



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: Sub. H.B. 247 of the 129th G.A. **Date:** November 28, 2011

Status: As Reported by House Judiciary & Ethics **Sponsor:** Rep. Butler

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Court costs

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.
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Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill updates the Revised Code to reflect two recent Ohio Supreme Court decisions regarding court costs, eliminates the Felony Sentence Appeal Cost Oversight Committee, and allows a court to cancel amounts owed the court but deemed uncollectible. None of these changes is expected to generate any readily discernible fiscal effects for the state or any of its political subdivisions. The Felony Sentence Appeal Cost Oversight Committee is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was originally created pursuant to Am. Sub. S.B. 2 of the 121st General Assembly; it has not met in over a decade. The bill's remaining provisions are designed to either: (1) allow a court to operate more efficiently by clearing its "books" of money owed the court but deemed at some point uncollectible or (2) conform the Revised Code and certain court practices with recent Ohio Supreme Court decisions.

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