



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2003 Senate Bill 64**

**Senate Substitute  
Amendment 1**

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Senate Bill 64 relates to deadlines for certain steps in the state budget process and a report on the timelines of the submittal of agency budget requests.

### **Current Law**

Current law requires the Governor to deliver the budget message, along with the biennial state budget report and executive budget bill or bills, on or before the last Tuesday in January of the odd-numbered year, unless the Governor requests a later date and the Legislature approves the later date by joint resolution.

Under current law, the Building Commission must transmit the portions of its recommended budget for the long-range state building program that require legislative approval to the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) by the first Tuesday in April of each odd-numbered year, unless the Building Commission requests a later date and that later date is approved by JFC.

Under current law, all state agencies other than the Legislature and the courts, are required to submit their biennial budget requests to the Department of Administration (DOA) and the Legislative Fiscal Bureau no later than September 15 of each even-numbered year.

### **Senate Substitute Amendment 1**

The substitute amendment repeals the provision in current law that authorizes the Governor to request, and the Legislature to approve by joint resolution, a date later than the statutory deadline for the delivery of the Governor's budget message. The substitute amendment does not include the new deadlines for the Governor's budget message that are in Senate Bill 64.

The substitute amendment changes the submittal deadline for the Building Commission to transmit the portions of its recommended budget for the long-range state building program that require legislative approval to the JFC to the first Tuesday in March of each odd-numbered year.

The substitute amendment requires the DOA to report to the Legislature by October 1 of each even-numbered year which agencies met the deadline of September 15 of each even-numbered year for submitting their biennial budget requests and which were late, and for those that were late, the reason for the delay in their submission.

**Legislative History**

On March 2, 2004, the JFC recommended introduction and adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1 and recommended passage of Senate Bill 64 on separate votes of Ayes, 12; Noes, 4.

On March 4, 2004, the Senate adopted Senate Substitute Amendment 1 on a voice vote and passed Senate Bill 61, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 19; Noes, 14.

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