

## 2003 SENATE BILL 266

October 1, 2003 – Introduced by Senators REYNOLDS and LAZICH, cosponsored by Representatives SUDER, F. LASEE, JESKEWITZ, HINES, FREESE, NASS, GROTHMAN, ALBERS, J. WOOD, OWENS, BIES, LADWIG, KESTELL, HAHN and MUSSER. Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Tourism.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 19.84 (5) of the statutes; **relating to:** notice of public meetings  
2           held by certain bodies within the University of Wisconsin System.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Currently, state governmental bodies must give advance notice of their meetings to the public, to news media that have filed written requests to be notified, and to the official state newspaper. The notice must include the date, time, place, and proposed subject matter of the meeting. Notice must be given at least 24 hours prior to each meeting unless for good cause such notice is impossible or impractical, in which case shorter notice may be given, but in no case may less than two hours' notice be provided. Departmental committees, subcommittees and similar bodies within the University of Wisconsin System are exempt from these requirements, but must provide notice of meetings which is reasonably likely to apprise interested persons and news media that have filed written requests for such notice.

This bill eliminates the exemption from notice requirements for departmental committees, subcommittees, or similar bodies within the University of Wisconsin System.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3           **SECTION 1.** 19.84 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

