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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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**2005 Wisconsin Act 311**  
[2005 Assembly Bill 143]

**Presentence Investigation Reports**

Prior to the enactment of 2005 Wisconsin Act 311, the statutes provided that when a presentence investigation report was received, the judge was required to disclose the contents of the report to the defendant's attorney and to the district attorney prior to sentencing. If the defendant was not represented, the contents were to be disclosed to the defendant.

*Act 311* provides that the district attorney and the defendant's attorney may have and keep a copy of the presentence investigation report. However, an unrepresented defendant may view, but not keep, a copy of the report. All of these persons must keep the report and its contents confidential.

*Effective Date:* The Act takes effect on April 21, 2006.

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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/>.