



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 126
[2011 Senate Bill 377]

**Changing Terminology for Those
With an Intellectual Disability**

2011 Wisconsin Act 126 substitutes the phrase “intellectual disability” for “mental retardation” and “mentally retarded” throughout the statutes. Testimony presented at the public hearing for the underlying bill indicates that this Act is not intended to make any substantive changes.

Effective date: This Act takes effect on April 3, 2012.

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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/>.