

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 306 [2015 Assembly Bill 704]

## Tribal College and County Joint Libraries

2015 Wisconsin Act 306 authorizes a county board to enter into an agreement with a tribal college for the tribal college to maintain a public library for the county. Under the Act, this agreement must require: (1) that the tribal college annually provide to the county board an accounting of the expenditure of any appropriations received from the county; and (2) that the tribal college make the library free for the use of the inhabitants of the county. A tribal college-county joint library may fully participate in a public library system if it is authorized to do so by the agreement and meets the various other criteria for membership in a public library system.

The Act provides that a county with a tribal college-county joint library shall have a three-member advisory board, with one member each appointed by the tribal college, the American Indian band or tribe that controls the college, and the county board. The board is responsible for any duties conferred on it by the agreement, advising the library, and filing an annual report on the library's finances and operations.

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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: <a href="http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov">http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov</a>.