

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1070

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD

CRIMINAL/JUSTICE: Provides relative to the Trial Court Case Management Information Fund

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 887(F)(1), relative to court costs
3 assessed against a defendant; to provide for the duties of the administrator of the
4 Trial Court Case Management Information Fund; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 887(F)(1) is hereby amended and
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 Art. 887. Defendant's liability for costs; suspension of costs; no advance costs

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10 F.(1)(a) In addition to the costs provided in Paragraphs A, C, D, ~~and E~~ G,
11 and H of this Article, a person convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor, or ordinance
12 of any local government, including a traffic felony, a traffic misdemeanor, or a local
13 traffic violation, shall be assessed an additional three dollars as a special court cost,
14 provided that such additional cost shall be one dollar in mayor's courts in
15 municipalities with a population of two thousand or less. Such special costs shall be
16 imposed by all courts, including mayor's courts and magistrate courts, shall not be
17 suspended, and shall be used for implementation of the master plan for the
18 development of a trial court case management information system and for the fast-
19 tracked prototype development of the criminal disposition component ~~thereof~~ of the

1 system in order to define and meet the needs of clerks of court, trial court judges, law
2 enforcement and corrections officials, the supreme court, the legislature, and the
3 general public, and for the implementation of an integrated juvenile justice
4 information system for use in all courts exercising juvenile court jurisdiction. The
5 proceeds of the special cost shall be deposited in the state treasury monthly on or
6 before the tenth day of each calendar month.

7 (b) After compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of
8 the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund,
9 and prior to monies being placed in the state general fund, an amount equal to that
10 deposited in the state treasury, as required ~~above~~ in this Paragraph, shall be credited
11 to the special fund ~~hereby~~ created in the state treasury ~~to be~~ known as the Trial Court
12 Case Management Information Fund. The disbursement of the proceeds from the
13 fund shall be made on the warrant of the judicial administrator of the supreme court
14 drawn on the state treasury. The monies in this fund shall be used solely for the
15 purposes identified in this Paragraph, including necessary and associated
16 administrative expenses. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in this fund at
17 the end of the fiscal year shall remain in ~~such~~ this fund. All monies in this fund shall
18 be invested by the state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the general fund
19 with interest earned on the investment of these monies credited to this fund following
20 compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B), relative to the Bond
21 Security and Redemption Fund.

22 (c) The administrator of the Trial Court Case Management Information Fund
23 shall coordinate and cooperate with the Integrated Criminal Justice Information
24 System Policy Board to improve case management data-related systems. The
25 administrator may also coordinate and cooperate with the legislative auditor or
26 otherwise contract to investigate compliance with the obligations to remit costs
27 pursuant to this Paragraph. The trial court shall not waive, set aside, or redirect such
28 costs for any other purpose.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides additional duties relative to the administrator of the Trial Court Case Management Information Fund.

Present law provides relative to a defendant's liability for costs with respect to prosecution or certain proceedings.

Proposed law generally retains present law.

Present law requires an additional \$3 assessment as a special court cost for a person convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor, or an ordinance of any local government, including a traffic felony, a traffic misdemeanor, or a local traffic violation.

Proposed law retains present law and does the following:

- (1) Clarifies that the additional \$3 assessment is in addition to the costs assessed for a violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law and for the expenses of executing a bench or fugitive warrant.
- (2) Prohibits the suspension of the \$3 special court cost provided in present law.

Proposed law requires the administrator of the Trial Court Case Management Information Fund to coordinate and cooperate with the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System Policy Board to improve case management data-related systems.

Proposed law authorizes the administrator to also coordinate and cooperate with the legislative auditor or otherwise contract to investigate compliance with the obligations to remit costs required by present law.

Proposed law prohibits the trial court from waiving, setting aside, or redirecting special costs provided in present law for any other purpose.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 887(F)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Prohibit the suspension of the special costs provided in present law.
2. Prohibit the trial court from waiving, setting aside, or redirecting special costs provided in present law for any other purpose.