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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2021 Assembly Bill 569**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

### BACKGROUND

Under current law, the Department of Corrections (DOC) must reimburse counties for certain actions and proceedings taken with respect to a prisoner in a state prison or a juvenile in a state juvenile correctional facility. [s. 16.51 (7), Stats.] Current law does not generally require DOC to reimburse counties for law enforcement investigative services relating to such prisoners and juveniles, nor does it authorize reimbursement for other local units of government. However, DOC has negotiated memoranda of understanding with Dodge County and the Village of Allouez to provide reimbursement in specified circumstances.

### 2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 569

2021 Assembly Bill 569 requires DOC to reimburse local units of government, including cities, villages, towns, and counties, for law enforcement investigative services provided for incidents involving prisoners in state prison and juveniles in state juvenile correction facilities. The bill authorizes a sum sufficient appropriation for that purpose.

The bill specifies that the existing memoranda of understanding with Dodge County and the Village of Allouez would remain in effect if the bill is enacted.

### ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 makes the following two changes to the bill:

- Specifies that the reimbursement authority applies to incidents that occur **in transit to or from** a prison or juvenile correctional facility, in addition to incidents that occur **in** such facilities.
- Removes all provisions in the bill relating to appropriations.

### BILL HISTORY

Representative Petersen offered Assembly Amendment 1 on January 13, 2022. On January 18, 2022, the Assembly Committee on Local Government voted to recommend adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 3.

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