



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 487

June 14, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives FIELDS, GRIGSBY, BERCEAU, TURNER, ALBERS and POCAN, cosponsored by Senator COGGS. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Homeland Security.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 946.655 of the statutes; **relating to:** false arrests and providing
2 a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law provides penalties for committing various acts that affect the administration of government, including resisting or obstructing an officer, false swearing, perjury, and knowingly making a false complaint that an officer has engaged in misconduct. This bill creates a forfeiture, not to exceed \$10,000, for a law enforcement officer who knowingly arrests or causes the arrest of a person who did not commit the crime for which the arrest is being made or for a law enforcement officer who, in his or her official capacity, knowingly makes an allegation that the law enforcement officer knows could lead to the arrest of a person who is not responsible for the action for which the arrest is being made.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

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:

