

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 366 [2015 Senate Bill 325]

Repeated Physical Abuse of a Child

2015 Wisconsin Act 366 creates the crime of engaging in repeated acts of physical abuse of the same child. The Act provides that to find a defendant guilty of this crime, the members of a jury must unanimously agree that the defendant engaged in at least three acts of physical abuse against the child within a specified period. It is not necessary, however, that the jury agree on which acts constitute the requisite number. The penalty for this crime ranges from a Class E felony to a Class A felony, depending on the harm to the child.

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