

**HB 2491 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure contains placeholder language that directs the Sate Court Administrator to study courts and submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary not later than September 15, 2026.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Replaces the measure.

The amendment establishes court procedures upon receipt of a petition for remission of fines or fees under certain statutes. Provides factors the court shall consider when determining whether to remit a fine or fee under this provision including: the financial resources of the petitioner; the financial obligations of the petitioner; the nature of the burden the debt imposes; whether the petitioner qualifies for public assistance; the age of the debt; and any other equitable factor. Requires the court to remit all or part of the amount due if the court determines that requiring payment would be a manifest hardship based on the consideration of the factors provided. Directs the State Court Administrator to develop a standardized for to be used for the petitions for remissions of fines and that it be made available on the website of the Judicial Department.

**BACKGROUND:**