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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0761-02
Bill No.: HCS for HB 192
Subject: Crimes and Punishment; Criminal Procedure; Prisons and Jails; Judges
Type: Original
Date: February 18, 2019

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to the payment fines by offenders.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Local Government	Unknown to (Unknown)	Unknown to (Unknown)	Unknown to (Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** assume there may be some impact but there is no way to quantify that currently. Any significant changes will be reflected in future budget requests.

Officials at the **Department of Corrections** and the **Office of Prosecution Services** each assume no fiscal impact to their respective agencies from this proposal.

In response to a previous version, officials at the **Office of the State Public Defender** assumed no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Oversight notes that the Office of the State Courts Administrator, the Department of Corrections, the Office of the State Public Defender and the Office of Prosecution Services each has stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note for these agencies.

Officials at the **Boone County Sheriff's Department** assume no fiscal impact from this proposal.

In response to a previous version, officials at the **Jackson County Sheriff's Office** assumed no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other cities, counties and sheriff offices were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. For a general listing of political subdivisions included in our database, please refer to www.legislativeoversight.mo.gov.

Oversight notes that removing the imprisonment option for persons who fail to pay fines and court costs may have a direct unknown negative impact on fine and fee collections as well as unknown savings on jail costs, depending upon actions/decisions of judges. Oversight will reflect a positive to negative unknown for locals in the fiscal note.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS			
<u>Loss</u> - on fine and fee collections	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
<u>Savings</u> - on jails not utilized on non-payment offenders	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	Unknown to <u>(Unknown)</u>	Unknown to <u>(Unknown)</u>	Unknown to <u>(Unknown)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, associate circuit judges have the ability to commute fines and costs against defendants who are unable to pay when the defendant requests to be imprisoned in the county jail. The fine shall be credited at the rate of \$10 for each day's imprisonment. This bill repeals that language.

The bill also repeals language that allows the court, upon a motion by the prosecuting attorney or by its own motion, to require a defendant to show cause as to why he or she should not be imprisoned for failure to pay and allows the court to imprison such defendant, if no good cause is shown, for various lengths depending on whether the offense was a misdemeanor or a felony.

Instead, when a defendant fails to pay a fine or an installment, the fine or installment may be collected by any means authorized for the enforcement of money judgments.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Courts Administrator
Department of Corrections
Office of the State Public Defender
Office of Prosecution Services
Jackson County Sheriff's Office
Boone County Sheriff's Department



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