



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 336
[2013 Senate Bill 540]

**Establishment of School District
Capital Improvement Fund**

2013 Wisconsin Act 336 authorizes a school board to create a capital improvement fund under certain conditions.

Under the Act, in order to establish a capital improvement fund, the school board must have approved a long-term capital improvement plan that is for a minimum of 10 years.

The capital improvement fund is a trust fund established for the purpose of financing the capital improvements included in the school board's long-term plan. A school board may not spend the money in the fund for five years after the fund is established. After the first five years, the school board may spend money from the fund only for the purposes described in the school board's long-term plan. A school board may not transfer money in the trust fund to any other school district fund.

The Act specifies that, for purposes of calculating equalization aid to school districts, money deposited into a capital improvement fund is counted as a shared cost (i.e., a cost that is aided through state equalization funding) at the time the money is deposited into the fund but is not a shared cost when the money in the trust fund is spent.

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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>.