

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB277

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: Price

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: Payments of court fines and costs; community work in lieu of payment; during imprisonment.

5. Summary: For persons convicted of traffic infractions or criminal offenses and ordered by the court to pay a fine and court costs, the court may allow the offender to discharge all or part of the fine or costs by earning credits for the performance of community service work before or after serving any time in a jail or adult correctional facility. For offenders incarcerated in local or regional jails, the proposed legislation would allow the community service work to be performed during their period of confinement as authorized by the court.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: By expanding the opportunity for offenders to earn credits toward fines and costs owed, the legislation could result in less revenue for the Literary Fund, to which fines are deposited, and the court system, which collects court-ordered costs. However, because it is not possible to project how many offenders the courts would authorize to perform community service work while incarcerated in jails or the amount of credit toward fines and costs that would be earned, the amount of revenue loss cannot be determined.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Circuit and general district courts, local and regional jails

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None