



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 321
[2009 Senate Bill 473]

**Uniform Interstate Family Support
Act**

2009 Wisconsin Act 321 makes numerous changes to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act.

The Uniform Act regulates jurisdiction of Wisconsin courts in actions to establish or enforce spousal or child support obligations, to modify child support obligations, or to determine paternity, when parties reside in different states or when orders have been issued in different states. Along with reorganizing and making minor changes to the Uniform Act, Act 321 clarifies the Uniform Act's application to foreign countries, in recognition of and conformity with the ratification by the United States of the Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, concluded at The Hague on November 23, 2007.

Effective date: Act 321 provides that as soon as possible after the United States deposits the instrument of ratification for The Hague Convention, the Department of Children and Families must publish a notice in the Wisconsin Administrative Register that states the date on which the instrument of ratification was deposited. Act 321 then will take effect on the date stated in the notice published in the Wisconsin Administrative Register.

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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/>.