



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2017 Wisconsin Act 47**  
[2017 Senate Bill 35]

**Mandatory Reporting of Child  
Abuse and Neglect by Juvenile  
Correctional Officers**

Current law requires any person who is a member of one of certain professions, listed by statute, to report suspected child abuse or neglect to the appropriate county agency or department or to law enforcement if the person has reason to suspect a child seen in the course of his or her professional duties has been abused or neglected or has reason to believe a child seen in the course of his or her duties has been threatened with abuse or neglect. Any other person who suspects a child has been or will be abused or neglected may also report suspected child abuse or neglect. Generally, members of the professions required to report suspected child abuse or neglect are referred to as “mandated reporters.” 2017 Wisconsin Act 47 adds juvenile correction officers to the list of mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect.

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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>.