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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2003 Assembly Bill 472**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

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Under *current law*, one of the criteria for eligibility to attend school under the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP) is that the pupil is a member of a family whose total family income does not exceed 1.75 times the federal poverty level.

*2003 Assembly Bill 472* changes this criteria from 1.75 times the federal poverty level to 2.2 times the federal poverty level.

*Assembly Amendment 1* to the bill retains the provision in current law of 1.75 times the federal poverty level for *admission* into the MPCP, except as noted below. However, the amendment provides that a pupil attending a private school under the MPCP whose family income *increases* may continue to attend school under the MPCP if the pupil is a member of a family whose total family income does not exceed 2.2 times the federal poverty level.

The amendment also provides that, for purposes of admission into the MPCP, siblings of an MPCP pupil are subject to the 2.2 times the federal poverty level limit, not the 1.75 limit.

If a pupil attending school under the MPCP ceases to attend school under the MPCP, the amendment provides that the 1.75 times the federal poverty level limit will apply should the pupil seek readmission to the MPCP--unless the pupil seeking readmission is a sibling of an MPCP pupil. As indicated above, the 2.2 times the federal poverty level limit will be applied to the sibling of an MPCP pupil seeking admission under the MPCP.

### *Legislative History*

The Assembly Committee on Education Reform recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 to the bill on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0. The committee recommended the bill, as amended, for passage on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 3.

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