

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1782

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Jones, J.C.

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Court-established community service programs; community service work in lieu of payment of fine.

5. Summary: Requires courts to provide an option for discharging all or part of fines or costs imposed on any person by earning credits for performing community service work before or after imprisonment. Under current law, providing this option is discretionary.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: Revenue from fines is deposited into the Literary Fund and revenue from court costs is deposited into the general fund and various special funds. The opportunity for offenders to earn credits by performing community service in lieu of partial payment or payment in full may reduce the amount of revenue available to these funds. However, it is not possible to project how many offenders would choose the community service credit option or to estimate the amount of credits that would be ultimately be earned toward their fines and costs. Therefore, it is not feasible to estimate the reduction in revenue.

This bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on court system operations.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Circuit and district courts, court and district court clerks, and local correctional facilities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: None