



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Assembly Bill 700

Assembly Amendment 1

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Current law provides for integrated service programs or ISPs for children with severe disabilities. A county that operates an ISP is required to establish a coordinating committee comprised of representatives from multiple systems of care. The coordinating committee must prepare interagency agreements that participating organizations in the ISP agree to follow in creating and operating the ISP. The ISP must have one or more service coordination agencies. The service coordination agency must identify a service coordinator for each child with severe disabilities who participates in the program. An interdisciplinary team is developed for each child. The team includes representatives of all service providers working with the child and his or her family, as well as the family members and the child.

The Department of Health and Family Services has also provided funding to counties for the last several years for coordinated service teams or CSTs. The CST model is based on the ISP model and provides similar services for children who are involved in multiple systems of care, as well as their families.

Assembly Bill 700 modifies current law relating to ISPs to expand its coverage to include children who are involved in multiple systems of care as well as children with severe disabilities. The bill changes the name of the program to the CST initiative and makes various other changes to the program.

Under the bill, if a child and his or her family are found to be eligible for the CST program and are enrolled in the initiative, the service coordination agency must assemble a coordinated services team to assess the strengths and needs of the child and his or her family's needs for treatment, education, care, and support. "Coordinated services team" is defined as a group of individuals, including family members, service providers, and information resource persons, who work together to respond to service needs faced by a child and his or her family.

Assembly Amendment 1 provides that the coordinated services team also includes a member of any individualized education program (IEP) team that is appointed for the child under current law relating to special education.

Legislative History

Representative Albers offered Assembly Amendment 1. The Assembly Committee on Children and Family Law recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0 and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0.

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