



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Assembly Bill 572

Assembly Amendment 1

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Assembly Bill 572 provides that a relative, other than a parent, in whose home a child is placed has the same procedural rights relating to notice of intent to remove a child from the home and the review decisions or orders involving the placement and care of the child that are granted a foster parent under current law. In addition, under the bill, in cases in which a relative is alleged to have abused or neglected a child placed in his or her home, the relative has the right to an independent investigation, as provided for foster parents under current law. Specifically, under the bill, the child protection agency must notify the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) of the allegation, and DHFS must designate another child protection agency to conduct the investigation, if the child protection agency determines that, because of the relationship between the child protection agency and the relative, there is a substantial probability that the child protection agency would not conduct an unbiased investigation.

Assembly Amendment 1 deletes the provisions relating to independent child abuse or neglect investigations for relatives.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Grigsby. On February 21, 2008, the Assembly Committee on Children and Family Law unanimously recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and passage of Assembly Bill 572, as amended.

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