



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

House Bill 234 Printer's No. 200

Prime Sponsor: Representative D. Costa
Committee: Judiciary

SYNOPSIS:

This bill amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) to enhance the collection of restitution, fees, costs, fines, and penalties.

SUMMARY:

Requires counties that opt not to retain a private collections agency to collect restitution, fines, and costs to establish a collections enforcement unit.

Requires that the statistical information submitted to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency regarding collections be sufficiently detailed to show compliance with all requirements in Section 9728.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This bill is effective in 60 days.

BILL HISTORY:

Passed the House of Representatives on March 20, 2017 by a vote of 192-4.

COMMENT:

Current law (42 Pa.C.S. § 9728) requires each county probation department or other agent designated by the county to collect restitution, fees, costs, fines, and penalties that are ordered by the court. Counties may refer the collection of these court-ordered obligations to a collection agency. Current law requires each county to submit to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency statistical information regarding the amount of restitution that is collected.

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