



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

<b>2015 Assembly Bill 788</b>	<b>Assembly Amendments 1 and 2</b>
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### **2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 788**

The bill increases funding to the Department of Health Services (DHS) for fiscal year 2016-17 to authorize the hiring of four additional dementia care specialists in counties with a population under 150,000. The bill also increases funding to DHS to fill one additional position for the training of dementia care specialists to educate employers about issues relating to dementia with their employees and family members of employees.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 clarifies that dementia care specialists are not employees of DHS, but rather, are contracted with DHS to work at an aging and disability resource center. The amendment also provides that DHS' funding for current levels of dementia care specialists will be considered part of DHS' base funding level for the 2017-19 Biennial Budget.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 TO ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 1 clarifies that the funding level provided in 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 (the Biennial Budget Act) will be considered part of DHS' base funding level for the 2017-19 Biennial Budget.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2**

Assembly Amendment 2 changes the funding amount provided in the bill for the four additional dementia care specialist positions from \$372,000 to \$320,000.

## **BILL HISTORY**

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Rohrkaste on January 29, 2016. On February 1, 2016, the Assembly Committee on Mental Health Reform recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1, on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes 0. On the same day, the committee recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes 0.

Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 1 and Assembly Amendment 2 were introduced by the Joint Committee on Finance on February 4, 2016.

On February 4, 2016, the Joint Committee on Finance recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and Assembly Amendment 2, on votes of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0, and adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes 14; Noes, 1. On the same day, the committee recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0.

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