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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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**2013 Wisconsin Act 289**  
[2013 Assembly Bill 729]

**University of Wisconsin  
Classified Research**

Prior to enactment of Act 289, Wisconsin law did not contain any provisions specifically addressing the conduct of classified research at the University of Wisconsin System (UWS).

Act 289 authorizes the Board of Regents (BOR) of the UWS to accept research contracts involving government security classifications or similar restrictions on participation in the research or access to, or dissemination of, research results if the following requirements are met:

- The research furthers national security interests.
- The educational interests of all participating students are adequately protected.
- Appropriate facilities, infrastructure, and administrative resources are available for the research, either on campus or at off-campus locations.
- The sponsors of the research cover all additional costs associated with the security requirements of the research.
- The conditions for accepting the contracts and conducting the research are established pursuant to processes approved by the chancellors of the UW institutions at which the research is to be conducted. Chancellors must consult with faculty in approving those processes.

Act 289 requires the BOR to report the following to the Joint Committee on Finance by September 1 every year:

- The number of research contracts considered under processes established at UWS institutions.

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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.wisconsin.gov>.

- The outcome of those contracts.

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