

1-1 By: Armbrister S.B. No. 458
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 458 By: Williams

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to requiring a court cost impact statement on a bill or
1-11 resolution that imposes a court cost on a person charged with a
1-12 criminal offense.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 319, Government Code, is
1-15 amended to read as follows:

1-16 CHAPTER 319. LEGISLATION REGARDING JUDICIAL SYSTEM
1-17 [IMPACT NOTES]

1-18 SECTION 2. Sections 319.001 through 319.004, Government
1-19 Code, are designated as Subchapter A of Chapter 319 and the
1-20 following heading is added to that subchapter:

1-21 SUBCHAPTER A. JUDICIAL SYSTEM IMPACT NOTES

1-22 SECTION 3. Chapter 319, Government Code, is amended by
1-23 adding Subchapter B to read as follows:

1-24 SUBCHAPTER B. LEGISLATION RELATING TO COURT COSTS

1-25 Sec. 319.021. IMPACT STATEMENT ON LEGISLATION IMPOSING
1-26 COURT COSTS ON CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS. (a) The Legislative Budget
1-27 Board shall prepare an impact statement for each resolution
1-28 proposing a constitutional amendment or bill that proposes imposing
1-29 a new court cost or fee on a person charged with a criminal offense
1-30 or increasing the amount of an existing court cost or fee imposed on
1-31 a person charged with a criminal offense, including a court cost or
1-32 fee imposed on conviction or other disposition or postponed
1-33 disposition of the criminal charge.

1-34 (b) The impact statement must show the total amount of court
1-35 costs and fees that persons will be required to pay under the bill
1-36 or resolution when considered together with all other applicable
1-37 laws.

1-38 (c) The state auditor shall provide the Legislative Budget
1-39 Board with the initial data needed to develop a mechanism that will
1-40 be used to produce the impact statements.

1-41 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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