



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2011 Senate Bill 421**

**Senate Amendment 1**

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Under current law, a number of statutory provisions that require or permit physicians to take certain actions also require or permit other types of health care professionals such as advanced practice nurse prescribers to take these same actions.

Senate Bill 421 expands the authority of physician assistants to take certain actions, in addition to actions that they are authorized to perform under current law.

*Senate Amendment 1* authorizes an additional action that may be taken on the part of a physician assistant: the authority to provide a written statement as sufficient proof of the physical or mental condition of a child who is excused by the school board because the child is temporarily not in proper physical or mental condition to attend a school program, but who can be expected to return to a school program upon termination or abatement of the illness or condition. The amendment also authorizes a nurse practitioner or advanced practice nurse prescriber to provide this written statement.

### **Legislative History**

Senator Vukmir introduced Senate Amendment 1 on February 13, 2012. The Senate Health Committee recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1 on February 17 and recommended passage of the bill as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 5; and Noes, 0. The Senate adopted Senate Amendment 1 and passed the bill, as amended, on a voice vote, on February 21, 2012.

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