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HB 3205 Impact Estimate

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Executive Summary

Open Justice Oklahoma estimates that between X and Y Oklahomans benefitted from reduced fines and fees associated with HB 3205 over the period 2022 through Q1 2023.

1 1 Background

HB 3205 struck a clause of 10A O.S. 2021, Section 2-2-301 which stated that “costs of representation shall be imposed on the parent or other legal custodian”. It limited the scope of a twenty-five dollar probation fee to only those counties that have a juvenile bureau; a provision that the fee only be applied to those with ability to pay was already in place. Prior to HB 3205 counties without a juvenile bureau were directing the revenue from this probation fee to the Office of Juvenile Affairs.

HB 3205 also struck 10A O.S. 2021, Section 2-2-509 which required a juvenile drug court user fee of up to twenty dollars per month, in addition to “court costs, treatment costs, drug-testing costs, and supervision fees”. While the cost of treatment was paid to the treatment provider, drug-testing and supervision fees were directed to the Juvenile Drug Court Revolving Fund, and all other costs and fees were directed to the court clerk.

This substantive juvenile fee reform went into effect July 1, 2022 (Q1 FY 2023); however, this analysis conservatively uses OJA referral data beginning October 1, 2022 (Q2 FY 2023) to estimate impact during a period of full implementation. The data is current through March 2022 (Q3 FY 2023).

2 2 Data

3 3 Results