



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 126

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1, as Amended by
Assembly Amendment 6**

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Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to 2003 Assembly Bill 126, as amended by Assembly Amendment 6 to the substitute amendment, requires the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) to conduct a longitudinal study, of up to 12 years in length, of the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program if the LAB receives sufficient moneys, other than general purpose revenue, for the study.

The substitute amendment, as amended, provides that the study must use standardized examinations used by the Milwaukee Public Schools and must review graduation grades and other indicators of academic achievement. The LAB is required to submit the results of the study to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and to the appropriate standing committees of the Legislature annually over the 12-year period. The first report is due by October 1, 2005; a comprehensive review and interim report is due by October 1, 2010. The authorized full-time equivalent positions for the LAB are increased by 3.0 program revenue positions to conduct the study, with funding from the appropriation that receives gifts and grants to legislative service agencies.

Legislative History

On March 12, 2003, Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by the Assembly Committee on Education Reform. The committee also offered Assembly Amendments 1 and 2 to the substitute amendment, but neither was adopted. The committee recommended adoption of Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to the bill on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 1. The committee recommended the bill, as amended, for passage on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 1.

On March 18, 2003, Assembly Amendment 6 to the substitute amendment was offered by Representative Morris and others. It was adopted by the Assembly on a voice vote. Assembly Substitute Amendment 1, as amended by Assembly Amendment 6 to the substitute amendment, was adopted on a vote of Ayes, 79; Noes, 19. However, on a vote of Ayes, 59; Noes, 39, the Assembly refused to suspend the rules to give the bill a third reading on that date.

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