

1993 Senate Bill 113

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1993 WISCONSIN ACT 387

AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 48.37; and *to create* 48.37 (1) of the statutes, **relating to:** requiring children 14 years of age or older to pay costs in proceedings in a court assigned to exercise jurisdiction under the children's code.

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

SECTION 1. 48.37 of the statutes is renumbered 48.37 (2) and amended to read:

48.37 (2) ~~Notwithstanding sub. (1), no~~ costs, penalty assessments or jail assessments may be assessed against any child in a court assigned to exercise jurisdiction under this chapter or in a circuit court exercising jurisdiction under s. 48.16. ~~Courts~~

(3) ~~Notwithstanding sub. (1), courts~~ of civil and criminal jurisdiction exercising jurisdiction under s. 48.17 may assess the same costs, penalty assessments and jail assessments against children as they may assess

against adults, except that witness fees shall not be charged to the child.

SECTION 2. 48.37 (1) of the statutes is created to read:
48.37 (1) A court assigned to exercise jurisdiction under this chapter may not assess costs or assessments against a child under 14 years of age but may assess costs against a child 14 years of age or older.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability. This act first applies to actions or proceedings commenced in a court exercising jurisdiction under chapter 48 of the statutes on the effective date of this SECTION.

SECTION 4. Effective date. This act takes effect on the first day of the 4th month beginning after publication.