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Subject: Additional Court Costs for Alcohol Related Offenses

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Authorizes the collection of court costs in the 24th JDC and parish courts within Jefferson Parish to fund certain specialized divisions

Purpose of Bill: This bill authorizes the 24th JDC (Jefferson Parish), parish courts in Jefferson Parish, or a parish court within a judicial district with a specialized alcohol division to impose six additional court costs (ranging from \$25 to \$100) on defendants convicted of an alcohol-related offense. Money generated from these court costs are to be used to fund the alcohol/driving while intoxicated divisions and any treatment programs and administrative expenses associated with the programs.

State law (R.S. 13:62) requires these court costs to be reviewed by the Judicial Council and a recommendation be provided to the legislature prior to the enactment of the court costs. An official with the Louisiana Supreme Court indicated that these court costs were not reviewed by the Judicial Council.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

It appears that this bill may increase local governmental expenditures by approximately \$171,300 annually in Jefferson Parish as funds are spent for the purposes provided in the bill.

This bill provides requirements for the spending of the new court cost proceeds. Local government expenditures could increase as the courts spend the proceeds in accordance with the bill.

An official with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office indicated that the cost of collecting these new court costs is expected to have a minimal impact on the expenditures of his office.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

It appears that this bill may increase local governmental revenues by approximately \$171,300 annually in Jefferson Parish.

An official with the 24th JD District Attorney's Office indicated that there were 1,932 convictions and guilty pleas for the offenses referenced in the bill in 2013 for the 24th JDC and Jefferson Parish Court. Based on this information, we estimate that this bill could generate approximately \$171,300 annually in Jefferson Parish.

Note: Based on information obtained from various sources, it currently appears that this bill only applies to the 24th JDC and to parish courts in Jefferson Parish. However, language in this bill could allow other parish courts to impose the court costs provided by the bill in the future. The exact impact of other parish courts imposing these court costs is unknown and not considered in this fiscal note.

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[] 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
[X] 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
[] 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {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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