

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number: HB 202**

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| 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: Mullin**

**3. Committee: Pending**

**4. Title: Community service**

**5. Summary:**

Current law requires local courts to establish a program whereby a person convicted of a criminal offense would have the option of performing community service work in lieu of paying all or a portion of any fine or costs assessed for the offense. The proposed legislation would require the court assessing the fine or costs in a criminal case to inform the offender of the availability of the program and the option of earning credit toward the discharge of his/her fine and court costs.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.**

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. Indeterminate. See Item 8.**

**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 proposed legislation could result in more offenders performing community service work to earn credits toward their fines and court costs, thereby reducing the revenue from those sources. Because it is not possible to project how many additional offenders would choose the option to perform community service or the extent to which they would earn credits toward their fines and court costs, it is not feasible to project the reduction in revenue.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Circuit and district courts  
Court and district court clerks

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.**

**11. Other Comments: None.**