



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 199** HLS 25RS 844
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Subject: In Forma Pauperis Proceedings for Prisoners	

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 Provides relative to proceedings in forma pauperis for prisoners

Current law provides for procedures governing in forma pauperis proceedings for prisoners; provides for the initial partial filing fees required for in forma pauperis proceedings; provides that if a prisoner brings a civil action or files an appeal or writ application in forma pauperis, the prisoner is required to pay the full amount of a filing fee; provides for judicial screening and service of process. Proposed law provides that a prisoner, whether released or incarcerated at the time of his application to proceed in forma pauperis, shall submit a certified copy of the trust fund account statement or institutional equivalent for the six-month period preceding the filing of the petition, notice of appeal, or writ application (if incarcerated, he must obtain the statement from the appropriate official of each prison where confined); provides that if incarcerated for less than six months at the time of his application to proceed in forma pauperis, the prisoner's account shall be limited to the period of incarceration (and if released less than six months before his application to proceed in forma pauperis, his account shall be limited to the period between his release and the application); provides that if incarcerated in a prison, the order granting pauper status shall direct the agency having custody to forward payments from the prisoner's account to the clerk of court each time the amount exceeds \$10 until filing fees are paid (if released, the prisoner shall forward payments to the clerk of court himself).

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW					
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable, yet nominal, increase in Local revenues to Clerks of Court, to the extent that any funds in excess of \$10 within the trust accounts of prisoners are forwarded to clerks of court for payment of filing fees. Because the amounts within the trust accounts of prisoners are normally minimal, clerks of court estimate that proposed law's enactment may result in a nominal increase in Local revenues. The exact fiscal impact to Clerks of Court is indeterminable, as the dollar amounts within the trust accounts of prisoners are variable, and it is unknown the number and frequency of payments that would be transferred from trust accounts to clerks of court.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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