



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Assembly Bill 40

**Assembly
Amendment 1**

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2015 Assembly Bill 40 relates to pre-adoption training requirements and referrals to Post-Adoption Resources Centers.

CURRENT LAW

Generally, proposed adoptive parents who have not previously adopted a child must complete pre-adoption training that complies with statutory and Department of Children and Families (DCF) requirements. If a proposed adoptive parent resides in Wisconsin, the pre-adoption training must be provided by an entity located within the state.

2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 40

Assembly Bill 40 adds an adoption-related reporting requirement and modifies aspects of the pre-adoption training requirements, including the hours required, the subjects covered, and how training must be delivered.

The bill also provides that a proposed adoptive parent who resides in Wisconsin may satisfy the pre-adoption training requirement by completing training provided by an out-of-state agency if: (1) the agency negotiated or arranged placement of the child; (2) the training is equivalent to Wisconsin requirements; and (3) the training is approved by either DCF or a Wisconsin licensed adoption agency.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 removes the provision of the bill allowing a licensed adoption agency to approve pre-adoption training provided to a Wisconsin resident by an out-of-state

adoption agency. Under the amendment, only DCF may approve out-of-state, pre-adoption training.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Kleefisch. On June 3, 2015, the Assembly Committee on Children and Families recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0, and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0.

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