

HB 772 -- Court Costs for Certain Municipal Ordinance Violations

Sponsor: Peters-Baker

This bill allows Kansas City to assess additional court costs in an amount of up to \$14 per case for each municipal ordinance violation. No additional cost may be collected if the proceeding or defendant has been dismissed by the court. The additional cost must be calculated by the clerk and disbursed to the city at least monthly to be used to fund legal representation for indigent defendants who participate in the municipal court's mental health court, drug court, or veterans court. Any remaining funds may be used for other municipal court expenses. A judge may waive the additional cost in cases where the defendant is found to be indigent and unable to pay the costs.