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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2023 Assembly Bill 79**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

### **2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 79**

2023 Assembly Bill 79 creates a \$5,000 prostitution crime surcharge that must be paid by a person convicted of any the following offenses: (1) patronizing prostitutes; (2) soliciting prostitutes; (3) pandering; and (4) keeping a place of prostitution.

Of the moneys received from the surcharge, one-half of the money must be paid to the Department of Children and Families for treatment and services for sex-trafficking victims. The other half must be paid to the Department of Justice for criminal investigative operations and law enforcement relating to internet crimes against children, prosecution of internet crimes against children, and activities of state and local internet crimes against children task forces.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 adds two offenses to which the prostitution crime surcharge is applicable: (1) soliciting a child for prostitution; and (2) patronizing a child.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Representative Bodden introduced Assembly Amendment 1 on May 1, 2023. On May 18, 2023, the Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety voted to recommend adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0; and voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 11; Noes, 2.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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