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AUDIT REPORT: FY 2017 COUNTY ATTORNEY COURT DEBT COLLECTIONS

Report Released. As required by section 7 of [SF 2316](#) (Court Debt Collection Act), the State Auditor's Office released a report on county attorney court debt collections for FY 2017. The report summarizes the review conducted by the State Auditor's Office on the collection rate of each county that has filed a notice of full commitment to collect delinquent court debt. The report is available on the State Auditor's Office [website](#).

Collection Program Participation. A total of 63 county attorneys participated in the county attorney debt collection program for FY 2017. A memorandum of understanding and notice of full commitment are on file with the State Court Administrator for each of these county attorneys. Participating counties are required to collect 100.0% of the applicable threshold amount within two years of beginning to collect delinquent court debt. For FY 2017, three of 63 counties did not meet the threshold.

Collections Distribution. As provided in the memorandum of understanding filed by participating counties, once the county reaches its applicable collections threshold, the Judicial Branch will adjust the county attorney's account by adding a 5.0% monetary distribution to the county attorney the next calendar day. The audit report found the Judicial Branch began allocating 5.0% of court debt collections to the county attorney on the next business day after the threshold was met.

Fiscal Year 2017 County Attorney Court Debt Collections. The report includes a summary of the county attorney court debt collections by county. From the total FY 2017 county attorney collection receipts, \$16.4 million was distributed to the State General Fund and \$7.5 million was distributed to the participating counties.

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