



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2017 Assembly Bill 111**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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### **2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 111**

2017 Assembly Bill 111 (the bill) makes it a Class I felony to make a threat to use a firearm on school premises. Specifically, the bill prohibits a person from intentionally conveying or causing to be conveyed any threat or false information, knowing such to be false, concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to use a **firearm** to injure or kill another individual on property owned or leased by a school or school district, on transportation provided by a school or school district, or at an event sanctioned by a school or school district. The penalty for a Class I felony is a fine not to exceed \$10,000, imprisonment not to exceed three years and six months, or both.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 expands the bill to prohibit threats or false information related to a **dangerous weapon**, which under current law, is defined to include a firearm. Under Assembly Amendment 1, a person is prohibited from intentionally conveying or causing to be conveyed any threat or false information, knowing such to be false, of a **dangerous weapon** to injure or kill another individual on property owned or leased by a school or school district, on transportation provided by a school or school district, or at an event sanctioned by a school or school district.

Current law defines a “dangerous weapon” as “any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded; any device designed as a weapon and capable of producing death or great bodily harm; any ligature or other instrumentality used on the throat, neck, nose, or mouth of another person to impede, partially or completely, breathing or circulation of blood; any electric weapon, as defined in [current law]; or any other device or instrumentality which, in the manner it is

used or intended to be used, is calculated or likely to produce death or great bodily harm.” [s. 939.22 (10), Stats.]

### **BILL HISTORY**

Representative Doyle introduced Assembly Amendment 1 on May 16, 2017. On May 18, 2017, the Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety voted to recommend adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0; and passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0.

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