Youth Options Program.

**Legislative History**

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Brown. The Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business, and Government Reform recommended adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1, and passage of Senate Bill 259 as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0. The Senate adopted Senate Substitute Amendment 1 and passed the bill, as amended, both on a voice vote.

The bill was referred to the Assembly Committee on Education which recommended concurrence on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0. Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Towns. The Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 and concurred in the bill, as amended, both on a voice vote.

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