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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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### 2019 Assembly Bill 313

### Assembly Amendment 1

Assembly Bill 313 creates a Tick-Borne Disease Study Committee, which is required to study issues related to tick-borne diseases and submit a report with recommendations to the Legislature within three years of the committee's creation. Assembly Amendment 1 makes the following changes to the committee's membership and the recommendations that must be included in the report.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

**Under the bill**, the committee consists of the secretaries of the Departments of Health Services and Natural Resources, the Commissioner of Insurance, and at least 13 public members appointed by the Governor. The 13 public members must include: (1) three health care providers, at least one of whom resides north of U.S. Highway 10; and (2) two members who are advocates for Lyme disease policy or residents of this state affected by Lyme disease, at least one of whom resides north of U.S. Highway 10.

**The amendment** modifies the public members to instead include: (1) three health care providers who have a specific focus on infectious disease, at least one of whom resides north of U.S. Highway 10; and (2) three members who are advocates for Lyme disease policy or residents of this state affected by Lyme disease, at least one of whom resides north of U.S. Highway 10. The amendment also adds two new committee members: (1) one technical board certified director of clinical microbiology; and (2) one pharmacist.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

**The bill** requires the committee to make a number of recommendations for policies to address tick-borne diseases, including recommendations for policies about notifying people about the increased potential of receiving a false negative test in the early stages of a tick-borne disease. **The amendment** adds that the report must also include recommendations to educate providers on how to interpret these tests, when testing is appropriate, and how to communicate test results to patients.

## BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representatives Mursau and Milroy on September 19, 2019. On October 30, 2019, the Assembly Committee on Health recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, each on a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0.

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