

## Assembly

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention**

##### **Assembly Bill 173**

Relating to: grants to prevent suicide by firearm and making an appropriation.  
By Representatives Sortwell, S. Johnson, Doyle, Andraca, Armstrong, Dittrich, Edming and Shankland; cosponsored by Senators James, Ballweg, Cabral-Guevara, Carpenter, Spreitzer and Taylor.

April 10, 2023            Referred to Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention

May 09, 2023            **Public Hearing Held**

Present:    (10)    Representative Tittl; Representatives Dittrich, VanderMeer, Wichgers, Gundrum, Magnafici, Vining, Considine, Moore Omokunde and Palmeri.

Absent:     (0)     None.

Excused:   (2)     Representatives Plumer and Behnke.

##### Appearances For

- Senator Jesse James - State Senate - 23rd District
- Representative Shae Sortwell - Wisconsin State Assembly - 2nd Assembly District
- Janet Hyde - Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense America
- Marsha Baldwridge - Moms Demand Action
- Julia Stanley - UW Health

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- Christopher Lee - National Shooting Sports Foundation

##### Registrations For

- Savannah Sepic - Every Town for Gun Safety
- Shannon Elliot-Chalgren - Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
- Marc Herstand - National Association of Social Workers
- Lauren Cohen - Moms Demand Action
- HJ Waukau - Dept. of Health Services

- Connie Schulze - UW Health and UW School of Medicine and Public Policy

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

November 09, 2023 **Executive Session Held**

Present: (12) Representative Tittl; Representatives Dittrich, VanderMeer, Wichgers, Gundrum, Plumer, Magnafici, Behnke, Vining, Considine, Moore Omokunde and Palmeri.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Wichgers, seconded by Representative Tittl that **Assembly Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (8) Representative Tittl; Representatives Dittrich, VanderMeer, Wichgers, Gundrum, Plumer, Magnafici and Behnke.

Noes: (4) Representatives Vining, Considine, Moore Omokunde and Palmeri.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED,  
Ayes 8, Noes 4

Moved by Representative Wichgers, seconded by Representative Plumer that **Assembly Bill 173** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (11) Representative Tittl; Representatives Dittrich, VanderMeer, Wichgers, Gundrum, Plumer, Magnafici, Behnke, Vining, Considine and Palmeri.

Noes: (1) Representative Moore Omokunde.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 11, Noes 1

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Steve Hall  
Committee Clerk