



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2005 Senate Bill 606**

**Senate Substitute Amendment 2  
as Amended by Senate  
Amendment 1**

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### **2005 Senate Bill 606**

2005 Senate Bill 606 requires the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), a county department, or a child welfare agency, that is investigating an adoptive placement of a sibling of a child who has already been adopted, to determine whether placement of the sibling in the same home as the previously adopted child is suitable and, if so, to place the sibling in that same home for adoption.

### **Senate Substitute Amendment 2**

Senate Substitute Amendment 2 requires the DHFS, a county department, or a child welfare agency to include, in a child's permanency plan (a plan designed to ensure that the child quickly attains a placement or home providing long-term stability), a statement regarding the availability of a safe and appropriate placement for the child with a fit and willing foster parent, adoptive parent, or proposed adoptive parent of a sibling of the child. Before placing a child whose sibling has been adopted, these agencies must consider the availability of placement of this child with an adoptive parent of the child's sibling who is identified in the child's permanency plan, or who is otherwise known by one of these agencies.

### **Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Substitute Amendment 2**

Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Substitute Amendment 2 deletes reference to a "fit and willing" foster parent, and defines "sibling" as a person who is a brother or sister of the child, whether by blood, marriage, or adoption, including a person who was a brother or sister of a child before the person was adopted or parental rights to the person were terminated.

**Legislative History**

Senator Lazich offered Senate Substitute Amendment 2, and Senate Amendment 1 to the Substitute Amendment, on March 9, 2006. On that same date, the Senate adopted Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Substitute Amendment 2; adopted Senate Substitute Amendment 2, as amended, by a voice vote; and passed the bill, as amended, on a voice vote.

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