

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 124 [February 2006 Special Session Senate Bill 1]

Supplemental Funding for Low-Income Energy Assistance

2005 Wisconsin Act 124 makes a one-time transfer of \$6 million from the Petroleum Inspection Fund to the General Fund to provide supplemental funding for low-income energy assistance. It provides that, unlike the permanent low-income assistance program, the supplemental funds are to be used to provide assistance to households with annual incomes of 150% to 175% of the federal poverty line. Also unlike the permanent program, the Act directs the Department of Administration to establish a schedule for distribution of the supplemental funds based on household income, family size and energy costs.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on March 10, 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/.