



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2005 Wisconsin Act 448**  
[2005 Senate Bill 606]

**Placement With Sibling in  
Adoptive or Foster Home**

2005 Wisconsin Act 448 requires the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), a county department, or a child welfare agency to include, in a child's permanency plan (a plan designed to ensure that the child quickly attains a placement or home providing long-term stability), a statement regarding the availability of a safe and appropriate placement for the child with a foster parent, adoptive parent, or proposed adoptive parent of a sibling of the child. Before placing a child whose sibling has been adopted, these agencies must consider the availability of placement of this child with an adoptive parent of the child's sibling who is identified in the child's permanency plan, or who is otherwise known by one of these agencies.

In Act 448, "sibling" is defined as a person who is a brother or sister of the child, whether by blood, marriage, or adoption, including a person who was a brother or sister of a child before the person was adopted or parental rights to the person were terminated.

**Effective Date:** Act 448 takes effect on September 1, 2006.

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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.state.wi.us/>.