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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, in most cases when a person is convicted of committing a crime, the judge may withhold the person's sentence or impose a sentence but stay its execution and place the person on probation. The probation may require compliance with conditions of probation (e.g. - alcohol or other drug treatment; paying restitution; etc.). A Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling held that a person has a right to refuse probation and elect to be imprisoned.

This bill would not allow a person to refuse probation nor any condition of probation.

District Attorneys (DAs) anticipate that this bill will create additional work for prosecutors because it will mean many more argued sentencings and probation revocations. DAs found it difficult to quantify the additional cost to the DA program because there are so many variables that are specific to each defendant. Due to the difficulty of projecting a cost associated with this bill, the fiscal effect is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

In accordance with the discussion above, a long-term fiscal impact on DA offices is indeterminate.