



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2009 Assembly Bill 316**

**Assembly  
Amendments 1, 2, and 3**

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*Assembly Bill 316* recodifies ch. 166, Stats., and also makes changes in laws dealing with liability and licensure of volunteers, agricultural issues, computation of school days, hospital variances, public works mutual assistance, and emergencies related to computer or telecommunication systems.

*Assembly Amendment 1*, in addition to making a technical correction in the bill, makes the following changes:

- Assembly Bill 316 modifies statutes relating to computation of school days, to account for days on which school is closed by order of the Department of Health Services (DHS), and days on which school is closed by order of a school district administrator because of a threat to health or safety. Assembly Amendment 1 requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to promulgate rules establishing criteria for waiving the requirement to schedule at least the number of hours of direct pupil instruction specified by statute if school is closed by order of the local health officer or DHS, or is closed by order of the school district administrator because of a threat to health or safety.

- Current law provides state indemnification to health care providers and others who volunteer during an emergency or at a mass clinic. Under current law, a veterinarian is included within the definition of “health care provider.” Assembly Bill 316 creates a separate category of “veterinary provider,” which includes both veterinarians and veterinary technicians. Assembly Amendment 1 restores veterinarians under the category of “health care provider,” and adds veterinary technicians to that category.

*Assembly Amendment 2* includes clinical laboratory technicians in the provision relating to state indemnification of volunteer providers.

*Assembly Amendment 3* modifies the provision in the bill that states that days on which school is closed by order of a school district administrator because of a threat to health or safety are counted in

computing school days. The amendment states that this applies “unless the school board determines that the days will not count as school days.”

**Legislative History**

The Assembly Committee on State Affairs and Homeland Security recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1, and passage of the bill as amended, both by votes of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0.

The Assembly adopted Assembly Amendments 1, 2, and 3, and passed the bill as amended, all by voice votes.

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