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Bill Analysis

HB 2259 establishes a court cost compliance program beginning November 1, 2023. The program shall assist county sheriffs and the courts with the collection of fines, costs, fees, and assessments associated with any case in which a warrant has been issued and the case has been referred to the court cost compliance program. Individuals may make payments for such items to the court or to the program. The court shall report any payments received from any individual referred to the program within 4 days of the payment. compliance liaison within four (4) days of receipt of the payment. The measure also adds returned check and fraudulent use of credit card fees. Monthly payments shall be no less than \$100.00. The court may also determine the financial ability of a defendant to pay associated fines and fees. If the court determines the defendant is unable to pay, the court may waive associated fines and fees. A defendant may request a cost hearing after the court informs him or her of the total court financial obligations owed or if life circumstances for the defendant have changed. Court clerks are directed to review cases for delinquency once every 6 months.

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