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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2003 Assembly Bill 196**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

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**2003 Assembly Bill 196** requires that a notice of release of record, and a right to seek a court order to prevent release of a record will be provided to a record subject when an authority decides to release a record containing information about:

- A public sector or private sector employee disciplinary matter, following an investigation.
- A private sector employee, unless the private sector employee authorizes the public body to release such information.
- Any person, when the information is obtained through a subpoena or search warrant.

The bill also expedites judicial review when a record subject attempts to prevent the release of a public record.

The bill requires an authority to notify a state or local public officer of the impending release of a public record and affords the officer an opportunity to add written comments or documentation to the record.

Finally, the bill closes public access to certain records relating to public sector and private sector employees and state and local public officials, including a home address, a home email address, a home telephone number, and a Social Security number. In addition, the bill closes public access to information about ongoing disciplinary investigations and job evaluations regarding public sector and private sector employees.

**Assembly Amendment 1** permits the Public Service Commission (PSC) to continue to withhold from public inspection any information which would aid a competitor of a public utility in competition with the public utility. The amendment also maintains judicial review of the decision of the PSC to allow access to records which contain competitive information under s. 19.35, Stats.

Assembly Bill 196 was recommended for passage as amended by Assembly Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 0; on June 18, 2003.

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