



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Assembly Bill 549	Assembly Amendments 1 and 2
<i>Memo published:</i> February 12, 2010	<i>Contact:</i> Melissa Schmidt, Staff Attorney (266-2298) Margit Kelley, Staff Attorney (266-9280)

Assembly Bill 549 requires that a candidate for a full-time law enforcement position with a state, local, or tribal authority complete a psychological evaluation prior to being hired for any appointments after January 1, 2010.

The bill directs the Law Enforcement Standards Board (“Board”) to promulgate rules regarding the content of the evaluation no later than seven months after the effective date of the bill. It also requires the Board to submit a report to the Legislature, by January 1, 2010, regarding the effectiveness of the hiring requirement, and its recommendations.

Assembly Amendment 1 delays the date after which psychological evaluations are required to July 1, 2011, and delays the date that the Board’s report is required until November 1, 2013.

Assembly Amendment 2 delays the date by which the Board is required to submit its proposed rules to the Legislative Council Staff to the 11th month beginning after the effective date of the bill.

Companion Bill

This bill contains the same provisions as 2009 Senate Bill 395, recommended for passage by committee. The bill’s amendments contain the same provisions as Senate Amendments 1 and 2, offered to the Senate.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Hraychuck on January 15, 2010. Assembly Amendment 2 was offered by Representative Hraychuck on January 28, 2010. On February 4, 2010, the Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice recommended adoption of both amendments on votes of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0; and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0.

MSK:ksm