

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 1553  
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### **DIGEST**

State laws provides funding for crossing guard programs to participating school districts throughout the state. Section 102.014, Code of Criminal Procedure, sets aside a portion of parking fines and court costs for moving violations and school zone infractions. This bill will provide new regulations regarding court costs assessed for certain offenses to provide funding for child safety programs.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 1553 provides new regulations regarding court costs assessed for certain offenses to provide funding for child safety programs.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Article 102.014, Code of Criminal Procedure, by amending Subsections (a)-(c) and (e), to require the governing body of a municipality with a population of 950,000 or more, rather than greater than 850,000, that has taken certain actions as allowed by Section 542.202, Transportation Code or Chapter 682, Transportation Code, by order, to assess a court cost on each parking violation not to exceed \$10, rather than not less than \$2 and not to exceed \$5. Requires a person convicted of an offense under Title 7C, Transportation Code, when the offense occurs within a school crossing zone as defined by Section 541.302, Transportation Code, to pay as court costs \$25, rather than \$20. Requires a person convicted of an offense under Section 25.093, rather than Section 4.25, Education Code, or a child convicted of an offense under Section 25.094, Education Code, to pay as taxable court costs \$20. Makes conforming and standard recodification changes.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.