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DIGEST

Morrell (SB 251)

Proposed law requires that in any mayor's court, magistrate court, including Orleans, or any court of competent jurisdiction for any conviction of a domestic violence offense, including but not limited to domestic abuse battery, domestic abuse aggravated assault, or violation of a protective order, if a defendant is convicted and placed on probation, the court, as a condition of probation, requires the defendant to pay an additional fee at the time the defendant is placed on probation.

Proposed law requires that if the sentence of the court is incarceration, the fee is to be collected at the time of imposition of sentence.

Proposed law authorizes the judges for the mayor's courts, magistrate courts, or any court of competent jurisdiction to determine the amount of the fee, but not be less than one dollar nor more than \$500.

Proposed law requires each mayor's court, magistrate court, or any court of competent jurisdiction to remit all funds collected to their respective parish governing authority to be deposited into a special account to be used solely for the purposes of contracting with any program under contract with and recognized by the Department of Children and Family Services as a provider of a community based shelter for victims of domestic violence in such parish.

Proposed law requires the respective parish governing authority to cause to be conducted an annual audit of the funds, and the books and accounts relating thereto and make such available for public inspection and shall file the same with the office of the legislative auditor.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S.13:2116 and 2166)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill

1. Provides that imposition of fee shall apply to any court of competent jurisdiction.

2. Provides that funds shall be used for contracting with programs under contract with the Department of Children and Family Services as a provider of a community based shelter for victims of domestic violence.