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2021 Wisconsin Act 252 [2021 Senate Bill 520]

Type 1 Juvenile Correctional Facility

2017 Wisconsin Act 185 made significant changes related to juvenile justice facilities. Among other provisions, that act required the Department of Corrections (DOC) to close the Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools and establish new Type 1 juvenile correctional facilities, subject to the approval of the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF).

2021 Wisconsin Act 252 authorizes the state to contract additional public debt in an amount up to \$41,791,000 for the purpose of constructing a new Type 1 juvenile correctional facility in Milwaukee County. The act requires the Department of Administration (DOA), as soon as practicable, to report to JCF that the department has reviewed and approved plans for a new Type 1 juvenile correctional facility in Milwaukee County. Additionally, DOA may not approve plans for constructing a new Type 1 juvenile correctional facility in Milwaukee County unless the site selected for the facility has the support of the governing body of the municipality in which the site is located. Finally, the act requires DOC to repurpose the Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake facilities as an adult correctional institution.

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