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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2003 Assembly Bill 382**

**Senate  
Amendment 1**

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**Current law** provides that a person must obtain, in addition to a valid motor vehicle operator's license, special authorization from the Department of Transportation (DOT) to operate a school bus. Depending on the number of violations within a three-year period, a person who operates a school bus without special authorization may be fined not less than \$200 nor more than \$2,000 and imprisoned for not less than five days nor more than six months.

**Assembly Bill 382** requires an *owner of a motor vehicle that is used as a school bus* to issue an identification card (ID card), designed by DOT, which contains the name and photograph of the person who operates the school bus. The bill requires the operator to **display prominently** the ID card whenever he or she operates a school bus. Failure to prominently display the ID card subjects the operator to a forfeiture of not more than \$200.

**Senate Amendment 1:** (1) requires the owner to not only issue an ID card to the operator, but also to provide the operator **with a means of conspicuously displaying the ID card on the operator's person**; and (2) substitutes "conspicuously displaying on his or her person" for "prominently displaying" in the penalty provision (i.e., the penalty applies to an operator's failing to conspicuously display the ID card on his or her person).

### **LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

Assembly Bill 382, as amended by the Assembly, passed the Assembly on a voice vote. On January 21, 2004, the Senate Committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure recommended passage of the bill (as amended by Senate Amendment 1, which was adopted on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0) on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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