

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 increase such costs; to  
4 authorize the use of such costs for the implementation of an integrated juvenile  
5 justice information system; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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11 F.(1) In addition to the costs provided in Paragraphs A, C, D, and E of this  
12 Article, a person convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor, or ordinance of any local  
13 government, including a traffic felony, a traffic misdemeanor, or a local traffic  
14 violation, shall be assessed an additional ~~two~~ three dollars as a special court ~~cost~~;  
15 cost, provided that such additional cost shall be one dollar in mayor's courts in  
16 municipalities with a population of two thousand or less. Such special costs shall be  
17 imposed by all courts, including mayor's courts and magistrate courts, and shall be  
18 used for implementation of the master plan for the development of a trial court case  
19 management information system and for the fast-tracked prototype development of  
20 the criminal disposition component thereof in order to define and meet the needs of

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

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**Abstract:** Increases court cost from \$2 to \$3 for use in the implementation of an integrated juvenile justice information system.

Present law provides that in addition to other costs, a person convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor, or ordinance of any local government, shall be assessed \$2 as a special court cost to be imposed by all courts and shall be used for the implementation of a master plan for the development of a trial court case management information system and for the fast-tracked prototype development of the criminal disposition component thereof.

Present law provides for the procedure by which the funds shall be deposited into and disbursed from the special Trial Court Case Management Information Fund.

Proposed law increases the special court costs which shall be assessed from \$2 to \$3 for the implementation of an integrated juvenile justice information system.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill.

1. Deleted provisions authorizing a new \$1 court cost to be used for the implementation of an integrated juvenile justice information system.
2. Increased the existing court cost from \$1 to \$3.
3. Deleted provisions creating the Integrated Juvenile Justice Information System Fund.