



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACT MEMO**

2017 Wisconsin Act 308
[2017 Senate Bill 52]

**Serious Juvenile Offender
Program Restrictive Custody
Time Limit**

Under Wisconsin law, a juvenile who has been adjudicated delinquent for committing certain acts that would be punishable as Class A, B, or C felonies if committed by an adult may be ordered to the serious juvenile offender program. Disposition to this program entails:

- Supervision, care, and rehabilitation that is more restrictive than ordinary supervision in the community.
- Component phases that are intensive and highly structured.
- A series of component phases for each participant that is based on public safety considerations and the participant’s need for supervision, care, and rehabilitation.

An order placing a juvenile in the Serious Juvenile Offender Program applies for five years with respect to acts that would be punishable as Class B or C felonies if committed by an adult and until the juvenile reaches the age of 25 with respect to an act that would be punishable as a Class A felony if committed by an adult.

Prior law provided that a juvenile in the Serious Juvenile Offender Program for committing an act that would be punishable as a Class B or C felony could be placed in restrictive custody for up to three years. 2017 Wisconsin Act 308 removes this three-year time limitation.

Effective date: The Act first applies to a juvenile placed in the Serious Juvenile Offender Program on April 18, 2018.

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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>.