

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 248

Court Costs/Joint Select Committee of the Legislature
by Senator Ring

Requires courts to implement the Comprehensive Court Enforcement Program which uses a civil proceeding to recover court costs and fines imposed in conjunction with a criminal conviction.

Requires the court to bring any person, other than a state inmate, who is liable for payment of a financial obligation in a criminal case before the court for an examination of his or her ability to pay the obligation.

Directs the clerk of the court to record a court order imposing additional county costs in certain cases, which order attaches as a lien against the property of the person responsible for payment of the costs.

Requires the Legislature to establish a joint select committee to review methods of collecting court-related fees, service charges, costs, and fines used by circuit courts and county courts. Requires the committee to submit recommendations for a uniform statewide method for collection. (See bill for details)