



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 35
[2017 January Special Session
Assembly Bill 10]

**Criminal Investigation Agent
Position Authorization**

2017 Wisconsin Act 35 (the Act) authorizes, in the Department of Justice (DOJ), four criminal investigation agent full-time equivalent (FTE) positions focused on criminal investigations related to drug interdiction and drug trafficking. To fund these positions, the Act provides \$420,000 for fiscal year (FY) 2017-18 and \$420,000 for FY 2018-19.

The Act provides that, if on June 30, 2018, DOJ has not filled all four of the positions authorized by the Act, any unencumbered portion of the increased dollar amounts authorized by the Act must lapse into the general fund. The appropriation to DOJ for its treatment alternatives and diversions (TAD) grant program is increased for FY 2018-19 by the amount of money that lapsed into the general fund. However, before DOJ may spend the money, it must submit to the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) a proposed plan for the expenditure of the money and receive approval from JCF through its 14-day passive review process.

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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>.