



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 245

Senate Amendment 1

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2013 Senate Bill 245, relating to applications for public assistance programs, offenses in public assistance programs, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty, moves provisions relating to fraud in Medical Assistance (MA), Wisconsin Works (W-2), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or Food Share), and general public assistance programs from ch. 49, Stats., to ch. 946, Stats. (crimes against government and its administration).

The bill also provides that the Department of Justice or a district attorney is authorized to prosecute violations of criminal laws affecting any public assistance program. Under current law, they may only prosecute criminal law violations affecting MA.

The bill contains a provision that requires a public assistance employee to administer an oath to an applicant for public assistance. The oath requires the applicant to swear that the information in the application is true.

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Senate Amendment 1, offered by Senator Darling, removes the provisions relating to the administration of the oath to a public assistance applicant.

Bill History

On December 19, 2013, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 5; and Noes, 0; and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; and Noes, 0.

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