

1 **AN ACT relating to:** authorizing a position for a statewide treatment court
2 coordinator in the director of state courts office, and increasing an appropriation.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council’s Study Committee on Problem–Solving Courts, Alternatives, and Diversions.

Currently, a statewide treatment court coordinator is located within the director of state courts office. The funding for the position will expire in 2015. The statewide treatment court coordinator has the following responsibilities:

- Coordinate efforts of Wisconsin treatment courts.
- Provide technical assistance to Wisconsin treatment courts.
- Notify local communities of treatment court funding opportunities.
- Assist communities with grant writing to obtain funding for local courts.
- Develop programs that meet local needs for training, research, and networking.
- Attend national meetings to learn how other jurisdictions are implementing evidence–based practices in treatment courts.
- Assist in the evaluation process for treatment courts.
- Advocate for treatment courts to open up more opportunities for funding and to heighten public awareness and support.
- Set statewide standards for all treatment courts in accordance with evidence–based practices.

This draft provides \$84,453 for each fiscal year of the biennium to fund a statewide treatment court coordinator in the office of the director of state courts, for the purpose of providing assistance, information, and coordination to treatment courts throughout Wisconsin.

