



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 27
[2009 Assembly Bill 124]

Appeal of Suppression Issues in Juvenile Cases Following Admission

This legislation was introduced at the request of the Judicial Council and was developed by the Judicial Council's Appellate Procedure Committee as part of a comprehensive proposal to revise Wisconsin appellate procedure.

Act 27 allows an appeal of an order denying a motion to suppress evidence or a motion to exclude a statement following an admission of, or no contest plea to, the allegations in a delinquency petition. Currently, a juvenile cannot appeal from such an order unless the juvenile preserves the suppression issues by proceeding with a trial.

(The Act tracks current law that applies to criminal cases, which allows defendants to appeal suppression rulings following a guilty plea; the Act also expressly allows appeal in criminal cases following a plea of no contest.)

Effective Date: The Act takes effect November 1, 2009.

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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/>.