

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

House Bill 1070 Printer's No. 1350

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:

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. For those counties that opt not to retain a private collections agency, this bill requires that the county establish a collections enforcement unit.

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. This bill requires that the statistical information 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 June 23, 2015 by a vote of 192-1.

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