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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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<b>2003 Wisconsin Act 55</b> [2003 Senate Bill 25]	<b>Open Enrollment Waiting Lists</b>
2003 Acts: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/">www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/</a>	Act Memos: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm">www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm</a>

2003 Wisconsin Act 55 makes changes in the open enrollment program for public schools. Specifically, Act 55 permits a nonresident school district to create a waiting list of pupils whose open enrollment applications were initially rejected under the statutes. Act 55 also requires the Department of Public Instruction to promulgate rules to implement and administer the waiting list option.

Under the Act, the selection of students from the waiting list must be on a random basis, consistent with the selection process from the original application pool.

***Effective Date and Initial Applicability:*** The effective date of Wisconsin Act 55 is September 5, 2003. The Act first applies to applications submitted for attendance in a nonresident school district in the 2003-04 school year.

For the purposes of implementing the Act in the 2003-04 school year, the school board of a nonresident school district may create a waiting list for pupils whose applications to attend school in a nonresident school district in the 2003-04 school year were rejected due to the lack of space on or before April 11, 2003.

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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.