



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 59
[2009 Senate Bill 371]

**Establishment of a Longitudinal
Data System of Student Data**

2009 Wisconsin Act 59 requires the Department of Public Instruction, the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, the Technical College System Board, and the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities to enter into a written agreement that requires those agencies to establish and maintain a longitudinal data system of student data that links such data from preschool programs to postsecondary programs. The written agreement also must describe the process by which any of the agencies on their own or jointly with one or more of the other agencies may evaluate and study education programs operated or supervised by one or more of the other agencies for the purpose of improving student academic achievement.

2009 Wisconsin Act 59 expressly provides that the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities is not required to enter into the written agreement. If the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities does not enter into the written agreement, none of the other agencies may evaluate or study the association's education programs without the approval of the association.

Effective date: The Act takes effect on November 24, 2009.

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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/>.