

2007 SENATE BILL 44

February 15, 2007 – Introduced by Senators ROBSON, ERPENBACH, LASSA and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives SHERIDAN, BERCEAU, MUSSER, SINICKI and A. WILLIAMS. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Corrections.

1 **AN ACT to create** 973.06 (1) (fm) and 973.20 (4n) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 surcharges and restitution paid to child advocacy centers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law permits a court to impose surcharges and requires a court to order a defendant convicted of a crime to pay restitution to any victim of that crime unless the court finds substantial reason not to do so and states the reason on the record. Under this bill, if the defendant is convicted of certain crimes against a child, the court may impose a reasonable contribution surcharge to be made to a child advocacy center and the restitution order may require the defendant to pay a child advocacy center for the costs, up to \$500, that the center expended conducting interviews as part of investigating the crime.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 973.06 (1) (fm) of the statutes is created to read:
4 973.06 (1) (fm) If the defendant committed a crime specified in ss. 948.02 to
5 948.11, an amount determined by the court to make a reasonable contribution

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1 surcharge to a child advocacy center recognized by a county board if the court
2 determines that the person has the financial ability to make the contribution
3 surcharge and the contribution surcharge is appropriate. All contribution
4 surcharges made under this paragraph shall be made to the clerk of circuit court for
5 distribution to the child advocacy center.

6 **SECTION 2.** 973.20 (4n) of the statutes is created to read:

7 973.20 **(4n)** If the defendant committed a crime specified in ss. 948.02 to 948.11
8 and a child advocacy center recognized by a county board conducted interviews
9 relating to the crime, the restitution order may require that the defendant pay an
10 amount equal to the costs of conducting the interviews, not to exceed \$500, to the
11 child advocacy center.

12 (END)