



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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2017 BILL

1 **AN ACT to amend** 938.538 (3) (a) 1. of the statutes; **relating to:** time limit on
2 a restrictive custody sanction under the Serious Juvenile Offender Program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill removes the three-year limit on the amount of time the Department of Corrections may place certain juveniles participating in the Serious Juvenile Offender Program (SJOP) in a Type 1 juvenile correctional facility or a secured residential care center for children and youth (secured facility).

Currently, a juvenile is eligible for placement in the SJOP if he or she has been adjudicated delinquent for committing certain felonies, including, for a juvenile 14 years of age or over, any crime punishable by life imprisonment if committed by an adult and if he or she has been found to be a danger to the public and to be in need of restrictive custodial treatment.

Under current law, a juvenile in the SJOP is placed in a secured facility for up to three years or, if the juvenile has committed an act that would be punishable by life imprisonment if committed by an adult, until the juvenile reaches 25 years of age, unless released sooner, and provided with other sanctions, including intensive supervision, electronic monitoring, alcohol or other drug abuse treatment and services, mental health treatment and services, community service, restitution, and education and employment services. This bill does not change the age 25 limit on placement of a juvenile who has committed an act that would be punishable by life imprisonment if committed by an adult.

