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TO: Honorable Aaron Pena, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2267 by Solomons (Relating to the suspension of sentence and deferral of final disposition in certain misdemeanor cases.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to authorize a judge to allow a defendant charged with one or more misdemeanor offenses punishable by a fine only to enter into an agreement for payment of those costs in installments during the defendant's period of probation; require completion of community service in lieu of or as partial payment of those costs; or a combination of those options. If a judge imposes one of the alternative actions, and the defendant fails to show satisfactory evidence of compliance by the end of the deferral period, the court would be required to notify the defendant in writing to require the defendant to appear for consideration of revoking the order of deferral. The judge would have discretion to extend the deferral period.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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