

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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Under current law, records and papers pertaining to an adoption proceeding must be kept in a separate locked file and may not be disclosed except under certain exceptions, or by order of the court assigned to exercise jurisdiction under the Children's Code, for good cause shown.

This bill specifies that records and papers pertaining to a child's adoption proceeding may be disclosed for purposes of determining the availability of a placement for a sibling of that child with an adoptive parent or proposed adoptive parent of the child.

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Senate Amendment 1 modifies the bill as follows:

- 1. Specifies that only the name and last-known address of the adoptive parent or proposed adoptive parent may be disclosed under the exception created in the bill.
- 2. Specifies that the information may be disclosed only if an adoptive parent or proposed adoptive parent of a child consents to the disclosure.
- 3. Specifies that the information may be disclosed only to an agency that is determining the availability of an adoptive placement for a sibling of the child.

Legislative History

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Lazich on March 5, 2012. On March 9, 2012, the Senate Committee on Public Health, Human Services and Revenue recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

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