ENROLLED

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 325

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§168. Judicial district indigent defender fund

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B.(1) Every court of original criminal jurisdiction, except in the town of Jonesville, in the city of Plaquemine, and in mayors' courts in municipalities having a population of less than five thousand, shall remit the following special costs to the district indigent defender fund for the following violations, under state statute as well as under parish or municipal ordinance, except a parking violation. The sum of ~~thirty-five~~ <u>forty-five</u> dollars shall be assessed in cases in which a defendant is convicted after a trial, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or after forfeiting bond and shall be in addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures imposed. <u>The court cost of forty-five dollars authorized by the provisions of this Subsection shall expire on August 1, 2016, and thereafter the court cost authorized by the provisions of this Subsection shall be thirty-five dollars. The Louisiana Public Defender Board shall provide a detailed report to the Louisiana Legislature prior to the 2016 Regular Session detailing how the funds provided for by this Subsection were utilized in each judicial district. Mayors' courts which are required to assess the court cost of thirty-</u>

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five dollars on the effective date of that Act which originated as House Bill No. 325 of the Regular Session of 2012 shall continue to assess such amount as cost of court.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

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