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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2025 Assembly Bill 153

Assembly Amendment 1

BACKGROUND

Current law requires each order for child support, family support, or maintenance payments to include a requirement that the payer of any such obligation notify the county child support agency and the payee, within 10 business days, of any change of employer or of any substantial change in the payer's income, including receipt of bonus compensation, affecting the payer's ability to pay the obligation.

Current law also requires that each order for family support or maintenance payments include an order requiring the payee to notify the court and the payer within 10 business days of the payee's remarriage, given that, under current law, a court must vacate the order for maintenance payments when a payee of maintenance has remarried.

2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 153

Assembly Bill 153 modifies current law, as follows:

- Removes various statutory references to “family support,” as orders for family support are no longer authorized under state law as provided in 2021 Wisconsin Act 35.¹
- Expands the notice requirement to also require payees of child support or maintenance to provide notice of any change of employer or substantial income change, subject to certain exceptions.²
- Specifies that notice is required upon any substantial change in “gross income,” as defined by rules promulgated by the Department of Children and Families (DCF),³ rather than the undefined term of “income,” under current law.
- Identifies certain personally identifying information that may be redacted or removed from documents provided to another party pursuant to the notice requirement, unless otherwise ordered by the court.
- Specifies that information exchanged pursuant to the notice requirement is confidential, subject to exceptions, and provides various remedies for when a party fails to furnish required information.

¹ Prior to 2021 Wisconsin Act 35, state law authorized courts to order family support, which combined the component parts of child support and maintenance in a single obligation, in lieu of separate child support and maintenance payments. In light of changes to certain federal and state tax incentives, 2021 Wisconsin Act 35 repealed a court's authority to order family support as of May 23, 2021.

² Under the bill, a payee of only child support is not required to provide notice of a change in the payee's employer or income if the payer of child support has less than 25 percent of court-ordered placement. Also, if only child support is ordered, neither party is required to disclose income that is not considered gross income by DCF.

³ See, s. DCF 150.02(13), Wis. Adm. Code (defining “gross income”).

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 modifies a provision in the bill that would have otherwise created a new requirement for a payee to provide notice of his or her remarriage.

As mentioned, current law requires that a payee of family support or maintenance be ordered to notify the court and the payer within 10 business days of the payee's remarriage. For purposes of that provision, the bill replaces the term "family support" with the term "child support," which would, in effect, create a new requirement that a payee of child support notify the court and the payer of the payee's remarriage.

The amendment instead deletes the term "family support" from that provision, rather than replacing it with the term "child support," consistent with other portions of the bill that repeal references to family support. Thus, under the amendment, notice of a payee's remarriage is only required when a court has ordered maintenance payments.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Tusler offered Assembly Amendment 1 on May 29, 2025. On May 21, 2025, the Assembly Committee on Children and Families recommended adoption of the amendment on votes of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0; and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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