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ASSEMBLY BILL 1869: CRIMINAL FEES

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 1869, various statutory changes repeal a number of administrative fees related to the processing of criminal cases and eliminate outstanding debt incurred as a result of those fees.

Specifically, AB Bill 1869 repeals statutes associated with public defender fees, costs of arrest (booking and screening fees), and alternative custody fees (work furlough, home detention, and electronic monitoring). It also repeals the probation department investigation/progress report fee, the interstate compact supervision fee, and the requirement that a probationer pay the reasonable costs of processing their request to move prior to their transfer to another state.

Effective July 1, 2021, courts no longer have authority to impose or collect the following fees:

• Government Code:

- § 27712 (public defense fee)
- § 27753 (cost of counsel)
- § 29550(c) (criminal justice administration fee)
- § 29550(f) (administrative screening fee and citation processing fee)
- § 29550.1 (criminal justice administration fee)
- § 29550.2 (county booking fee)
- § 29550.3 (city booking fee)

• Penal Code:

- § 987.4 (minor public defense fee)
- § 987.5 (public defense registration fee)
- § 987.8 (public defense fee)
- § 1203 (interstate compact supervision)
- § 1203.016 (adult home detention administrative fee)
- § 1203.018 (electronic monitoring administrative fee)
- § 1203.1b (probation department investigation/progress report fee)
- § 1203.1e (parole supervision fee)
- § 1208.2(b) (program administrative fee)
- § 1210.15 (continuous electronic monitoring fee)

- § 1463.07 (administrative screening fee and citation processing fee)¹
- § 3010.8 (parole continuous electronic monitoring fee)
- § 4024.2(e) (work furlough administrative fee)
- § 6266 (work furlough program fee)

Effective July 1, 2021, the unpaid balance of those court-imposed costs identified above is unenforceable and uncollectible. See Government Code section 6111 and Penal Code section 1465.9(a). All cases with an outstanding balance for the above noted fees are being adjusted to repeal the outstanding balance of those fees.

If any fees were collected after the operative dates of Government Code section 6111 or Penal Code section 1465.9(a), and before the case was adjusted to repeal the outstanding balance of unauthorized fees, those fees are being either (1) re-allocated to other fines/fees not affected by AB 1869; or (2) refunded if there are no other open balances with the Court.

¹ Fees were included and charged under Government Code §29950.2.