

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject					
Fine and forfeiture collections					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, when a circuit court imposes a fine or forfeiture for the violation of a state law, the county treasurer pays 90% to the state and retains 10% as an administrative fee. Under the bill, for fines or forfeitures not collected within 120 days of being imposed, the county treasurer could retain 40% of collections if the county employs collection staff who work for more than one county. This higher percentage would sunset on June 30, 2005.

The revenue data collected by the Department of Revenue does not contain information on the amount of court-imposed fines and forfeitures that are not paid within 120 days of being imposed. The Department therefore cannot reasonably estimate the decrease in the state's share or the increase in counties' share of fines and forfeitures that this bill will engender.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications