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2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 355

July 31, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives SUBECK, ZAMARRIPA, BROSTOFF, ANDERSON, BOWEN, CABRERA, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, KOLSTE, MILROY, L. MYERS, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, SARGENT, SINICKI, SPREITZER, STUBBS, C. TAYLOR and VINING, cosponsored by Senators JOHNSON, CARPENTER, L. TAYLOR and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 13.45 (8) of the statutes; **relating to:** accommodations at
2 legislative committee meetings.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The bill provides that every public notice of a legislative committee meeting and every published agenda of a committee meeting must include the following text: "If you need an interpreter, a translator, materials in alternative formats, or other accommodations to observe or participate in the meeting, please contact the legislative office of the committee chairperson." The notice must be printed in English, Spanish, and Hmong. The notice must also include the telephone number and e-mail address of the legislative office of the committee chairperson. If accommodations are requested, the committee chairperson must ensure that the accommodations are provided.

The bill also requires the chief clerk of each house of the legislature to ensure that the text appears on the legislature's Internet site, including specifically on any committee calendar page on the Internet site, and that it appears in English, Spanish, and Hmong.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 13.45 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

13.45 (8) ACCOMMODATIONS AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS. (a) Every public notice of a committee meeting and every published agenda of a committee meeting shall include the following text: "If you need an interpreter, a translator, materials in alternative formats, or other accommodations to observe or participate in the meeting, please contact the legislative office of the committee chairperson." The notice must be printed in English, Spanish, and Hmong. The notice shall also include the telephone number and electronic mail address of the legislative office of the committee chairperson. If accommodations are requested, the committee chairperson shall ensure that the accommodations are provided.

(b) The chief clerk of each house shall ensure that the following text appears on the legislature’s Internet site, including specifically on any committee calendar page on the Internet site: “If you need an interpreter, a translator, materials in alternative formats, or other accommodations to observe or participate in any legislative committee meeting, please contact the legislative office of the committee chairperson.” The text must appear in English, Spanish, and Hmong.

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