



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 345
[2009 Senate Bill 604]

**Institutional Investor Securities
Transaction Exemption**

2009 Wisconsin Act 345 limits the institutional investor securities transaction exemption for certain school district employee benefit plans.

In general, Wisconsin law provides that before a person offers or sells a security in Wisconsin, the security: (1) must be a covered security; (2) must be exempt from registration under ch. 551, Stats.; or (3) must be registered under ch. 551, Stats. The registration requirements do not apply to a sale or offer to sell a security to an institutional investor. Prior to Act 345, the term “institutional investor” was defined in part to mean certain plans established by a political subdivision of a state for the benefit of its employees.

Act 345 provides that the term “institutional investor” does not apply to certain plans established by a school district for the benefit of its employees. Thus, the general registration requirements of ch. 551, Stats., apply to securities sold to certain school district plans operated for the benefit of school district employees.

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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/>.