



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2005 Wisconsin Act 105**  
[2005 Assembly Bill 184]

### **Provision of Hormonal Therapy or Sexual Reassignment Surgery to Prisoners**

*2005 Wisconsin Act 105* provides that the Department of Corrections (DOC) may not authorize the payment of any state funds or the use of any resources of this state or the payment of any federal funds passing through the state treasury to provide or facilitate the provision of hormonal therapy or sexual reassignment surgery for an inmate housed in a state prison or a forensic patient housed in a state institution.

The bill defines “hormonal therapy” as the use of hormones to stimulate the development or alteration of a person’s sexual characteristics in order to alter the person’s physical appearance so that the person appears more like the opposite gender. Under the bill, “sexual reassignment surgery” is defined as surgical procedures to alter a person’s physical appearance so that the person appears more like the opposite gender.

**Effective Date:** The Act takes effect on January 24, 2006 and first applies to hormonal therapy or sexual reassignment surgery provided on the effective date.

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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.state.wi.us/>.