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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2019 Assembly Bill 644**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

### 2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 644

This bill requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to create and administer a school-based mental health consultation pilot program in Outagamie County to assist participating school-based providers in providing enhanced care to students with mental health care needs, to provide referral support for those students, and to provide additional services. DHS is required to provide funds for the operation of the pilot program to an organization that already provides consultation services through the child psychiatry consultation program.

The bill includes an appropriation for fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$350,000, but provides that DHS is prohibited from expending more than \$175,000 in a particular fiscal year and that DHS, when submitting certain required information to the Department of Administration (DOA), must report information regarding the \$350,000 appropriation as though the total amount appropriated for fiscal year 2020-2021 had been \$175,000 instead of \$350,000. The bill also lapses \$350,000 to the general fund from the appropriation account for certain mental health pilot projects.

### ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

The amendment modifies the appropriation for fiscal year 2020-2021, and the amount lapsed to the general fund from the appropriation account for certain mental health pilot projects, from \$350,000 to \$175,000. The amendment also provides that DHS must allocate \$175,000 in each fiscal year in, at least, fiscal years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, to the organization providing the services under the pilot program. Lastly, the amendment also deletes the language in the bill relating to DHS reporting to DOA.

### BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by the Joint Committee on Finance on January 16, 2020. On the same day, the Joint Committee on Finance recommended adoption of the amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0.

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