

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2111
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Judiciary
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Since its establishment in 1989, the fees associated with Teen Court have been \$10 for the courts to administer the sections of the law. House Bill 2111 increases the court fees for the first time in 16 years from \$10 to \$20 cover the court's costs. Teen Court programs were authorized to collect a fee of \$10 with the passage of House Bill 120 during the 74th Legislature in 1995. House Bill 2111 increases the fee for the first time in 10 years from \$10 to \$20 to cover the costs associated with the Teen Court.

Court fees are required to be deposited in the county treasury. The fees associated with the costs to administer the Teen Court are to be accounted for to the court for receipt and disbursement of the fee.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

House Bill 2111 amends Article 45.052 (e) and (g) of the Code of Criminal Procedure and Article 54.032 (e) and (g) of the Family Code to increase the fee for administering the costs of these sections from \$10 to \$20. In addition the fee to administer the Teen Court program is increased from \$10 to \$20.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2005