



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACT MEMO**

2017 Wisconsin Act 205 [2017 Senate Bill 680]	Marcus Center for the Performing Arts and Milwaukee County Mental Health
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TRANSFER OF THE MARCUS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS TO THE WISCONSIN CENTER DISTRICT

2015 Wisconsin Act 60 required Milwaukee County to transfer, unencumbered, the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts to the Wisconsin Center District (WCD). The transfer was required to take effect upon the adoption of a resolution that requests the transfer by the WCD Board of Directors and a written proclamation of the Milwaukee County executive supporting the transfer, notwithstanding any policies issued, ordinances enacted, or resolutions adopted by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (Milwaukee County Board) to the contrary. The transfer could not take place without the approval of the Milwaukee County Board.

2017 Wisconsin Act 205 repeals this provision of 2015 Wisconsin Act 60, described above, related to the transfer of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts to WCD.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Appointment of Members to the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board

The Milwaukee County Mental Health Board (MCMHB) oversees the provision of mental health programs and services in Milwaukee County in place of the Milwaukee County Board. Five of the 11 voting members of the MCMHB are appointed by the Milwaukee County executive from individuals suggested by the Milwaukee County Board. **Prior law** provided that any vacancy in the MCMHB was to be filled by the Milwaukee County Board.

The Act specifies that the Milwaukee County Board must submit its suggestions to fill a vacancy in one of those positions to the Milwaukee County executive within 60 days after the

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.wisconsin.gov>.

vacancy occurs. If the Milwaukee County Board does not fill the vacancy within 60 days, the Milwaukee County executive may fill the vacancy by appointing an individual who meets the criteria for that MCMHB member position without the Milwaukee County Board's suggestion.

Election of a Board of Trustees to Manage Mental Health Treatment Facilities

Under **prior law**, MCMHB was required to elect a board of trustees to manage county homes, infirmaries, hospitals, or institutions providing mental health treatment (Milwaukee County mental health facility). Prior law also required MCMHB to appoint at its annual meeting an odd number of trustees, from three to nine, for staggered, three-year terms and specified how the board must fill vacancies.

The Act eliminates the requirement that MCMHB appoint a board of trustees to manage every Milwaukee County mental health facility and replaces it with the requirement that every Milwaukee County mental health facility must be managed as specified by MCMHB.

Removal of Administrator of Behavioral Health

Under **prior law**, with respect to the removal of the administrator of the behavioral health division of the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services (Milwaukee County DHHS), the administrator could be removed by vote of MCMHB. If the Milwaukee County executive suggested the removal, the administrator could be removed by a vote of six members of MCMHB; otherwise, the administrator could be removed by a vote of eight members of MCMHB.

The Act provides that the administrator may be removed by any of the following:

- A vote of eight members of MCMHB.
- The Milwaukee County executive.
- The director of Milwaukee County DHHS.

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