

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

## 2007 Senate Bill 44

## Senate Amendment 1

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Senate Bill 44 provides that when a defendant has committed one or more specified crimes against children, a court may impose as a surcharge a reasonable contribution to a child advocacy center recognized by a county board if the court determines the person has the financial ability to make the contribution and the contribution is appropriate. Further, the bill provides that this person may be required to pay restitution, in an amount not to exceed \$500, to the child advocacy center if the center has conducted interviews relating to the crime.

**Senate Amendment 1** authorizes a court to impose as a surcharge, when a defendant commits one or more specified crimes against children, an amount necessary to make a reasonable contribution to the court-appointed special advocate program that provided services to the court, if the court determines that the defendant has the financial ability to make the contribution and the contribution is appropriate.

## Legislative History

On December 4, 2007, the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Corrections, and Housing introduced and adopted Senate Amendment 1 and recommended Senate Bill 44 for passage, as amended, all on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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