



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Assembly Bill 297

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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2009 Assembly Bill 297 makes several changes to the “Family Foundations” program within the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Those changes are described in the Joint Legislative Council Prefatory Note to the bill.

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Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 does the following:

- Incorporates changes made to s. 48.983, Stats., that were made in 2009 Wisconsin Act 28 (the 2009-2011 Biennial Budget Act).
- Combines language that was amended in Act 28 with language in 2009 Assembly Bill 297 regarding what a Family Foundations grant applicant must include in their application. Under the substitute amendment, an applicant is required to include information in their application on how the applicant’s home visitation program incorporates practice standards that have been developed for home visitation programs by entities concerned with the prevention of poor birth outcomes and child abuse and neglect and that are acceptable to DCF; *and* incorporate practice standards and critical elements that have been developed for successful home visitation programs by a nationally recognized home visitation program model, and that are acceptable to DCF.
- Deletes a provision from the bill that the DCF must cooperate with the child abuse and neglect prevention board to ensure that employees and managers of home visitation programs receive training and other services to develop and maintain competencies in providing home visitation services to families.

Legislative History

On August 19, 2009, the Assembly Committee on Children and Families introduced Assembly Substitute Amendment 1, and recommended it for adoption by a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0. The committee recommended the bill for passage, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0.

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