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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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<b>2001 Assembly Bill 461</b>	<b>Assembly Amendment 1</b>
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Assembly Bill 461 relates to the determination of annual salaries for the director and the executive assistant of the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS). Under current law, the director of WTCS is assigned to executive salary group (ESG 6). Assembly Bill 461 eliminates the ESG assignment of the director and establishes a WTCS senior executive salary system. Under the bill, two salary groups are established for the WTCS. The executive assistant of the WTCS is assigned to “general senior executive group 1” and the director is assigned to “general senior executive group 2.” The salary range for these WTCS salary groups will be established in the plan that is submitted to the Joint Committee on Employment Relations for approval.

Assembly Amendment 1 makes a technical change to a provision in ch. 20, relating to executive assistants. Section 20.923 (9), Stats., requires salaries for executive assistants to be set by the appointing authority. However, under that statute, the salary for an executive assistant may not exceed the maximum of the salary range *two ranges below* the salary range of the executive salary group to which the department or agency head is assigned. Because there are only two salary groups created for the WTCS, compliance with this statute is not possible. To resolve this conflict, Assembly Amendment 1 exempts the executive assistant to the director of the WTCS from s. 20.923 (9), Stats.

Assembly Bill 461 was introduced on July 17, 2001 by the Joint Committee on Employment Relations and referred to the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities, which held a hearing on the bill on October 16, 2001. On the same date, the committee introduced Assembly Amendment 1 by unanimous consent, and adopted the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0. The committee voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0.

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