



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 197
[2013 Assembly Bill 668]

**Substance Abuse Treatment and
Diversion From Incarceration**

2013 Wisconsin Act 197 (hereinafter, “the Act”) creates additional data collection and reporting requirements for the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) program at the Department of Justice (DOJ) and provides an additional \$1,500,000 in grant funding to the TAD program during the 2013-15 fiscal biennium. Specifically, the Act does the following:

- Requires any county receiving a TAD grant to submit data that is requested by DOJ to DOJ each month. The Act authorizes DOJ to request any data regarding a county’s TAD program funded by the grant that is necessary to evaluate it and prepare reports required under the Act.
- Requires DOJ to annually analyze the data submitted by counties receiving TAD grants and prepare a progress report that evaluates the effectiveness of the TAD grant program. DOJ shall make this report available to the public.
- Requires DOJ to prepare a comprehensive report every five years that analyzes the data it receives from a county receiving a TAD grant and the annual reports it produces as described above. DOJ must also include a cost benefit analysis of the TAD grant program in the comprehensive report and must submit the report to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the Legislature.
- Provides an additional \$1,500,000 annually in the TAD appropriation during the 2013-15 fiscal biennium, to provide grants for counties that establish alternatives to prosecution an incarceration for criminal offenders. In doing so, it increases the base funding for the TAD program by \$1,500,000 annually.

Effective date: This Act went into effect on April 9, 2014.

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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>.