



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2007 Wisconsin Act 84
[2007 Senate Bill 244]

**Prosecution Decisions and
Payments to Organizations**

Under prior law, a prosecutor was prohibited from dismissing or amending a citation or a criminal complaint in exchange for a contribution to a nonprofit agency or a law enforcement agency for crime prevention purposes.

Wisconsin Act 84 amends the statutes to prohibit a prosecutor from electing not to initiate an action, a special proceeding, or a criminal complaint based on the payment of money, other than restitution, to any organization or agency. The Act also removes all prior statutory references to contributions made to, or the imposition of costs for, crime prevention organizations.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on March 27, 2008.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.