



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 768

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Current Law

Under current law, school boards may enter into contracts with various entities to establish charter schools. In addition, current law permits the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, the Milwaukee Area Technical College, and the City of Milwaukee to establish or contract for the establishment of a charter school, sometimes referred to as independent or (2r) charter schools. In general, only pupils who reside in the school district in which an independent charter school is located may attend the charter school. (An exception to this residency requirement applies to pupils at the Woodlands School under certain circumstances.)

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Assembly Bill 768 permits the University of Wisconsin System to establish or contract for the establishment of an independent charter school in Dane County. Only one such school may be established, and it may have no more than 700 pupils in its first year of operation and no more than 1,400 pupils in any school year after that. Only pupils who reside in Dane County may attend this charter school.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to 2005 Assembly Bill 768

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to the bill retains all of the provisions of the bill except that it permits the University of Wisconsin-Madison to establish or contract for the establishment of such a charter school in Dane County, rather than the University of Wisconsin System as in the bill.

Legislative History

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Vukmir. The Assembly Committee on Education Reform recommended adoption of the substitute amendment on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 1. The committee then recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 2.

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