



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2017 Wisconsin Act 89**  
[2017 Assembly Bill 345]

**Work Release for Inmates in  
Facilities Contracting With the  
Department of Corrections**

### 2017 WISCONSIN ACT 89

2017 Wisconsin Act 89 allows inmates confined or detained in a county jail, a county house of corrections, or a tribal jail under a Department of Corrections (DOC) contract to be granted the privilege of leaving the facility to participate in certain employment-related activities. Qualified employment-related activities include seeking employment, engaging in employment training, working, performing community service work, attending an educational institution, or any other activity designated in the contract between the facility and DOC. An inmate may only leave the facility during necessary and reasonable hours. Under the Act, the sheriff, superintendent of the house of correction, or tribal chief of police, in conjunction with DOC, is responsible for determining an inmate's eligibility for work-related activities and determining whether to terminate an inmate's participation or return an inmate to a state facility.

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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>.