

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3010
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Criminal Jurisprudence
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, the law does not explicitly authorize courts to require a defendant to pay an administrative fee for defendants who perform community service in lieu of serving a term of confinement in county jail. This legislation is needed for the recovery of costs associated with monitoring, coordination, administration and record keeping for a defendant ordered to perform community service in lieu of confinement. This allows for the discretion of a court that administers this program to set an administrative fee that will adequately aid in the cost recovery of the program.

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

H.B. 3010 amends Article 42.036, Code of Criminal Procedure, to provide that a court that requires a defendant to perform community service under this article may order a defendant to pay an administrative fee of not more than fifty dollars to cover the costs of administering this article.

H.B. 3010 also amends the Government Code by adding Section 103.034 which states that, if ordered by a court, a defendant must pay an administrative fee not in excess of fifty dollars to perform community service instead of serving a term of confinement in a county jail.

Makes application of this Act prospective.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2007.