

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 556

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides for court costs to implement an integrated juvenile justice information system

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 887(F)(1), relative to liability for
3 costs; to provide for court costs in criminal matters; to provide for the use of the
4 proceeds of such costs; to provide relative to an integrated juvenile justice
5 information system; to create an Integrated Juvenile Justice Information System
6 Fund; to provide for the distribution of funds; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 887(F)(1) is hereby amended and
9 reenacted to read as follows:

10 Art. 887. Defendant's liability for costs; suspension of costs; no advance costs

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12 F.(1) In addition to the costs provided in Paragraphs A, C, D, and E, a person
13 convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor, or ordinance of any local government,
14 including a traffic felony, a traffic misdemeanor, or a local traffic violation, shall be
15 assessed ~~an~~ the following court costs:

16 (a) An additional two dollars as a special court ~~cost~~; cost, provided that such
17 additional cost shall be one dollar in mayor's courts in municipalities with a
18 population of two thousand or less. Such special costs shall be imposed by all
19 courts, including mayor's courts and magistrate courts, and shall be used for
20 implementation of the master plan for the development of a trial court case

1 management information system and for the fast-tracked prototype development of
2 the criminal disposition component thereof in order to define and meet the needs of
3 clerks of court, trial court judges, law enforcement and corrections officials, the
4 supreme court, the legislature, and the general public. The proceeds of the special
5 cost shall be deposited in the state treasury monthly on or before the tenth day of
6 each calendar month. After compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section
7 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the Bond Security and Redemption
8 Fund, and prior to monies being placed in the state general fund, an amount equal to
9 that deposited in the state treasury, as required above, shall be credited to the special
10 fund hereby created in the state treasury to be known as the Trial Court Case
11 Management Information Fund. The disbursement of the proceeds from the fund
12 shall be made on the warrant of the judicial administrator of the supreme court drawn
13 on the state treasury. The monies in this fund shall be used solely for the purposes
14 identified in this ~~Paragraph Item~~, including necessary and associated administrative
15 expenses. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in this fund at the end of the
16 fiscal year shall remain in such fund. All monies in this fund shall be invested by the
17 state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the general fund with interest earned
18 on the investment of these monies credited to this fund following compliance with
19 the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B), relative to the Bond Security and
20 Redemption Fund.

21 (b) An additional one dollar as a special court cost. Such special court cost
22 shall be imposed by all courts, excluding mayor's courts in municipalities with a
23 population of two thousand or less and magistrate courts, and shall be used for the
24 implementation of an integrated juvenile justice information system for use in all
25 courts exercising juvenile court jurisdiction. The integrated juvenile justice
26 information system is a court case management and database system designed to help
27 courts effectively manage their dockets and generate information about the
28 timeliness of case processing and the outcomes of case filings. The proceeds of the
29 special cost shall be deposited in the state treasury monthly on or before the tenth

Proposed law creates the Integrated Juvenile Justice Information System Fund and provides for the procedure by which funds are deposited into and dispersed from this fund.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 887(F)(1))