

Department of Planning and Budget

2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB1954

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Cox

3. **Committee** H. Courts of Justice

4. **Title** Costs and fees in dismissed drug cases.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Persons charged with first offenses may be paced on probation. As a term of probation, the court shall require the defendant to attend a substance abuse treatment and/or an educational program. The proposed legislation requires a defendant, who must attend a substance abuse program, to pay all costs of court and all fees for court-appointed counsel. The costs must be paid even if the program is completed and the charge is dismissed. Persons who are determined to be indigent do not have to pay the fees.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Tentative, see #8 below.

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

8. Fiscal implications:

The revenue impact of requiring defendants to pay all costs of court and all fees for court-appointed counsel cannot be determined. It will depend on the number of persons attending programs as a condition of probation. Any additional revenue would be deposited into the General Fund.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** The court system

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.

11. **Other comments:** None

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