



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2015 Assembly Bill 530**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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### **2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 530**

The bill requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to establish a dietetic internship program under the supplemental food program for women, infants, and children (WIC), through which qualified nutritionists working for DHS or a local WIC agency may obtain experience necessary to become a registered dietitian nutritionist.

The bill specifies that each participant in the dietetic internship program must agree to work for WIC for 24 months after completion of the internship. The participant must reimburse DHS or the local WIC agency for any incurred costs associated with his or her participation in the internship if the participant either fails to take the dietetic registration examination within one year of completing the dietetic internship or terminates his or her employment before completing 24 months of employment.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

The amendment clarifies that the dietetic internship program established under the bill must be established using money received from the federal government for WIC. The amendment also authorizes DHS to create one new full time (FTE) position for the purpose of administration of the dietetic internship program.

Additionally, the amendment specifies that a participant in the dietetic internship program must reimburse either DHS or the local WIC agency for any incurred costs associated with his or her participation in the internship only if the participant either fails to take the dietetic registration examination within one year of completing the dietetic internship or “voluntarily” terminates his or her employment before 24 months has expired.

**BILL HISTORY**

Representative Rohrkaste offered Assembly Amendment 1 on January 15, 2016. On January 20, 2016, the Assembly Committee on Workforce Development recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1, and passage of Assembly Bill 530, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 11; Noes, 3.

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