

# Fiscal Analysis

## JUVENILES: REFINE COURT FEE PROVISIONS



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**Bill/Sponsor**                      **SENATE BILL 437 Substitute (H-2), Sen. Michael Switalski**

**House Committee**                Judiciary

### **Analysis**

#### **Summary**

Public Act 71 of 2003 (EHB 4733, part of a package of court fee legislation enacted this past summer) provides for payment of "minimum state costs" to be ordered as part of the disposition of a delinquency proceeding. The bill would amend the juvenile code to provide for all or part of the payment to be excused, if the court found that payment of the amount due would impose a manifest hardship on the juvenile or his or her immediate family. The bill also would clarify that minimum state costs in the amounts specified by the act are to be ordered a juvenile in a delinquency action is ordered to pay any combination of fines, costs, restitution, or payments arising out of the same juvenile proceeding.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact. Although enactment of a hardship excuse could in theory reduce revenues for the Justice System Fund, which funds a variety of judiciary and other justice system programs, the revenue estimates incorporated into the FY 2003-04 budget assume the bill's provisions to be in place.

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