



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 251
[2017 Assembly Bill 780]

**Transfer of Pupil Records and
Notice of Permanency Plan
Reviews or Hearings, Foster and
Group Home Licensing, and
Out-of-Home Care Placement**

2017 Wisconsin Act 251 modifies the law regarding notice to schools and school districts of permanency plan reviews or hearings, foster home and group home licensing, and out-of-home care placements, and the transfer of pupil records.

NOTICE OF PERMANENCY PLAN REVIEW OR HEARING

Under state law, when a child or juvenile adjudicated in need of protection or services (CHIPS or JIPS) or delinquent is removed from the home and placed in out-of-home care, a permanency plan is created for the child or juvenile, which is periodically reviewed. When a plan is up for review, certain entities and individuals are notified and offered the opportunity to submit written comments.

The Act adds a child's or juvenile's school to the list of entities that must be notified of a permanency plan review or hearing and given an opportunity to submit written comments. The notice must include the name and contact information for the caseworker or social worker assigned to the case.

NOTICE OF FOSTER OR GROUP HOME LICENSING AND PLACEMENT

Prior law required that the clerk of a school district be notified when a foster home or group home was licensed within the school district and when a child was placed in out-of-home care within the school district.

The Act requires that notice of foster home or group home licensing be submitted to the school district, generally, without specifying to whom within the school district the notice must be directed. The Act also requires that notice of placement of a child in out-of-home care within

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.

a school district be given not only to the school district but also to the school in which the child is enrolled. If the child will remain enrolled in his or her school and school district of origin, then the notice that the child has been placed in out-of-home care must be given to the school and school district of origin. The notice regarding placement of a child in out-of-home care must also include the name and contact information for the caseworker or social worker assigned to the case.

TRANSFER OF PUPIL RECORDS

Prior law required that when a pupil enrolled in a different school, his or her pupil records be transferred between schools within five working days.

The Act requires that a pupil's records be transferred by no later than the next working day after the school or school district from which the pupil is transferring receives notice of the enrollment.

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