



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 543

September 29, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives SUDER, JESKEWITZ, HINES, FREESE, NASS, GROTHMAN, ALBERS, J. WOOD, OWENS, BIES, F. LASEE, LADWIG, KESTELL, HAHN and MUSSER, cosponsored by Senators REYNOLDS and LAZICH. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 19.84 (5) of the statutes; **relating to:** notice of public meetings
2 held by certain bodies within the University of Wisconsin System.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, state governmental bodies must give advance notice of their meetings to the public, to news media that have filed written requests to be notified, and to the official state newspaper. The notice must include the date, time, place, and proposed subject matter of the meeting. Notice must be given at least 24 hours prior to each meeting unless for good cause such notice is impossible or impractical, in which case shorter notice may be given, but in no case may less than two hours' notice be provided. Departmental committees, subcommittees and similar bodies within the University of Wisconsin System are exempt from these requirements, but must provide notice of meetings which is reasonably likely to apprise interested persons and news media that have filed written requests for such notice.

This bill eliminates the exemption from notice requirements for departmental committees, subcommittees, or similar bodies within the University of Wisconsin System.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 19.84 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

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SECTION 1

1 19.84 (5) ~~Departments and their subunits in any University of Wisconsin~~
2 ~~System institution or campus and a~~ A nonprofit corporation operating the Olympic
3 Ice Training Center under s. 42.11 (3) ~~are~~ is exempt from the requirements of subs.
4 (1) to (4) but shall provide meeting notice which is reasonably likely to apprise
5 interested persons, and news media who have filed written requests for such notice.

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