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Authorizes a support obligation fee in the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District

Purpose of Bill: Authorizes the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court (JDC) to assess and collect an additional one-time fee not to exceed \$100 against the obligor, in all actions to establish or enforce a support obligation. Fees collected shall be deposited into the 24th JDC Domestic Commissioner's Fund and used to defray the cost of the court's Domestic Early Intervention Triage Program.

As required by state law, the 24th JDC submitted a proposal to the Judicial Review Council to review their proposed increase in court fees. The Judicial Review Council has reviewed their proposal and found that the fees appear to meet the applicable guidelines.

Table with columns: EXPENDITURES, REVENUES, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There may be an increase in local fund expenditures as a result of this measure as collected fees are used to defray program costs.

An official with the 24th JDC indicated that this bill would not directly impact the JDC's expenditures. However, the bill does provide that court fees shall be used to defray the costs associated with the Domestic Early Intervention Triage Program.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This measure may increase local governmental revenues for the 24th JDC by approximately \$90,400 annually.

An official with the 24th JDC stated that the average number of filings per year for actions to establish or enforce a support obligation for the past five years is 904 filings. Therefore, the maximum impact this measure could have is to increase revenues by \$90,400 annually (904 cases X \$100 maximum fee that could be charged). The same official stated that the judges have decided to initially set the amount to be assessed at \$70, which would bring in approximately \$63,310 annually.

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13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}
6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S}
6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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