



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2017 Wisconsin Act 32**  
[2017 January Special Session  
Assembly Bill 2]

**Treatment and Diversion  
Programs**

### **BACKGROUND**

Under Wisconsin law, the Department of Justice (DOJ) makes treatment and diversion (TAD) grants to counties to enable them to establish and operate programs, including suspended and deferred prosecution programs and programs based on principles of restorative justice, that provide alternatives to prosecution and incarceration for criminal offenders who abuse alcohol or other drugs.

Last session, 2015 Wisconsin Act 388 created an additional one-time DOJ appropriation for the TAD grant program by transferring \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 from a Department of Health Services (DHS) appropriation to a TAD grant program.

### **2017 WISCONSIN ACT 32**

2017 Wisconsin Act 32 (the Act) makes the following changes to DOJ's TAD grant program:

- Provides \$2,000,000 for fiscal year (FY) 2017-18 and \$2,000,000 for FY 2018-19 to continue the additional funding that 2015 Wisconsin Act 388 provided to the TAD grant program.
- Provides an appropriation of \$150,000 for FY 2017-18 and \$150,000 for FY 2018-19 to award TAD grants to additional counties.
- Creates an appropriation for a TAD pilot program that diverts nonviolent offenders to a treatment option. The Act provides \$261,000 for FY 2017-18 and \$261,000 for FY 2018-19 for the TAD pilot program and then repeals the appropriation on July 1, 2019.

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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>.

In order to receive the funding, DOJ must submit to the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF), a proposed plan for the pilot program, as well as a request for the funding, and receive approval from JCF through its 14-day passive review process.

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