

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

## 2003 Wisconsin Act 207 [2003 Assembly Bill 169]

## Disclosure of Minors' Library Records

2003 Acts: www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/

Act Memos: www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act\_memo/act\_memo.htm

2003 Wisconsin Act 207 requires public libraries to disclose the library records of a child who is under 16 years of age to the child's parent or guardian, upon request.

Generally, public library records may not be disclosed except by court order or to persons acting within the scope of their duties in the administration of the library or library system, to persons authorized by the individual to inspect the records, or to other libraries under certain conditions.

Act 207 requires a public library to disclose to the custodial parent or guardian of a child who is under the age of 16 all library records relating to the use of the library's documents or other materials, resources, or services by that child, upon request of the parent or guardian. Under the act, "custodial parent" means any parent other than a parent who has been denied periods of physical placement with a child.

Effective Date: Act 207 takes effect on April 23, 2004, and first applies to requests for disclosure that are received on that date.

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