

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 325

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

INDIGENT DEFENSE: Increases the special cost assessed in criminal cases in each judicial district court for the district indigent defender fund

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:168(B)(1), relative to the judicial district indigent defender
3 fund; to increase the special cost assessed in criminal cases in each judicial district
4 court for the district indigent defender fund; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:168(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §168. Judicial district indigent defender fund

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9 B.(1) Every court of original criminal jurisdiction, except in the town of
10 Jonesville, in the city of Plaquemine, and in mayors' courts in municipalities having
11 a population of less than five thousand, shall remit the following special costs to the
12 district indigent defender fund for the following violations, under state statute as well
13 as under parish or municipal ordinance, except a parking violation. The sum of
14 ~~thirty-five~~ fifty-five dollars shall be assessed in cases in which a defendant is
15 convicted after a trial, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or after forfeiting bond and
16 shall be in addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures imposed.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the special cost assessed in criminal cases in each district court for the district indigent defender fund.

Present law provides for the assessment of a \$35 special cost in each district court in all criminal cases where the defendant has been convicted, has plead guilty or nolo contendere, or has forfeited bond. Provides for the use and administration of such funds by the district public defender.

Proposed law increases the special cost to \$55.

(Amends R.S. 15:168(B)(1))