1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 452

June 20, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives BOYLE, OURADA, TURNER, KRUG, LORGE, NOTESTEIN, ALBERS, SPRINGER, PLOMBON, BALDWIN, MORRIS-TATUM and BOCK, cosponsored by Senators JAUCH, BUETTNER, BRESKE and CLAUSING. Referred to Committee on Government Operations.

1   AN ACT *to amend* 950.07; and *to create* 950.02 (4m) of the statutes; **relating to:**

2   intergovernmental cooperation in providing services to crime victims and

3   witnesses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Victims and witnesses of crimes have various rights under current law, such as the right to be informed about the case and available financial assistance and the right to be protected from harm. The county board is responsible for enforcing these rights and providing related services. The state reimburses the counties for up to 90% of their costs. The county board, district attorney, local law enforcement and social services agencies and courts are all required to cooperate with each other to help crime victims and witnesses obtain services. This bill adds victim and witness offices to the group of agencies and officers that are required to cooperate with each other.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4   **SECTION 1.** 950.02 (4m) of the statutes is created to read:

5   950.02 **(4m)** "Victim and witness office" means an organization or program that

6   provides services for which the county receives reimbursement under this chapter.

7   **SECTION 2.** 950.07 of the statutes is amended to read:

1   **950.07 Intergovernmental cooperation.**   The county board, district

2   attorney, local law enforcement agencies, local social service agencies, <u>victim and</u>

3   <u>witness offices</u> and courts shall all cooperate with each other to ensure that victims

4   and witnesses of crimes receive the rights and services to which they are entitled

5   under this chapter.

6   **(END)**