# Wisconsin Legislative Council AMENDMENT MEMO



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2019 Assembly Bill 779

Assembly Amendment 1

### **CURRENT LAW**

State law requires a school district to allow a student who is enrolled in a home-based private educational program ("homeschooled student"), and who resides in the school district, to participate in interscholastic athletics and extracurricular activities "on the same basis and to the same extent" that it allows other public school students to participate.

## 2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 779

Assembly Bill 779 requires a school district to also allow a student enrolled in a virtual charter school to participate in interscholastic athletics and extracurricular activities, if the student resides in the school district. Additionally, the bill prohibits any school district from being a member of an interscholastic athletic association unless the association requires districts to allow homeschooled and virtual charter students to participate in athletics.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 eliminates the provision relating to interscholastic athletic associations. Under the amendment, a school district is not prohibited from joining an association that does not require districts to allow participation by homeschooled and virtual charter school students.

## **BILL HISTORY**

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Allen on February 19, 2020. On February 20, 2020, the full Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1, and then passed Assembly Bill 779 on a vote of Ayes, 64; Noes, 35.

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