



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Assembly Bill 74	Assembly Amendment 1
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Under *current law*, if a court imposes a sentence or places a person on probation, the court must impose a crime victim and witness assistance surcharge. For each misdemeanor count, the surcharge is \$67, and, for each felony count, the surcharge is \$92.

Assembly Bill 74 increases the crime victim and witness assistance surcharge to \$87 for each misdemeanor count and \$112 for each felony count. The additional \$20 surcharge is deposited into a crime prevention fund for the county. The funds in the crime prevention fund may be distributed by a county crime board as grants to certain organizations or agencies for crime prevention.

Under the bill, a county crime board consists of the following members: (1) the presiding judge of the circuit court, or his or her designee; (2) the district attorney, or his or her designee; (3) the sheriff, or his or her designee; (4) the county executive or his or her designee, the county administrator or his or her designee (if the county does not have a county executive), or the county board chairperson or his or her designee (if the county does not have a county executive or county administrator); (5) the chief elected official of the largest municipality in the county, as determined by population, or his or her designee; (6) a person chosen by a majority vote of the sheriff and all of the chiefs of police departments that are located wholly or partly within the county; and (7) a person chosen by the county's public defender's office.

Assembly Amendment 1 renames the surcharge in the bill the "crime prevention funding board surcharge" and separates it from the crime victim and witness assistance surcharge. In addition, the amendment removes the board member who is a person chosen by the county's public defender's office.

Bill History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Jacque. On January 30, 2014, the Assembly Committee on Judiciary recommended adoption of the amendment, and passage of Assembly Bill 74, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 6; Noes, 3.

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