

HB 3447

Relating to courts

HB 3447 is a revenue bill. The recommended amendment adjusts court fees for inflation. This includes filing, motion, settlement conference, trial, document, and marriage solemnization fees.

Under the measure, these statutory fees will increase 6% effective October 1, 2019. In addition, the measure will decrease the standard filing fee for foreign judgements to correct an error that occurred in 2017 (when the fees were last adjusted); and expand the ability of a successful plaintiff to collect amounts related to the costs of enforcing judgements, including obtaining and executing a writ of garnishment.

The measure is expected to generate \$3.4 million in 2019-21. About \$290,000 of this amount will go directly to the courts for technology and operating costs, with the balance deposited into the General Fund.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 3447 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.