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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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<b>2009 Assembly Bill 808</b>	<b>Assembly Amendment 1</b>
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**Current law** allows an eligible school board that has entered into a five-year renewable student achievement guarantee (SAGE) contract with the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to reduce class size to 15 pupils in grades kindergarten to three in schools with specified low-income enrollment to receive \$2,250 for each low-income pupil enrolled in grades eligible for SAGE funding. Under current law, DPI is not authorized to enter into new SAGE contracts after June 30, 2001, but DPI is allowed to enter into five-year renewal contracts if certain conditions are met. Current law permits DPI to waive requirements of the SAGE program.

**Assembly Bill 808** permits the school board of an eligible school district to enter into a five-year SAGE contract with DPI in the 2010-11 school year on behalf of one or more schools if all of the following apply:

- In the previous school year, each school had an enrollment that was at least 30% low income.
- The school board is not receiving a grant under the Preschool to Grade 5 Program on behalf of any of the schools.
- None of the schools is a beneficiary of a SAGE contract.

Under the bill, for contracts that begin in the 2010 school year, the contract must require the school board to reduce class size to 18 in each participating school in the following manner:

- In the 2010-11 school year, in at least grades kindergarten and one.
- In the 2011-12 school year, in at least grades kindergarten to two.
- In the 2012-13 to 2014-15 school years, in at least grades kindergarten to three.

The bill also provides that, beginning in the 2010-11 school year, a school board operating under a SAGE contract on the effective date of the bill may satisfy the class size limitation by reducing each class size in each school covered by the contract to no more than 18 or may combine two classes subject to the class size limitation in any school covered by the contract having at least two regular classroom teachers when the classes are combined if the combined class size is not greater than 30.

Under the bill, DPI may not waive any requirement of the SAGE program in any SAGE contract entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of the bill.

*Assembly Amendment 1* clarifies that, in the 2010-11 school year and any subsequent school year, DPI must pay to each school district that has entered into a SAGE contract \$2,250 multiplied by the number of low-income pupils enrolled in grades eligible for funding in each school in the school district that is covered by a contract entered into in the 2010-11 school year and by renewals of SAGE contracts.

### **Legislative History**

Representative Dexter offered Assembly Amendment 1. On April 15, 2010, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 on a voice vote and passed Assembly Bill 808, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 68; Noes, 29.

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