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Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: Sex offender registration fees and penalties.

Subject: Providing for sex offender registration and reporting fees.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Under current law, fees are not charged to offenders required to register and report on the sex offender registry.
- This bill establishes state and county sex offender registration and reporting fees as follows:
 - The Division of Criminal Investigation will set the amount of each fee in rule. The initial state registration fee may not exceed \$120.00, and the annual, semi-annual or quarterly reporting fee may not exceed \$25.00. County fees shall be equal to twenty-five percent of the state fee, not to exceed \$25.00 and \$6.25, respectively;
 - Registration and reporting fees will not be charged to offenders who are imprisoned or indigent, as determined by the Division of Criminal Investigation; and
 - County sheriffs will collect the fees and remit the state portion to the Division of Criminal Investigation for deposit in the Sex Offender Registration Account created by this bill.
- This bill also provides that willful failure to pay the registration and reporting fees is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$750.00 and imprisonment in county jail for up to six months.

Comments:

- This bill amends a major program, the sex offender registration, by creating a funding mechanism to defray costs of the program.

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