



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Senate Bill 91

Senate Amendment 1

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Senate Bill 91 generally prohibits a person operating a school bus or another vehicle transporting pupils from using a cellular telephone or other wireless telecommunications device while the school bus or other vehicle is on the roadway or loading or unloading passengers.

Senate Amendment 1 clarifies that the bill applies **only when the operator is transporting pupils or other authorized passengers** except any passenger employed for the purpose of assisting the school bus or alternative pupil transport vehicle operator. The language in the bill indicates that the prohibition would apply even when the school bus or alternative pupil transport vehicle operator is alone or is just with a person there to assist the operator and there are no pupils on the bus.

Legislative History

At an executive session on April 16, 2009, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources voted to introduce and adopt Senate Amendment 1, and to recommend the bill, as amended, for passage, all on votes of Ayes, 6; and Noes, 0.

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