



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
STAFF MEMORANDUM**

Memo No. 2

TO: MEMBERS OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON ADOPTION DISRUPTION AND DISSOLUTION

FROM: Margit Kelley, Staff Attorney

RE: Specific Recommendations from Chair Kleefisch to Revise Bill Drafts

DATE: December 12, 2014

Chair Kleefisch has suggested a few specific language revisions to two of the bill drafts that are before the committee for the final meeting on December 16, 2014. The specific suggestions are relayed below, with the language shown in bold typeface and an underscore or strikethrough.

WLC: 0029/2, Adoption Preparation Training

- On page 3, revise lines 9 through 12 as follows:
 - (a) Training on issues that may confront adoptive parents, in general, and that may confront adoptive parents of special needs child or foreign children, ~~including, when appropriate to the history of the child to be adopted,~~ **In all cases, topics for the training shall include** the issues of attachment, trauma, abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse.
- On page 3, revise lines 14 through 17 and the Note following line 17 as follows:

48.84 (2) (b) An in-person meeting, either individually or in a group, with a representative of **a the** state-funded postadoption resource center **that serves the area in which the parent resides, at a location specified by the resource center,** to describe the support and

services available to the adoptive family after the adoption is granted, which may be included in the in-person hours required under sub. (2g) (a).

Note: This Section requires the preadoptive training to include an in-person meeting with a representative of ~~one of the state's PARCs~~ **the PARC that serves the area in which the parent resides, at a location specified by the PARC.**

- On page 4, revise lines 1 through 4 as follows:

48.84 (2g) A proposed adoptive parent shall obtain at least 25 hours of the preadoption preparation that is required under sub. (1). ~~The department shall promulgate rules governing the number of hours of preadoption preparation that is required,~~ which shall include all of the following:

- On page 5, revise lines 13 and 14 as follows:

names and contact information of the adoptive parent, **and name and birth date of the adopted child,** to the state-funded postadoption resource center that serves the area within which the parent resides.

WLC: 0030/2, Readoption After Adoption Abroad

- On page 7, revise line 16 as follows:

if the department has been furnished with a copy of a home study **that was conducted as provided in s. 48.88 (2)** recommending the guardian...

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