



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Assembly Bill 809

**Assembly
Amendment 1**

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Current law, with some exceptions, requires a school board to provide transportation to pupils in the attendance area who attend a private school if the private school is located two miles or more from the pupil's residence.

No later than May 15 in each year, each private school must notify each school board of the names of and other information regarding all pupils eligible to have transportation provided by the school board during the forthcoming school term. The school board may extend the notification deadline.

If the estimated cost of transporting a pupil who attends a private school is more than 1.5 times the school district's average cost per pupil for bus transportation in the previous year, with some exceptions, the school board may offer to contract with the parent or guardian of the pupil. Except for the school district in the City of Milwaukee, the contract must provide for an annual payment for each pupil of not less than \$5 times the distance in miles between the pupils residence and the private school or the average cost per pupil for bus transportation in the previous year, whichever is greater.

For the school district in the City of Milwaukee, if two or more pupils reside in the same household and attend the same private school, a contract between the school board and the parent or guardian provides one payment for all the pupils in the household attending the same school.

Assembly Bill 809 requires a school board to provide transportation to eligible private school pupils only during the school term.

Under the bill, private schools are required to notify each school board of pupils eligible for transportation during the forthcoming school term by July 15, instead of May 15.

The bill also provides that a contract between the school board and the parent or guardian of a private school pupil who is eligible for transportation by the school district must provide one payment for all the pupils in the household attending the same school.

Assembly Amendment 1 deletes the provision of the bill limiting transportation for private school pupils to transportation during the school term. In addition, under the amendment, private schools are required to notify each school board of pupils eligible for transportation during the forthcoming school term by July 1.

Legislative History

Representative Dexter offered Assembly Amendment 1. On March 23, 2010, the Assembly Committee on Education recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 3, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 4.

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