

Legislative Analysis



COURT-ORDERED FINES, COSTS, AND ASSESSMENTS

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House Bill 5023

Sponsor: Rep. Dave Hildenbrand

Committee: Judiciary

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5023 AS INTRODUCED 6-29-05

The bill would amend Chapter IX of the Code of Criminal Procedures, entitled *Judgment and Sentence*, to allow a court at sentencing (or earlier if sentencing is delayed or entry of judgment is deferred) to impose any authorized fines, costs, assessments, or restitution, including the prescribed minimum state costs, the cost of providing legal assistance to the defendant, and the crime victim rights assessment. The court could impose those charges even if it does not place the defendant on probation, revokes probation, or discharges the defendant from probation.

In addition, the court could order an employed defendant to execute a wage assignment to pay any fines, costs, assessments, or restitution.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

To the extent that the bill enabled increased collections of court fines, costs, assessments, and restitution, it could increase revenues from those sources, which support local libraries, law enforcement, courts, and the budgets for the Judiciary and the Department of Corrections.

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