



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2383

PRINTERS NO. 3825

PRIME SPONSOR: Toepel

### COST / (SAVINGS)

| FUND         | FY 2014/15 | FY 2015/16 |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| General Fund | \$0        | \$0        |

#### SUMMARY:

House Bill 2383 amends the Judicial Code concerning payment of court costs, restitution, and fines. It would take effect in 60 days.

#### ANALYSIS:

House Bill 2383 would give court orders for restitution second priority, after child support orders for wage attachments or garnishments.

This legislation would allow county treasurers to make deductions from a bank account for the payment of court costs, restitution, and fines, subject to the agreement of the account holder. It would also allow a judge, at sentencing, to order a wage attachment of up to 25% of the defendant's earnings to be used for restitution, fines, or court costs.

House Bill 2383 also provides that no employer may discharge, refuse to hire, or take any other adverse action against any person based, in whole or in part, on a possible or actual order for the attachment of wages. An employer who violates this section may be held in contempt of court and be liable to the person for actual damages resulting from the action.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. By providing additional methods for the payment of court costs, restitution, and fines, it may aid counties in the collection of these funds.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*