



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 236

PRINTERS NO. 202

PRIME SPONSOR: Corbin

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 236, Printer's Number 202 amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), further providing for priority and payment of restitution, court costs and fines.

**ANALYSIS:** HB 236 amends Section 8127 of the Judicial Code stating that a wage attachment for restitution, court costs and fines will have second priority over any other order of wage attachment (1<sup>st</sup> priority is child support).

The legislation amends Section 9730 to provide for changes to court costs, restitution and fines. The bill would allow for automatic deductions from a bank account as authorized by the account owner. At sentencing, the court may attach up to 25% of the defendant's gross earnings in order to satisfy court costs, restitutions and fines. In the event of default payment and the issuing authority determines that the defendant is financially able to pay, the court may enter an order for attachment of wages. Lastly, the legislation prohibits the adverse action of an employer against any person based on the existence of, or the possibility of, a wage attachment.

This legislation will take effect in 180 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Providing counties with additional enforcement tools may provide for better opportunities to collect these funds.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*