

Bill to overhaul court procedures clears Senate with key amendment

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The Senate today voted 18-14 to pass the so-called tort reform bill with key changes that got enough GOP lawmakers on board to pass it.

The bill, which would change standards on legal processes and discovery over provisions regarding the retention of records, had received pushback from Sen. Van Wanggaard, R-Racine, over that language.

Wanggaard's Judiciary Committee previously amended the Assembly bill to remove that provision. While the original Assembly version had received support from other members of the Senate GOP caucus, that amendment was also taken up on the floor today. It cleared on a voice vote.

The bill now heads back to the Assembly.

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