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FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: REPEALING FEE LIMIT FOR DUI VICTIM IMPACT PANEL APPEARANCES

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, courts can sentence individuals convicted of driving under the influence (DUI), DUI per se, driving while ability impaired (DWAI), or underage drinking and driving (UDD) to attend a victim impact panel and pay an associated fee, not to exceed \$25. This bill repeals the limit on the fee amount that can be charged for attendance at a victim impact panel.

Background

Victim impact panels provide community members with the opportunity to discuss the effects drunk or impaired driving has had on their lives. Sentencing DUI offenders to attend the panels is intended to underscore the grave potential consequences impaired driving can have on others. The nonprofit organization Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) currently organizes and hosts these panels at various times throughout the year in several locations throughout the state. Currently, DUI offenders sentenced to attend a victim impact panel pay a \$25 fee directly to MADD.

Assessment

Because DUI offenders sentenced to appear at a victim impact panel pay the fee directly to the entities that host the panels, and because currently only private entities host the panels, any change in the fee amount will not affect local or state government revenue or expenditures. Therefore, this bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial

Revenue

Office Of Information Technology

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