

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 203 prohibits any court of this state from imprisoning a person based on the nonpayment of debt. Courts may still issue warrants for contempt of court if it is found the person can pay the fine but refuses to do so. Persons arrested for contempt of court as it relates to payment of debt must receive a hearing with twenty-four hours, excluding weekends and holidays. The measure also strikes language authorizing the court to send notice of nonpayment of any court ordered fine for a moving traffic violation to the Department of Public Safety.

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