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TO: Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2441 by White (Relating to the imposition and collection of fines, fees, and court costs in criminal cases.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to add fines to the list of items that a trial court may designate as uncollectible and to allow a trial court to make this designation regardless of when a fine, fee, or cost was imposed. The bill would also amend the list of reasons an item might be considered “uncollectible” to include “a fine, fee or cost that is otherwise uncollectible.”

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration and the Comptroller of Public Accounts, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the bill could be accomplished utilizing available resources. In addition, no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated with the implementation of the bill.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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