



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Assembly Bill 310

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 310

Assembly Bill 310 requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to apply to the federal government for Title X family planning grant funds. If awarded the grant, the bill requires DHS to distribute funds giving first priority to the Wisconsin Well-Woman Program and other public entities, and then to certain nonpublic entities as funding allows. The bill allows public entities that receive Title X family planning grant funds from DHS to provide some or all of the funds to other public or private entities provided that the recipient does not provide abortion services, make referrals for abortion services, or have an affiliate that provides abortion services or makes referrals for abortion services.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 clarifies that DHS must apply for Title X family planning grant funds beginning with the 2018 application deadline and before each subsequent application deadline thereafter.

The substitute amendment allows public entities that receive Title X family planning grant funds from DHS to provide some or all of the funds to other public or private entities that make referrals for abortion services or have an affiliate that makes referrals for abortions services. However, the substitute amendment leaves unchanged the bill's requirement that public entities that receive Title X family planning grant funds from DHS cannot provide some or all of the funds to other public or private entities that provide abortion services or have an affiliate that provides abortion services.

The substitute amendment includes a nonstatutory provision that requires DHS to use current staff and current appropriations to fund the department duties created by the bill during

the 2015-17 Biennium. The substitute amendment also prohibits DHS from hiring additional staff who would be charged with carrying out the department duties created by the bill during the 2015-17 Biennium.

BILL HISTORY

The Assembly Committee on Health recommended passage of Assembly Bill 310 on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 4, on September 15, 2015. Representative Jacque offered Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on September 21, 2015. The Assembly adopted Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on a voice vote on September 24, 2015, and, on the same day, voted to pass Assembly Bill 310, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 60; Noes, 35; Paired, 2.

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