



2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 53

February 24, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives GOEBEN, ARMSTRONG, MURPHY, DITTRICH, NEDWESKI, B. JACOBSON, CALLAHAN, BRILL, ALLEN, SUBECK, WICHGERS, MURSAU and BEHNKE, cosponsored by Senators JAMES and TOMCZYK. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 940.203 (2) (intro.), (a) and (b) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 special circumstances battery to a community service officer and providing a
3 penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who intentionally causes bodily harm to another person commits the crime of simple battery and is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Current law provides greater penalties for special circumstances battery, which is defined as intentionally causing or threatening to cause bodily harm to certain persons. For example, under current law, a person who intentionally causes or threatens to cause bodily harm to a law enforcement officer in response to an action that officer took in an official capacity is guilty of a Class H felony. The bill adds a community service officer so to make it a Class H felony to cause or threaten to cause bodily harm to a community service officer in response to an action the CSO took in an official capacity.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

