



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Assembly Bill 482

Assembly Amendment 1

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Current law does not prohibit a school board from requiring that employees reside within the school district. Under the current Municipal Employment Relations Act (MERA), municipal employees (including school district employees) may, subject to certain exceptions, bargain collectively regarding wages, hours, and conditions of employment. [s. 111.70, Stats.] A residency requirement is a condition of employment.

2007 Assembly Bill 482 prohibits the Board of School Directors of the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) from requiring, as a condition of employment, that a teacher reside within the MPS district. The bill defines “teacher” as any person holding a license or permit issued by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction whose employment by a school district requires that he or she hold that license or permit. The bill’s prohibition would first apply to teachers covered by a collective bargaining agreement that is in effect on July 1, 2009 upon the expiration, extension, renewal, or modification of that agreement.

Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 482 amends MERA [s. 111.70] to specify that the bill’s prohibition against the MPS Board’s requiring residency within the MPS district is a prohibited subject of collective bargaining.

Legislative History

Assembly Bill 482 was introduced by Representative Gunderson and others; cosponsored by Senator Darling and others. The bill was referred to the Assembly Committee on Education. The committee introduced Assembly Amendment 1 to the bill. The committee recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 4. The committee recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0.

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