

The practice of commercial bail bonds was abolished in Wisconsin after debate by the Legislature and with the support of the criminal justice system. But it's back again in the new state budget. Democrat Steve Doyle is against the measure and says the system that's in place now...is just fine.

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Republicans on the Legislature's finance committee inserted a provision into the budget that would allow judges in Dane, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine and Waukesha counties to let defendants hire bail bond agencies. The program would expand statewide after five years. Democrats want Governor Walker to veto the item like he did in 2011.