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S.B. No. 791

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a program to monitor the collection and remittance of
3 certain court costs and fees.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. (a) The comptroller of public accounts shall
6 develop and submit a proposal for a monitoring program under which
7 the comptroller will periodically monitor the collection,
8 remittance, and reporting of court costs and fees required to be
9 collected from a party to a civil case or a defendant in a criminal
10 case and remitted to the comptroller by the clerks of the district,
11 county, statutory county, municipal, and justice courts. The
12 monitoring program must be designed to assess whether:

13 (1) the comptroller is receiving complete information
14 on the sources of the costs and fees collected;

15 (2) each court clerk is reporting the costs and fees
16 collected as required by law; and

17 (3) the comptroller is crediting the costs and fees
18 remitted to the appropriate fund or account.

19 (b) The comptroller of public accounts shall submit a cost
20 estimate for implementing and operating the monitoring program
21 proposed under Subsection (a) of this section.

22 (c) The comptroller of public accounts shall submit the
23 proposal and cost estimate required by this section to the
24 governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of

1 representatives not later than September 1, 2004.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.