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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, a collection improvement program is designed to assist courts in the development of practices and procedures to improve in-house and past due collections, but is not given authorization to collect the fees, fines, and costs.

As proposed, S.B. 176 amends Article 103.0033, Code of Criminal Procedure, to allow for court fees, fines, or costs imposed as a condition of community supervision to be collected through a collections program only if the court authorizes the collection.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Article 103.0033, Code of Criminal Procedure, by adding Subsection (k), as follows:

(k) Authorizes a collection improvement program to collect a court cost, fee, or fine imposed as a condition of community supervision if the court that orders such community supervision authorizes the program to do so.

SECTION 2. Makes the application of this Act retroactive.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2007.