



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2013 Wisconsin Act 135**  
[2013 Senate Bill 523]

**Infant Testing for Congenital  
and Metabolic Disorders**

2013 Wisconsin Act 135 provides that tests for congenital and metabolic disorders that are performed on newborn infants may be any kind of laboratory tests, rather than limiting the tests to blood and urine tests, as under prior law. The Act provides that the Department of Health Services (DHS) must contract with the State Laboratory of Hygiene to perform any required infant tests that are laboratory tests and to furnish materials for use in the tests. The Act also provides that DHS may require reporting in connection with any required infant tests for use in statistical data compilation and for evaluation of infant screening programs.

As under current law, the Act requires that the results of the tests be kept confidential.

The Act retains provisions in current law that the testing program provisions do not apply if the parents or legal guardian of the infant object on the grounds that the tests conflict with their religious tenets and practices, but expands this provision to allow the parents or legal guardian to object on the grounds that a required infant test conflicts with their personal convictions.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.