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BILL NUMBER: HB 36 - Juvenile Proceedings - Fines, Fees, and Costs

DJS POSTITION: Letter of Information

The Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) is providing information for HB 36.

HB 36 removes the ability of a court to impose fees, fines and costs on a child or their parent, guardian or custodian in a juvenile court proceeding. In addition to the court costs, this bill also prohibits the juvenile court from ordering a parent, guardian, or custodian to pay for the support of a child in proceedings other than child in need of assistance (CINA).

DJS does not assess or collect fines, fees or costs at any point during any juvenile court proceeding. Furthermore, DJS does not collect monies for supervision or any services.

DJS does not observe a consistent practice around the state regarding the imposition of court fines, fees, or costs in juvenile court proceedings.

DJS does collect court-ordered restitution and forwards restitution payments to crime victims as directed by the court.