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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2021 Assembly Bill 134**

**Assembly Substitute  
Amendment 1**

### **2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 134**

Current law requires that each law enforcement agency have a written policy or standard regulating the use of force by law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties.

Under Assembly Bill 134, a law enforcement agency's policy or standard may not authorize the use of choke holds by law enforcement officers, except in life threatening situations or in self-defense. The bill defines "choke hold" as the intentional and prolonged application of force to the throat or windpipe that prevents or hinders breathing or reduces the intake of air.

### **ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1**

The substitute amendment generally maintains the bill's provisions, but expands the definition of "choke hold" to include certain types of force affecting blood flow.

Specifically, under the amendment, "choke hold" means the intentional and prolonged application of force to the throat, windpipe, or carotid arteries that prevents or hinders breathing or blood flow, reduces the intake of air, or reduces blood flow to the head.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Representatives Steineke and Stubbs offered Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on May 12, 2021. On June 2, 2021, the Assembly Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommended adoption of the substitute amendment on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0; and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 1.

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