



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2005 Wisconsin Act 164**  
[2005 Senate Bill 510]

**Area Cooperation Compacts**

2005 Wisconsin Act 164 repeals certification and reporting requirements related to area cooperation compacts.

*Current law* requires cities, villages, and towns (municipalities) that are adjacent to at least two other municipalities in the same “cooperation region” to enter into an “area cooperation compact” with at least two municipalities or counties located in the same cooperation region to provide at least two governmental services on a collaborative basis. “Cooperation region” is defined as a federal standard metropolitan statistical area and “governmental service” is defined as a service related to any of 13 different areas, including law enforcement, fire protection, emergency services, public health, public transportation, libraries, and human services. The area cooperation compact must provide a plan, benchmarks to measure the plan’s progress, and outcome-based performance measures to evaluate the plan’s success.

*Prior to 2005 Wisconsin Act 164*, a municipality was required to certify annually to the Department of Revenue that it complied with statutory requirements relating to an area cooperation compact, and to report to the Department of Revenue on whether it had entered into any agreements with any other municipality or any county located in the same cooperation region relating to specified issues. Also, the Legislative Audit Bureau was required, beginning in 2004, to prepare a report for the Legislature on the performance of area cooperation compacts.

*2005 Wisconsin Act 164* repeals the certification and reporting requirements described above.

**Effective Date:** The Act takes effect on April 5, 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/>.