



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2017 Senate Bill 655**

**Senate Amendment 1**

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### **2017 SENATE BILL 655**

Under current law, when a child adjudicated in need of protection or services (CHIPS) is removed from the home and placed in out-of-home care, a permanency plan is created for the child, which is periodically reviewed. When a plan is up for review, certain entities and individuals are notified and offered the opportunity to submit written comments.

Senate Bill 655 adds a child's school to the list of entities that must be notified of a permanency plan review or hearing and given an opportunity to submit written comments.

Current law also requires that the clerk of a school district be notified when a foster home or group home is licensed within the school district and when a child is placed in out-of-home care within the school district.

The bill requires that notice of foster home or group home licensing be submitted to the school district, generally, without specifying to whom within the school district the notice must be directed. The bill also requires that notice of placement of a child in out-of-home care within a school district be given not only to the school district but also to the school in which the child is enrolled. If the child will remain enrolled in his or her school and school district of origin, then notice that the child has been placed in out-of-home care must be given to the school and school district of origin.

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 1**

A juvenile adjudicated in need of protection or services (JIPS) or delinquent may also be removed from the home and placed in out-of-home care. Permanency plans are created and reviewed for such juveniles in the same way as for children under CHIPS orders. Senate Amendment 1 requires that a school be notified of a permanency plan review or hearing for an

enrolled juvenile adjudicated JIPS or delinquent and be given an opportunity to submit written comments.

The amendment also requires that any notice given to a school or school district regarding a permanency plan or regarding placement of a child or juvenile in out-of-home care include the name and contact information for the caseworker or social worker assigned to the case.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Senator Petrowski introduced Senate Bill 655 on December 21, 2017, and introduced Senate Amendment 1 on February 5, 2018. On February 8, 2018, the Senate Committee on Education recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0.

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