

HB 25-1081: REPORTING STATISTICS ON RESTITUTION

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Fiscal note status: This revised fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires the Judicial Department to report certain information about restitution.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

• Minimal State Workload

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Summary of Legislation

Beginning with the 2026 Regular Session, the bill requires the State Court Administrator to report certain statistics about restitution for the previous five fiscal years to the General Assembly at its SMART Act hearing. The information includes how much and to whom restitution was paid, who owes restitution, and who is in default on restitution payments, as well as a range of related demographic information.

Background

Currently, the State Court Administrator collects certain demographic data, as required by federal law. Demographic data are supplied by law enforcement agencies, and are not self-reported by individuals. Demographic data currently collected by the State Court Administrator includes certain race/ethnicity information (Asian, Black/African-American, Hispanic, American Indian, Other, Unknown, Caucasian) and gender (Female, Male, and Unknown). It does not include age.

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State Expenditures

The bill increases state workload in the Judicial Department to report the required information to the General Assembly. Because the department already collects the required information, compiling the information into a report can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the <u>General Assembly website</u>.