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**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
AMENDMENT MEMO**

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**2011 Senate Bill 361**

**Senate Substitute Amendment 1  
as Amended by Senate  
Amendment 1**

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**Current law**

Current law requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to pay the Second Chance Partners for Education, Inc., for each pupil participating in the organization’s program. Second Chance Partners for Education operates a program in which children at risk of not graduating from high school participate in apprenticeships while earning high school diplomas.

For each pupil participating, DPI pays Second Chance Partners for Education \$4,610 in state aid. The amount of state aid that a school district is eligible to be paid is reduced by the amount paid to Second Chance Partners for Education for pupils enrolled in the school district.

**Senate Substitute Amendment 1**

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 permits a school board to contract with the Second Chance Partners for Education or any other nonprofit corporation operating a program in which disengaged high school pupils attend a work-based learning program while earning high school diplomas for pupils enrolled in the school district. The substitute amendment defines “disengaged pupils” as pupils who are children at risk of not graduating from high school, as defined in current law, and other pupils identified by the school board as children at risk of not graduating from high school in the school board’s plan describing how to meet these pupils’ needs.

Under the substitute amendment, the school board must pay to Second Chance Partners for Education or each nonprofit corporation, as provided under the bill, an amount that is no more than the amount paid per pupil by DPI to independent charter schools in the current school year (currently, \$7,775) multiplied by the number of pupils participating in the program under the contract. Therefore, instead of being paid by state aid, resulting in a reduction to the school district’s aid payment, under the

substitute amendment, the school district will directly pay Second Chance Partners for Education or another nonprofit corporation.

The provisions in substitute amendment take effect on July 1, 2012.

**Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Substitute Amendment 1**

Senate Amendment 1 to the substitute amendment modifies the definition of “disengaged pupils” so that it means pupils who are children at risk of not graduating from high school and other pupils identified by the school board. Under the substitute amendment, such other pupils must be identified by the school board as children at risk in the school board’s plan describing how to meet these pupils’ needs.

**Legislative History**

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 and Senate Amendment 1 to the substitute amendment were offered by Senator Vukmir. On February 21, 2012, the Senate adopted Senate Substitute Amendment 1 and Senate Amendment 1 to the substitute amendment on voice votes and passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 33; Noes, 0.

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