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Minor Policy and Technical Changes -- GPR-Earned Reestimates (Circuit Courts)

CURRENT LAW

Except for safety belt use violations, all person filing civil actions, third party complaints, appeals from municipal court, garnishment actions, wage earner actions, small claims actions, small claim counterclaim or cross complaints, or forfeiture actions must pay a circuit court support services fee. The current court support filing fee is \$100 for civil actions in large claims actions, \$30 in small claims actions and \$40 for actions in which there is no money judgment requested. For forfeiture actions, the fee is \$40. Fee revenues are deposited to the general fund as GPR-Earned.

GOVERNOR

Estimate circuit court support fee revenues to be deposited to the general fund at \$26,500,000 annually.

MODIFICATION

Reestimate the circuit court support fee revenues to be deposited to the general fund by an additional \$500,000 annually.

Explanation: Based on actual 1999-00 and estimated 2000-01 GPR-earned revenues for the circuit courts, it is estimated that GPR-earned revenues associated with the circuit courts will be \$27,000,000 annually in 2001-03. This represents an increase to the bill of \$500,000 annually.

Alternative	<u>GPR</u>
2001-03 REVENUE (Change to Bill)	\$1,000,000

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