



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 318

Committee: Judiciary

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Senate Bill 318 as introduced would: (1) eliminate all court costs, restitution, and fines and fees for cases in juvenile court; (2) prohibit the collection of outstanding court costs, fines, and fees; and (3) vacate any previous orders imposing court costs, fines and fees. This would decrease receipts, by an undetermined amount, to the State General Fund, county and municipal general funds and other funds into which court costs, fines, and fees are deposited.

According to the Administrative Office of Courts, in fiscal year 2022 juvenile court collections, which included court costs, restitution, fines, and fees, was \$1.8 million.

In addition, this bill eliminates the requirement for child support payments from a parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian when a child is placed in the legal custody of certain agencies, which could decrease receipts to those agencies by an undetermined amount, depending on the number of children placed in the legal custody of a state agency in which child support previously provided by parents, legal guardians, or legal custodians with resources, is no longer provided.