



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 437
[2005 Senate Bill 629]

Sexual Assault of a Child

Prior to the enactment of 2005 Wisconsin Act 437, Wisconsin law provided that a person who had sexual contact or sexual intercourse with a person who had not attained the age of 13 years was guilty of a Class B felony. A Class B felony is punishable by a term of confinement and extended supervision not to exceed 60 years.

Act 437 amends the law to provide that a person will be guilty of a Class A felony if the person has sexual contact or sexual intercourse with a person who has not attained the age of 13 years and the action results in great bodily harm. The penalty for a Class A felony is life imprisonment, which may include a period of extended supervision.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on June 6, 2006 and first applies to violations committed on June 6, 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/>.