



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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FOR 2023-2025 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

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Review of legislation relating to crimes

Under current law, there is a Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties. Under current law, if a bill is introduced that creates a crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the committee may be requested to prepare a report on the bill. The request must come from the chair of the standing committee to which the bill is referred or, if not referred to a standing committee, from the speaker of the assembly for an assembly bill or the presiding officer of the senate for a senate bill. Upon such a request, the joint review committee must prepare a report concerning the costs incurred or saved if the bill were enacted, the consistency of the penalties proposed with current law penalties, and whether the acts prohibited under the bill are already prohibited under current law.

This bill requires that any introduced bill that creates a crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime must be referred to the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties for such a report and prohibits the legislature from taking further action on the bill until the report is prepared.

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

SECTION 1. 13.525 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13.525 (5) (a) ~~If any~~ Any bill that is introduced in either house of the legislature ~~that proposes to create a new crime or revise a penalty for an existing crime and the bill is referred to a standing committee of the house in which it is introduced, the chairperson may request~~ shall be referred to the joint review committee to prepare a report on the bill under par. (b). ~~If the bill is not referred to a standing committee, the speaker of the assembly, if the bill is introduced in the assembly, or the presiding officer of the senate, if the bill is introduced in the senate, may request the joint review committee to prepare a report on the bill under par. (b).~~

SECTION 2. 13.525 (5) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

13.525 (5) (b) (intro.) ~~If the joint review committee receives a request under par. (a) for a report on~~ is referred a bill that proposes to create a new crime or revise a penalty for an existing crime, under par. (a), neither house may further consider the bill until the committee ~~shall prepare~~ prepares a report concerning all of the following:

SECTION 3. 13.525 (5) (d) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 9351. Initial applicability; Other.

(1) LEGISLATION REFERRED TO THE JOINT REVIEW COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL PENALTIES. The treatment of s. 13.525 (5) (a), (b) (intro.), and (d) first applies to bills introduced on the effective date of this subsection.

(END)