



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 543

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Under **current law**, 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.

Under current law, departmental committees, subcommittees, and similar bodies within the University of Wisconsin (UW) System are exempt from the requirements described above, 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.

The bill eliminates the exemption from notice requirements for departmental committees, subcommittees, or similar bodies within the UW System. Thus, under the bill, the notice requirements described above would apply to every meeting of a departmental committee, subcommittee, or similar body within the UW System.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 restores the exemption from notice requirements for departmental committees, subcommittees, or similar bodies within the UW System and instead requires that before determining a salary range for or an adjustment to University Senior Executive Salary Groups 3 to 9 or before recommending a salary range for or an adjustment to University Senior Executive Salary Group 2, the Board of Regents must hold at least one meeting concerning the determination or recommendation and allow members of the public to comment at the meeting.

The positions assigned to University Senior Executive Group 2 through 9 are as follows:

Group 2: The vice presidents of the UW System.

Group 3: The chancellors of UW Eau Claire, Green Bay, La Crosse, Oshkosh, Parkside, Platteville, River Falls, Stevens Point, Stout, Superior, and Whitewater and the chancellors of the UW Colleges and the UW Extension.

Group 4: The vice chancellor who is serving as deputy at UW Milwaukee.

Group 5: The senior vice presidents of the UW System.

Group 6: The vice chancellor who is serving as deputy at the UW Madison.

Group 7: The chancellor at UW Milwaukee.

Group 8: The chancellor at UW Madison.

Group 9: The president of the UW System.

2003 Assembly Bill 543 was introduced on September 23, 2003 by Representative Suder and others; cosponsored by Senators Reynolds and Lazich. It was referred to the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities, which held a public hearing on October 7, 2003. Representative Kreibich offered Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on December 12, 2003 and on December 16, 2003, the committee voted to recommend adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0, and voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0.

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