



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2011 Assembly Bill 215**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

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2011 Assembly Bill 215 requires a private school that provides child care for children under three years of age to be licensed to operate a child care center.

### **Current Law**

Under current law, a person who provides, for compensation, care, and supervision for four or more children under the age of seven years for less than 24 hours per day must be licensed to operate a child care center. This provision does not apply to specified persons and entities, including public and private schools.

### **Assembly Bill 215**

Assembly Bill 215 provides that current law requiring licensure of a person who provides, for compensation, care, and supervision of four or more children under the age of seven years for less than 24 hours per day as a child care center applies to a private school that provides care and supervision for children under three years of age. The bill provides that the legislation first applies to a private school that is providing care and supervision for a child under three years of age on the effective date of the bill. The bill does not specify an effective date, so it would take effect on the day after publication.

### **Assembly Amendment 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 requires child care licensure if a private school provides care and supervision for children under the age of three years **and** is **not accredited** by an organization that accredits private schools. Such an organization must be one of the organizations that is permitted to accredit a school participating in a school choice voucher program in Wisconsin.

**Legislative History**

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Knudson on October 18, 2011. On November 16, 2011, the Assembly Committee on Education recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 1; Absent, 2, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by the same vote.

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