



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF MEMORANDUM

Memo No. 1

TO: MEMBERS OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON REDUCING RECIDIVISM AND REMOVING IMPEDIMENTS TO EX-OFFENDER EMPLOYMENT

FROM: Melissa Schmidt, and Michael Queensland, Senior Staff Attorneys

RE: Department of Corrections' Report on Recidivism After Release From Prison

DATE: July 6, 2016

The Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Reducing Recidivism and Removing Impediments to Ex-Offender Employment is directed, in part, to review effective strategies and best practices for reducing recidivism. Attached to this Memo is a Department of Corrections (DOC) report entitled, *Recidivism After Release from Prison* (June 2014). This report contains the most recent statistics related to recidivism in Wisconsin. This report includes a discussion on how recidivism is defined and measured by DOC. It is attached to this Memo to facilitate discussion by the Study Committee as it reviews strategies and best practices for reducing recidivism.

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