



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 359
[2017 Assembly Bill 839]

**State Public Defender
Remedial Legislation**

2017 Wisconsin Act 359 is remedial legislation introduced by the Law Revision Committee, at the request of the State Public Defender (SPD), and makes changes relating to indigency determinations for SPD representation.

The Act clarifies that “a child,” rather than “a person,” is entitled to SPD representation under the Children’s Code or Juvenile Justice Code without first having a determination of indigency. Act 359 also eliminates references to a determination that a person is indigent “in part,” as a person may only be found indigent or not indigent. Finally, the Act amends the title of a statutory subsection without making substantive changes to the statutory language.

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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>.