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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2011 Senate Bill 179**

**Senate  
Amendment 1**

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2011 Senate Bill 179 requires a private school that provides child care for children under three years of age to be licensed to operate a child care center.

### **Current Law**

Under current law, a person who provides, for compensation, care, and supervision for four or more children under the age of seven years for less than 24 hours per day must be licensed to operate a child care center. This provision does not apply to specified persons and entities, including public and private schools.

### **Senate Bill 179**

Senate Bill 179 provides that current law requiring licensure of a person who provides, for compensation, care, and supervision of four or more children under the age of seven years for less than 24 hours per day as a child care center applies to a private school that provides care and supervision for children under three years of age. The bill provides that the legislation first applies to a private school that is providing care and supervision for a child under three years of age on the effective date of the bill. The bill does not specify an effective date, so it would take effect on the day after publication.

### **Senate Amendment 1**

Senate Amendment 1 requires child care licensure if a private school provides care and supervision for children under the age of three years *and* is *not accredited* by an organization that accredits private schools. Such an organization must be one of the organizations that is permitted to accredit a school participating in a school choice voucher program in Wisconsin.

**Legislative History**

The Senate Committee on Education offered Senate Amendment 1. On October 27, 2011, the committee unanimously voted to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 1 and passage of the bill, as amended.

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