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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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**2005 Wisconsin Act 15**  
[2005 Assembly Bill 438]

**Appropriation Changes**

*2005 Wisconsin Act 15* makes the following modifications in appropriations for state fiscal year 2004-05, the fiscal year that ends June 30, 2005: (1) increases the appropriation to the Department of Corrections by \$7,300,000 for energy costs; (2) increases the appropriation to the Department of Health and Family Services by \$2,000,000 for SeniorCare; (3) increases the appropriation to the University of Wisconsin System by \$22,500,000 for energy costs; and (4) transfers \$75,000,000 from the general fund to the Medical Assistance trust fund.

The Act also modifies a 2004 law that applies to the 2003-05 biennium and that allows supplemental payments for reduction of operating deficits incurred by nursing homes owned or operated by counties or municipalities from the Medical Assistance trust fund. The Act also allows payments for this purpose from general purpose revenue.

**Effective Date:** The Act takes effect on June 23, 2005.

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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.state.wi.us/>.