

A-Engrossed Senate Bill 200

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act gets rid of the State Court Technology Fund. The Act says that fees for use of state court electronic applications and systems will go in the General Fund. (Flesch Readability Score: 73.1).

[Digest: The Act tells the State Court Administrator to look at courts and make a report. (Flesch Readability Score: 78.8).]

[Requires the State 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.]

[Sunsets on January 2, 2027.]

Abolishes the State Court Technology Fund. Provides that fees for use of state court electronic applications and systems are to be deposited in the General Fund.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to courts; creating new provisions; amending ORS 137.300; repealing ORS 1.012 and 21.006; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The State Court Technology Fund, established under ORS 1.012, is abolished.

(2) Any moneys remaining in the State Court Technology Fund on the effective date of this 2025 Act that are unexpended, unobligated and not subject to any conditions shall be transferred to the General Fund to be used for general governmental purposes.

SECTION 2. ORS 137.300, as amended by section 58, chapter 70, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to read:

137.300. (1) The Criminal Fine Account is established in the General Fund. Except as otherwise provided by law, all amounts collected in state courts as monetary obligations in criminal actions shall be deposited by the courts in the account. All moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Department of Revenue to be distributed by the Department of Revenue as provided in this section. The Department of Revenue shall keep a record of moneys transferred into and out of the account.

(2) The Legislative Assembly shall first allocate moneys from the Criminal Fine Account for the following purposes, in the following order of priority:

(a) Allocations for public safety standards, training and facilities.

(b) Allocations for criminal injuries compensation and assistance to victims of crime and children reasonably suspected of being victims of crime.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (c) Allocations for the forensic services provided by the Oregon State Police, including, but not
2 limited to, services of the Chief Medical Examiner.

3 (d) Allocations for the maintenance and operation of the Law Enforcement Data System.

4 (3) After making allocations under subsection (2) of this section, the Legislative Assembly shall
5 allocate moneys from the Criminal Fine Account for the following purposes:

6 (a) Allocations to the Law Enforcement Medical Liability Account established under ORS
7 414.815.

8 (b) Allocations to the State Court Facilities and Security Account established under ORS 1.178.

9 (c) Allocations to the Department of Corrections for the purpose of planning, operating and
10 maintaining county juvenile and adult corrections programs and facilities and drug and alcohol
11 programs.

12 (d) Allocations to the Oregon Health Authority for the purpose of grants under ORS 430.345 for
13 the establishment, operation and maintenance of alcohol and drug abuse prevention, early inter-
14 vention and treatment services provided through a county.

15 (e) Allocations to the Oregon State Police for the purpose of the enforcement of the laws relat-
16 ing to driving under the influence of intoxicants.

17 (f) Allocations to the Arrest and Return Account established under ORS 133.865.

18 (g) Allocations to the Intoxicated Driver Program Fund established under ORS 813.270.

19 *[(h) Allocations to the State Court Technology Fund established under ORS 1.012.]*

20 (4) It is the intent of the Legislative Assembly that allocations from the Criminal Fine Account
21 under subsection (3) of this section be consistent with historical funding of the entities, programs
22 and accounts listed in subsection (3) of this section from monetary obligations imposed in criminal
23 proceedings. Amounts that are allocated under subsection (3)(c) of this section shall be distributed
24 to counties based on the amounts that were transferred to counties by circuit courts during the
25 2009-2011 biennium under the provisions of ORS 137.308, as in effect January 1, 2011.

26 (5) Moneys in the Criminal Fine Account may not be allocated for the payment of debt service
27 obligations.

28 (6) The Department of Revenue shall deposit in the General Fund all moneys remaining in the
29 Criminal Fine Account after the distributions listed in subsections (2) and (3) of this section have
30 been made.

31 (7) The Department of Revenue shall establish by rule a process for distributing moneys in the
32 Criminal Fine Account. The department may not distribute more than one-eighth of the total
33 biennial allocation to an entity during a calendar quarter.

34 **SECTION 3. ORS 1.012 and 21.006 are repealed.**

35 **SECTION 4. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
36 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
37 **on its passage.**