

State of Misconsin 2007 - 2008 LEGISLATURE

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## **2007 SENATE BILL 244**

July 23, 2007 – Introduced by Senators HANSEN, LEHMAN and LASSA, cosponsored by Representatives Albers, Soletski, Berceau and Townsend. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Corrections.

1 AN ACT to amend 778.027 and 967.057 of the statutes; relating to: prosecution

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decisions based on certain payments to organizations or agencies.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits a prosecutor from dismissing or amending a criminal charge in exchange for a person's payment of a contribution to a crime prevention organization or a law enforcement agency's crime prevention fund. Current law similarly prohibits a prosecutor or an attorney representing the state or a local government from dismissing or amending a citation or complaint in a civil case in exchange for such a payment if the citation or complaint alleges a violation punishable by a forfeiture. This bill extends the scope of these prohibitions so that they apply to a decision by a prosecutor or other government attorney not to commence a criminal prosecution or an action for a forfeiture, not just to a decision to dismiss or amend a charge, citation, or complaint that is already filed. The bill also extends the scope of the prohibitions so that they apply in cases involving payments other than restitution to any type of organization or agency, not just those involved in crime prevention.

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:

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1	<b>SECTION 1.</b> 778.027 of the statutes is amended to read:
2	778.027 Dismissals for Prosecution decisions based on contributions
3	to certain organizations or agencies. A prosecutor or an attorney representing
4	the state or a political subdivision of the state may not, in exchange for a person's
5	payment of <u>a contribution to an money, other than restitution, to any</u> organization
6	or agency specified in s. 973.06 (1) (f) 1., dismiss or amend a citation or complaint
7	alleging a violation that provides for a forfeiture <u>or elect not to initiate an action for</u>
8	<u>a forfeiture based on such a violation</u> .
9	<b>SECTION 2.</b> 967.057 of the statutes is amended to read:
10	967.057 Dismissals for Prosecution decisions based on contributions
11	to certain organizations and agencies. A prosecutor may not, in exchange for
12	a person's payment of -a contribution to an money, other than restitution, to any
13	organization or agency specified in s. 973.06 (1) (f) 1., dismiss or amend a charge
14	alleging a criminal offense or elect not to commence a criminal prosecution.
15	(END)

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