

FISCAL ESTIMATE  
DOA-2048 N(R10/94)

- ORIGINAL       UPDATED  
 CORRECTED       SUPPLEMENTAL

**Subject**

Implementation of the Criminal Penalties Study Committee's Recommendation which were required by the Truth in Sentencing Act (1997 Wisconsin Act 283)

**Fiscal Effect**

State:  No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget  Yes  No

- Increase Existing Appropriation       Increase Existing Revenues  
 Decrease Existing Appropriation       Decrease Existing Revenues  
 Create New Appropriation

Decrease Costs

Local:  No local government costs

1.  Increase Costs  
     Permissive       Mandatory  
2.  Decrease Costs  
     Permissive       Mandatory

3.  Increase Revenues  
     Permissive       Mandatory  
4.  Decrease Revenues  
     Permissive       Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:  
 Towns       Villages       Cities  
 Counties       Others \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**

- GPR    FED    PRO    PRS    SEG    SEG-S

**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

s.20.475(1)(d)

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

The fiscal analysis of this bill requires a comparison to the situation that would exist if this bill were not to pass and thus the sentencing changes incorporated into the provisions of 1997 Wisconsin Act 283 were implemented on December 31, 1999. The comparison is not between passing this bill and not implementing the "Truth in Sentencing" principles established in Act 283.

The general impact on district attorney office workload of this bill would be to reduce the number of jury trials otherwise anticipated when Act 283 takes effect on December 31, 1999. The cause for this result is that this bill would both rationalize the criminal code and sentencing structure in Wisconsin and reduce some of the harsher sentencing results of Act 283. Thus this bill would reduce the workload of district attorney offices in this state compared to what it would be if this bill were not enacted.

Please note that the implementation of Act 283 on December 31, 1999, even if the changes proposed in this bill are also enacted and implemented on that same date, is still expected to require a significant increase in both state and county resources allocated to district attorneys offices.

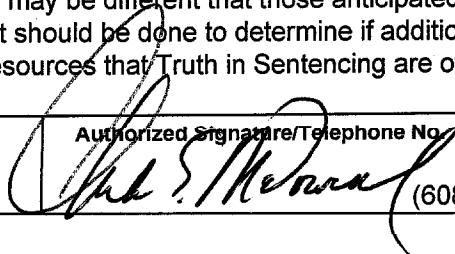
**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

This is a highly significant and complex modification to the criminal justice process in Wisconsin. The actual workload and fiscal impacts on district attorneys offices may be different that those anticipated in this analysis. Thus close long-term monitoring of the bill's actual impact should be done to determine if additional prosecutorial resources are eventually needed beyond those additional resources that Truth in Sentencing are otherwise expected to require.

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