

# WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

## 2015 Assembly Bill 450

## Assembly Amendments 1 and 3

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#### 2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 450

The bill prohibits a political subdivision (city, village, town, or county) from enacting or enforcing an ordinance, resolution, or policy that prohibits an employee from inquiring whether an individual who has been lawfully detained or arrested has satisfactory immigration status, or from otherwise cooperating with or assisting the federal government, or other units of government, with immigration enforcement.

The bill also authorizes certain individuals to file a writ of mandamus with the circuit court to require compliance with the requirements created by the bill.

If the court finds that a political subdivision has failed to comply, the Department of Revenue (DOR) must reduce that political subdivision's shared revenue payments according to a formula based on population.

#### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 clarifies that a court must notify DOR of the court's finding of a political subdivision's noncompliance with the law before DOR must then reduce a political subdivision's amount of shared revenue.

## **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 3**

Assembly Amendment 3 changes the prohibition on a political subdivision enacting a measure that prohibits an employee from inquiring about the immigration status of an individual who has been lawfully detained or arrested to prohibit a political subdivision from enacting a measure that prohibits an employee from inquiring about the immigration status of an individual who has been charged with certain crimes.

## **BILL HISTORY**

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Spiros on December 4, 2015.

Assembly Amendment 3 was introduced by Representative Spiros on February 16, 2016. On the same day, Assembly Amendments 1 and 3 were adopted by the Assembly on a voice vote, and the bill passed, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 62; Noes, 35; Paired, 2.

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